

Identity, Boundaries, and Movement

Florida State University Department of Religion
Graduate Student Symposium
February 20-22, 2009

Friday:

3:30-4:30 Registration and Check-In

4:30 Session 1

Panel: Religious Identity in the Culture Wars

6:30 Break

8:00 Keynote Address: "Religion Before 'Religion'? On the Persistence of Imagining Religion" by Dr. Russell McCutcheon, Professor and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies, University of Alabama
Reception to follow

Saturday:

9:00 Session 2

Panel A: New Movements in American Religion

Panel B: Pilgrimage and Identity in Patristic and Byzantine Theology

11:30 Workshop: "Publish, Don't Perish: Professional Pointers from a Panel of Professors" with Dr. Russell McCutcheon, Dr. John Corrigan, Dr. Matthew Goff, and Dr. Joseph Williams

12:30 Lunch**

2:00 Session 3

Panel A: The Boundaries of Religious Liberalism

Panel B: Hebrew Bible and Dead Sea Scrolls

4:15 Session 4

Panel A: Religious Controversy in the Atlantic World

Panel B: Suffering and Human Rights

6:30 Break**

8:00 Film Preview Screening: "God's Architects"

Question and Answer Session with Director Zachary Godshall, Louisiana State University and Reception to follow

Sunday:

9:00 Session 5

Panel A: Religious Identity in Roman Antiquity

Panel B: Asian Identities and Boundaries

11:00 Session 6

Panel A: Religion and the Family

Panel B: Evangelicalism as Identity and Ritual

*All events will be held in the Student Life Center (SLC) except the Film Screening, which will be held in Dodd Hall Auditorium (DHA). Panels A and B will be held concurrently in SLC rooms 101a and 101d, respectively.

**Lunch and dinner on Saturday will be provided in room 250 of the Student Life Center Building

FRIDAY

4:30pm--Session 1

Panel A: Religious Identity in the Culture Wars

Respondent: Dr. Matthew Day

Moderator: Daniel Dillard

“Agrarians, New Critics, and the Tactical Diffusion of Protestant Hermeneutics in the Pre-War South” by Frank Pittenger – Florida State University

“‘Ecumenism of the Trenches’: Evangelicals, Interfaith Dialogue, and the Religious Right” by John-Charles Duffy – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

“Religious Identity and the Evolution Debate” by Abe Gibson – Florida State University

“Fundamentalist Atheism and its Intellectual Failures” by Jeff Nall – Florida Atlantic University

6:30pm--Break

8:00pm--Keynote Address: “Religion Before ‘Religion’? On the Persistence of Imagining Religion” Student Life Center Room 101

Dr. Russell McCutcheon, Professor and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies, University of Alabama

Reception to follow

Student Life Center Room 250

SATURDAY

9:00am--Session 2

Panel A: New Movements in American Religion

Respondent: Dr. Joseph Williams

Moderator: Josh Fleer

“‘As Perfect a Mirror as Possible’: Mutual Criticism in the Oneida Community” by Kathleen Williams – Vanderbilt University

“Desert Spaces and Aquarian Cosmologies: Marie Ogden and the Home of Truth” by Stanley Thayne – Brigham Young University

“Translating Experience Into Theology: An Examination of the Oneness Controversy Within Pentecostalism” by Tammy Heise – Florida State University

“‘Give Not What is Holy Unto the Dogs’: Wesley Swift and the Construction of Religious Rhetorical Violence” by Jonathan Olson – Florida State University

Panel B. Pilgrimage and Identity in Patristic and Byzantine Theology

Respondent: Dr. Walter Moore

Moderator: LaBron Chance

“Between Islam and Byzantine Orthodoxy: The Non-Apophatic Apologetics of Theodore Abû Qurrah” by Benjamin Guyer – Florida State University

“Augustine on Pilgrimage for the Whole Person” by Thomas P. Harmon – Ave Maria University

“Origen and Bodily Resurrection: Identity Without Corporeality?” by Kirk A. Essary – Florida State University

“*Claudicasse Populum Judaeorum*: Disability and Religious Identity in Augustine of Hippo” by Colin B. Womack – Florida State University

11:30pm—Workshop: “Publish, Don’t Perish: Professional Pointers from a Panel of Professors”

With Dr. Russell McCutcheon, Dr. John Corrigan, Dr. Matthew Goff, and Dr. Joseph Williams

12:30pm—Lunch

Lunch provided in Student Life Center Room 250

2:00pm--Session 3

Panel A: The Boundaries of Religious Liberalism

Respondent: Dr. Amy Koehlinger

Moderator: Frank Pittenger

“‘The First Great American Infidel’: Memorializing Theodore Parker” by Benjamin Park – Brigham Young University

“‘God will put a hook into that man's jaws, so that he cannot preach’: Religious Intolerance and the Transcendentalists” by Daniel Dillard – Florida State University

“‘One as the Sea’: Protestants, Catholics and the Social Politics of American Temperance” by David Mislin – Boston University

Panel B: Hebrew Bible and the Dead Sea Scrolls

Respondent: Dr. Eibert Tigchelaar

Moderator: Kirk Essary

“Who was that Wiley, Wicked Woman of 4Q 184?” by LaBron Chance – Florida State University

“Leprosy at Qumran: The Integration of Ritual and Moral Purity by Those Who ‘Walk on the Holy Path’” by Kathryn Stotts – Florida State University

“Genesis 6:1-4 and Hesiod’s *Catalogue of Women*: Influence of Hesiodic Cosmogony on Genesis 6:1-4?” by Shem Miller – Florida State University

4:15pm--Session 4

Panel A: Religious Controversy in the Atlantic World

Respondent: Dr. John Corrigan

Moderator: Barton Price

“The Itinerant Threat: Ministerial Migration and the Great Awakening” by Katharine Conwell – Binghamton University

“‘Scattered Among the Nations’: The Formation of a global Quaker Movement in the Seventeenth Century” by C. Ruth Watterson – Harvard University

“Friends of Violence: Persecutions against a 17th Century New Religious Movement” by Kari Thompson – University of Iowa

“Sanctified and Skittish: Frontier Methodists Construct Native American Identity, 1783-1811” by Dan Morris – University of Iowa

Panel B: Suffering and Human Rights

Respondent: Dr. Sumner Twiss

Moderator: Rosemary Blackburn-Smith Kellison

“Compassion as an Acquired Moral Virtue: An Extension of Cates” by Jeff Gottlieb – Florida State University

“Spirituality *Sans* Consolation: A Levinasian Response to Suffering” by Mark Fratoni - Duquesne University

“History, Testimony, and Ethics: A Lacuna Closed” by Julie Fortune – Florida State University

6:30pm—Break

Dinner provided in the Student Life Center Room 250

8:00pm--Film Preview Screening: “God’s Architects” Dodd Hall Auditorium

Question and Answer Session with the Director

Zachary Godshall, Louisiana State University

Reception to follow

Werkmeister Room, Dodd Hall

SUNDAY

9:00am--Session 5

Panel A: Religious Identity in Roman Antiquity

Respondent: Dr. David Levenson

Moderator: Shem Miller

“Gentiles Who Keep the Law: Paul’s Law-keeping Gospel” by Jason Staples – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

“Return to Eden: Identity and Conversion on the Island of Minorca” by Jenny Collins – Florida State University

“The Formation of Italic Religious Identity at Bantia during the Late Republic” by Stephen Elliott – Florida State University

Panel B: Asian Identities

Respondent: Dr. Jimmy Yu

Moderator: Nahed Zehr

“A *Tantrika* in the Modern World” by Natasha Mikles – University of Chicago

“Buddhism in Transformation: Houston and Beijing” by Melinda Wilson – Texas A & M University

“The Construction of a New Mauritian Hinduism in Abhimanyu Unnuth’s *Cactus ke Daanth*” by Rashi Rohatgi – University of Chicago

“A Sight that Beholds: Gaze Politics and Religious Intersubjectivity” by Caleb Simmons – University of Florida

11:00am--Session 6

Panel A: Religion and the Family

Respondent: Dr. Martin Kavka

Moderator: Cara Burnidge

“Regarding Kinship: Exploring the Major Complication in Converting from Islam to Christianity in Ouelessebougou, Mali” by Dianna Bell – Florida State University

“The Virtuous Family” by Rita Trimble – Ohio State University

“Examining the Intersections between Scripture and Law: Muslim Women and Qur'an 4:34” by Rosemary Blackburn-Smith Kellison and Shannon Dunn – Florida State University

Panel B: Evangelicalism as Identity and Ritual

Respondent: Dr. Amanda Porterfield

Moderator: Jonathan Olson

“The Local Church as an Alternate Court of Opinion: Honor, Community, and Ritual in Nineteenth-Century South Carolina and Georgia” by Robert Elder – Emory University

“*I Know* This Church is True: The Cultural and Religious Significance of LDS Testimony” by Peter A. Kalajian – Appalachian State University

“Smoke on the Water: Burning Texts and Crossing Boundaries in Parkersburg, VA, 1846” by Barton Price – Florida State University

“Schism and Responses: The Role of Dissent in the Rise of the Methodist Episcopal Church, A Comparative Approach” by Beth Crosman – University of Delaware