



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

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

Session 1B: Islam

2:30-4:15 p.m.

Thompson Religion-Classics Library

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

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

12:00p.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* (道德經) 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

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

GUEST SPEAKER

Annette Yoshiko Reed



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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