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13<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida State University  
Department of Religion  
Graduate Student Symposium

FEBRUARY 21-23, 2014  
DODD HALL

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

**3:30-4:00 p.m.** Registration and check-in

**Session 1A: Early Christian Contestation and Appropriation**

4:30-6:00 p.m.

Werkmeister Room

Respondent: Dr. Nicole Kelley

Moderator: Jenny Collins-Elliott

**The Jerusalem Collection: Paul's Method of Reconciling Among Jewish Gentile Christians**

Michael Heredia

*Gardner-Webb University, School of Divinity*

**O Mother, Where Art Thou?: On the Disappearance of the Mother from Julian's Hymn to the Mother of the Gods**

Harold Short

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**From Laziness to Monstrosity: Origen's Interpretation of Numbers 13**

Kyle Roark

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**"Broken Bodies as Power in Early Christian Martyrdom Literature"**

A Keynote Address by Dr. Candida Moss

University of Notre Dame, Department of Theology

6:30 p.m., Dodd Hall Auditorium

**8:00 p.m.**

Announcement of the Leo Sandon Best Paper Award

**Afterward:** Reception, Dodd Hall Foyer

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**Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**8:30 a.m.** Continental Breakfast, Dodd Hall Foyer

**Session 2A: Exchanges in the Early Modern Atlantic World**

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Werkmeister Room

Respondent: Dr. Amanda Porterfield

Moderator: Dan Wells

**Commodities and the Puritan Movement of Possibilities in Virginia**

Matthew John Sparacio

*Auburn University, Department of History*

**Using Spatial Theory to Examine Quaker Women Preachers' Itinerant Empire and Their Demonization by "Orthodox" Protestants in The Seventeenth Century British Atlantic World**

Jacob Hicks

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**From the English World to France: The Quaker Roots of the French Revolution**

Nathan Houstin

*Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen, Department of Literary and Cultural Studies*

**Session 2B: Authenticity, Religious Imagery, and Imagination**

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Dodd Hall Auditorium

Respondent: Dr. Kristina Buhrman

Moderator: Lauren Cosgrove

**Substitute Authority: The Temple of Trees in Walt Disney's Fantasia**

Christopher Fouche

*University of Florida, Department of Religion*

**Bodily Transfer and Sacrificial Gestures: Rethinking the Hungry Tigress Jataka in Mogao Cave 254**

Abigail Eliza Martin

*University of Utah, Department of Art History*

**Worship of the Dizang: The Pilgrimage to Mount Jiuhua in Late Imperial China**

Nan Ouyang

*University of Arizona, Department of East Asian Studies*

**Session 3A: Religion and Empire**

11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Werkmeister Room

Respondent: Dr. Sylvester Johnson

Moderator: Cara Burnidge

**“To Do the Devil’s Business”: Conspiracies of Priests, Slaves, and Publicans in Colonial America**

Jeffrey Wheatley

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Nuestras Tradiciones: the Days of the Dead, Empire, and Identity**

Doug Valentine

*University of Missouri, Department of Religious Studies*

**“Miscellaneous – No. 1132 The Head of Osceola”: The Decapitation of the “Red Man” and the Haunting Residues of Colonial Empire**

Andrew McKee

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Session 3B: Family, Discipline, and the Body**

11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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Respondent: Dr. Aline Kalbian

Moderator: Jacob Hicks

**“We have to lay our lives down”: Operation Rescue’s Use of Martyrological Language**

Tara Baldrick-Morrone

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Governing Bodies: The Fight for The Hearts, Minds, and Souls of America’s Children**

Keith W. Padgett

*The Ohio State University, Department of Education Policy and Leadership*

**Affect, Discipline, and Authority: Spanking in Christian Domestic Disciples Movement**

Danae Faulk

*University of Missouri, Department of Religious Studies*

**Mormon Women and the Domestication of the Lord's Supper**

Justin Bray

*University of Utah, Department of History*

1:00-2:00 p.m. Lunch, Dodd Hall Foyer

**The Century of Self: Eight People Sipping Wine in Kettering**

Film and Discussion

2:00-3:30 p.m.

Dodd Hall Auditorium

**Session 4A: Systems of Knowledge in the Twentieth Century**

3:45-5:30 p.m.

Dodd Hall Auditorium

Respondent: Dr. John Corrigan

Moderator: Jeffrey Wheatley

**The Theosophical Shift to the Visual: Graphical Representations of the Human Body in the Literature of Second and Third Generation Leadership in the Theosophical Society**

John L. Crow

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Defending the Faith: Herman Bavinck, Cornelius Van Til, and American Evangelical Epistemology**

Adam S. Brasich

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**E-Scripture: Patterns of New Reading Technology and Sacred Texts**

Emily R. Stewart

*University of Pittsburgh, Department of Religious Studies*

**“I love everything!”: A Story of Patent Law, Plant Breeding, Dewy-Eyed Liberalism, and Eugenics**

Charles McCrary

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Session 4B: Rhetoric and Interpretation in Late Antiquity**

3:45-5:30 p.m.  
Werkmeister Room

Respondent: Dr. David Levenson  
Moderator: Yonatan Binyam

**An Unorthodox Defense of Orthodoxy: The Setting, Sources, and Purpose of the Syriac History of John the Son of Zebedee**

Jacob Lollar  
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**The Temple Scroll: Chronicles' "Plan of All the Works"**

Teresa Milla  
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Dangerous Body and Precarious Subjectivity: Sir 22:27-23:6 and the Ideal Scribe**

David A. Skelton  
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**"Authorizing Religion?: Scholars as Public Intellectuals"**

A Roundtable Discussion  
6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Dodd Hall Auditorium

Moderator: Thomas Whitley

**Participants:**

Dr. Adam Gaiser, *Florida State University, Department of Religion*  
Dr. Jennifer Koslow, *Florida State University, Department of History*  
Dr. Michael McVicar, *Florida State University, Department of Religion*  
Dr. Candida Moss, *University of Notre Dame, Department of Theology*

**Afterward:** Reception, Dodd Hall Foyer

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**Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**8:30 a.m.** Continental Breakfast, Dodd Hall Foyer

**Session 5A: Religion and U.S. Nationalism**

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Werkmeister Room

Respondent: Dr. Michael McVicar

Moderator: Ross Moret

**Church in State: A History of Religious Services in the Capitol Building**

Daniel Roeber

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Billy Graham and the Crusade Against Communism: The Role of Billy Graham Crusades in the Propagation of Conservative Anticommunist Capitalism**

Daniel Wells

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Native Evangelicals, Biblical Indigeneity, and Theological Nationalism**

Jason E. Purvis

*University of Florida, Department of Religion*

**Session 5B: Struggles for Legitimation and Religious Authority**

9:00-11:00 a.m.

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Respondent: Dr. Keith May

Moderator: Sam Houston

**Al-Ghazali's Kitab al-Iqtisad fi al-P'tiqad as a Constructive Defense Against Theory**

James Riggan

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**The Subversive Power of the Self-Identified Heretic: Stewart Brand, Secular Heresies, and the Authority of Choice**

Amanda Nichols

*University of Missouri, Department of Religious Studies*

**Is Jewish Renewal Buberian? Reading Zalman Schachter-Shalomi in Light of Martin Buber's Addresses on Judaism**

Jeremy Zorn

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Session 6A: Myths and Mythmaking**

11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Werkmeister Room

Respondent: Dr. Will Hanley

Moderator: Ashley Wallace

**‘The Colonial Collection’: Museums, Material Objects, and Religion**

Amanda Furiasse

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Searching for the Golden Stool: Ghana’s National Myth in the Era of Nkrumahist Self-Construction**

Mariam Goshadze

*Harvard University, Department of Religion*

**The Three Rs: Religious Mythology, Ritual, and Rape**

Kate E. Temoney

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Session 6B: Charisma, Authority, and Religious Knowledge**

11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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Respondent: Dr. John Kelsay

Moderator: Terry Milla

**Neither Critics Not Caretakers: Robert Orsi and Russell McCutcheon in The Epistemic Loop**

Andrew Meland

*University of Missouri, Department of Religious Studies*

**Narrative, Legitimation, and The Act of Killing**

Ross Moret

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Charisma as Discourse: Analysis of Vivekananda’s Discursive Activity**

Adam T. Miller

*University of Missouri, Department of Religious Studies*



## GUEST SPEAKER



Dr. Candida Moss is Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity in the Department of Theology at Notre Dame University. A graduate of Oxford University, she earned her doctorate from Yale University. Dr. Moss is a frequent contributor to the National Geographic Channel, the Discovery Channel, and the History Channel. Her research focuses on early Christian martyrdom, resurrection and afterlife, constructions of disease and disability in the Bible, and early Christian origins. Her most recent book, *The Myth of Persecution: How Early Christians Invented a Story of Martyrdom* (HarperOne, 2013), discusses the creation and use of martyrologies in early Christianity. Dr. Moss currently serves as co-chair of the Healthcare and Disability in the Ancient Near East section of the international and national meetings of the Society of Biblical Literature, as co-Chair of the "Inventing Christianity" consultation of the Society of Biblical Literature, and is on the steering committee of the "Apostolic Fathers" consultation of the International meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature.

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