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"Religion, Health & Disease: An Online Conference Where Interdisciplinary Lines Intersect"

March 12 - 14, 2021 (All Events Scheduled in US Eastern Time)

Host: Department of Religion, Florida State University

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3. Virtual Book Fair

During the conference, you can browse and shop for books at our virtual book fair!

Access it here: https://religion.fsu.edu/secsor-conference/book-fair There you will find virtual bookstores from the following presses:

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4. Virtual Graduate Student Lounge

This year's grad student representatives, Sarah Cook (University of Georgia) and Michael McLaughlin (Florida State University), will host a virtual grad student lounge throughout the conference on Discord. Interested graduate students should email Michael at <u>mm17ae@my.fsu.edu</u> for the server invite.

DAY ONE - FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Friday Afternoon, March 12

2:15 – 2:45 p.m. AAR/SBL Southeastern Regional Joint Business Meeting

Presider: Kathy Dawson, East Carolina University Zoom Moderators: M. Goff & J. Hellweg, FSU

2:45 - 3:15 p.m. AAR Southeastern Regional Business Meeting

Presider: Wesley Barker, Mercer University

Zoom Moderator: Joseph Hellweg (jhellweg@fsu.edu)

3:15 - 3:45 p.m. SBL Southeastern Regional Business Meeting

Mark Proctor, New Testament Scholar & Researcher Zoom Moderator: Matthew Goff (mgoff@fsu.edu)

4:00 - 4: 30 p.m. Welcome, Orientation & Awards

Welcome – Aline Kalbian, Chair, Department of Religion, Florida State University Matthew Goff & Joseph Hellweg, Conference Co-Organizers, FSU Kurt Rockenstein, Conference Technical Manager, Florida State U. Zoom Moderator, Event 1: Matthew Goff, FSU (mgoff@fsu.edu)

AAR Graduate Student Award – Anne Blue Wills, Davidson College SBL Graduate Student Award – Anne Blue Wills, Davidson College Undergraduate Paper Prize – Anne Blue Wills, Davidson College

SESSION I

Friday, 4:45 - 6:30 p.m.

AAR Invited Panel I: Religion & Society

Theme: Class, Identity, and Religion

Presider: Andie Alexander, Emory University

Zoom Moderator, Event 2: America Wolff, Florida State University (aaw19d@my.fsu.edu)

- Jeremy Posadas, Austin College—Constitutive Structures of Capitalist Formations
- Cody Musselman, Yale University—Locating Escape in SoulCycle's 'Breakthrough' Moment: For-Profit Fitness and the Conscious Embrace of Spirituality as the Opiate of the Masses
- Matt Sheedy, University of Bonn—Religion, Identity and Class in the New Culture Wars
- K. Merinda Simmons, University of Alabama—Context > Truth Claims in Identity Studies
- Andrew Durdin, Florida State University—Religious Studies, A Discipline without Class
- James Dennis Lorusso, Georgia State University—Gig, Job, Profession: Strategies of Class Maintenance in the Academy

SBL Invited Panel I: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament

Theme: *Recent Scholarship on the Book of Sirach* Presider: Emily Tyler Olsen, Florida State University

Zoom Moderator, Event 3: Amanda Propst, Florida State University (apropst@fsu.edu)

- Samuel Adams, Union Theological Seminary—Ben Sira as a Window into the New Testament? Challenges and Unexamined Possibilities
- Bradley Gregory, Catholic University of America—"Bread to the Hungry and Clothes to the Naked": A History of a Prophetic-Sapiential Motif from Tobit to the Syriac of Ben Sira
- Matthew Goff, Florida State University—A Devilish Parallel: The Hebrew Reception of Sir 15:14
- Laura Manzo, University of St. Thomas—The Blessings of a "Wisdom-Filled" Life in Sir 14:20-15:10

AAR Constructive Theologies I

Theme: Contemporary Christology: Approaches to Atonement and Descent

Presider: Jason Smith, Tougaloo College

Zoom Moderator, Event 4: James Waters, Florida State University (jww18b@my.fsu.edu)

- Aaron Brian Davis, Union Presbyterian Seminary—The Moderated Ecumenical Interpretation: A Mashup Account of the Atonement
- Jacob Denhollander, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—Love so Divine or Divine Child Abuse? John Owen and Triune Justice in the Atonement
- David Priddy, Campbell University—Atonement and Spirituality in Eugene Vodolazkin's Laurus
- Jordan L Steffaniak, University of Birmingham—Holy Saturday's Dualistic Problem: Why Dualism is Insufficient to Affirm a Literal Descent

AAR: Intersectionality I

Theme: Open Session

Presider: Mitzi Smith, Columbia Theological Seminary

Zoom Moderator, Event 5: Lauren Lovestone, Florida State University (llovestone@fsu.edu)

- Brian Cromer, Columbia Theological Seminary—Spiritual Homelessness, Violence, and Closeted Jesus: Reading Luke 4:16-30 through the Lens of Black Trans Women
- Lydia Meredith, Georgia State University—How the bible is Used to Oppress LGBTQ+ Americans: Discrimination, Stigma, Disease and Death
- Florence Abimbola Egbeyale, Florida State University—Interrogating the Place of Religious Symbols in African Yoruba Pre- and Postnatal Care
- Mark A. Kaplowitz, Independent Scholar—An Academic Center of One's Own: The Contribution of Academic Safe Spaces to Moral Development in Hermann Cohen and Ibram X. Kendi
- Richard Wehrle, Bethany Theological Seminary—Examining Social Death in the Gospel of Luke

AAR: Method & Theory in the Study of Religion I

Theme: Comparative Analogies: Applying Scholarship on Religion

Presider: Vaia Touna, University of Alabama

Zoom Moderator, Event 6: Michael McLaughlin, Florida State University (mm17ae@my.fsu.edu)

(This panel invites two scholars of religion to discuss how their work shifted from specifically religious examples to looking more broadly at how culture works, and what are the gains from such a shift for scholars of religion.)

- Leslie Dorrough-Smith, Avila University
- Mike Altman, University of Alabama

AAR: [JOINT] Religions of Asia I and Religion, Culture & the Arts I

Theme: Collective Healing Through Media

Presider: Kendall Marchman, University of Georgia

Zoom Moderator, Event 7: Amanda Brown, Florida State University (anb17e@my.fsu.edu)

- Yudai Chiba, Duke Divinity School—The Spirit if Life Itself: Eschatological Hope in Princess Mononoke and the Book of Ezekiel
- Nathan Fleeson, University of Georgia—The Deaths of Fantasy Characters as Sites of Collective Healing
- Guanxiong Qi, Florida State University—Transcending Individual Life in the Mortal World of Decaying: A Study of a Buddho-Daoist Text
- Taylor Dean, Florida State University—The Triumph of the Drunk: Labor, Citizenship, and the Therapeutic in Alcoholics Anonymous

AAR: Teaching and Learning Religion I

Theme: Open Session

Presider: Carole Barnsley, Transylvania University

Zoom Moderator, Event 8: Jesse Miller, Florida State University (jcm14b@my.fsu.edu)

- Kenneth J. Purscell, University of Virginia's College at Wise—'End of the World': A Scientist, A Biblical Student, and a Professor of Culture Walked into an Honors Class and COVID-19 Happened
- Kati Curts, Sewanee: The University of the South—Religion, Capitalism, and Critical Pedagogy: A Case Study in a (suddenly) COVID Classroom
- Elizabeth M. Pope, University of West Georgia—Facilitator Guidance during Interfaith Dialogue

SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament I

Theme: Open Session

Presider: Clinton J. Moyer, Wake Forest University

Zoom Moderator, Event 9: Rebecca Peters, Florida State University (rlp08c@fsu.edu)

- Mary Dance Berry, Duke University—Enabled Matriarchs of a Disabled Patriarch: An Examination of the Matriarchs' Barrenness and Jacob's Impairment in Genesis
- Tommy Woodward, Florida State University, Masculinities and the Politics of Obedience in Esther
- S. Spivey, Vanderbilt Divinity School—*Job: A Tapestry*
- Kevin Hogg, Mount Baker Secondary School—History, Composition, and Relevance of the Book of Daniel

SBL: New Testament I

Theme: Healing in New Testament

Presider: Eric Thurman, The University of the South: Sewanee

Zoom Moderator, Event 10: Richard Bursey, Florida State University (rsb20cg@my.fsu.edu)

- Alexander P. Thompson, Tennessee Wesleyan University—The Nonsense of the Resurrection: The Use of $\lambda \tilde{\eta} \rho o \varsigma$ in Luke 24:11
- Donghyung Jeong, Emory University—Theopassianism in Ancient Context: The Suffering Christ in the Letter to the Hebrews and the Suffering Deities of the Mystery Cults
- Tyler Culp, Vanderbilt University—Relocating the Locus of God in Luke 17:11-19
- Lucas S. Brandon, Florida State University—Resurrecting a Lost Tradition: Source Criticism and the Search for Lazarus

Invited Undergraduate Papers Panel I

Theme: *Health, Gender, and Religion – in Africa and the Bible*

Presider: Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University

Zoom Moderator, Event 11: Mendim Akiti, Florida State University (ma20fz@my.fsu.edu)

- Lauren Metcalf, Florida State U.—Violence in the DRC: Conflict, Cosmos, and Health Care under Ebola Sponsor: Dr. Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University
- Meagan McLaughlin, Florida State Univ.—Female Genital Cutting: Religious Implications in West Africa Sponsor: Dr. Beth Ann Williams, Florida State University
- Giovanna Garcia, Florida State University—Competing Influences on Women's Reproductive Health Care Choices in Mozambique
 - Sponsor: Dr. Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University
- Simone Burgin, Florida State University—Between Paradise and Public Health: Competing Discourses about Talibés in Senegal
 - Sponsor: Dr. Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University
- Anna Bergholtz, Florida State University—Patriarchal Influence on Translations of Christian Biblical Text: Damaging the Well-Being of Women Through Oppressive Interpretations
 Sponsor: Dr. Beth Ann Williams, Florida State University

Friday Evening, March 12

6:45 - 8:45 p.m. Plenary Roundtable 1

Theme: Race, Religion & Health: Epidemics of Disparity

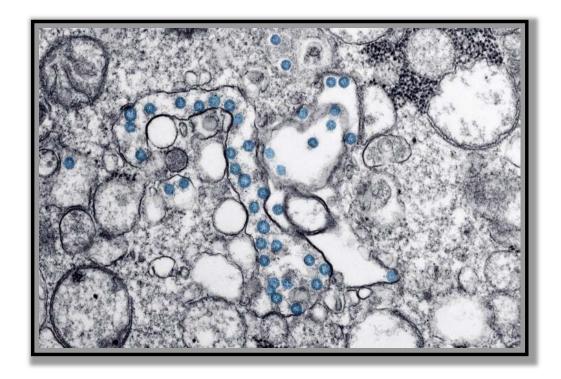
Presider: Aline Kalbian, Chair, Department of Religion, Florida State University Zoom Moderator, Event 12: Jorge Diaz, Florida State University (jid15@my.fsu.edu)

- Nicole Ennis, Behavioral Sciences & Social Medicine, Florida State University
- Joseph Gabriel, Behavioral Sciences & Social Medicine, Florida State University
- Laura Guidry-Grimes, Medical Humanities & Bioethics, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
- Elsie Herring, North Carolina Environmental Justice Network
- Frances Tran, English, Florida State University

8:45 - 10:30 p.m. Virtual Reception: Breakout Rooms Focused on Various Topics

Zoom Moderator, Event 13: Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University (jhellweg@fsu.edu)

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Above: Transmission electron microscopic image of an isolate from the first U.S. case of COVID-19, formerly known as 2019-nCoV. The spherical viral particles, colorized blue, contain cross-sections through the viral genome, seen as black dots. (CDC/ Hannah A Bullock; Azaibi Tamin; https://phil.cdc.gov/Details.aspx?pid=23354)

DAY TWO - SATURDAY, MARCH 13

Saturday Morning, March 13

SESSION II

Saturday, 9:00 - 10:45 a.m.

AAR: Constructive Theologies II

Theme: Sickness, Disability and Addiction in Interdisciplinary Perspective

Presider: Aaron Davis, Union Presbyterian Seminary

Zoom Moderator, Event 14: Paul Anthony, Florida State University (pa20bm@my.fsu.edu)

- Kristin Beise Kiblinger, Winthrop University—Theology of Dementia After Caputo
- Elizabeth Cable, University of Virginia—Stigma and Stigmata: Christ's Broken Body, Overflowing in Hope
- Preston Hill, Richmont Graduate University—Calvin's Traumatized Christ: Reimagining Christ's Descent into Hell in the Theology of John Calvin and its Relevance for Posttraumatic Stress in the Year 2020
- Jenn Carlier, Emory University—Addiction, Sin and Atonement

AAR: Ethics, Religion, and Society I

Theme: Ethics and COVID-19

Presider: Sally Holt, Belmont University

Zoom Moderator, Event 15: Lauren Lovestone, Florida State University (llovestone@fsu.edu)

- Nathan Moats, Hillsborough Community College—The US Government's Violation of Individual Human Rights? A Thomistic Communitarian Response to Covid-19
- James L Rowell, Flagler College—Crisis and Controversy: Balancing Ethical Factors which Unite us or Keep us Apart
- Terje Østebø, University of Florida—Covid-19 and God's Wrath
- Lisa MacKay-Ring, Florida State University—Where Theory and Reality Collide: Public Health Ethics in the Middle of a Crisis

AAR: History of Christianity I

Theme: Early Christianity

Presider: Anne Blue Wills, Davidson College

Zoom Moderator, Event 16: Lucas S. Brandon, Florida State University (lbrandon@fsu.edu)

- Oliver Richards, UNC Asheville—Are You My Mother? Representations of Motherhood in Early Christian Roman Iconography
- Gregory Lamb, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary—*The Reception History of Phil 3:2–3a in Dialogue with Mark D. Nanos*
- Dennis Lutero, Trinity School for Ministry—Romans 9-11: Biblical Performance Criticism and Rethinking the Object of Paul's Defense

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AAR: Islam

Theme: Health and Healing in the Islamic Tradition

Presider: Dr. Hadia Mubarak, Queens University of Charlotte

Zoom Moderator, Event 17: Amanda Propst, Florida State University (apropst@fsu.edu)

- Beena Butool, Florida State University—Shields of Power: Amulets as Medical Intervention inside Islamic West Africa
- Dr. Hunter Bandy, Elon University—The medicalization of religious and political talent in 16th-century Kārkiyā Gilan
- Rose Deighton, Emory University—Praying, Pressing, Pacing: Shaykha Fawzia al-Rawi's Sufi Bodywork
- Dr. Juliane Hammer, UNC-Chapel Hill—Trauma, Witness, and Healing: Muslim Women Artists against Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Respondent: Dr. Ariela Marcus-Sells, Elon University

Business Meeting

AAR: Judaism

Theme: Open Session

Presider: Giancarlo P. Angulo, Florida State University

Zoom Moderator, Event 18: Devin Burns, Florida State University (ddb13@my.fsu.edu)

- J. David Stark, Kearley Graduate School—Non-Sub Loco Errata in the Masora of Deuteronomy 30
- Emily Tyler Olsen, Florida State University—A Little Cheesy but Still Grate: Evaluating Ancient Jewish and Christian Accounts of Demonic Hunger
- Nathan Porter, Duke Divinity School—Philo Goes to Philippi: the Moses Christology of Philippians 2
- Rony Kozman, Samford University—A Reconsideration of 'Law' in Romans 5:20

SBL: Apocrypha & Pseudepigrapha I

Theme: Open Call

Presider: Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University

Zoom Moderator, Event 19: Florence Abimbola Egbeyale, Florida State University (fae19@my.fsu.edu)

- Christy Cobb, Wingate University—Unconventional Families in the Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles
- Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University—Matthew's Rich Young Man and the Thrones of the Disciples in the Palingenesia in light of 1 Enoch
- Eric Vanden Eykel, Ferrum College—The Apocryphal Afterlives of Matthew's Magi
- Stephen L. Young, Appalachian State University—"Undergird Him with Strength": The Masculine Eschatological Leader of the Psalms of Solomon

SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament II

Theme: Open Session

Presider: David B. Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary

Zoom Moderator, Event 20: Tommy Woodward, Florida State University (tlw14d@my.fsu.edu)

- Stephen J. Smith, Belhaven University—The Meaning of Psalm 73:24b: Revisiting an Old Crux from the Perspective of Verbal Valency
- Bryan Carter Bogue, Brewton-Parker College—The Body of God in Genesis 15:17
- Benjamin J. Starr, University of Georgia—The Indecisive Saul: A Study in Characterization
- Jordan Barr, LHC Group, Inc.—Remembering the Fallen: King Josiah through Social Memory and Cultural Trauma
- Clinton J. Moyer, Wake Forest University—Power and Prophecy in 1 Kgs 22

Undergraduate Papers Panel I

Presider: Julianne Burnett, Asbury University

Zoom Moderator, Event 21: Humberto Perez, Florida State University (hperez5@fsu.edu)

- Caleb S. Cooke, Duke University—*The Gospel of Luke as a Case Study for the Reexamination of Bios* Sponsor: Dr. Mark Goodacre, Duke University
- Allison Barbee, Wingate University—Forget the Baby, Don't Throw Out the Bathwater! Sponsor: Dr. Christy Cobb, Wingate University
- Benjamin Porter, Asbury College—Exodus 32-34 and Numbers 14 as Original and Authoritative Contexts for the 'Character Creed'
 - Sponsor: Dr. Julianne Burnett, Asbury College
- Kennedy Thedford, Agnes Scott College—Forgotten in the Book of Acts: Lydia and the Christian Goddess Worshipper
 - Sponsor: Dr. Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College

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SESSION III

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

SBL Invited Panel II: Africana Christianities

Theme: Healing and the Bible in Africana Christianities

Presider: Matthew Goff, Florida State University

Zoom Moderator, Event 22: Emily Tyler Olsen, Florida State University (etolsen@fsu.edu)

- Dorothy Bea Akoto, Trinity Theological Seminary, Ghana—Healing and the Bible in Africana Christianities: An Examination of Healing in Selected Ghanaian Ewe Folk Proverbs
- Florence Abimbola Egbeyale, Florida State University—The Interplay of Bible and Culture: Sexual Reproductive Health in African Indigenous Churches
- Madipoane Masenya, University of South Africa—Reading the Christian Bible in COVID-19 African (South African) Contexts
- Annie Tinsley, Shaw University—Dynamics of Displacement: Gentrification and Middle Passages

AAR: Bible & Modern Culture

Theme: Open Call

Presider: Prof. Brian Mooney FRMS, Johnson & Wales University

Zoom Moderator, Event 23: Richard Bursey, Florida State University (rsb20cg@my.fsu.edu)

- Brendan Mooney, Miami University of Ohio—Hitching Darwinism to the Troika of Atheism, Materialism, and Secularism: The Russia Case
- Fred Downing, Valdosta State University—Writer as Poet-Prophet: Ernest Gaines & the Literary & Religious Imagination
- Asia M. Lerner, Emory University—Zvyaginstev's Leviathan and Job: What the Interplay of Church and State may Offer to a Modern Theodicy

Business Meeting

AAR: Ethics, Religion, and Society II

Theme: *Spiritual Practice, Healing and Ethics* Presider: Mike Stoltzfus, Georgia Gwinnett College

Zoom Moderator, Event 24: Beena Butool, Florida State University (sbutool@fsu.edu)

- Janelle L. Moore, Emory University—We Pause to Celebrate: Spiritual Practices of Belonging in a Local L'Arche Community
- Gina Maria Noia & Alessandro Rovati, Emory University—Growing in Solidarity While Masking and Physical Distancing: Christian Resources for the Pandemic
- Leah Robinson Pfeiffer University—From Healing Preachers to Tele-evangelists: Practical Theology in Crisis
- Mike Stoltzfus, Georgia Gwinnett College—Buddhism and Addiction Recovery Practice

AAR: Philosophy of Religion I

Theme: Metaphysicians: Philosophies of Healing

Presider: Hollis Phelps, Mercer University

Zoom Moderator, Event 25: Michael McLaughlin, Florida State University (mm17ae@my.fsu.edu)

- Dylan S. Bailey, Fordham University—Communal Recognition and Human Flourishing: A Kierkegaardian Account
- Carson S. Webb, Piedmont University—The "Affective Turn" and the New Snake Oil Peddlers

Business Meeting

AAR: Religion, Culture & the Arts II

Theme: Mass Affect: Publics, Sensation, Disruption, and Healing

Presider: Timothy Burnside, Florida State University

Zoom Moderator, Event 26: Mendim Akiti, Florida State University (ma20fz@my.fsu.edu)

- Andrew William Lee, Drew University—Please Touch the Art: Interpreting Genesis Breyer P-Orridge's
 The Touching of Hands as Religious Artifact
- Brittany Acors, University of Virginia—Masks v. God and Country: The Conflict Between Public Health and Christian Nationalism
- Nicholas Austin, Florida State University—'A Hearty Sorrow': The Emotional Regime of Contrition in American Catholicism before and after Vatican II
- Helen M. Orr, Elon University—Dark Humor and Healing: Post-War Explorations in Trauma, Laughter, and Transgression

Business Meeting

AAR: Teaching and Learning Religion II - Roundtable

Theme: From Paper to Program: Curriculum Design as Ongoing Process

Presider: Jodie L. Lyon, University of Georgia

Zoom Moderator, Event 27: America Wolff, Florida State University (aaw19d@my.fsu.edu)

- Leslie Ribovich, Transylvania University
- Carole Barnsley, Transylvania University
- Alexa Valerezo, student, Transylvania University
- Tomas Hernandez, student, Transylvania University

SBL: New Testament II

Theme: Gospels and Acts

Presider: Alex Thompson, Tennessee Wesleyan University

Zoom Moderator, Event 28: Joshua Carpenter, Florida State University (jwc16b@my.fsu.edu)

- J. Andrew Cowan, University of Göttingen—Rewriting Israel's History: The Political Rhetoric of Steven's Speech and Josephus' Jewish Antiquities
- Christopher Redmon, Duke University—A Temple in Zarephath? Light from Kings on a Lukan Puzzle
- Nelida Naveros Cordova, Spring Hill College—Gospel of Luke: Understanding the Priority of the Kingdom of God over Earthly Matters
- Kenneth Trax, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—Happy, Expectant Obedience: The Reception of Jesus' "Hear and Keep the Word" Macarism in Early Christianity

Business Meeting

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Invited Undergraduate Papers Panel II

Theme: Human Rights, Political Ethics & Democracy—in West Africa & the Caucuses

Presider: Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University

Zoom Moderator, Event 29: Jesse Miller, Florida State University (jcm14b@my.fsu.edu)

• Catherine Medina, Florida State University—Guinea's Illiberal Legacy: Reversing Democracy under Alpha Condé

Sponsor: Dr. Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University

Andrea Bautista, Florida State University—A Failure of Amnesty: The Truth & Reconciliation Commission
of Côte d'Ivoire, 2012 to 2014 and Beyond

Sponsor: Dr. Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University

• Emily Sarra, Florida State University—President in the Dock: How the Trial of Laurent Gbagbo Haunts Contemporary Côte d'Ivoire

Sponsor: Dr. Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University

• Isabella Frazier, Florida State University—The New Republic? Côte d'Ivoire's 2016 Constitution, the Dilution of Democracy, and Rise of Religion

Sponsor: Dr. Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University

• Carlos Rivera, Florida State University—Wahhabis at War: Oil, Islam, and Jihad in Post-Soviet Chechnya Sponsor: Dr. Vincent Joos, Florida State University

Saturday Afternoon, March 13

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Diversity "Luncheon"

Theme: Valuing our Intersectionality
Presider: Annie Tinsley, Shaw University

Zoom Moderator, Event 30: Florence A. Egbeyale, FSU (fae19@my.fsu.edu)

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SESSION IV

Saturday, 2:00 - 3:45 p.m.

AAR Invited Panel II: Africana Religions

Theme: Engendering Well-Being in Africana Religions: Performance, Embodiment & Transformation Presider: Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University

Zoom Moderator, Event 31: Qi Guanxiong, Florida State University (gqi@fsu.edu)

- Darrell Jones, Dance, Columbia College & Maggie Allesee National Center for Choreography, Florida State University—Vogue Aesthetics: (E)feminized Ritual Performance, Boundary Crossing, and Strategies of Survival from the Ballroom Community
- Cristina Carter, Florida State University—Maria Lionza: Redefining the Body Social
- ChrisMarie Conzone, Florida State University—Embodied Decoloniality: Healing as Resistance in Women-Centered Networks in Afro-Brazilian Candomblé
- Jesse Miller, Florida State University—Nested Wombs: The Mossi Cosmos Reimagined
- Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University—Hunting Is a Drag: Inverting Gender & Space across Islam, Death & Dozo Ritual in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa

AAR: Constructive Theologies III

Theme: Theo-Political Reflections on Truth, Meaning, and Emergency

Presider: Ian Curran, Georgia Gwinnett College

Zoom Moderator, Event 32: Amanda Brown, Florida State University (anb17e@my.fsu.edu)

- Royce Anderson, Independent Scholar—The Death and Resurrection of Truth
- Marla Morris, Georgia Southern University—Andrei Tarkovksy's The Sacrifice: Cinema, Deleuze and Theological Implications
- Jason Smith, Tougaloo College—Eucharist and Emergency: On Liturgical Theology and States of Exception

Business Meeting

AAR: History of Christianity II

Theme: Modern Catholicism

Presider: Douglas H. Brown Clark, Louisville Seminary

Zoom Moderator, Event 33: Jorge Diaz, Florida State University (jid15@my.fsu.edu)

- Joseph Bellissimo, Saint Leo University—*The 22nd Ecumenical Council of The Roman Catholic Church:* The Council of Francis and Return to Unconditional Love and Limitless Mercy
- Joseph H. Mullin, Saint Leo University—John Henry Newman: Conscience as an Ongoing Activity

Business Meeting

AAR: Intersectionality II

Theme: BLM and a Global Pandemic

Presider: LaToya Leary, Florida State University

Zoom Moderator, Event 34: Devin Burns, Florida State University (ddb13@my.fsu.edu)

- Sha'mira Covington & Chera Jo Watts, University of Georgia—Communal Care: BLM Book Club in the Time of COVID
- Carolyn M. Jones Medine, University of Georgia—BLM and Local History: The Work of Michael L. Thurmond
- Estee Nena Dillard, University of Georgia—Queer Black Women's Spirituality as Healing Activism in the time of COVID
- Sydney Gabrielle Patton, University of Georgia—Breathe: The Process of Making Art Amidst a Global Disaster

AAR: Method & Theory in the Study of Religion II

Theme: Critical Inquiries

Presider: Keeley McMurray, Florida State University

Zoom Moderator, Event 35: Lisa MacKay-Ring, Florida State University (lmm19o@my.fsu.edu)

- Jacob Barrett, University of Alabama—Critical Theory in World Religions: An Experiment in Course (Re)Design
 - o Respondent: Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity University, UK.
- Rebekah Gordon, Florida State University—Comparing Comparative Religious Ethics: A Double Grounding
 - o Respondent: Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University

AAR: Religions in America

Theme: Religions in the Americas

Presider: Haley Iliff, Florida State University

Zoom Moderator, Event 36: Humberto Perez, Florida State University (hperez5@fsu.edu)

- Jeff Schmoll, Wake Forest University—The UMC and LGBTQIA+: How the UMC Leadership Failed LGBTQIA+ Methodists
- Nathan Keele Springer, Georgia State University—Perennialism and Psychedelics: Mystical Experience and the Spiritualization of Mental Healthcare in the United States
- James Waters, Florida State University—Sacred Stories, Pandemics, and Ecology: Precedents in Navajo History for Coping with Pandemics and Ecological Disharmony

SBL: Dead Sea Scrolls

Presider: Giancarlo Angulo, Florida State University

Zoom Moderator, Event 37: Emily Tyler Olsen, Florida State University (etolsen@fsu.edu)

- Joshua Matson, Florida State University—Minor Fragments, Major Concerns: A Study of the Unprovenanced Dead Sea Scroll Fragments Attributed to the Shorter Prophetic Writings of the Hebrew Bible
- Josh Spoelstra, Piedmont College—Temple Gate Names and Ordering in the DSS: A Comparative Examination and An Ideological Solution
- Julie M. Leyva, Duke University—Can Anything Good Come From the Jerusalem Temple? Reexamining the Temple in the Qumran Scrolls
- Matthew Goff, Florida State University—"I Adjure You, O Spirit": Health, Demons, and Language in Ancient Judaism

SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament III

Theme: *In the Context of the ANE*

Presider: Clinton J. Moyer, Wake Forest University

Zoom Moderator, Event 38: Tommy Woodward, Florida State University (tlw14d@my.fsu.edu)

- Jonathan Homrighausen, Duke University—A World Under Esther's Control: Viewing Esther in the Achaemenid Palace
- Drew S Holland, Martin Methodist College—The Religious Imagination of Genesis 1:1-2:4a as Shaped by the Memphite Theology
- Julianne Burnett, Asbury University—Was Joseph One of the hartummim?
- David B. Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary—Rethinking 1 Kgs 20:27

SBL: New Testament III

Theme: Pauline and General Epistles

Presider: Jonathan Groce, Emory University

Zoom Moderator, Event 39: Darryl Hunter, Florida State University (dbh19@my.fsu.edu)

- Daniel B. Glover, Baylor University—Moses's Body in Jude 9, 22–23; the Assumption of Moses; and Mediterranean Antiquity
- J. David Stark, Faulkner University—An Exclusively Gentile Audience in Romans? A Partial Review and Response to Recent Proposals
- Johnathan F. Harris, Wheaton College—Habakkuk 2:4 in Galatians 3:11 and the Origin of Eschatological Christ-faith (πίστις Χριστοῦ) in Paul's Thought

Undergraduate Papers Panel II

Theme: Open Session

Presider: Brian Pennington, Elon University

Zoom Moderator, Event 40: Beena Butool, Florida State University (sbutool@fsu.edu)

- Annabelle Baker, Elon University—The Role of Bollywood in Cultivating Cultural Connection with Indian Diaspora
 - Sponsor: Dr. Brian Pennington, Elon University
- Lucas Fiet, University of Tennessee, Knoxville—Legitimacy and Hierarchy: The Thai Bhikkhuni Revival Movement
 - Sponsor: Dr. Rachelle Scott, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- Madison Gray, Elon University—Cambodian American Religion in Contemporary American Diaspora Sponsor: Dr. Brian Pennington, Elon University
- Kaitlin Theall, Elon Univ.—Promoting Sufism as a Counter-Extremism Strategy in the Moroccan Press Sponsor: Dr. Ariela Marcus-Sells, Elon University

4:15 - 6:15 p.m. Plenary Roundtable 2

Theme: A Pedagogy for Existence: Religion, Oppression, and Well-Being in the Work of William R. Jones (1933 – 2012) (Author, Is God a White Racist? A Preamble to Black Theology)

Presider: Jamil Drake, Religion, Florida State University Zoom Moderator, Event 41: John Cole, FSU (jec17b@my.fsu.edu)

- Darrell Jones, Dance, Columbia College & Maggie Allesee National Center for Choreography, Florida State University
- Monifa Love Asante, English & Modern Languages, Bowie State University
- Billy Close, Criminology, Florida State University
- Lewis Gordon, Philosophy, University of Connecticut
- Anthony Pinn, Religion, Rice University



William R. Jones (1933 – 2012)
Professor of Religion & Founder,
FSU African American Studies Program

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Section Chairs' Workshop

Presiders: Hollis Phelps, Mercer University & Kathryn Lopez, Campbell University Zoom Moderator, Event 42: Matthew Goff, Florida State Univ. (mgoff@fsu.edu)

8:15-10:00 p.m. MOVIE NIGHT! – Film: *Totally Under Control* – Alex Gibney, 2020

Presider: Matthew Goff, Florida State University

Zoom Moderator, Event 43: Joseph Hellweg, Florida State U. (jhellweg@fsu.edu) Overview: *Public health officials discuss US government's response to COVID-19*.

DAY THREE - SUNDAY, MARCH 14

<u>Daylight Savings Time</u> starts at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 14. On that day, clocks in the Eastern US will advance one hour. Sunday's program takes that change into account.

Sunday Morning, March 14

SESSION V

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

AAR Invited Panel III: African Religions

Theme: Religion, Well-Being & the Life Cycle in West Africa

Presider: Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University

Zoom Moderator, Event 44: Beena Butool, Florida State University (sbutool@fsu.edu)

- Abidemi Fasanmi, Emory University—Religious Beliefs and Violence Prevention in Nigeria: Understanding the Civic Public and Primordial Public Divide
- Rosa de Jorio, University of North Florida—Between Cultural Anthropology & Reform: The Politics of "Dowry" at the Twilight of French Colonization in West Africa
- Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University—Reading Health from A to D(e-Colonization): Religion & Materiality in the N'ko Alphabet of Guinea & Mali
- Jesse Miller, Florida State University—Mossi Funerals as Pre-Natal Care: Enabling Future Generations in Burkina Faso

SBL Invited Panel III - Double Panel (Part 1): Hebrew Bible

Theme: Recent Scholarship in the Southeast on the Hebrew Bible, Part One

Presider: LaToya Leary, Florida State University

Zoom Moderator, Event 45: Paul Anthony, Florida State University (pa20bm@my.fsu.edu)

- Dexter Callender, University of Miami—The Ambiguous Messenger of Yhwh/God and the Promise of Progeny
- Ingrid Lilly, Wofford College—From Bitterness to Distress: Reincarnating the Felt Past of Oppression in Nehemiah 9
- Jason Tatlock, Georgia Southern University—The Name, Plague, and Presence in the Hebrew Bible
- Dan Pioske, Georgia Southern University—The Hebrew Bible and the Ruins of a Bronze Age Past: A Study in the Theory of Anachronism

AAR: Black Cultures in the Study of Religion

Theme: Open Session

Presider: Michael Brandon McCormack, University of Louisville

Zoom Moderator, Event 46: Rebecca Peters, Florida State University (rlp08c@fsu.edu)

- LaRyssa D. Herrington, The University of Notre Dame—"My Soul Doth Magnify The Lord": Embodied Rituals as a Source for Black Liberation
- Melvin Douglas Jr., Georgia State University—The Yakub Myth: Fard and Elijah Muhammad's Prescription for Healing the Souls of Black Folk
- Michael McLaughlin, Florida State University—Revolutionary Religion: Churches and the Black Panther Party's Programs for Survival
- Jessica Couch, The University of Georgia—Hip Hop in Athens, Georgia, a Liberatory Practice
- Kendra G. Hotz, Faculty, Rhodes College—Social Determinants and Social Distance: Black Pastors and Biomedical Providers

AAR: History of Christianity III

Theme: The Construction of Karl Barth's Theology in Light of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Presider: Kip Elolia, Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan

Zoom Moderator, Event 47: James Waters, Florida State University (jww18b@my.fsu.edu)

- Kip Elolia Karl Barth's Intuition and Human Suffering
- Charlie Walters, Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan—The Nothingness of the COVID Pandemic
- Michael Powell, Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan—Christ's Divine Nature and Human Suffering
- Stephen Goodwin, Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan—*A Comparative Approach to Christian Myth and Healing*

AAR: Philosophy of Religion II

Theme: *Philosophy, Religion, and Practices of Well-Being* Presider: Nathaniel Holmes, Florida Memorial University

Zoom Moderator, Event 48: Lauren Lovestone, Florida State University (llovestone@fsu.edu)

- Matthew A Elmore, Duke University Divinity School—The Hospital: Icon of the Invisible
- Mary R Huie-Jolly, Independent Scholar—CBCT: Secular Healing Practice Evoking Religious Sensibilities
- Alan Bernard McGill, Georgia Gwinnett College—Demons in 2020: The Anti-Sacramental

AAR: Religions of Asia II

Theme: Current Research in Religions of Asia Presider: Kendall Marchman, University of Georgia

Zoom Moderator, Event 49: Guanxiong Qi, Florida State University (gqi@fsu.edu)

- Jonathan Edelmann, University of Florida—Aesthetic Experience in 15th Century Hindu Literature
- Akshay Gupta, University of Cambridge—Constructing a Hindu Black Theology
- Roland Mullins, Florida State University—Bali and Homa rituals in the Sanskrit text Śāktapramodaḥ—The Joy of Goddess Worshippers

Business Meeting

SBL: Apocrypha & Pseudepigrapha II

Theme: Open Session

Presider: Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University

Zoom Moderator, Event 50: Lucas Brandon, Florida State University (lbrandon@fsu.edu)

• Jason Staples, North Carolina State University—*Tobit the Naphtalite: The Non-Jewish Protagonists of the Book of Tobit*

Business Meeting

Undergraduate Papers Panel III

Presider: Steven A. Benko, Meredith College

Zoom Moderator, Event 51: Joshua Carpenter, Florida State University (jwc16b@my.fsu.edu)

- R. Scout Burch, Meredith College—What Does _The Office_ Think a Man Is? Sponsor: Dr. Steven A. Benko, Meredith College
- Raynor K. Dail, Meredith College—Abortion in the Crosshairs of Feminism and Christianity Sponsor: Dr. Steven A. Benko, Meredith College
- Maggie Groenewold, Rhodes College—Addressing the Patriarchal Rhetoric: Women's Bodies in the Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church
 - Sponsor: Dr. Bernadette McNary-Zak, Rhodes College
- Sydney Huss, Clemson University—A Reformation Voice That Needs to Be Heard: The Literary Corpus of Katharina Schutz Zell

Sponsor: Dr. Benjamin White, Clemson University

SESSION VI

Sunday, 11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

AAR Invited Panel IV - Roundtable: William R. Jones Archive

Theme: Jogging and Jamming through the Archive of William R. Jones: Content, Context, Access
Presider: Darrell Jones, Dance, Columbia College & Maggie Allesee National Center for Choreography, FSU
Zoom Moderator, Event 52: Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University (jhellweg@fsu.edu)

- Darrell Jones, Dance, Columbia College & Maggie Allesee National Center for Choreography, Florida State University
- Ansje Burdick, Managing Director, Maggie Allesee National Center for Choreography, Florida State University
- Kathleen McCormick, Associate Dean for Special Collections and Archives, Florida State University
- Rory Grennen, Strozier Library, Florida State University
- Dr. Nashid Madyun, Director, Carrie Meek-James M. Eaton Sr. Southeastern Regional Black Archives and Research Center, Florida A&M University

SBL Invited Panel IV – Double Panel (Part 2): Hebrew Bible

Theme: Recent Scholarship in the Southeast on the Hebrew Bible, Part Two

Presider: Tommy Woodward, Florida State University

Zoom Moderator, Event 53: Mendim Akiti, Florida State University (ma20fz@my.fsu.edu)

- Matthew Goff, Florida State University—What Should we Do with the Judah-Tamar Story?: Genesis 38, Jewish Exegesis and Robert Alter's Critique of Biblical Studies
- Robert Kawashima, University of Florida—Domesticating Samson
- David Lambert, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill—What is Scripture? An Introduction to Biblical Assemblages
- Kathryn Lopez, Campbell University—The Narrative Framework of Job: Innocent Retelling or Skillful Inversion?

AAR: Constructive Theologies IV

Theme: Constructive Theologies in an Age of Pandemic Presider: Aaron Davis, Union Presbyterian Seminary

Zoom Moderator, Event 54: Jorge Diaz, Florida State University (jid15@my.fsu.edu)

- Mark Ellingsen, Interdenominational Theological Center—The Doctrine of Providence in Light of Quantum Mechanics and Ancient African Theology
- Aminah Al-Attas Bradford, Duke University—Symbiotic Grace: Holobiont Theology in the Age of Pandemic
- Wesley Scott Biddy and Coral A. Norwood, Classical Cottage School—'It Tolls for Thee': Reading John Donne's Theology of Human Relationality in a Time of Plague
- Dongho Han, Emory University—A Pastoral Response to Radical Suffering in the COVID-19: The Practice of Lament for the Resolution of 'Han'

AAR: Intersectionality III

Theme: Womanist Interpretations of Biblical Texts Presider: LaToya Leary, Florida State University

Zoom Moderator, Event 55: Devin Burns, Florida State University (ddb13@my.fsu.edu)

- Carie Whittaker, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University—*Taking Power: A Feminist Reinterpretation of the Bleeding Woman in Mark 5*
- Tierney Jordan, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University—Aschah's Request: A Womanist Reading of Judges 1: 11-15
- Onica Stewart, Columbia Theological Seminary—Suffering Sister, Delivered Daughter: African American Women, Infertility, and Reading Luke 8:43-48 through a Womanist Empathetic Lens

AAR: Secularism, Religious Freedom, and Global Politics

Theme: Secularity and the Value of Religion Presider: Beena Butool, Florida State University

Zoom Moderator, Event 56: Amanda Propst, Florida State University (apropst@fsu.edu)

- Charles McCrary, Arizona State University—Bad Religion, Good Religion, and the U.S. Eugenics Movement
- John Cole, Florida State University—Christoph Wonneberger and the Leipzig Protests: A Narrative Religious Inquiry
- Finbarr Curtis, Georgia Southern University—The Values of Judge Roy Moore
- Respondent: Jenna Reinbold, Colgate University

AAR: Teaching and Learning Religion III – Roundtable

Theme: A Partnership in Religion and Health: Georgia State and the WellStar Fellowship

Presider: Jodie L. Lyon, University of Georgia

Zoom Moderator, Event 57: Lisa MacKay-Ring, Florida State University (lmm19o@my.fsu.edu)

- Molly Bassett, Chair, Georgia State University Religious Studies
- Jason Lesandrini, Assistant Vice President of Spiritual Health, WellStar
- Avery Glover, Tufts MD/MBA student
- Brooklyn Aaron, Georgia State University MA/MPH student

SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament IV

Theme: On the Cultic System

Presider: David B. Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary

Zoom Moderator, Event 58: Darryl Hunter, Florida State University (dbh19@my.fsu.edu)

- Aaron R. Woods, Asbury Theological Seminary—The Morality of the Sacrificial System: Israel Knohl and Jacob Milgrom's Conception of the Israelite Cult
- Chelcent Fuad, Asbury Theological Seminary—Priestly Disability and Centralization of the Cult in the Holiness Code
- Robb Coleman, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary—Leviticus 25:39 55 as a Prohibition Against Abuse
- Rosy Kandathil, Emory University—'If her father had but spit in her face': Divine Punishment, Disease, and Prophetic Authority in Numbers 12

Undergraduate Papers Panel IV

Theme: Open Session

Presider: Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College

Zoom Moderator, Event 59: Rebecca Peters, Florida State University (rlp08c@fsu.edu)

- Lydia Cash, Agnes Scott College—*Born Again Gay: The Ex-Ex Gay Experience of Redemption* Sponsor: Dr. Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College
- Sarah Jane McDonald, Elon University—"The Church is a Piece of Home": Religious Experiences of East and Central African Refugees

Sponsor: Dr. Sarah Jane McDonald, Elon University

- Kylee Smith, Elon University—Practices, Beliefs, and Identities: Muslim Immigrants Acculturation to the United States
 - Sponsor: Dr. Sandy Marshall, Elon University
- Srija Dutta, Elon University—South Asian College-Aged Women and the Influence of Religion and Cultural Factors on Sexual Decision Making

Sponsor: Dr. Amanda Tapler, Elon University

[See next page for Women's Caucus Gathering.]

Sunday Afternoon, March 14

2:45 - 3:45 p.m. Women's Caucus Gathering

Theme: The Future of Our Role in the Region Presider: Wesley Barker, Mercer University

Zoom Moderator, Event 60: America Wolff, Florida State U. (aaw19d@my.fsu.edu)

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CONCLUSION TO THE CONFERENCE

Thank you, All, for participating!

