

The background of the entire page is a white rectangle with a dark maroon border. This rectangle is set against a larger background of abstract, expressive brushstrokes in maroon and gold. The strokes are thick and fluid, creating a sense of movement and depth. The central text is contained within a white rectangular area that is slightly offset from the center of the page.

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: Islam

2:30-4:15 p.m.

Werkmeister Reading Room

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 1B: Ethics and Practice

2:30-4:15 p.m.

Thompson Religion-Classics Library

Respondent: Dr. Martin Kavka

Moderator: Joshua Carpenter

Contemplative Practices and Neoliberal Individualism

Steven Quach

UC Riverside, Department of Religious Studies

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

Session 2A: Technology and Religion

4:30-6:25 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

4:30-6:25 p.m.

Thompson Religion-Classics Library

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

10:00-11:55 a.m.

Werkmeister Reading Room

Respondent: Dr. 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 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

10:00-11:55 a.m.

Thompson Religion-Classics Library

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

10:00-11:55 a.m.

Dodd Hall Auditorium

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
Sandwiches – vegetarian and meat options, chips, dessert

Session 4A: Jewish Reception History

1:00-2:55 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
1:00-2:55p.m.
Thompson Religion-Classics Library

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

1:00-2:55p.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

3:15-5:10 p.m.

Werkmeister Reading Room

Respondent: Dr. Meredith Ross

Moderator: Taylor Dean

Secret Lives, Fragmented Selves: *Ms. Marvel* and Muslim American Youth

Darian 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: Religious Negotiations

3:15-5:10 p.m.

Thompson Religion-Classics Library

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

Session 5C: Beyond American Religious History Canon

3:15-5:10 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

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



Associate Professor

Annette Yoshiko Reed joined the NYU faculty in 2017. Her research spans Second Temple Judaism, early Christianity, and Jewish/Christian relations in Late Antiquity. Publications include *Fallen Angels and the History of Judaism and Christianity* (Cambridge 2005), *Heavenly Realms and Earthly Realities in Late Antique Religions* (ed. with R. Boustán; Cambridge 2004), *The Ways that Never Parted: Jews and Christians in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages* (ed. with A.H. Becker; Mohr Siebeck 2003; Fortress 2007), and *Jews, Christians, and the Roman Empire* (ed. with N. Dohrmann; UPenn Press, 2013). She is currently working on two monographs: one on the origins of Jewish angelology and demonology, and the other on the Pseudo-Clementine Homilies and the history of “Jewish-Christianity.”

**The 2019 Graduate Student Symposium
would like extend a special thanks to the
following individuals:**

Aline Kalbian
Matthew Goff
Elizabeth Cecil
Susan Stetson
Jon Bridges

And to all the hard-working FSU Religion
Graduate Student volunteers who made this
possible.

Co-Directors:

Rebecca L. Peters and Michael McLaughlin

Committee Chairs:

PR and Media – Darian Shump

Housing and Food – Josh Carpenter

Scheduling – Tim Burnside

Technology and Facilities – Andy McKee

Welcoming Committee – Chris Schwenk



**THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

Department of Religion