

# Religion & Resistance

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

FEBRUARY 20-22, 2015

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Session 1A: Voices of Resistance in Jewish Literature**

4:30-6:15 p.m.

Werkmeister Reading Room

Respondent: Dr. Matthew Goff

Moderator: Thomas J. Whitley

**From the Work of Her Hands: the Epistle of Enoch's Treatment of the Barren Woman**

Kyle Roark

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Interpreting Exile as Exodus: Intertextuality and Resistance in Genesis Rabbah**

Nicholas Schaser

*Vanderbilt University, Department of Religion*

**Ben Sira's Reappraisal of Enoch and Enochic Lore in the Praise of The Ancestors**

David Skelton

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Session 1B: Ethics and Resistance**

4:30-6:15 p.m.

Dodd Hall Auditorium

Respondent: Dr. Aline Kalbian

Moderator: Ross Moret

**Christian Apologetics as Creative Resistance: An Exordium from Marilynne Robinson**

William P. Boyce

*University of Virginia, Department of Religious Studies*

**Conceptualizing a Second Civil Rights Movement: Black Lives Matter, Resistance Ethics, and Harry Potter**

William Livingston

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Resisting the Violence and Rethinking Ferguson: A Christian Ethics Argument for the Ecclesia as an Alternative Adjudicating Community**

David W. Priddy

*Wake Forest University, Department of Religion*

**Thomistic Natural Law and the Limitations of Reason**

Ryan Donovan

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Session 1C: Religion and American Institutions**

4:30-6:15 p.m.

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Respondent: Dr. Matthew Day

Moderator: Charlie McCrary

**Policing Pluralism in Florida's Faith Based Prisons**

Brad Stoddard

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**“Poverty of Soil Makes for a Poverty of Soul”: Alva Taylor and Religious Rural Progressivism**

Larsen B. Plyler

*Mississippi State University, Department of History*

**Catholicism and American Spycraft, 1942-1945**

Michael Graziano

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**A Seventeenth-Century Werewolf and the Drama of Religious Resistance**

A Keynote Address by Dr. Bruce Lincoln

University of Chicago

7:00 p.m., Dodd Hall Auditorium

**8:30 p.m.**

Announcement of the Leo Sandon Best Paper Award

**Afterward:** Reception, Dodd Hall Foyer

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

**9:00 a.m.** Continental Breakfast, Dodd Hall Foyer

**Session 2A: Embodiment, Materiality, and Resistance to Authority**

9:30-11:45 a.m.

Werkmeister Reading Room

Respondent: Dr. Michael McVicar

Moderator: Tammy Heise

**Herman Sasse, Intertextuality, and Confessional Lutheran Identity Formation**

Adam Brasich

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Embodying Christ Consciousness: Jiddu Krishnamurti as the 20<sup>th</sup> century Theosophical Mahatma**

John L. Crow

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Creating Orthodoxy: Textual Debates and Competing Interpretations of Mormonism's Word of Wisdom Revelation**

Samuel Alonzo Dodge

*Lehigh University, Department of History*

**A Generous Heterodoxy: A History of the Emerging Church Milieu**

Adam Sweatman

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Meditating on Mr. Jefferson's Lawn: the "Mindful Revolution" at the University of Virginia**

Daniel Wise

*University of Virginia, Department of Religious Studies*

**Session 2B: Modern Performance and Materiality of Religion**

9:30-11:45 a.m.

Williams Auditorium 123

Respondent: Dr. Joseph Hellweg

Moderator: Carson Bay

**Rescuing the Ancestor in New Homeland: Studying Chinese Religion in America**

Shou Jen Kuo

*University of California, Riverside, Department of Religious Studies*

**“The Song of Chief Iipumbu”: The Triumphs and Tragedies of Religious Resistance in Colonial Namibia**

Emily D. Crews

*University of Chicago, Divinity School*

**Gender Bias or Cultural Bias: Gender Restriction and Resistance in Bollywood Films**

Rebecca L. Peters

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Devotional Agency and the Technological Enchantment of Deity Garments**

Urmila Mohan

*University College London, Department of Anthropology*

**Solidarity, Strength, and Silence: The Politics of Touring Druze Villages in Northern Israel**

Chad K. Radwan

*University of South Florida, Department of Anthropology*

**Session 2C: Marginalization, Conflict, and the Hebrew Bible**

9:30-11:45 a.m.

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Respondent: Dr. David Levenson

Moderator: Leah Cassorla

**God’s Women and God’s Peasants: The Song of Deborah as Heroic Poetry for Marginalized Peoples**

S. Daniel Rushing

*Gardner-Webb University, School of Divinity*

**Life and Death: Prophetic Politics and the Collapse of Time in 2 Kings 2:19-2**

R.C. Griffin III

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Examination of Three Aspects of Rahab: Marginalization, Expression of Faith, and Countercultural Representation**

Haley M. Cawthon

*Mercer University, McAfee School of Theology*

**Child Sacrifice in the E Source of the Torah**

Raleigh C. Heth

*University of Georgia, Department of Religion*

**12:15 p.m.-1:00 p.m.** Lunch, Dodd Hall Foyer

**Session 3A: Resistance in Buddhism: Bodies and Myths**

1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Williams Auditorium 123

Respondent: Dr. Bryan Cuevas

Moderator: Roland Mullins

**Buddhas as Kings, Kings as Buddhas: A Strategy of Legitimation in Early Seventh-Century Gilgit**

Adam T. Miller

*University of Chicago, Divinity School*

**Bodily Etiquette and Disgust in the Law Codes of Indian Buddhism**

Christopher Handy

*McMaster University, Department of Religious Studies*

**Hwa-shang Mahāyāna: Historicity and Rhetoric of the Chinese Chan Penetration in Tibet**

Linghui Zhang

*University of Virginia, Department of Religious Studies*

**The Subtle Body in the Esoteric Buddhist Art of the Himalayas: Practice and Representation**

Lindsay Lewis Ethridge

*University of Georgia, Department of Art History*

**Session 3B: Metaphysical Movements**

1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Werkmeister Reading Room

Respondent: Dr. Amanda Porterfield

Moderator: Jacob Hicks

**Mind Without Body: Mary Baker Eddy and Female Agency in the Spiritualist Milieu**

Matthew Coston

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**“Our Religion is Not Hostile to Real Science”: Evolution and American Religion, 1859-1931**

Joseph Stuart

*University of Virginia, Department of Religious Studies*

**The Civil War in the History of American Spirituality: From Emerson to James, from “Oversouls” to “Overbelief”**

Mae Speight

*University of Virginia, Department of Religious Studies*

**The Limits of a Creedless Faith: Policing Heretical Practices in Liberal Religion**

Isaac May

*University of Virginia, Department of Religious Studies*

**Session 3C: Ethics, Power, and Community**

1:15-3:00 p.m.

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Respondent: Dr. Aline Kalbian

Moderator: Sher Afgan Tareen

**To Protect the Health of My Society: Anti-Vaccine Rhetoric, Religion, and the Legitimation and Contestation of Power**

Jacob Lollar

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Honor the Past to Shape the Future: Ohlone Women, Spirituality, and Indigenous Revitalization**

Abel R. Gomez

*University of Missouri, Department of Religious Studies*

**The Native Positioned Between Traditionalism and Progressivism: Religion, Art, and Politics in the Life of Zitkala-Sa**

Aaron Ellis

*Florida State University, School of Theatre*

**Sowing The Seeds of Parasocial Manipulation: How Prosperity Theologians Have the Power to Cross Ethical Lines**

Gregory Davis

*Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Department of Communications Media*

**Session 4A: Secularization**

3:30-5:15 p.m.

Werkmeister Reading Room

Respondent: Dr. Martin Kavka

Moderator: Adam T. Miller

**Fit for Battle: Tim LaHaye, DVD Workouts, and the Secular Humanist Takeover**

Charles McCrary

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**The Anti-Revolutionary: Groen Van Prinsterer's Christian-Historical Understanding of and Advocacy for the Foundations of true Liberty and Authority**

Jan Adriaan Schlebusch

*University of Groningen, Department of Theology*

**“I Am Glad to Have a Place Like This”: Southern Atheists and Online Sanctuaries**

Joshua D. Urich

*University of Texas at Austin, Department of Religious Studies*

**Session 4B: Religion and the American State**

3:30-5:15 p.m.

Thompson Religion-Classics Library

Respondent: Dr. Cara Burnidge

Moderator: Matthew Coston

**Patrick Henry’s Middle Way: Separationism and Accommodationism in the Virginia Church-State Debates**

Daniel Roeber

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**The Lear/Reagan Debates: How a Television Producer and Former Actor Changed the Course of America’s Culture Wars in Late Twentieth-Century America**

L. Benjamin Rolsky

*Drew University, Graduate Division of Religion*

**The Garden Tomb: European Empires and American Pilgrims in Palestine**

Henry Gorman

*Vanderbilt University, Department of History*

**Beating a Dead Horse: The Scopes Trial, William Jennings Bryan, and the Dramatic Enactment of Power and Identity**

Daniel Wells

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Religion and Resistance**

A Roundtable Discussion

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Williams Auditorium 123

Moderator: Andrew McKee

**Participants:**

Dr. Bruce Lincoln, *University of Chicago, Divinity School*

Dr. Cara Burnidge, *Northern Iowa University, Department of Religion*

Dr. Matthew Day, *Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Afterward:** Reception, Dodd Hall Foyer

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

**9:00 a.m.** Continental Breakfast, Dodd Hall Foyer

**Session 5A: Nationalism and Resistance**

9:30a.m.-11:15 a.m.

Werkmeister Reading Room

Respondent: Dr. G. Kurt Piehler

Moderator: Kate Temoney

**Resisting through Revision: Maududi and the Allegation of Fundamentalism**

Syeda Beena Butool

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Anti-Xenophobic Nationalism and Anticlerical Theology: 1980s Honduran Religious Discourse**

Daniel Beckman

*University of California, Los Angeles, Department of History*

**Black Evangelicals Exercising Autonomy in The Early Modern British Atlantic World: A Case Study**

Jacob Hicks

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**“Non-Muslim” in Socio-Political Discourse of Indonesian Post-Islamism: The Controversy on a Non-Muslim Governor of Jakarta**

Hans Abdiel Harmakaputra

*Boston College, Department of Theology*

**Session 5B: Islam and America**

9:30a.m.-11:15 a.m.

Dodd Hall Auditorium

Respondent: Dr. Adam Gaiser

Moderator: Daniel Roeber

**“I Don’t Want That Culture Around My Children”: Anxiety, Islam, and Book Banning in Contemporary America**

Meredith Ross

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**The Body as a Canvas for Protest: Women in the Nation of Islam**

Jesse C. Miller

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Syncretic Resistance and Social Change: The Nation of Islam and the Church of Scientology**

Tamira Beth Stephens  
*Harvard University, Divinity School*

**Black Islam and the Subversion of American Civil Religion, 1960-1979**

Sher Afgan Tareen  
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Session 5C: Gender, Power, and Resistance at Qumran**

9:30a.m.-11:15 a.m.

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Respondent: Dr. Matthew Goff

Moderator: Thomas Whitley

**Scripture as Power: The Qumran Pesharim as a Textual Power-Play**

Blake A. Jurgens  
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Resisting the Forbidden Sin: Textual and Linguistic Substitutions for the Divine Name in Qumran Literature**

Joshua M. Matson  
*Trinity Western University, Department of Biblical Studies*

**Gender, Risk, and the Testimony of Women in 1QS<sub>a</sub>**

Giancarlo P. Angulo  
*Wake Forest University, Department of Religion*

**Session 6A: Women and Resistance in Religion**

11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Werkmeister Reading Room

Respondent: Dr. Kathleen Erndl

Moderator: Rebecca Peters

**Tagore's *Chandalika*: Resistance and Hindu Social Reform in Twentieth Century Bengal**

Roland Mullins  
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Gender, Islamism, and Political Repression: Reading Zainab al-Ghazali's Prison Memoir**

Khalidah Ali  
*University of Toronto, Department for the Study of Religion*

**Triumph of the Outcaste Goddess: Pollution and Power in M.I.A.'s *Matangi***

Logan Beitmen

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Religion, Gender, and Resistance in a Peruvian Mining Town**

Kerri Blumenthal

*University of Florida, Department of Religion and Center for Latin American Studies*

**Session 6B: Authority, Resistance, and Critical Theory**

11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Dodd Hall Auditorium

Respondent: Dr. Martin Kavka

Moderator: Danae Faulk

**The Camel, the Lion, and the Child: Castrated, Castrator, and Affirming**

Andrew Meland

*University of Missouri, Department of Religious Studies*

**The Ethical Polarities of Resistance in Max Weber's *Politics as a Vocation***

Shifa Amina Noor

*University of Virginia, Department of Religious Studies*

**Mapping Out Resistance and Religion in the Personal Narratives of “Interview Project Germany”**

Will Weihe

*Florida State University, Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics*

**Resistance Through Remembrance: Tracing Walter Benjamin's “Messianic Time” in Sixteenth Century Jewish Historiography in the Ottoman Empire**

Canan Bolel

*University of Washington, Near and Middle Eastern Studies*

**Session 6C: Early Christian Resistance and Reinscription of Authority**

11:30a.m.-1:15 p.m.

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Respondent: Dr. Nicole Kelley

Moderator: Tara Baldrick-Morrone

**Reproducing Resistance: The Basilica Crisis of 386 and the Invention of Justina as Antagonist**

Harold Short

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**“The rich...they will wither away”: Post-Colonial Readings of the Epistle of James**

Joshua Ryan Patterson

*University of Georgia, Department of Religion*

**Carpocratianism, Authority, and the Communism of Wives**

Thomas J. Whitley

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Rejection and Inclusion: An Ideological Examination of Luke 14:1-24**

Zechariah Preston Eberhart

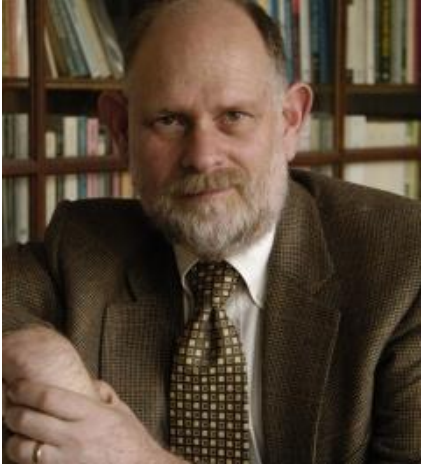
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**Smoke and Mirrors: The Dialectics of Symbolic Inversion in Paul’s First Epistle to the Corinthians**

Amanda Furiasse

*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

## GUEST SPEAKER



Dr. Bruce Lincoln is the Caroline E. Haskell Distinguished Service Professor of the History of Religions in the Divinity School at The University of Chicago. His work emphasizes critical approaches to the study of religion, and he is particularly interested in issues of discourse, practice, power, conflict, and resistance. As such, his work has covered a vast range of topics including the theology of George W. Bush, pre-Christian Europe, and professional wrestling. His most recent publications include *Gods and Demons, Priests and Scholars: Critical Explorations in the History of Religions* (Chicago, 2012); *“Happiness for Mankind”: Achaemenian Religion and the Imperial Project* (Louvain, 2012); *Between History and Myth: Stories of Harald Fairhair and the Founding of the State* (2014); and *Discourse and the Construction of Society: Comparative Studies of Myth, Ritual, and Classification*, 2nd ed. (2014).

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