

Religion and Conflict

16th Annual Florida State University
Department of Religion
Graduate Student Symposium

FEBRUARY 17-19, 2017

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, February 17th

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

Session 1A: Human Rights, The State, and Secularism
4:30-6:15 p.m.
Werkmeister Reading Room

Respondent: Dr. Sumner Twiss
Moderator: Kathryn Lootens

Religious Endorsement for Secular Power: Moving Beyond a Modus Vivendi

Thomas Greene
Florida State University, Department of Religion

Assessing Conscience as a Foundation for Human Rights

Ryan Donovan
Florida State University, Department of Religion

Politicoreligious: The Apostasy Conflict in Islam

Josh Stanek
Florida State University, Department of Religion

Session 1B: Early Christianity
4:30-6:15 p.m.
Thompson Religion-Classics Library

Respondent: Dr. Nicole Kelley
Moderator: Tara Baldrick-Morrone

One Good Jew: John Chrysostom's Use of Josephus in *Adversus Judaeos*

Sheldon Steen
Florida State University, Department of Religion

What Did the Early Christian Church Think about War?

Paul Rezkalla

Florida State University, Department of Philosophy

Make Edessa Great Again: Ephrem, Refugees, and the Battle for Religious Allegiance on the Roman Frontier

Jacob Lollar

Florida State University, Department of Religion

Astronomy and Ritual as Answers to Conflicts in Dante's *Paradiso*

Elena Gessi

University of East Anglia, School of Literature, Drama and Creative Writing

Keynote Address:

**“Maternal Tongues:
An Insurgent Ecstasies of the Sacred”**

Dr. J. Kameron Carter, Duke University

7:00 p.m., Dodd Hall Auditorium

8:30 p.m.

Announcement of the Leo Sandon Best Paper Award

Afterward: Reception, Dodd Hall Foyer

Saturday, February 18th

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

Session 2A: Religion and Information

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Werkmeister Reading Room

Respondent: Dr. Michael McVicar

Moderator: Dan Roeber

Enthusiastically Promote Your Library: Advertising from the Church and Synagogue Library Association in the mid-twentieth century

Meredith Ross

Florida State University, Department of Religion

Metallica v. Napster: Satanism in the Twenty-First Century

Megan Leverage

Florida State University, Department of Religion

Baptist Shopkeeper Philip Freeman Selling Religious Freedom in Revolutionary New England

Jacob Hicks

Florida State University, Department of Religion

Session 2B: Pre-Modern Islam

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Dodd Hall Auditorium

Respondent: Dr. Adam Gaiser

Moderator: Alycia Berry

Muhammad in the Ibadi Siyar

Amanda Propst

Florida State University, Department of Religion

If Zoroastrians are Included, Why Not the Samaritans? A Profile of the Samaritan Classification as People of the Book

Joseph Kyle Stewart
Florida State University, Department of Religion

Exegesis and Conflicts; The Story of Moses and Khidir in the Qur'ān

Yasemin Köle
Indiana University, Near Eastern Languages and Culture

Session 2C: Religion and American Visual Culture

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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Respondent: Dr. Amanda Porterfield

Moderator: Andrew Gardner

'What Would Jesus View?': Evangelical Galleries in the Late 20th Century

Adam Sweatman
Florida State University, Department of Religion

Unbreakable: Contested Boundaries and Conflicting Identities in Marvel's *Luke Cage*

Darian Shump
Florida State University, Department of Religion

Refreshing from a Distressing Spirit: Religious Conflict in August Wilson's 'The Piano Lesson'

Pedro E. Alvarado
Georgia State University, Department of Religious Studies

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

**Session 3A: Prescriptive vs. Descriptive Realities and Category
Formation in Buddhist Studies**

1:15-3:00 p.m.

Werkmeister Reading Room

Respondent: Dr. Douglas Gildow

Moderator: Sarah Griswold

**Bodily Complications: The Body as a Site of Punishment and
Sanctity in China**

Corbin Nall

Florida State University, Department of Religion

**The Preacher or the Monastery: Conflicting Sources of Affect in
Middle Period Indian Buddhism**

Adam Miller

University of Chicago Divinity School

**Social Groups in Northeastern Tibet—A Brief Examination of *Tsho
ba***

Cameron Foltz

Florida State University, Department of Religion

Session 3B: Dead Sea Scrolls

1:15-3:00 p.m.

Dodd Hall Auditorium

Respondent: Dr. Matthew Goff

Moderator: Joshua Matson

Priestly Ideology in Aramaic Dead Sea Scrolls

Rob Jones

McMaster University Department of Religious Studies

**Militarizing Ancient Judaism: Wealth, Power, and Occupation in the
Community Rule's Regulations on Private Property**

Amanda Furiasse

Florida State University, Department of Religion

As the Bablyonians Say: Enoch and the Origins of Astronomy

Kyle Roark

Florida State University, Department of Religion

Coming to a Qumran Cave Near You: Reading the Genesis Apocryphon Through the Lens of Film Remake Theory

Blake Jurgens

Florida State University, Department of Religion

Session 3C: How Violence Causes Religious Communities to Redefine/Define Themselves

1:15-3:00 p.m.

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Respondent: Dr. Jamil Drake

Moderator: Greige Lott

'I just wish I could be born again everyday': Eldridge Cleaver and the Evangelical Mentality of Displacement

Daniel Wells

Florida State University, Department of Religion

What work does learning religious orthodoxy do for the members of the Nation of Islam? A study of the Sister Clara Muhammad School System using Affect Theory

Sher Afgan Tareen

Florida State University, Department of Religion

In Memory of Anthony Báez: Responding to a 1994 Police Killing

Edward Escalón Jr.

University of Toronto, Department for the Study of Religion

Session 4A: Aesthetics/Religion

3:30-5:15 p.m.

Dodd Hall Auditorium

Respondent: Dr. Martin Kavka

Moderator: Abigail Bush

Venezuelan Religion, Society, and Power: Maria Lionza

Christina Carter

Florida State University, Department of Religion

Religion, Secularism, and #BlackLivesMatter

Seth Emmanuel Gaiters

Ohio State University, Comparative Studies Department

Common Morality: Jeff Stout and Contested Democracy

Josh Carpenter

Florida State University, Department of Religion

Session 4B: Canonical Studies

3:30-5:15 p.m.

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Respondent: Dr. David Levenson

Moderator: Sean Daly

The Tabernacle as Sacred Space in the Epistle to the Hebrews

Ken Vandergriff

Florida State University, Department of Religion

A Second Exodus: Commodity, Exile, and the Moral Self

LaToya Leary

Florida State University, Department of Religion

Gal. 1-2 and Paul's Discursive Construction of the "False" Brothers

David Edwards

Florida State University, Department of Religion

Session 4C: Contemporary Islamic Institution and Identity

3:30-5:15 pm

Werkmeister Reading Room

Respondent: Dr. William Hanley

Moderator: Sam Houston

New Media and Islamic Reformism: Is It Really a Reform?

Syeda Breena Butool

Florida State University, Department of Religion

Conflicting Markets? Negotiating Taboos and Anxiety of Capitalist Markers with the Funeral Economy in Burkina Faso

Jesse Miller

Florida State University, Department of Religion

Reappropriating the Veil: Life in Korea Wearing the *Hijab*

Ray Kim

Georgetown University, Department of Theology

Sufism in Jerusalem: Institutional Deterioration and Subversive Transformations

Kenny Schmitt

Exeter University, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies Visiting Researcher, Yale University, Department of Sociology

Religion and Conflict
A Roundtable Discussion
6:00-7:00 p.m.
Dodd Hall Auditorium

Moderator: Lauren Cosgrove

Participants:

Michael Jerryson - *Youngstown University*
Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religion

Atalia Omer – *University of Notre Dame*
Associate Professor at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

Afterward: Reception, Dodd Hall Foyer

Sunday, February 19st

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

Session 5A: Indigenous Religion and Policy

9:30-11:15 a.m.

Werkmeister Reading Room

Respondent: Dr. Joseph Hellweg

Moderator: Ross Moret

Traditional Belief & Ethnicity in the Oil Politics & Militancy of the Niger Delta

Jim Sienkiewicz

Graduate Theological Union

Who's Afraid of the *Nionmoi*? Contesting and Negotiating Sonic Peace for the Divinities during Ghana's Homowo Festival

Mariam Goshadze

Harvard University, Committee on the Study of Religion

Apartheid to Post-Apartheid Religion Education: Christian Normalization and the Denigration of African Indigenous Religions

Andrea Renee Dyehouse

Florida State University, Department of Religion

Session 5B: Religion and Print Culture Post 1945

9:30-11:15 a.m.

Dodd Hall Auditorium

Respondent: Dr. Finbarr Curtis

Moderator: Kevin Burton

'The Christian Illusionist': An Investigation into the Rhetoric of David Barton

Haley Iliff

Florida State University, Department of Religion

In the Arms of the Angel: Coping with Violence through *Guideposts* Angel Narratives, 1986-2000”

Timothy Burnside
Florida State University, Department of Religion

A Mighty Wave Over the U.S:” Life Magazine's 1955 Special Issue on Christianity

Eden Consenstein
Princeton University, Department of Religion

Session 6A: Stewardship, Dominion, and the State

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Werkmeister Reading Room

Respondent: Dr. John Kelsay

Moderator: Will Livingston

Submission or Sedition? Aquinas’ Re-Appropriation of Augustine’s Submission to Governing Authorities

Nathan Moats
Florida State University, Department of Religion

The Stewardship of Dominion: Baconian Science, Cornucopian Ambitions, and the Scientific Practices of the Hartlib Circle, 1626-1660

Justin Niermerie-Dohoney
The University of Chicago, Department of History

The Case For Natural Family Planning As An Act Of Stewardship

Monique Colberg
Florida State University, Department of Religion

Session 6B: Religion, Politics, and the State

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Dodd Hall Auditorium

Respondent: Dr. David Kirkpatrick

Moderator: Joshua Lupo

With the Clouds of Heaven: Eschatological Politics in Medieval Christianity and Islam

Steven Lane
Florida State University, Department of Religion

An Analysis of Contraceptive Prohibition in *Griswold v. Connecticut* and the Papal Commission for the Study of Family, Population, and Natality

Luke Arredondo
Florida State University, Department of Religion

'merely a quasi back-to-nature-social movement': a Case Study in Black Nationalism and Legal Definitions of Religion

Charlie McCrary
Florida State University, Department of Religion

Session 6C: Author Meets Critics: The Production of Religious Freedom

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

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Respondent: Dr. Finbarr Curtis
Moderator: Tucker Adkins

Andy McKee, *Florida State University, Department of Religion*
Danae Faulk, *Syracuse University, Department of Religion*
Jeffrey Wheatley, *Northwestern University, Department of Religion*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

J. Kameron Carter is Associate Professor of Theology at Duke University Divinity School. He works in African diaspora studies using theological and religious studies concepts, philosophy and aesthetics, and increasingly poetry in doing so. Driving his work are questions pertaining to the theory and practice of blackness, with particular reference to black feminism and the question of the black maternal.



Professor Carter's book *Race: A Theological Account* appeared in 2008 (New York: Oxford UP). He is the editor of *Religion and the Future of Blackness* (a special issue of *South Atlantic Quarterly*, 2013) and presented the Warfield Lectures (a set of six lectures) at Princeton Theological Seminary (2016) under the title *Dark Church: Experiments in Black Assemblage* (forthcoming with Yale Press). He's also finalizing the manuscript of a book titled *Beyond Ownership: A Blackpoetics of the Sacred*. Professor Carter is a joint-curator with Professor Sarah Jane Cervenak (UNC, Greensboro) of a year-long project called "The Black Outdoors" (supported by Duke University's Franklin Humanities Institute) that thinks about blackness as an otherwise ecological condition.

Past Symposia

2016

Religion/ / Culture

Keynote: Kathryn Lofton

2015

Theme: *Religion & Resistance*

Keynote: Bruce Lincoln

2014

Inscribing Authority: Bodies, Spaces, Texts

Keynote: Candida Moss

2013

Politics and Religion

Keynote: Aaron Hughes

2012

Beyond Borders: Constructing, Deconstructing, and Transgressing Boundaries

Keynote: Manuel Vasquez

2011

Discourses of Ritual and Power

Keynote: Matthew Kapstein

2010

Sects and Sexuality: Issues of Division and Diversity

Keynote: Bernadette Brooten

2009

Identity, Boundaries and Movement in Religion

Keynote: Russell McCutcheon

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