Human & Nonhuman

17th Annual Florida State University
Department of Religion
Graduate Student Symposium

February 22-23, 2019
Dodd Hall
**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Friday, February 22nd
2:00-4:00 p.m. Registration and check-in
Dodd Hall Foyer

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**Session 1A: Ethics and Practice**
2:30-4:15 p.m.
Werkmeister Reading Room

Respondent: Dr. Martin Kavka
Moderator: Joshua Carpenter

*Karma and the Threefold Law: An Investigation of Indian Religious Influence on Wiccan Ethics*
Humberto Perez
*Florida International University, Department of Religion*

*A Jewish Tradition's Tug-of-War Over Natural Law: Verifying and Integrating Novak's Conception of Natural Law*
Nathan Moats
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

*Contemplative Practices and Neoliberal Individualism*
Steven Quach
*UC Riverside, Department of Religious Studies*

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**Session 1B: Islam**
2:30-4:15 p.m.
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Respondent: Dr. Adam Gaiser
Moderator: Darian Shump

*Ibadi Theory of Waqf*
Amanda Propst
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*
Are the *Falasifa* a *Firqa*? Arguing for the Sectarian Characterization of the Philosophers in al-Ghazali
Austin Fitzgerald
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

Between Human and Nonhuman Through the Queen of Sheba
Jillian Stinchcomb
*University of Pennsylvania, Department of Religious Studies*

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**Session 2A: Technology and Religion**
4:30-6:15 p.m.
Werkmeister Reading Room

Respondent: Dr. Michael McVicar
Moderator: Michael McLaughlin

**Climbing Ropes and Inter-Webs: Tracing the Divine Thread Connecting Humanity**
Colby Long
*Vanderbilt Divinity School*

**Progress or Peril?: The Rhetoric and Risks of Moral Enhancement**
Joseph Fisher
*Columbia University, Department of Religion*

**The White Face of Death: Persons and Puppets in the Russian Avant-Garde**
Taylor Thomas
*Indiana University, Department of Religious Studies*

**Dial-A-Drunk: Alcoholics Anonymous and the Telephone**
Taylor Wilson Dean
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*
Session 2B: Demons, Ghosts, and Magic
4:30-6:15 p.m.
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Respondent: Dr. Kristina Buhrman
Moderator: Timothy Burnside

Tibetan Witches
Amanda Brown
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

The Body Demonic: Imagining Japanese Kingship and the State through Esoteric Buddhist Demon Worship
Bruce Winkelman
*University of Chicago, Divinity School*

From Peripheral Demon to Centralized Deity: YHWH's "Coming-Of-Age" Tale In the Exodus Plague Narrative
Carl James Dates
*Columbia Theological Seminary*

Medicine, Magic, and the Yeti: Tibetan Perspectives on Monstrosity and 'Wildmen'
Lee Weiss
*Temple University, Department of Religion*

“Writing Demons and Difference”
A Keynote Address by Dr. Annette Yoshiko Reed
New York University
7 p.m., Dodd Hall Auditorium

8:00 p.m.
Announcement of the Leo Sandon Best Paper Award and the Walter and Marian Moore Travel Awards

Afterward: Dinner and Reception, Dodd Hall Foyer
Food provided by Mayuri Indian Restaurant
Vegan, Vegetarian, and Meat options available
Saturday, February 23rd

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast, Dodd Hall Foyer

Session 3A: Gender and Religious Practices
10:00-11:45 a.m.
Werkmeister Reading Room

Respondent: Aline Kalbian
Moderator: Lauren Lovestone

“I'll always have an extra hammer by my side”: Reconceiving Authority and Embodying Masculinity on a Depression-Era Catholic Worker Farm
Nicholas Austin
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

Daddy I Do: Purity Balls and Evangelical Ideals of Virginity, Marriage, and Personhood
Mihee Kim-Kort
*Indiana University, Religion in the Americas*

Virginity, Bestiality, and Virtue in Sozomen’s Account of the Attack of the Consecrated Virgins of Heliopolis
LaToya M. Leary
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

Religious Ecstasy and the Ecological Collapse in Hogan’s *Solar Storms*
Liz Hutchinson
*Florida State University, Literature Program*
Session 3B: Religious Resistance  
10:00-11:45 a.m.  
Dodd Hall Auditorium

Respondent: Dr. Heather DuBois  
Moderator: Jesse Lee

Equatorial Guinea, Modernity, and Colonialization:  
Foreigners and Bwiti Rituals  
Zoe Walker  
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

Virtuous Passions and the Correction of Racist Habits  
Joseph Lim  
*The University of Notre Dame, Department of Theology*

Deploying Religion: Private Security and the Utilization of Religion at Standing Rock  
Madeleine Prothero  
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

Doctrine of Dissent: Exploring the Evolving Role of Religion in Tibetan Protest Methods  
Marah Litchford  
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

Session 3C: Deviancy and Bodies  
10:00-11:45 a.m.  
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Respondent: Dr. Jamil Drake  
Moderator: Haley Iliff

Jedidiah Morse and the Theo-Spatial Politics of the Early Republic  
Andrew Gardner  
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*
John Brown, Puritans, and the Declaration of Independence
   Erika Nelson
   Vanderbilt University, Department of Religion

No Freedom Without Religion: Prisons and the Shaping of Religious Bodies in Antebellum New York
   Robert Lee
   Florida State University, Department of Religion

Sorting Bodies: Religion as Social Hierarchy in the Rajneesh Movement
   Nicole M.A. Wrobel
   Florida State University, Department of Religion

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

Session 4A: Jewish Reception History
   1:00-2:45 p.m.
   Werkmeister Reading Room

Respondent: Dr. Annette Yoshiko Reed
Moderator: Rebekah Gordon

Angels, Humans, and Evil: An Investigation of Demons in the Book of Watchers
   Emily Olsen
   Florida State University, Department of Religion

Angels in Ancient Popular Literature: the Case for a New Class of Characters
   Rebecca Draughon
   University of Virginia, Department of Religious Studies

Dirty Jobs: Jose Saramago's Adaptation of The Book of Job
   Anderson Moss
   University of Georgia, Department of Religion

Ambrose of Milan and the Destroyed Synagogue of Callinicum: A Reception History
   J. Jordan Henderson
   Florida State University, Department of Religion
Session 4B: (Non)Human Boundaries
1:00-2:45p.m.
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Respondent: Dr. Elizabeth Cecil
Moderator: Rebecca Peters

Affectively Defective: Māra’s Nonhuman Emotions in the Precious Banner Sūtra
Adam T. Miller
University of Chicago, Divinity School

Thinking Environmental Ethics with Later Heidegger: Dasein As Shepherd & Preserver of Being
Jim Waters
Florida State University, Department of Religion

Rattus Hierarchicus: Human-Rat Relations, Kinship, and Caste in Rajasthan
Kyle J. Trembley
University of Washington, Anthropology Department

The Modern Process is an Elaborate One: Elements and Groups, Agency and Ethics
Thomas J. Carrico, Jr.
Florida State University, Department of Religion

Session 4C: Identity and the Self
1:00-2:45p.m.
Dodd Hall Auditorium

Respondent: Dr. Andrew Durdin
Moderator: Amanda Propst

The Gendering of Jewishness in Edith Stein’s Life
L.R. Lovestone
Florida State University, Department of Religion
Theorizing about the Self in Panpsychism and the Extended Mind Using the *Dao De Jing* (道教經) and *Zhuangzi* (莊子)
Ryan R. Lemasters
*Western Michigan University, Department of Comparative Religion*

A Monument to Defeat: The Alamo, David Crockett, and the Consecration of Texas
Stephen Oleszek
*Florida State University, Department of History*

Cultural Barriers: a case study of the Romans at Eleusis
Jessica Tilley
*Florida State University, Department of Classical Studies*

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**Session 5A: Popular Culture**
3:05-4:50 p.m.
Werkmeister Reading Room

Respondent: Dr. Meredith Ross
Moderator: Taylor Dean

Secret Lives, Fragmented Selves: *Ms. Marvel* and Muslim American Youth
Darian J. Shump
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

But the White Folks that Claim Him Didn’t Make Him: Islam and Albinism in the Music of Brother Ali
Michael McLaughlin
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

Panic! at the Doxology: A Theory of Secular Hymns
Rebekah Gordon
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*
Session 5B: Beyond American Religious History Canon  
3:05-4:50 p.m.  
Dodd Hall Auditorium

Moderator: Adam T. Miller

Other Humans and the Terror of History  
Andy McKee  
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

"We Don't Read Because it's Boring": Pedagogical Theory and Engaging Undergrads in ARH  
Haley Iliff  
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

Notes from the Intersection of Fat Studies and American Religious Studies  
Danae Faulk  
*Syracuse University*

Ultrasonic History  
Timothy Burnside  
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

Session 5C: Religious Negotiations  
3:05-4:50 p.m.  
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Respondent: Dr. Joseph Hellweg  
Moderator: Kevin Burton

“Perhaps it is a swindle?”: A Yiddish Journalist on Spiritualism and Hidden Powers  
Matthew Brittingham  
*Emory University, Graduate Division of Religion*
Hilal and the Horizon: Marking Muslim Calendars and the Problems of Moon-sighting for Muslims in North-America
   S. Beena Butool
   Florida State University, Department of Religion

A ‘Middle Ground’ Approach to Identity in Sinope and Heraclea Pontica
   Austin Wojkiewicz
   Florida State University, Classics Department

Recognizably Religious: On the Buddhist Churches of America, Citizenship, and Religious Translation
   Jesse J. Lee
   Florida State University, Department of Religion

5:30p.m.-7:00p.m.: Closing Dinner, Dodd Hall Foyer
   Food provided by Moe’s Southwest Grill
   Vegan, Vegetarian, and Meat options available
Dr. Annette Yoshiko Reed is Associate Professor in the Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies and Program in Religious Studies at New York University. Her research spans Second Temple Judaism, early Christianity, and Jewish/Christian relations in Late Antiquity with emphases in angelology and demonology; the redeployment of Second Temple Jewish traditions in late antique Judaism and Christianity; and the parallels and overlaps between Jewish and Christian self-definition in Late Antiquity. She is the author of *Enoch from Antiquity to the Middle Ages: Sources from Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.* (Co-Author with John C. Reeves, 2018), *Jewish-Christianity and the History of Judaism* (2018), and *Fallen Angels and the History of Judaism and Christianity: The Reception of Enochic Literature* (2005). She is the coordinator of the Philadelphia Seminar of Christian Origins as well as a member of the Editorial Board of the book series Texts and Studies in Ancient Judaism. She examines the origins of Jewish angelology and demonology in her monograph *Demons, Angels, and Writing in Ancient Judaism,* currently under contract with Cambridge University Press.
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