**SWCRS/AAR-SW**

**2020 Annual Meeting Tentative Session Schedule**

**Friday, February 28**

**Pre-Conference Workshop: 2:00-5:00 p.m.**

*All interested conference attendees should contact Tiffany Puett (tiffany@diversityandciviclife.org) for details on the workshop.*

**Evening performance: 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**To Be Honest**

A documentary drama that immerses audiences in the conflict surrounding Islam in twenty-first century America. Composed entirely from interviews with 172 Americans during the 2016 presidential campaign, it tells the dramatic real stories of neighbors from across political and religious spectrums.

The performance will be followed by a community dialogue and reception.

**Saturday, February 29**

**8:00-10:00 SWCRS Board of Directors Meeting**

**10:30-noon**

**AAR: Religion and Class**

Presiding: Susanne Scholz, SMU Perkins School of Theology

10:30 Immigration: A Topic Embedded in American Identity

Doris Carcamo, Oklahoma City University School of Law

11:00 Carl Spain and the 1960 Abilene Christian College Lectureships

Tim Bench, Independent Scholar

11:30 Racial Disparities in Children with Asthma: A Breach of the Sacredness of

Breath and Air

Laura D. Williams, Prairie View A&M University

**AAR: Theology**

Theme: Christ and Suffering

Presiding: Natalie Carnes, Baylor University

10:30 Pain, Privation, and the Goodness of Being

Mark Wiebe, Lubbock Christian University

11:00 ‘The Whole Christ', Suffering, and Prayer

David Moser, Southern Methodist University

11:30 John Caputo and Sergius Bulgakov at the End of the World

Lance Green, University of St. Andrew’s

**AAR: Arts, Literature, and Religion {a/v requested}**

Theme: The Arts and Religion

Presiding: Rachel Toombs, Baylor University

10:30 Art that Addresses and Initiates Crisis: A Theo-Ethical Exploration of (Potentially)

Triggering Art as a Form of Resistance Against Oppression”

Hillary Bylund, University Medical Center New Orleans

11:00 In the Face of Angels: A Photographic Presentation on the Intersection of Faith and

Homelessness

Shazetta Thompson-Hill, SMU Perkins School of Theology

11:30 We Gon’ Be Alright’: Strategies of Forming Spiritual Identity Within Contemporary Music

Benjamin PowerGriffin, Oblate School of Theology

**AAR: Latinx Religions**

Theme: Religion, Gender and Politics in Pentecostal/Charismatic Movements

Presiding: João Chaves

10:30 Samuel Rodriguez and the NHCLC: A Latinx Pentecostal Spirituality of the Status

Quo?

David Luckey, Southern Methodist University

11:00 Seeing Double: Teresa Urrea in Popular Hagiography and in Her Self-understanding

Ryan Ramsey, Baylor University

11:30 Latinx Immigrant Charismatic Catholicism: The Gendered Journey from Crisis to

Victorious Flourishing

Lynn Hillberg Jencks, Santa Clara University

**AAR: Theta Alpha Kappa (TAK) Section**

Presiding: Jenny Veninga, St. Edward’s University

10:30 Marcan Jesus and Christian Nationalism

Nash Carey, Oklahoma City University

11:00 The Indistinct and the Distinct: Eckhart’s Relation to Monism

Olivia Click, Oklahoma City University

11:30 “Six for girls, seven for boys” ... Examining Feminist Sacramental Theology

Jessica Guerriero, St. Edward’s University

**AAR: History of Christianity**

Theme: Christianity in the Crises of Race and War

Presiding: Rachel Ozanne, University of Texas at Austin and Ryan Fitzgerald, University of Texas at Austin

10:30 Floyd Rose: Agent of Protest within Churches of Christ

Wes Crawford, Abilene Christian University

11:00 Crisis to Compassion: Jerome’s Rejection of Eternal Punishment for Christians after the

Fall of the West

Erik Estrada, Texas Christian University

11:30 Protestant Missionaries, Chinese Wars, and the Calculus of Evangelization:

19th-Century Missionary Responses to War in Asia

Andrew Klumpp, Southern Methodist University

**noon-1:30**

**AAR Women’s Luncheon: Women Responding to Crisis in the Academy**

Lunch conversation around how gender and sexuality spark, complicate, and ultimately offer a path to new solutions for crises experienced in college and university settings.

**1:30-3:30**

**AAR: Black Theology and Religion {a/v request}**

Theme: Struggles and Strategies during times of Crisis

Presiding: Gary Green, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

1:30 Black Theology as Capital for Social Action

Evan Willis, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2:00 How the Killing of Michael Brown and the Response is Evidence of a Failure of Religious

Leaders

Chamille Haley, Prairie View A&M University

2:30 Crisis and the Black Theological-Political Self: Tracing Blackness from the Political to

the Black Atlantic, and from Victimology to the Prophetic

Hue Woodson, Tarrant County College, Northwest Campus

3:00 A Womanist Theological Critique of Veblen’s Theory of Vicarious Conspicuous

Consumption

Michael Royster, Prairie View A&M University

**Philosophy of Religion**

Presiding: Kandace Geldmeier, El Centro College

1:30 If You Can't Beat Them, Mock Them: An Ideological Analysis of the Use of Mockery and

Ridicule by New Atheists

Jeff Magruder, Southwestern Assemblies of God University

2:00 The Role of Judgment in Religious Disagreement

Sarju Patel, Rutgers University

2:30 On Beauty, the Self, and the Transcendent

Casey Spinks, Baylor University

3:00 Religion and Crisis, or what we should go and do after attending this conference

Rebecca Huskey, University of Oklahoma

**AAR: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality**

Theme: Hidden Histories and Feminist Futures: Toward Gender Equity in Text, Ritual, and Practice

Presiding: Chad J. Pevateaux, Texas Wesleyan University

1:30 The Woman of Samaria As Mistress, Servant, And Disciple: A Feminist Analysis of

Status and Gender and Its Effect on The Reading of John 4:4-42

Amy Smith Carman, Brite Divinity School

2:00 ‘I am the one who will change the direction of the world’: A Female Guru’s Response to

Gender-Motivated Sexual Abuse and Inequality in Hinduism

Antoinette DeNapoli, Texas Christian University

2:30 In the Context of Her Ancestors: Anna, the Formerly Barren Mother of a Hero, in the

Protoevangelium of James

Susan Lippe, Brite Divinity School

3:00 The Cihuatlamacazque: Gendered Ritual Offerings in the Aztec World

Josefrayn Sanchez-Perry, University of Texas at Austin

**AAR: Comparative and Asian Studies in Religion**

Theme: China and Asia

Presiding: Mark Dennis, Texas Christian University

1:30 The Absolute Weapon and the Broken Body: Formulating A Theological Response to

Nuclear Testing and its Effects Drawing from Asian and Native Liberation Theologies

Arunjana Das, Georgetown University

2:00 Being Religious in the Chinese Context: Mapping Religious Life of Religious

Believers in Four Provinces of China

Mingchang Gao, Renmin University

2:30 When monk meets Crisis: Zhouwu Buddhist Persecution (574-578) in Biography of Shi

Yanzong

Lu Huang, Temple University

3:00 Some Christian Women in Tang Dynasty China

Kenneth Morrow, University of North Texas

**AAR: Ethics, Society, and Cultural Analysis**

Theme: Religion, Well-Being, and Behavioral Health

Presiding: Katina Harris, Prairie View A&M University

1:30 Religion's Role in the Abortion Debate

Raine Shakti, Western Michigan University

2:00 No Longer Alone: How Christian Friendship Responds to Loneliness in Theological and

Practical Perspectives

Preston Byrd, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

2:30 Voiceless Victims: The Controversy of Marital Rape

Yasin Shakyla, Prairie View A&M University

3:00 Adolescent Religiosity and Different Types of Substance Use: Multiple-Group Analyses

by Gender and Race

Zhen Yang, Texas Tech University

**AAR: The Study of Islam**

Theme: Islam, Authority, and Crisis

Presiding: Sajida Jalalzai

1:30 Ambiguous Authority: Politics & Religion in the Lives of American Muslims on Campus

Abiya Ahmed, Stanford University

2:00 Saving Face, Losing Faith: Converts, Spiritual Abuse and Preventing Islamophobia

Summar Shoaib, Emory University

2:30 Religion as a Coping Mechanism: The Importance of Mosque Communities for Muslim

Immigrants and Refugees

Destiny Mundy, University of Texas at Austin

**3:30-4:00 coffee break**

**4:00-5:30 AAR-SW Plenary Session**

**"Religion and Crisis: Negotiating Crisis and Crisis Response in DFW"**

Almas Muscatwalla, Omar Suleiman, Nancy Kasten, and Rev. Rachel Baughman

Leaders of multi-faith coalition, Faith Forward Dallas, discuss how religious belief has sparked crisis and has served as an ideological basis for uniting in response to crises including Islamophobic terror, gun violence, officer-involved fatal shootings, homelessness, refugee hospitality, Confederate Statue removal, and more.

This session will be live-streamed on Facebook. Open to the public.

**6:30-8:00**

**AAR: Comparative and Asian Studies in Religion**

Theme: Roundtable on Contemplative Studies in the Southwest Region

Presiding: Mark Dennis, Texas Christian University

* Andy Fort, Texas Christian University
* Chad Pevateaux, Texas Wesleyan University
* Ivette Vargas-O'Brien, Austin College
* Mark Dennis, Texas Christian University

**AAR: Professional Development Session**

Theme: Roundtable on Vocation, Precarity, and “Practical Academics”

* Anne C. Walker, St. Paul School of Theology
* Tiffany Puett, Institute for Diversity and Civic Life

**Sunday, March 1**

**7:30-8:15 AAR Business Meeting**

**8:30-10:30 AM**

**AAR: Arts, Literature, and Religion**

Theme: Texts and Religion

Presiding: Rachel Toombs

8:30 Imagination, Stories, and Loving Your Neighbor

Jason Cook, Dallas Theological Seminary

9:00 ‘Memory is its own Vision': Saint Augustine, W.G. Sebald, and the Experience of

Memory

Daniel Lightsey, Dallas Theological Seminary

9:30 Spirituality and Sexuality in Section 5 of Whitman’s 'Song of Myself’

Carl Smeller, Texas Wesleyan University

10:00 Trump Tweets and the Crisis of the Evangelical Word

Tim Basselin, Dallas Theological Seminary

**AAR: Comparative and Asian Studies in Religion**

Theme: Indian Religions

Presiding: Mark Dennis, Texas Christian University

8:30 Religion in crisis: How transgender rights and gender equality are altering Hindu

religious landscapes in contemporary India

Antoinette E. DeNapoli, Texas Christian University

9:00 ‘Religion and Crisis’ from Indian American K-12 Youth Perspectives

Pankaj Jain, University of North Texas

9:30 Christian Language in a Hindu Philosophy: Examining The ISKON Movement

Sundeep Malickal, Dallas Theological Seminary

10:00 22-a-day and Bhagavadgītā 3.30-31: Kṛṣṇa’s warrior path applied to the crisis of

post-combat veteran suicide

Brooks Morton, University of Birmingham

**Undergraduate Research Section**

Presiding: Jenny Veninga, St. Edward’s University

8:30 Relationality, Vulnerability, and Subjectification: A Call to Redefine Power and Listen to

Seek Racial Harmony

Haley Arnspiger, Texas Wesleyan University

9:00 Leviathan: A Novel Use of an Ancient Figure

Ethan Bryant, Baylor University

9:30 The Question of Intercommunion: A Reflection on Obstacles to Eucharistic Sharing

Eva McNabb, St. Edward’s University

10:00 The Uniting Force of Vulnerability: A Comparative Study of the Role of Religion

throughout Crises

Jacob Williams, Texas Wesleyan University

**AAR: Theology**

Theme: Christ in Context

Presiding: Natalie Carnes, Baylor University

8:30 Bonhoeffer's Christology Against the Reich Church

Cole Jodon, University of Aberdeen

9:00 Christ as Drum, Christ as Preached: Intersections of Dalit Theology and Homiletical

Theology

Andrew Ronnevik, Baylor University

9:30 Christology’s Capitalism Crisis: Must We Mean What We Say about Redemption?

Andrew Sutherland, Baylor University

**AAR: Ethics, Society, and Cultural Analysis**

Theme: National Crises, National Policies, and Religion

Presiding: Katina Harris, Prairie View A&M University

8:30 Capital Punishment in Texas

Cade Archer, Lyon College

9:00 Confronting the Limits of Evangelical Charity in the Cape Town Water Crisis

Bradley Johson, Rice University

9:30 The Role Christianity in The Camp of Saints and the Immigration Policies of the Trump

Administration

Carmen Celestini, University of Waterloo

10:00 Shawarma, Suffering, and Somalis: A Story from "Little Mogadishu"

Nicholas Hall, Lyon College

**AAR: The Study of Islam**

Theme: Roundtable on Teaching Against Islamophobia

Presiding: Tiffany Puett, Institute for Diversity and Civic Life

* Sajida Jalazai, Trinity University
* Hina Azam, University of Texas at Austin
* Habiba Noor, Trinity University

**10:30-11:00 coffee break**

**11:00-12:30**

**AAR: The Study of Islam**

Theme: Discourses on the Qur’an

Presiding: Sajida Jalal, Trinity University

11:00 Can One Be an “Open-Minded Fundamentalist?” Salafi Discourse on the Use of Jewish

and Christian Scriptures

Samuel Ross, Texas Christian University

11:30 Women and Gender in Qur’anic Stories

Hina Azam, University of Texas at Austin

12:00 The Female Vessel of Qur'anic Revelation  
Emran El-Badawi, University of Houston

**AAR: Religion, Gender and Sexuality**

Theme: Creative Crises: Transforming Misogyny and Toxic Masculinities

Presiding: Laulie Eckeberger, University of Winchester

10:30 Islam and Queer Muslims: Identity and Sexuality in the Contemporary

Mohammed Abdou, Queen’s University

11:00 Big Men on the Small Screen: Masculinities, Religion, and Television in the Early

Twenty-First Century

Derek Hostetter, University of Dayton

11:30 What’s The Deal With Susan Collins?: Using Kate Manne’s Framework for Misogyny to

Understand The Senator’s Pro-Kavanaugh Vote

Danielle Tumminio Hansen, Seminary of the Southwest

**AAR: Latinx Religions {a/v request}**

Theme: Latinx Christianity and American Culture

Presiding: João Chaves, Baptist University of the Americas

10:30 Latinx Christians in the United States: Between Christian Zionism and the Gospel

Crystal Silva-McCormick, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

11:00 Fuego de Dios: The Influence of the Argentine Revival on North American Christianity

Yvette Garcia, Baylor University

11:30 Religious Subjectivity as an Avenue for Asylum for Domestic Violence Survivors

Aixin Dunn, University of Texas at Austin

**AAR: Theology**

Theme: Intimacy, Welcome, and Mutuality

Presiding: Natalie Carnes, Baylor University

10:30 Christology, Celibacy, and Intimacy

Victor Austin, Episcopal Diocese of Dallas

11:00 Being Stone: Denial and Finitude in Baldwin and Cavell

Thomas Breedlove, Baylor University

11:30 Welcomed by Christ: Hospitality and John Owen's Christocentric Account of the Beatific

Vision

Caleb Little, Baylor University

**AAR: Comparative and Asian Studies in Religion and Arts, Literature and Religion co-sponsored session**

Theme: “Amulets, Magical Words and Religious Identity: Ritualizing Social Crisis Management in Jewish, Christian and Buddhist Traditions”

Presiding: Ivette Vargas-O’Brien, Austin College

* Robert Matthew Calhoun, Texas Christian University
* Ariel Feldman, Brite Divinity School
* Jason E. Roberts, University of Texas at Austin
* Ivette Vargas-O’Brien, Austin College

**AAR: Ethics, Society and Cultural Analysis**

Topic: Politics, Religion, and Violence

Presiding: Katina Harris, Prairie View A&M University

10:30 Reorienting Religion in Conflict: Stories of India's Partition

Sarang Patel, Duke University

11:00 Authority and Liberty in Wartime: Yves Simon on the Road to Vichy

Jordan Hylden, Rutgers University