Policing Identity, Surveilling Religion

18th Annual
Florida State University
Department of Religion
Graduate Student Symposium

FEBRUARY 14-15, 2020
William Johnston Building
**Schedule of Events**

Friday, February 14th  
2:00-4:30 p.m. Registration and Check-In  
William Johnston Atrium

**Session 1A: Policing Enchantment**  
4:30-6:15 p.m.  
William Johnston 2004

Respondent: Dr. Kristina Buhrman  
Moderator: Guanxiong Qi

**Tantric Wicca: A Comparison of Sexual Art and Ritual in Buddhism and Wicca**  
Humberto Perez  
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Worldly and Otherworldly Justice in Diamond Sutra Miracle Tales**  
Jesse Young  
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Exploring Tibetan Social and Sectarian Identities: Tantric Sorcerers and the “Hail Chasers”**  
Amanda Brown  
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**(Dis)Order in the Court: Sanctioned Dishonesty in the Hall of Two Maats**  
Hannah Griffin  
*University of Colorado, Boulder, Department of Religious Studies*

**Session 1B: Medicine and Religious Bodies**  
4:30-6:15 p.m.  
William Johnston 2005

Respondent: Dr. Aline Kalbian  
Moderator: Robert Lee
“The Dictatorship of the Holy Spirit”: Frank Buchman, the Oxford Group, and the Surveillance of Sin
Taylor W. Dean
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Of Worms and Men:** White Trash Religion and the State in the Rural South
Timothy Burnside
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

Creating the “Down Low”: The Black Church’s Role in the Religio-Social Surveillance of Black Non-Heteronormative Men
Tyler J. Fuller
*Boston University, Graduate Program in Religion*

If I Was A Man: Masculine Faith and Female Empowerment in Early Christianity
Lucas Brandon
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

"America’s Bishop: FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and the Shaping of American Religion”
A Keynote Address by **Dr. Lerone A. Martin**
Danforth Center for Religion and Politics, Washington University in St. Louis
7 p.m., William Johnston 2005

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

**Afterward: Dinner and Reception**
William Johnston Atrium
Food Provided by Mayuri Indian Restaurant
(Vegan, Vegetarian, and Meat Options Available)
— For Conference Attendees and Invited Guests —
Saturday, February 15th  
9:30-10:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
William Johnston Atrium

Session 2A: Religion, Land, and Nation  
10:00-11:45 a.m.  
William Johnston 2004

Respondent: Dr. Natalie Avalos  
Moderator: Darian J. Shump

*Blut und Boden, Chi to Tsuchi: On Ethnological Agriculture and Competing Manifest Destinies*  
Jesse J. Lee  
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

*Constructing Conscience*  
Keeley McMurray  
*University of Alabama, Department of Religious Studies*

*Acting As a Lamp: A Decade of Protest at Kirti Monastery*  
Marah Litchford  
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

Session 2B: Surveilling “Bad” Religion  
10:00-11:45 a.m.  
William Johnston 2005

Respondent: Dr. Andrew Durdin  
Moderator: Tommy Woodward

*Litigation as Interpretation: Identity Politics in Law*  
Rebekah J. Gordon  
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

*Fear, Politics, and the Holy Spirit: Islamophobic Discourses in Charismatic News Media*  
Johnathan Norris  
*Boston University, Department of Anthropology*
Liberals and Demons and Priests, Oh My! – Conservative Catholics Interpret the Church’s Sexual Abuse Crisis
Nicholas Austin
Florida State University, Department of Religion

Biblical Interpretive Strategy in the Epistle of Barnabas and Justin’s Dialogue with Trypho: A Tool for Policing Christian Identity
Florence Abimbola Egbeyale
Florida State University, Department of Religion

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch, William Johnston Atrium

Session 3A: Mediating Religion
1:00-2:45 p.m.
William Johnston 2004

Respondent: Dr. Kelly J. Baker
Moderator: Timothy Burnside

It Wears a Human Face: Superheroes, Schizophrenia, and Subjectivity in FX’s Legion
Darian J. Shump
Florida State University, Department of Religion

“happiest life with my little fam 🌼”: Mormon Mom Influencers and the Intersection of Religion, Motherhood, and Social Media
Devin Burns
Florida State University, Department of Religion

Perpetua: The Self-Destructive Warrior Woman
Jessica Ontek
Florida State University, Department of Religion

Life Narrative as Technology of Self: Confronting Hegemonic Discourses in A Son of the Forest and The Autobiography of Malcolm X
Tiffanie Kelley
University of Central Florida, Department of English
Session 3B: Ethical Models for Practice
1:00-2:45 p.m.
William Johnston 2005

Respondent: Dr. John Kelsay
Moderator: America Wolff

The Political Vision Behind Revisionists’ Proposals for the Ethical Use of Armed Force
Nathan Moats
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

Policing Capital: Shari'a Compliance and the Moral Regulation of Islamic Finance
Austin Fitzgerald
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

Charismatic Gurus to the Traditional Khalsa
Cooper Sims-West
*University of Missouri, Department of Religious Studies*

Rationalizing Terror: An Analysis of ISIL’s Policing of Women
Gabriela Cabrera
*Wake Forest University, Department for the Study of Religions*

Session 4A: Apocalypse in Religious Imagination
3:00-4:45 p.m.
William Johnston 2004

Respondent: Dr. Lerone A. Martin
Moderator: Taylor Dean

Kicking Uncle Sam's Butt from the Four Corners of the Earth: Transnational Identity and Anti-Colonial Struggle in *Muhammad Speaks*
Michael McLaughlin
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

Agency in Ideology: The Islamic State as a New Religious Movement
Madeleine Prothero
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*
Ensuring the Future: Children, Satanism, and the Satanic Panic
Robert Lee
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

Islamophobia & Christian Palestinians: How Christian Zionists Garner Support for Israel
Asena Acar
*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Religion*

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**Session 4B: Dead Sea Scrolls**
3:00-4:45 p.m.
William Johnston 2005

Respondent: Dr. Matthew Goff
Moderator: Nicholas Austin

**Beyond Interpolation: Mapping the Diachronic Development of Aramaic Levi Document’s and Testament of Levi’s “Rule of the Priesthood” Sections**
Randy Garcia
*Princeton Theological Seminary*

**A Sectarian Response to Hasmonean Corruption: Repurposing of the Dual Messianic Tradition at Qumran**
Emily Olsen
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*

**Agency, Docility, and Penitential Prayer: Operations of Power in Words of the Luminaries**
Jacob Beebe
*University of Kansas, Department of Religious Studies*

**Obscuring Patriarchy: Redeeming the Gender Politics of the Dead Sea Scrolls in Vulnerability and Valour**
Tommy Woodward
*Florida State University, Department of Religion*
Roundtable Discussion: Policing the Academy
5:00-6:15 p.m.
William Johnston 2005

Facilitator: Lauren Lovestone

Panelists:

Dr. Natalie Avalos
*University of Colorado, Boulder*

Dr. Kelly J. Baker
*Women in Higher Education and The National Teaching and Learning Forum*

Fr. Dr. Dustin Feddon
*Joseph House*

Dr. Alexis Wells-Oghoghomeh
*Vanderbilt University*

6:15 p.m.: Closing Dinner, William Johnston Atrium
Food Provided by Moe’s Southwest Grill
(Vegan, Vegetarian, and Meat Options Available)
Lerone A. Martin is Associate Professor in Religion and Politics at the John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics and the Director of the American Cultural Studies Program at the Washington University in St. Louis.

Martin is the author of the award-winning *Preaching on Wax: The Phonograph and the Making of Modern African American Religion* (New York University Press, 2014), which tracks the role of the phonograph in the shaping of African American religion, culture, and politics during the first half of the twentieth century. The book was the 2015 recipient of the prestigious Frank S. and Elizabeth D. Brewer Prize for outstanding scholarship in religious history by a first-time author from the American Society of Church History. In support of his research, Martin has received a number of nationally recognized fellowships, including the National Endowment for the Humanities, The American Council of Learned Societies, The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Templeton Religion Trust, and the Louisville Institute for the Study of American Religion. Martin’s next book, *J. Edgar Hoover’s Stained Glass Window: The F.B.I. & Christian America*, analyzes the relationship between religion, the FBI, and national security in American history, and set to be published by Princeton University Press.
Roundtable Participants

Natalie Avalos:
Dr. Avalos is currently a Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Ethnic Studies at the University of Colorado-Boulder, and will be joining the department as an Assistant Professor in the 2020-21 academic year. Trained as an ethnographer of religion, her research in comparative Indigeneities explores the religious dimensions of transnational Native American and Tibetan decolonial movements. She consequently draws from pedagogical approaches rooted in critical ethnic studies and critical Indigenous studies, which respectively seek to consider the intersections of race, power, and colonialism and take seriously Native epistemological claims concerning selfhood as it pertains to projects of sovereignty and survival. Dr. Avalos’ first book manuscript, titled *The Metaphysics of Decoloniality: Transnational Indigeneities and Religious Refusal*, is currently in progress.

Kelly J. Baker:
Dr. Baker is the editor of Women in Higher Education, the National Teaching and Learning Forum, Disability Acts, and a freelance writer with publications in The New York Times, The Atlantic, The Chronicle of Higher Education, and other major public and academic news outlets. She is a graduate of FSU’s Department of Religion and her work covers a wide range of topics, including religion and popular culture, religion and gender, religious and racial hatred, and horror. Dr. Baker is the author of the award-winning *Gospel According to the Klan: The KKK’s Appeal to Protestant America, 1915-1930*, as well as the similarly award-winning *Sexism Ed: Essays on Gender and Labor in Academia*. 
Roundtable Participants

Dustin Feddon:
Fr. Dustin Feddon is a priest in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee and the Executive Director of Joseph House, a nonprofit ministry designed to support the complete restoration and full reintegration of formerly-incarcerated individuals into local communities and neighborhoods. He is also currently developing a program that seeks to bring college-level liberal arts educational opportunities to incarcerated members of society. Fr. Feddon holds a Ph.D. from FSU’s Department of Religion.

Alexis Wells-Oghoghomeh:
Dr. Alexis S. Wells-Oghoghomeh is an Assistant Professor in the Religious Studies department at Vanderbilt University. A historian of African-American religion, her teaching and research examine the religiosity of enslaved people in the South, religion in the African Atlantic, and women’s religious histories. Her forthcoming book *The Souls of Womenfolk: The Religious Cultures of Enslaved Women in the Lower South* offers a gendered history of enslaved people’s religiosity from the colonial period to the onset of the Civil War. Her work has been supported by the Ford Foundation, Mellon Foundation, and Forum for Theological Education, among others. She received her B.A. in English from Spelman College, and Master of Divinity and Ph.D. from Emory University.
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