American Academy of Religion
Society of Biblical Literature
Southeastern Regional Meeting 2019
March 8 – 10, 2019
East Carolina University Religious Studies Program
Greenville, North Carolina

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 8

1:30–8:00 PM
Registration
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Book Exhibits
Bate 2004

2:00–3:00 PM
Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR) Executive Board
Diana Pasulka, UNC Wilmington, presiding

3:00–3:30 PM
SBL/SE Executive Board
Phillip Sherman, Maryville College, presiding

3:30–4:30 PM
Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR) Board
Diana Pasulka, UNC Wilmington, presiding

4:30–5:00 PM
AAR/SE Executive Board
Joseph Winters, Duke University, presiding

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 8

5:15–7:15 PM
SESSION I

ECU Faculty Panel I
Bate 1032
Theme: Religion and the Public Square
Eileen M. Angelini, East Carolina University, presiding

Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University
Lessons from AIDS and Ebola in the Atlantic World

Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University
When the Private is Public: Exploring the intersection between Religion, Sexuality and the Public Sphere in Africa and the African Diaspora

Laura Grillo, Georgetown University
The Incivility of “Civil Society” in Africa: Untimely Tropes and Spiritual Weapons in the Global Postcolony

AAR: Bible and Modern Culture I
Bate 1009
Theme: Resisting Culture: When Christianity and the Dominate Culture Come into Conflict
Samuel Murrell, University of North Carolina-Wilmington, presiding

Todd M. Brenneman, Faulkner University
The Scholars’ Bible: The Challenge of Inerrancy and Evangelical Biblical Studies

Brendan G. Mooney, University of South Carolina
Vladimir Soloviov: The Incompatibility of Darwinian Evolution with Aesthetics in Late 19th Century Russian Religious Philosophy

Jesse Micah Robinson, University of Virginia
The Fundamentals of the Self: American Fundamentalism, the New Psychology, and Science in the Decade of Scopes

AAR: Black Cultures & the Study of Religion I
Bate 1010
Theme: Religion, Whiteness, and Antiblackness
Timothy Rainey II, Emory University, presiding

Joi R. Orr, Emory University
A Requiem for Modernity: Transcending Antiblackness with Eschatological Hope

R. Nick Peterson, Emory University
Race and Place: Locating Whiteness in American Christian Missions

AAR: Ethics, Religion and Society I and Constructive Theologies I (Joint Session)
Bate 1011
Theme: Theological and Ethical Interpretations of Animality, Humanity and Post-Humanity
Ian Curran, Georgia Gwinnett College, presiding

Calvin D. Bradford, University of Manchester
NeuroSpirituality

Aaron Stauffer, Union Theological Seminary
Organizing Practices, Race, and Sacred Value

Nathaniel Holmes, Jr., Florida Memorial University
Whose Posthuman Future? Human Self-Creation/Evolution and the Will of God
AAR: Islam I & Religions of Asia I  Bate 1012
(Joint Session)
Theme: Islam in Asian Contexts
Roshan Iqbal, Agnes Scott College, presiding

Grisel d'Elena, Florida International University
Re-Forming Rohingya Identity in Light of the International Response to the Refugee Crisis

Darian J. Shump, Florida State University
Becoming Uyghur: Resistance and Religion in Modern Xinjiang

Faiza Rahman, Emory University
The Feminine in Indian Sufism: From Fana to Khudi

AAR: History of Christianity I  Bate 1013
Theme: Bodies and Difference in the History of Christianity
Kenneth Vandergriff, Florida State University, presiding

Younhwa Kim, Emory University
The Imminent Return of Christ: Eschatological Expectation in the Korean Missionary Movement

Andrew Monteith, Elon University
Postmillennialist Understandings of Progress and Narcotics Reform in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries

Jordan Henderson, Florida State University
What to Do about Callinicum? Remembrance, Omission, and Re-Incorporation of the Callinicum Incident in the Life of Ambrose of Milan

Jordan Steffaniak, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Herman Bavinck and Reformed Hylomorphism: An Alternative to the Prison House of Substance Dualism

Business Meeting

AAR: Judaism I  Bate 1014
Theme: Second Temple Judaism
Giancarlo P. Angulo, Florida State University, presiding

LaToya M. Leary, Florida State University
Too Feminine to Lead: Qumran’s Feminization of Other Jewish Sects

Edith Georgi, Florida International University
The Sotah Ritual: Punishment or Protection?

Emily Olsen, Florida State University
Angels, Giants, and Evil: Interpretations of Genesis 6:1-4

Bryan J. Whitfield, Mercer University
Liturgy and Narrative Shaping Jewish Identity in the Second Temple: A Case Study of the Ceremony of the Red Cow

AAR: Philosophy of Religion I  Bate 1015
Theme: Rethinking the Subject: Bodies, Affects, and the Philosophy of Religion
Wesley Barker, Mercer University, presiding

Joshua Carpenter, Florida State University
The Queer Subject: LGBTQ+ Identity as a Lens of Complex Subjectivity

Rebekah Gordon, Florida State University
Political Affect and Semiotics: The Kaepernick Phenomenon

Bhikkhu Dipananda, Dharmarajika Buddhist Monastery (Bangladesh)
An analysis of Human Mind from Buddhist perspective

Stephen Dawson, Lynchburg College
I Feel It in My Bones: Intuition and Embodied Experience

AAR: Religion, Culture, & the Arts I  Bate 1016
Theme: Feeling and Perceiving Religion
Timothy Burnside, Florida State University, presiding

Adam Sweatman, Florida State University
Santayana’s Metanoia: Religion, Aesthetics, and Identity

Caleb Sage Hendrickson, University of Virginia
The Eye of Redemption: Franz Rosenzweig on Religious Vision, Time, and Feeling

Nicholas Austin, Florida State University
Dorothy Day, Modern Artist

Nathan Jumper and Ehsan Sheikholharam, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Transgressive Affects: From Head of the President to the Sacred of the Child

AAR: Religion & Ecology I  Bate 1017
Theme: Re-visioning the Human at the Intersection of Ecological Theory and Practice
Jefferson Calico, University of the Cumberlands, presiding

Ryne Beddard, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
'Swamp Scent': Entanglement and Resistance in the Great Dismal Swamp

James Harris, University of Birmingham
The Historical Christian Interpretation of Dominion and Wilderness

Jared Wesley Opoien, University of North Texas
A Duty to Walk: Thoreau and Tibetan Buddhist Circumambulation in Ecology
AAR: Secularism, Religious Freedom, and Global Politics I & Religions in America I

Bate 1031
Joint Session
Theme: The Space of American Religious Freedom
Finbarr Curtis, Georgia Southern University, presiding
Robert Lee, Florida State University
Settling the Margins: Secularist Re-Purposing of Condemned Space
Keven Lewis, Middle Tennessee State University
Queer Spaces, Queer Bodies, and the Creation of the Sacred
Florian Pohl, Oxford College of Emory University
Civic Participation and Religious Freedom in Georgia Mosque Controversies
Yucheng Bai, Duke University
Calvin, American Conservatism, and Wang Yi’s Articulation of Religious Freedom

AAR: Teaching & Learning in Religion I

Bate 1018
Theme: Open Session
Jodie L. Lyon, University of Georgia, presiding
Clinton J. Moyer, Wake Forest University School of Divinity
"Get Behind Me, Satin": In Biblical and Religious Studies, How Much Knowledge is Too Little?
Ann Gleig, University of Central Florida
From "A Life-Changing Experience" to "It Triggered My Eating Disorder." Promises and Perils of Contemplative Pedagogy at a Large Public State School
Jeanine Viau, University of Central Florida
"every living creature"—Teaching the Flood Narrative at a Public University in Florida
A. Paige Rawson, Wingate University
Teaching the Bible Interdisciplinarily: Employing Secular Resources to Teach Sacred Texts or Why I Teach the Bible with a Sociology Textbook

SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament I

Bate 1019
Theme: Joshua and Kings
Jim Wilson, Asbury Theological Seminary, presiding
Robert Coleman, Southeastern Seminary
Joshua 5:13 - 15 in Reception Critical Perspective
Ralph Hawkins, Averett University
Joshua’s Encounter with the “Prince of the army of Yahweh” (Josh 5:13-6:5)
Tyng-Guang Chu, Duke Divinity School
Rahab on the (Physical and Literary) Border

ASOR Member-Sponsored: Archaeology & the Ancient World I

Bate 1021
Theme: Archaeology and Historiography
Laura B. Mazow, East Carolina University, presiding
Rachel V. Nabulsi, Georgia Gwinnett College
Tabnit of Sidon: Victorian Romance or Archaeological Mystery?
David B. Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary
Sennacherib’s Siege of Jerusalem: A Case Study in Historiography
Gary Herion, Emeritus, Hartwick College
George Mendenhall in Retrospect

SECSOR: Undergraduate Research I

Bate 1022
Mark Proctor, Lee University, presiding
Jonathan Punt, Samford University, Jeff Leonard, advisor
Job, Camus, and Lament: Moving Toward a Fuller Understanding of Wisdom in the Face of Human Suffering
Emma Fischer, Agnes Scott College, Tina Pippin, advisor
Pleasure, Power, and Patriarchy: S/Words and Other Weapons in the Book of Judith
Amanda Bryant, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Erin Darby and Christine Shepardson, advisors
‘Sing, O Barren One’: The Jerusalem Above as the Barren Woman in Galatians 4:21-5:1
Kristina Meyer, Elon University, Rebecca Todd Peters, advisor
The Challenge of White Christian Guilt in Faith Based Community Organizing
7:30–9:00 PM - AAR/SBL (SECSOR) Plenary Session
Main Student Center 249
Dr. Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University Religious Studies Program Director, presiding
Welcome & Comments from ECU Religious Studies Program: Dr. Mary Nyangweso
Welcome & Comments from ECU Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences: Dean William Downs,
Introduction of Plenary Speaker: Dr. Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University
Plenary Address: Rev. Dr. Ronald Cole-Turner, H. Parker Sharp Chair in Theology and Ethics,
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Are Scholars of Religion Posthumanists or Transhumanists?

9:00–10:30 PM - Conference Reception
Main Student Center 253 and Gallery

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 9
7:30–8:45 AM Croatan Green Room
Women’s Caucus Religious Studies Breakfast

8:00 AM–6:00 PM
Registration
Book Exhibits

8:00 AM–10:00 AM
Coffee Service

9:00–11:00 AM MORNING SESSION I

ECU Africa Panel: Power, Religion, and Taxonomy: Decolonization and Tropes of Subhumanity in Africa and the Caribbean

Bate 1032
Theme: African & African Diaspora Religions, Part 1
Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University, presiding
Nicolas Médevielle, East Carolina University
Africa for Principly Consumption: Imaging—and Imagining—the Continent on 16th-Century French Maps

Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University
Mapping Myths of Terror: Africom, Instability, and Cosmography in West Africa

Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University
Rites of Passage as Loci of Public Health Discourses in Africa

Responses from Presenters; Response from Laura Grillo

AAR: Constructive Theologies II

Bate 1009
Theme: Theology, Incarnation, and Embodiment
Tracey Stout, Bluefield College, presiding

Ian Curran, Georgia Gwinnett College
Deep Incarnation, Deep Transfiguration and the Cosmic Christ

Jason M Smith, Belmont University
Politicizing Theological Anthropology: The Curious Case of John Milbank’s “Transorganicity”

Tyler Kibbey, University of Kentucky
Blended Experiential Domains: An Argument for Phenomenologically Complex Metaphor in Religious Discourse

AAR: Ethics, Religion and Society II

Bate 1011
Theme: Religious Ethics and Politics
Samuel Elolia, Emmanuel Christian Seminary, presiding
Syeda Beena Butool, Florida State University
James Turner Johnson’s Recovery of Christian Just Ethics: Pursuing Justice or Order

Nathan Moats, Florida State University
A Thomistic Response to Political Tyranny: Armed Rebellion in the Name of the Common Good

Harrison Litzell, McAfee School of Theology
A Communal Responsibility Model for Christian Vocational Calling

Eric Hilker, University of Virginia
Skillful Virtue: Polanyian Skills and “Virtue as Mastery”

AAR: Islam II

Bate 1012
Theme: Sufism
Hadia Mubarak, Guilford College, presiding
Lane Smith, University of Georgia
Sufism through Chess: An Analysis and Translation of Alā’ al-Dawla Simnānī’s Epistle of Chess

Nathan Lean, Georgetown University
The Significance of Ladhdha in al-Ghazālī’s Book of Hearing and Ecstasy

Askar Bahrani, Vanderbilt University
Decolonizing Persafulia: Academic Violence in the Study of Iranian Sufism in North America, A Genealogy

AAR: Judaism II

Bate 1014
Theme: Judaism in Late Antiquity
Amanda Walls, University of Georgia, presiding
Andrew Burrow, Samford University
Paul’s Use of the Law in Gal 4:21-32 and its Implications for Recent Discussions on Paul’s Views of Torah

Michael Fuller, Lee University
Philo of Alexandria: Israel’s Re-gathering as a Universal Pilgrimage to a Vision of God

Sarah Anne Cook, University of Georgia
Divine Designation in LXX Genesis as Part of an Overall Double Translation Strategy
AAR: Philosophy of Religion II Bate 1015
Theme: Religion, Animality and Religion
Stephen Dawson, Lynchburg College, presiding

Philip Butler, Loyola Marymount University
Black Posthuman Transformer: Secularized Technorganic

Zachary Thomas Settle, Vanderbilt University
Human Being as Laboring Animal: Derrida and Aquinas on the Work of the Animals

Business Meeting

AAR: Religion, Culture & the Arts II Bate 1016
Theme: Religion and Public Performance
Meredith Ross, Florida State University, presiding

Sarah Plummer, Virginia Tech
Breaking Bread: Community, Communion, and Resistance at Bread and Puppet Theater

Ehsan Sheikholharam, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Islamic Architecture Today: Serving Muslim Communities or Aesthetic Veneer?

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston
Do I Know You from Somewhere?: The Character Actor as a Religious Phenomenon

AAR: Religions in America II Bate 1010
Theme: Representations of Freedom in American Religion
Haley Iliff, Florida State University, presiding

Israel L. Dominguez, University of North Carolina
Hands-On, Hands Off: Curanderismo For the Digital Age

Timothy Burnside, Florida State University
Unfree Jazz: Religion, Freedom, and Legibility in the Career of Mary Lou Williams

Johnathan D. Clayton, Georgia State University
Hey Mister, She’s My Sister(wife)!: Fundamentalist Mormon Polygamy in US Pop Culture

Becca Henricksen, University of North Carolina
Trans*Fat: Disidentification, Evangelicalism, and Possibilities for Trans* Bodies

AAR: Religions of Asia II Bate 1013
Theme: Mystery, Transmission and Reform in Buddhism: Going Beyond the Human Norm
Lisa Battaglia, Samford University, presiding

Kendall Marchman, University of Georgia
Between Death and Life: Huaigan’s Conception of the Intermediate State of Existence (antarābhava)

Jay Valentine, Troy University
The Life of Chos rgyal bsod nams (1442-1509): Unlocking the Mysteries of a Byang gter Master from Mustang

Christopher Hiebert, University of Virginia
“Naturally Complete.” Shenpen Tayè (1800–1855) and the Rise of Comprehensive Monastic Education in the Tibetan Buddhist Nyingma Sect

Business Meeting

AAR: Women, Gender and Religion I Bate 1017
Theme: Open Call
Laine Christine Walters-Young, Vanderbilt University, presiding

Julie Newberry, Duke University
Rejoice, Favored One!": Hearing Both Greeting and (Joy) Command in Luke 1:28

Haley Petersen, UNC Chapel Hill
The Specter of Motherhood: Gender and Religion in Japan’s Modern Ubume Boom

SBL: Hebrew Bible II Bate 1019
Theme: Prophets and Trauma
David B. Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary, presiding

Matthew Christian, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
A Scroll or The Scroll: A Look at a Technical Term in Ezekiel 2:9

Daniel O’Hare, Wheeling Jesuit University

Clinton J. Moyer, Wake Forest University School of Divinity
The End Is Nigher than You Think: An Eschatological Red Herring and a Holistic Reading Strategy for the Book of Habakkuk

Abbie Mantor, Asbury Theological Seminary
Holy Blasphemy: Jeremiah’s Curse Through the Lens of Trauma Studies

Kevin Scott, Baylor University
Trauma and the Anti-Benjaminite Polemic in Judges 20–21

SBL: New Testament II Bate 1020
Theme: Book Review of Stephen D. Moore, Gospel Jesuses and Other Nonhumans: Biblical Criticism Post-poststructuralism
Ira Brent Driggers, Lutheran Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University, presiding

Reviewers: Eric Thurman, University of the South
Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University
Christy Cobb, Wingate University
Response: Stephen D. Moore

Business Meeting
**ASOR Member-Sponsored: Archaeology & the Ancient World II**  
Theme: Open Session  
Greg Linton, Johnson University, presiding

Emily Edwards, East Carolina University  
*Skeletal Indicators of Metabolic Disease as Evidence for Childhood Malnutrition in a Population at Tell Hesban during the Ottoman Period*

Laura B. Mazow, East Carolina University, and Diane Strathy, Independent Researcher  
*Travelling on the highway to the Fuller’s Field: Integrating text and archaeology to reconstruct wool processing technologies*

**SECSOR: Undergraduate Research II**  
Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University, presiding

Styrling Rohr, Elon University, Amy Allocco, advisor  
*Keertan and Religious Experience in a North Carolina Sikh Community*

Lindsay Jordan, Elon University, Rebecca Todd Peters, advisor  
*Power from Below: The Leadership of the Poor in the Struggle for Social Change*

Katherine Francisco, Elon University, David McGraw, advisor  
*The Book of Mormon and Religious Offense*

Sophie Zinn, Elon University, Brian Pennington, advisor  
*Identity, Religion, and Secularism: The Ongoing Danish Debate*

**SATURDAY MORNING SESSION II**

11:00 AM - NOON  
Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University, presenting  
*Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, and the Future of Humanity*

This session on "Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, and the Future of Humanity" is directed at college and high school students in attendance and designed to give them an example of the kinds of things religious studies scholars investigate. It is not a peer-reviewed research presentation. The general public is invited.

Noon - 2:00 PM  
*Exhibit & Film Showing: Robotics, Drones, and Other Technologies*

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 9**

12:00–1:00 PM  
Croatan Green Room  
Underrepresented Minorities Luncheon

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Samuel Murrell, University of North Carolina - Wilmington  
*A Nazi Gospel Jesus for Deutschland Christians*

**Business Meeting**

**AAR: Ethics, Religion and Society III**  Bate 1011  
Theme: *Religious Pluralism and Ethics*  
Samuel Elolia, Emmauel Christian Seminary at Milligan, presiding

Mike Stoltzfus, Georgia Gwinnett College  
*Reflections on Ethical Transformation in Buddhism and Christianity*

Humberto Perez, Florida International University  
*Karma and the Three-Fold Law: A Comparison of the Ethical Systems of Buddhism and Wicca*

Ryan Andrew Newson, Campbell University  
*Confederate Monuments and Whiteness: Aesthetics and the Challenge of Iconoclasm*

**Business Meeting**

**AAR: Islam III**  Bate 1012  
Theme: *Method and Theory in the Study of Qur’an*  
Hadia Mubarak, Guilford College, presiding

Mohammad Meerzaei, Vanderbilt University  
*Anthropologizing the Qur’anic Milieu*

Roshan Iqbal, Agnes Scott College  
*Variant Readings, Epistemological Certainty, and Canonization: A Case Study of Q. 4:24*

Hadia Mubarak, Guilford College  
*Philology in Quran Exegesis: A Case Study of Q. 4:34 in Ibn ‘Ashūr’s al-Taḥrīr wa’l-tanwīr*

**AAR: Philosophy of Religion III**  Bate 1015  
Theme: *Philosophies of Flourishing and Constructing Post-human Futures (joint session with Religion and Ecology)*  
Mark D. Wood, Virginia Commonwealth University, presiding

Michael Deckard, Lenoir-Rhyne University, and Narya Ingram, Independent Scholar  
*Writing-in-the-tracks of Kafka’s Parables: Derrida and Coetzee’s Post-Animal-Human Community*

Ruthanne Crapo, Minneapolis Community and Technical College  
*Autopoiesis, Artificial Life, and Biomimcry: Between Crips and Cyborgs*

Nathan Eric Dickman, Young Harris College  
*A Zhuangzian Tangle: Corroborating (Orientalism in?) Posthumanist Approaches to Subjectivities and Flourishings*

Wesley N. Barker, Mercer University  
*Decapitating Subjects and Re-grounding Beings for Posthuman Futures: Feminist Approaches to Religion after the Anthropocene*

**AAR: Religions in America III**  Bate 1010  
Theme: *Space – The Final Frontier*  
Andy McKee, Florida State University, presiding

Michael McLaughlin, Florida State University  
*The New Negro and the New Deal: The Public Art of the Harlem Renaissance the State Support of Black Spirit*

Andrew Gardner, Florida State University  
*Women’s Benevolence and the Clothing of the Ministerial Body in Early-Nineteenth Century America*

Adam McDuffie, Emory University  
*America First, Border Walls, and Muslim Bans: A Place-Based Approach to White Nationalism and the Reification of National Identity in a Time of Globalism and Demographic Change*

Haley Iliff, Florida State University  
*“Should you be detected coming out of the haunts of impurity”: The New York Female Reform Society, Surveilling Sex, and Nineteenth-Century Self-Making*

Chad E. Moore, Georgia State University  
*The Sainthood of TRANSgression: The Martyrdom of Trans Women of Color as a Product of Hegemonic Masculinity*

**AAR: Religions of Asia III & Method and Theory in the Study of Religion I (Joint Session)**  Bate 1013  
Theme: *Who Invents Asian Religions Now? Rethinking Orientalism and other Post-Colonial Approaches*  
Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston, presiding

Marko Geslani, University of South Carolina  
*Teaching Hinduism After the “Invention” Debate: American Orientalism and the Model Minority*

Alex Kaloyanides, University of North Carolina Charlotte  
*Buddhist Teak and Christian Guns: Imagining Religion in Burma’s Last Kingdom*

Ellen Gough, Emory University  
*What Makes a Jain Not Hindu? Religious Identity and the Rakṣā Bandhana Festival*

**SBL: Hebrew Bible III**  Bate 1019  
Theme: *Pentateuch and Wisdom*  
Clinton J. Moyer, Wake Forest University School of Divinity, presiding

Bradley Haggard, Asbury Theological Seminary  
*Schematization of the “kipper ‘al” Formula in Priestly Ritual Instruction*
Carl Dates, Columbia Theological Seminary
*From Peripheral Demon to Centralized Deity: Yhwh's coming-of-age tale in the Exodus plague narrative*

Frederick L. Downing, Valdosta State University
*The Exodus in History, Memory, and Tradition*

Jonathan Homrighausen, Duke University
*The Eyes' Pilgrimage to and From the Garden: Visual Exegesis of Song of Songs 3:4 in The Saint John’s Bible*

Jim Wilson, Asbury Theological Seminary
*Never Gonna Run Around and Desert You: Re-evaluating the Meaning of ‘azab in Deuteronomy 12:19 and 14:27*

SBL: New Testament III  Bate 1020
Theme: *Open Session*
Mark Proctor, Lee University, presiding

Jonathan Sanchez, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University
*Guilt, Domination, Potentiality, and the Pharisees in Luke 5-7*

E. Harold Breitenberg, Jr., Randolph-Macon College
*Questioning Jesus: Questions Asked of Jesus and His Responses to Them*

Amy Whisenand, Duke Divinity School
*The Catena in Romans 3:10-18 as Lament*

Alexander P. Thompson, Emory University
*Hospitality and Hermeneutics: A Sociological Setting for Two Lukan Themes*

ASOR Members: Archaeology & the Ancient World III  Bate 1021
Theme: *Excavation Reports*
Greg Linton, Johnson University, presiding

Alan Todd, Coastal Carolina University
*Insights from Duke’s final reports of the Sephoris Regional Project*

Randall O'Neill, Northeastern Illinois
*The 2018 Season of the Shikhin Excavation Project*

SECSOR: Undergraduate Research III  Bate 1022
Christopher Bell, Stetson University, presiding

Priya Brahmbhatt, The George Washington University, Eyal Aviv, advisor
*The Existence of Selfhood in Buddhism and Science*

Kehinde Ojediran, College of Charleston, Elijah Seigler, advisor
*Image and Imagined Depictions of Asian Culture in American Popular Culture*

Monica Boedigheimer, The George Washington University, Eyal Aviv, advisor
*A Buddhist Perspective on Organisms*

Nathan Bodger, Stetson University, Christopher Bell, advisor
*Women’s Rights, Buddhism, and Law in Thailand*

**3:00 – 4:30 PM  SATURDAY SESSION V**

**Greenville, North Carolina Interfaith Panel** Bate 1032
Theme: *The Impact of Interfaith Work in Greenville and Pitt County, NC*
Rev. Ann Harrington, Free Spirit Inclusive Catholic Community, priest and pastor, presiding
Panelists:
- Samar Badwan, Islamic Center & Mosque, spokesperson and board member
- Rev. Rod Debs, Unitarian Universalist Pastor, retired
- Lynn Caverly, Interfaith Alliance of Eastern Carolina, former director
- Rev. Dr. Rodney Coles, Sr., Interfaith Clergy Standing for the Community, and Churches Outreach Network, President and CEO

**4:35–5:45 PM  SATURDAY SESSION VI**

Roundtable Workshop Session  Bate 1032
Theme: *The Future of the Religious Studies Discipline*
Derek Maher, East Carolina University, presiding
After examining some past history and current trends, the audience will be invited to participate in a brainstorming exercise for steering the discipline in a productive direction.

**6:00–7:30 PM  Bate 1031**

Annual AAR/SBL Presidential Addresses & Presentation of Awards
Diana Pasulka, UNC Wilmington, and Doug Hume, Pfeiffer University, presiding
Introduction of AAR President by J. Derrick Lemons, University of Georgia, AAR-SE VP

AAR-SE President: Joseph Winters, Duke University
*Religion, Affect, and the Volatile Sacred*

Introduction of SBL President by Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University, SBL-SE VP

SBL-SE President: Phillip Sherman, Maryville College
*And also many cattle?: The Animal Turn and Biblical Studies*

AAR/SBL Graduate Awards
SECSOR Undergraduate Award
9:00–11:00 AM  SUNDAY SESSION I

AAR: Judaism III  Bate 1014
Theme:  Contemporary Judaism
Michael Fuller, Lee University, presiding
Jerome Gellman, Ben-Gurion University
Illusion, Self-Estrangement, and Self-Deception: The Hiddenness of God in Early Hasidic Judaism
Matthew H. Brittingham, Emory University
‘There is no free thinker’: Popular Yiddish-Language Literature and American Jewish Religiosity in Light of World War I
L.R. Lovestone, Florida State University
The Gendering of Jewishness in Edith Stein’s Life

AAR: Religions in America IV  Bate 1010
Theme:  Theorizing American Catholicisms
Haley Iliff, Florida State University, presiding
Jesse Lee, Florida State University
Modernism, Fundamentalism, and Catholicism Revisited: Anglo-Catholicism, Free-Catholicism, and the Modernist-Fundamentalist Paradigm
Andie Alexander, Emory University
America and Its Catholicisms: Complicating the Rise of an American Religion
Andy McKee, Florida State University
Haunted by Belief: The Making of Pittsburgh’s Working Catholics

AAR: Secularism, Religious Freedom, and Global Politics II  Bate 1011
Theme:  Freedom, Nationalism, and Resistance
Syeda Beena Butool, Florida State University, presiding
Hinasahar Muneeruddin, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Disrobing White Feminism and the White Gaze
Haydn Campmier, Claremont School of Theology
Finbarr Curtis, Georgia Southern University
Bent Knees, the National Football League, and the Profane Rites of Nationalism

Business Meeting
SBL: New Testament IV  Bate 1020
Theme: Open Session
Doug Hume, Pfeiffer University, presiding

J. Andrew Cowan, Independent Scholar
Paul and Socrates in Dialogue: Points of Contact between the Areopagus Speech and the Apology

David Z. Blackwell, Princeton Theological Seminary
Anti-Judaism, the Gospel of Matthew, and the Dead Sea Scrolls

Katherine H. Burgett, Duke University
The Law as Enslaved “Enslaver” in Galatians 3-4

Ben Sheppard, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The First Gospel for All Christians: Luke and the Construction of a Catholic Christianity

SECSOR: Undergraduate Research IV  Bate 1022
Rizwan Zamir, Davidson College, presiding

Amanda Wood, College of Charleston, Matthew Cressler, advisor
Racial and Religious: Both Sides of the Rohingya Muslim Crisis

Benjamin Law, East Carolina University, Joseph Hellweg, advisor
The Religious Rhetoric of Boko Haram and its Effect on the Conflict in Nigeria

Brianna Elder, Elon University, Ariela Marcus-Sells, advisor
(Mis)Translating Christianity in Africa

Bailey Freeburn, Wingate University, Christy Cobb, advisor
Redefining Patronage: Wealthy Women and Christianity