

**Southwest Commission  
on  
Religious Studies**

**Annual Regional Meeting  
Program of Events**



**March 3–5, 2023**  
**Dallas Marriott Las Colinas**  
**Irving, Texas**

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AAR-SW	American Academy of Religion SW
ASSR	Association for the Scientific Study of Religion
NABPR	National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, SW Region
SSBS	Southwest Society of Biblical Studies*

\* SSBS, standing for Southwest Society of Biblical Studies, is an interim designation for the March 2023 meeting, as we are prohibited by the SBL from using the name SBL-SW in regional contexts. Be alert for an announcement concerning any official name change / reorganization sometime this year. We welcome your attendance at the Saturday afternoon plenary concerning restructuring our society and its relationship to the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies as the umbrella entity.

The 2023 meeting of the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies will feature outstanding plenary speakers, opportunities for networking, and a reception and awards ceremony, in addition to an array of scholarly papers and panel discussions in the fields of biblical and religious studies.

The Marriott Dallas Las Colinas is recently remodeled, overlooks a lake with a running trail, and is within walking distance of a host of restaurants. This year's regional meeting promises to be an excellent one, as we continue the process of rebuilding collegial connections.

**Location:** Dallas Marriott Las Colinas

223 West Las Colinas

Boulevard

Irving, TX 75039

(972) 831-0000

**Date:** Friday–Sunday, March 3–5, 2023

**On-Site Registration:** Friday, March 3, 5:30–7:00 p.m.; Saturday, March 4, 8:30–5:00; Sunday, March 5, 8:00–8:30. On-site and “day-of” registration will be completed online with the assistance of SWCRS staff, but must be paid with a check.

## REGIONAL MEETING BOOK EXHIBIT

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in the 2nd Floor FOYER*

**Saturday, March 4, 9:00–6:30**

**Sunday, March 5, 8:30–12:30**

## Friday Afternoon, March 3, 2:00–5:00 pm

American Academy of Religion (AAR) SW Future Planning Workshop

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

## Friday Evening, March 3, 6:00 pm

Informal meet-and-mingle in the hotel lobby and bar areas.

## Friday Evening, March 3, 7:00–9:00 pm

National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion (NABPR), SW – Hudson

## Saturday Morning, March 4, 8:00–9:30 am

Southwest Commission on Religious Studies (SWCRS) – Beaumont (1st floor)  
Board of Directors Meeting

## Saturday Morning, March 4, 8:30–10:00 am

NABPR - SW – Hudson

## Saturday Morning, March 4, 10:00–noon

Southwest Society of Biblical Studies (SSBS): Hebrew Bible 1 – Williams

*Presiding:* Rebecca Poe Hays, Truett Seminary

*Theme:* Honoring the Scholarship of Bill Bellinger

*Panelists:*

Mark Hamilton, Abilene Christian University

Jan Jaynes Quesada, Texas Christian University

Moon Kwon Chae, Baylor University

*Respondent:*

Bill Bellinger, Baylor University

SSBS: Hebrew Bible 2 – Kit

*Presiding:* Ericka Dunbar, Baylor University

*Theme:* Gender and Sexuality

10:00 Joshua Jacobs, University of Arkansas  
Gendered Death in Ancient Israel

- 10:30 Erin Beall, Brite Divinity School  
A Queer Egyptian Joseph? A Fluid Reading of the Patriarch's Gender and Identity
- 11:00 Michelle Hunt, Baylor University  
Gender Issues and Isaiah's Oracle against Moab: Gender, Shame, and Prophetic Rhetoric in Isaiah 15–16
- 11:30 Joshua Turpin, Brite Divinity School  
Women and Ethnicity

**SSBS: Second Temple and Late Antique Judaism 1 – Carrollton**

*Presiding:* Joseph McDonald, Brite Divinity School

*Theme:* Rhetoric, Ideology, and the Politics of the Holy in the Second Temple Period

- 10:00 Ruthanne Brooks, University of Texas, Austin  
Folly the Femme Fatale: A Reexamination of the Significance of Prov 9:13–18
- 10:30 Adam Jones, Ouachita Baptist University  
Translation Techniques in Greek Chronicles: Some Ideological and Theological Considerations
- 11:00 John Mellison, University of Texas, Austin  
Never Gonna Give You Up: Using an Old Script for New Purposes
- 11:30 Donghyun Jeong, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary  
Saved from What (Rom 11:26)? Israel's Crisis in Second Temple Literature

**SSBS: New Testament and Early Christianity – Brown**

*Presiding:* Eric Wickman, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

*Theme:* Synoptic Gospels

- 10:00 Rachel Johnson, Baylor University  
The Binding of the Un-Bindable Man: Socio-Political Structures of False-Peace in Mark 5:1–20
- 10:30 J. Stewart Gelatt, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
Divine Presence and Divine Justice in Matthew's Gospel
- 11:00 Jill Engelhardt, Texas Christian University  
Muddling Miracles: Investigating a Man with Paralysis and De-Centering Jesus in Luke 5:17–26
- 11:30 Andrew Waller, Ridley College  
"Remember How He Told You": Narrative Transportation and the Lukan Passion Prediction

**SSBS: New Testament and Early Christianity 2 – Britain**

*Presiding:* Amy Smith Carmen, Brite Divinity School

*Theme:* Book Review Panel: Jeehei Park, *All Citizens of Christ: A Cosmopolitan Reading of Unity and Diversity in Paul's Letters* (Brill, 2022)

*Panelists:*

Rodney Caruthers, II, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Patricia Duncan, Texas Christian University  
Karri L. Whipple, St. Mary's University  
Jeremy Williams, Brite Divinity School

*Respondent:*

Jeehei Park, Seminary of the Southwest

## **Saturday Morning, March 4, 10:30–noon**

### **Association for the Scientific Study of Religion (ASSR) – Frisco**

*Presiding:* Todd Jay Leonard, University of Teacher Education, Fukuoka, Japan

*Theme:* Antichrist, Mission Trips, and Hans P. Ehrenberg

- 10:30 Jesse Hoover, Baylor University  
Antichrist and the Lost City of Saar
- 11:00 Dennis Horton, Baylor University  
On the Border: Mission Trips and Church Member Attitudes about Ministry to  
Immigrants
- 11:30 Jerry Summers, East Texas Baptist University  
Hans P Ehrenberg for Present and Future

### **American Academy of Religion (AAR): Comparative and Asian Studies in Religions – Planters**

*Presiding:* Mark Dennis, Texas Christian University

*Theme:* Mindful Flourishing

*Panelists:*

Wendy Williams, Texas Christian University  
Max Sklansky, Seminary of the Southwest  
Chad Pevateaux, Interfaith Action of Central Texas  
Monica Jenschke, Texas Christian University  
Andy Fort, Texas Christian University  
Mark Dennis, Texas Christian University

### **AAR: The Profession – Hudson**

*Presiding:* Preston Byrd, Baylor University

*Theme:* The Future of Education: Perspectives on Bi-vocational Education

*Panelists:*

Preston Byrd, Baylor University  
Sahr Mbriwa, Baylor University  
Joshua Heavin, Houston Christian University  
Caroline Smiley, University of Aberdeen  
Kevin Garcia, Redeemer Theological Seminary

**AAR: Theta Alpha Kappa – Dallas**

*Presiding:* Lisa Wolfe, Oklahoma City University

- 10:30 Shelbi Barnum, Oklahoma City University  
Do You Know What You're Singing in Church? Exploring the Intersections between  
Christology and Theology in Modern-Day Church Music
- 11:00 Calista Robledo, St. Edwards University  
God Save the People: The Theatrical Catholic Social Teaching Zeitgeist of the 60s  
and 70s

**AAR: Study of Islam and Gender, Sexuality, and Religion – San Antonio**

*Presiding:* Antoinette DeNapoli, Texas Christian University

*Theme:* Muslim Women Present and Representation in the Age of “Women, Life, Freedom”

*Panelists:*

- Banafsheh Madaninejad, Bulbul Collective and Austin Community College  
Habiba Noor, Trinity University  
Edith Szanto, University of Alabama  
Hanan Hammad, Texas Christian University

**Saturday Afternoon, March 4, 12:00–1:30 pm**

**SSBS Special Session: Esotericism in Antiquity – Britain**

*Presiding:* April D. DeConick, Rice University

- 12:00 April D. DeConick, Rice University  
Third Century Christians and the Esoteric Jesus
- 12:20 Abigail Crowe-Tipton, Rice University  
Esotericism in Antiquity and Cosmology of the Womb
- 12:40 Rochelle Willingham, Rice University  
The Revelation of *Marsanes* (NHC X) and Authorization through Pseudepigraphy
- 1:00 Camden Roy, Rice University  
Gnosticism in Late Victorian Popular Fiction

*Lunch is available in the Marriott restaurant for SWCRS registrants or at the  
numerous restaurants nearby*

*Please visit the publisher's display in the 2nd Floor Foyer*

## Saturday Afternoon, March 4, 1:30–3:30 pm

### ASSR – Frisco

*Presiding:* Darren J. N. Middleton, Baylor University

*Theme:* African American Missionaries and Colonial Africa

1:30 Panel Discussion of Kimberly D. Hill, *A Higher Mission: The Careers of Alonzo and Althea Brown Edmiston in Central Africa* (University of Kentucky Press, 2020)

*Panelists:*

Abimbola Adelokun, University of Texas, Austin

David Dwi Chrisna, Baylor University

Kimberly D. Hill, University of Texas, Dallas

Sarah Ruffing Robbins, Texas Christian University

3:00 Business Meeting

### AAR: Book Review – Planters

*Presiding:* Lora J. Walsh, University of Arkansas

*Theme:* Personal, Professional, and Practical Responses to David Newheiser's *Hope in a Secular Age* (Cambridge University Press, 2019)

*Panelists:*

Carl S. Hughes, Texas Lutheran University

Rachel Ozanne, University of Texas, Austin

Chad Pevateaux, Interfaith Action of Central Texas

Lora J. Walsh, University of Arkansas

### AAR: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality – Hudson

*Presiding:* Antoinette DeNapoli, Texas Christian University

*Theme:* The Role of Embodiment in Religious Hermeneutics

1:30 Alexandra Nelson-Tomlinson, University of Texas, Austin

Fat Religion as Liberation: An Exploration of Christianity, Fatness, and Blackness

2:00 Andrew Lee, Drew University

SM Sexuality and Innovative Religious Eroticism: The Case of Genesis P-Orridge and Terence Sellers

2:30 Patricia Duncan, Texas Christian University

Thomas Baty and the Radical Interwar Feminism of *Urania*

3:00 Aixin Aydin, University of Texas, Austin

Rights, Women's Bodies, and Religion: Strategies for Asylum and Beyond



**AAR: Theology – San Antonio**

*Presiding:* Lance Green, University of St Andrews

*Theme:* Hope and Fulfillment

- 1:30 Katherine Ellis, Baylor University  
Precarious Language and Longings: Childlike Hope in Stanley Cavell and Rowan Williams
- 2:00 Noah Edmondson, Dallas Theological Seminary  
Present Participation, Future Fulfillment: St. Gregory of Nazianzus's Understanding of the Easter Event and Its Connection to Hope
- 2:30 Daniel Lee Hill, Baylor University  
Raised and Re-Raced? The Resurrection Body and the Question of Racial Identity
- 3:00 Kendra Jernigan, Abilene Christian University  
Expectant Hope and Reverent Wonder in Basil the Great's *Hexameron*, Bonaventure's *The Soul's Journey into God*, and Dillard's *Holy the Firm*

**AAR: Black Theology – Dallas**

*Presiding:* Hue Woodson, Tarrant County College

- 1:30 Robert Monson, United Theological Seminary  
Softness Can Save Us: A Black Man's Look at Disability, Religion, and an Ethic of Care
- 2:00 Joshua Mobley, Baylor University  
A Hope That Does Not Forget: Blondel as Resource for Racial Reconciliation

**SSBS: Hebrew Bible 3 – Williams**

*Presiding:* Kim Bodenhamer, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

*Theme:* Characters and Sources

- 1:30 Bruce Wells, University of Texas, Austin  
Who Wrote the Eden Story? Source Analysis of Genesis 2–3
- 2:00 Henok Afewok, Evangelical Theological College  
The Remembrance of God's Past Victory over the Seas and the Davidic Covenant during Exile: Literary and Historical Exploration of Psalm 89
- 2:30 Tyler Fulcher, Baylor University  
Ahijah the Shilonite in the Deuteronomist's Account of Jeroboam's Rise and Fall
- 3:00 Lisa Wolfe, Oklahoma City University  
Qoheleth (in) the First Person: Grammar and Economics Point to Character

**SBL: Hebrew Bible 4 – Kit**

*Presiding:* Mark Sneed, Lubbock Christian University

*Theme:* Methods and Approaches

- 1:30 Michael Leff, University of Texas, Austin  
Me, Myself, and I: The First-Person Independent Pronoun in Biblical Hebrew

- 1:54 puckmaren glass, Brite Divinity School  
The Language and Rhetoric of Disability in the Book of Psalms
- 2:18 Rannfrid I. Lasine Thelle, Wichita State University  
The Prophets of Duham and Comparative Studies
- 2:42 Johnny Miles, Texas Christian University  
Wisdom a Wailin' and a Steppin' at the Street Corners of Trench Town
- 3:06 Rebecca Poe Hays, Truett Seminary  
SWCRS Junior Scholar Recipient Report: The Traumatized Psalter

**SSBS: Second Temple and Late Antique Judaism 2 – Carrollton**

*Presiding:* Kelley Coblenz Bautch, St. Edward's University

*Theme:* The Book of Tobit: Hope in Exile, Identity in Diaspora

- 1:30 Francis Macatangay, University of St. Thomas School of Theology  
Marriage as Radical Hope against Exile in the Book of Tobit
- 2:00 Timothy Sandoval, Brite Divinity School  
Tobit's Hymn and Cynic Cosmopolitanism? Exploring a Hypothesis
- 2:30 Matthias Henze, Rice University  
Discussant
- 2:45 Presenter Responses
- 3:00 General Discussion

**SSBS: New Testament and Early Christianity 3 – Brown**

*Presiding:* Rachel Johnson, Baylor University

*Theme:* John and Paul

- 1:30 Christian Sanchez and Samantha Kiser, Baylor University  
A Pericope Caught in Adultery
- 1:54 Jackson Abhau, University of Arizona  
"You Know Nothing at All": Ironic Prophecy and Reversal of Meaning in John 11
- 2:18 Caroline Collins, Southern Methodist University  
Circuits of the Past: Reading the Resurrection Appearances in John 20 through Phenomenological Literature
- 2:42 Eric Brewer, Baylor University  
A Taxidermal Reading of ἀκοῇ πίστεως: Insight from Martin Luther's Comments on Galatians 3:2-5
- 3:06 Jeremiah Bailey, Baylor University  
That Each of You Know How to Obtain His Vessel: A Proposal for a New Reading of 1 Thess 4:4

**SSBS: New Testament and Early Christianity 4 – Britain**

*Presiding:* Jill Engelhardt, Texas Christian University

*Theme:* Early Christian Literature

- 1:30 Sean McGuire, Dallas Theological Seminary  
An Unexpected Relationship: Logion 26 and Luke 6:42 according to Codex Alexandrinus
- 2:00 Joshua Heavin, Houston Christian University  
Participation in Christ, and Divine and Human Righteousness: Reading Paul with the Cappadocians
- 2:30 Kyle Rouse, Baylor University  
Maxims and Mortals: Some Literary and Rhetorical Features of Hebrews 11:1–12:2
- 3:00 Eric Wickman, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor  
The Shepherd of Hermas: Jewish Christian Debate on the Nature of Repentance

**Saturday Afternoon, March 4, 3:30–4:00 pm**

**COFFEE BREAK, BOOK EXHIBIT, 2nd Floor Foyer**

*Complimentary coffee and tea*

**Saturday Afternoon, March 4, 4:00–5:30 pm**

**Joint SSBS and AAR-SW Plenary Session – Merchants**

*Hopeful Futures and the Future of SWCRS –  
A Cross-Disciplinary Community Conversation*

This year, the leadership of SWCRS, AAR, and SSBS come together to offer a joint plenary. In light of the evolving challenges of the pandemic and growing concerns with an unstable economy, the work of imagining hopeful futures is as urgent as ever. The recent decision by the national leadership of the Society of Biblical Literature to eliminate support for regional meetings is evidence of the reality of these challenges.

This year's plenary leads with the intention of nurturing the future of SWCRS to grow and solidify its diverse scholarly community. We will connect the annual theme of "Hopeful Futures" to broader issues of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging concerning the future and viability of SWCRS. Through vital conversation with the officers of other SWCRS organizations as well as with the regional community at large, this session will develop a roadmap as we seek to reimagine pathways forward toward flourishing futures. With multiple, and potentially conflicting, visions

of what may 'count' for a "hopeful future," this plenary aims to generate discussion both nuanced and robust.

To begin, SWCRS leadership will outline the structure of the organization and how it works. Leaders from SSBS will briefly describe the discussions that resulted in SBL eliminating regional meetings. There will be small and large discussions around issues concerning the future of our guild and our field(s). A series of questions will be posed to stimulate discussion and to collect data for planning future meetings.

#### ASSR – Frisco

*Presiding:* Dennis Horton, Baylor University

*Theme:* Oberammergau Passion Play, Mental Topology of Religion, and Spirituality in K-Pop Fandom

- 4:00 Todd Jay Leonard, University of Teacher Education, Fukuoka, Japan  
The Oberammergau Passion Play: An Historical Review and Comparative Study of the 2000, 2010, and 2020 [2022] Performances
- 4:30 Nicholas Elliott, University of Southern Mississippi  
Stretch, Turn, and Twist, The Mental Topology of Religion: An Experiment in the Treatment of Religion as a Perspective
- 5:00 Karol Chandler-Ezell, Stephen F. Austin State University  
"Save Me, Namjesus": Epiphany and Spirituality in K-Pop Fandom

**Saturday Evening, March 4, 5:30–6:30 pm**

**2nd Floor Foyer**

**Reception and Announcement of 2023 Awards**

*Presiding:* Darren J. N. Middleton, Baylor University, and SWCRS President

*Registrants will receive a ticket for the reception; complimentary food and beverages will be served*

## Saturday Evening, March 4, 6:30–7:30 pm

ASSR – Frisco

*Presiding:* Jesse Hoover, Baylor University

*Theme:* Post-Christendom and Meaning in Old Age

6:30 Michael D. Royster, Prairie View A&M University  
Protestantism as a Process to a Post-Christendom Society

7:00 J. B. Watson, Jr., Stephen F. Austin State University  
Growing Older in Church: Embracing Reflection on Purpose and Meaning or  
Contributing to a Crisis in Old Age?

## Saturday Evening, March 4, 7:00–8:15 pm

**SSBS Keynote Address – Williams-Kit**

*Holy Hollywood:*

*What Movies Teach Us about the Bible*

**Adele Reinhartz**

Distinguished University Professor,  
Department of Classics and Religious Studies,  
University of Ottawa, Canada

*Presiding:* Richard Wright  
Abilene Christian University

## Sunday Morning, March 5, 7:30–8:15 am

AAR: Business Meeting – Dallas

SSBS: Business Meeting – Williams-Kit

**BOOK EXHIBIT OPEN in the 2nd Floor Foyer**

**Sunday, March 5, 8:30–12:30**

## Sunday Morning, March 5, 8:30–10:00 am

### ASSR – Frisco

*Presiding:* J. David Holcomb, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

*Theme:* Undergraduate Research

- 8:30 Kylie Vernon, Baylor University  
The Impurity of the Feminine Form: Implicit Objectification of Evangelical Purity
- 9:00 Libby Carroll, Baylor University  
Consuming the Self: Inspiration Porn's Destruction of Human Wholeness
- 9:30 Daniel Deleon, St. Edward's University  
The Image of God in Common Descent

## Sunday Morning, March 5, 8:30–10:30 am

### AAR: Comparative and Asian Studies in Religion – Britain

*Presiding:* Mark Dennis, Texas Christian University

*Theme:* Religion, Revelation, and Persecution: South Asian Perspectives on Hope and Resilience

- 8:30 Antoinette DeNapoli, Texas Christian University  
“Everyone Drinks from the Same Well”: Charismatic Authority and Female Gurus
- 9:00 Arunjana Das, Amercian University, Georgetown University, World BankGroup  
Bhakti under the Blade of Hengdang: Guru and the Persecuted Śātra of the Māyāmārā Vaiṣṇavites of Medieval Assam
- 9:30 Nathan Hogan, Pacifica Graduate Institute  
The Mahabharata and Martial Culture
- 10:00 Rev. Brooks St. Clair Morton, Butler Community College  
Who Was That Four-Armed Blue Guy? A Re-reading of Bhagavadgītā 11.33–34 in the Combat Context of Drona Parvan CCI–CCIII

### AAR: Theta Alpha Kappa – Dallas

*Presiding:* Jenny Veninga, St. Edward's University

- 8:30 Ashtyn Ball  
The Beheading of John the Baptist
- 9:00 Natalie Hughes, St. Edward's University  
The Signs of the Times: The Women of the Book of Judges through the Male Gaze
- 9:30 Genna Parr, Oklahoma City University  
Hagar and the Unheard Pain of Her Story

### AAR: Ethics, Society, and Cultural Analysis – Hudson

*Presiding:* Rachel Ozanne, University of Texas, Austin

*Theme:* Institutions and Change

- 8:30 Dustin D. Benac, Baylor University, Truett Theological Seminary  
Is There a Future for the Church in North America? Fieldnotes from the Center to the Edge of Christendom

- 9:00 Preston Byrd, Baylor University  
Into the Seeds of Time: Adapting to Institution Change in the (Post) Corona Era
- 9:30 Vincent Rosini, Saint Leo's University  
The Synoptics and a Postmillennial Perspective of the Future
- 10:00 Gerhard Stuebben, Baylor University  
A Brotherhood Constructed in History: Gustavo Gutiérrez on Unity in a Divided World

**AAR: Philosophy of Religion – Planters**

*Presiding:* Lora J. Walsh, University of Arkansas

- 8:30 Anthony DeSantis, University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley  
A More Hopeful Future through the Religion of Spinoza
- 9:00 Mark Wiebe, Lubbock Christian University  
Variations on Divine Simplicity in Essentialist and Existentialist Metaphysics: A Reflection on the Singularity and Significance of Thomas Aquinas's Notion of Divine Being and Essence
- 9:30 Casey Spinks, Baylor University  
Webster and Heidegger: Past Influences for the Future of Theology
- 10:00 Rebecca Huskey, University of Oklahoma  
Rarely Merely Entertainment: How Stories of Upstart Women, the Marginalized, and the Freaks and Geeks (Biblical or Otherwise) May Help Us Save the World

**Sunday Morning, March 5, 9:00–10:30 am**

**SSBS Presidential Address – Williams-Kit**

***“It Is Good for a Man Not to Touch a Woman”:  
Social Organization as Cultural Critique in Corinth***

**Richard Wright**

Professor of New Testament  
Graduate School of Theology  
Abilene Christian University

**Sunday Morning, March 6, 10:30–11:00 am**

**COFFEE BREAK, BOOK EXHIBIT, 2nd Floor Foyer**

*Complimentary coffee and tea*

**Sunday Morning, March 6, 11:00–12:30**

**ASSR – Frisco**

*Presiding:* Jerry Summers, East Texas Baptist University

*Theme:* Threshing Floors, Quest for a Just Social Order, and Low versus High Chronology

- 11:00 Patrick Scott Smith, Independent Scholar  
Threshing Floors of the Bible: Their Surprising Social, Political, and Symbolic Purposes
- 11:30 J. Seward Gelatt, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
A Reign of Justice: Ancient Mesopotamia and the Modern Quest for a Just Social Order
- 12:00 William F. Martin, Jr., Independent Scholar  
The Low Chronology versus the High Chronology – What Difference Does It Make?

**AAR: Theology + Ethics, Society, and Cultural Analysis – Dallas**

*Presiding:* Ryan Fitzgerald, St. Edward's University

*Theme:* Christianity and Resources

- 11:00 Samuel Davidson, Princeton Theological Seminary  
Yards and Lawns as the Doctrine of Creation: On Wendell Berry, Indigenous Wisdom, and Native Landscaping
- 11:30 Charles Regli, Baylor University  
Healing from the Pandemic through Cultivating Conversation: Reflections on Wendell Berry and Paul Farmer
- 12:00 Daniel Crouch, Baylor University  
The Theological Take on Technology: Beyond Technophile and Troglodyte

**AAR: The Profession Roundtable – Britain**

*Presiding:* Tiffany Puett, Institute for Diversity and Civic Life, and Antoinette DeNapoli, Texas Christian University

*Theme:* Women Scholars in the Profession: How Far Have We Come, How Far Back Have We Gone?

*Panelists:*

Elise Edwards, Baylor University  
Rebecca Huskey, University of Oklahoma  
Nadia Lahutsky, Texas Christian University  
Mandy McMichael, Baylor University  
Jan Jaynes Quesada, Texas Christian University  
Lora J. Walsh, University of Arkansas



**Sunday, March 5, 11:00–12:30**

**SSBS Open Plenary – Williams-Kit**

***Anti-Judaism and Biblical Literature***

**Presiding: Ariel Feldman, Brite Divinity School**

*Panelists:*

Rebecca Carter-Chand, United States Holocaust  
Memorial Museum

Adele Reinhartz, University of Ottawa, Canada

Serge Frolov, Southern Methodist University

Shelly Matthews, Brite Divinity School

**Sunday Afternoon, March 5, 12:30 – Suite 1207**

**SWCRS 2024 Meeting: Planning Session**

The secretaries or regional coordinators of the AAR-SW, ASSR, NABPR and SSBS will meet to begin planning the 2024 meeting. If you have suggestions for the 2024 meeting, please send them to the SWCRS executive secretary.

The Southwest Commission on Religious Studies was organized in 1974 to encourage, support, and coordinate scholarly activities in the field of religious studies in the Southwest. The Commission serves as the umbrella organization for the regional American Academy of Religion, American Schools of Oriental Research, Association for the Scientific Study of Religion, and Society of Biblical Literature. The Commission is sponsored by institutions of higher learning, and faculty from those institutions are eligible to apply for annual Junior Scholar Grants and to be nominated for the John G. Gammie Distinguished Scholar Award.

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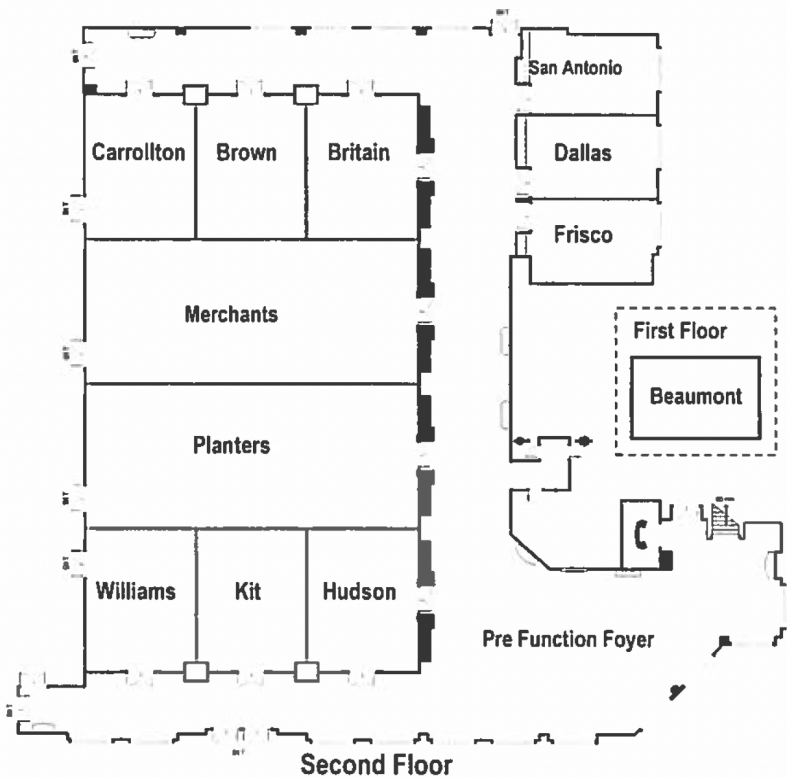
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