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

Myth-Making in the Wiccan Religion
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
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*

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*

Redefining and Reformattting: 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 Gather Support for Israel
Asena Acar
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Religion

Session 4B: Dead Sea Scrolls
3:05-4:50 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

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
5:15-6:15 p.m.
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Moderator: Lauren Lovestone
Panelists: Natalie Avalos
  University of Colorado, Boulder

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

  Dustin Feddon
  Joseph House

  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 is currently writing a book on the relationship between religion, the FBI, and national security in American history, set to be published by Princeton University Press.
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