**Southwest Commission on Religious Studies**

**Association for the Scientific Study of Religion**

**February 29 – March 1, 2020**

**Saturday Morning, February 29 (10:00 – Noon)**

Presiding: Jon Loessin

10:00 J.B. Watson, Jr., Stephen F. Austin State University,

 *The Spirituality of Aging: A Path Forward to Reverse the Growing Crisis of Meaning in Old Age*

10:30 Michael D. Royster, Prairie View A&M University

 *A Search for the Sacred in the Digital Age: The End of Privacy*

11:00 Dianne E. Dentice, Stephen F. Austin State University

 *Bad Romance: Trouble in The Garden*

11:30 Darren J. N. Middleton, Texas Christian University

 *Five Works of Art for Five Key Moments in Rastafari History*

**Saturday Afternoon, February 29 (1:30 – 3:30)**

Presiding: Dianne E. Dentice

1:30 Patrick Scott Smith, Independent Researcher, Nixa, Missouri

 *Parthia Empire: Culture and Religion*

2:00 Ben D. Craver, Wayland Baptist University and Elizabeth P. Kanon, Texas State University

 *Communities, Loyalties and Churches: Can Way of the Future Church be a Foundation for Beloved*

 *Community?*

2:30 Brian C. Wilson, Western Michigan University

 *John E. Fetzer and the Metaphysical Midwest*

3:00 Derek de la Peña and Wiley Parkman, Wharton County Junior College

 *Faith and the “Not-So-Fun” Fundamental Attribution Error*

**Saturday Afternoon, February 29 (4:00 – 5:30)**

Presiding: Patrick Scott Smith

4:00 Jon K. Loessin, Wharton County Junior College

 *Grand Designs: Vasco de Quiroga’s Transfiguration of Indigeneity and the Catechization of the Purépecha*

4:30 Todd Jay Leonard, Fukuoka University of Education, Japan, and J. P. Hall, Ball State University

 *A Contemporary Study of Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp: Its Historical and Spiritual Legacy*

5:00 Business Meeting

**Saturday Evening, February 29 (6:30 – 8:00)**

Presiding: Karol A. Chandler-Ezell

6:30 Nicholas Elliott, University of St Thomas

 *Religion's Staple Dish is Best Served with a Plate of Death!: A Theoretical Exploration into the absence of*

 *Death and its effects on Religion and Society*

7:00 Madeleine Mallia, Baylor University

*The Effects of Religiosity on the Coping Ability of Post-Combat Troops*

7:30 Michael Andrews and Harley Hampton, Stephen F. Austin State University

 *Human Induced Climate Change: A Religious Crisis*

**Sunday Morning, March 1 (8:00 – 9:30)**

Presiding: J.B. Watson, Jr.

8:00 Jerry Hopkins, Independent Researcher, Marshall, Texas

 *Apologizing for the Protestant Reformation and Rise of Roman Catholic Church-State Domination:*

*The United States Plundered and in Peril*

8:30 Jerry Summers, East Texas Baptist University

*Daughterly Speech and Love that Overcomes Death:* Die Tochter *of Eugen Rosenstock-Huessy*

9:00 Karol A. Chandler-Ezell, Stephen F. Austin State University

 *Orderly and Disorderly Foundations of the Chinese Religious Diaspora: Confucianism and Taoism*

9:30 Jesse Hoover, Baylor University

 *The Apocalyptic Arian*

**Sunday Morning, March 1 (10:00 – 11:00)**

Presiding: Jerry Summers

10:00 Dante Garcia, Stephen F. Austin State University

*The Strange Relationship Between LGBT People and Religion*

10:30 Emily A. Primrose, Stephen F. Austin State University

 *Medieval Mutations*