

**American Academy of Religion
Society of Biblical Literature
American Schools of Oriental Research
Southeastern Regional Meeting 2018
March 2 – 4, 2018
Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel & Resort
Atlanta, Georgia**

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 2

2:00–8:00 PM

Registration
Book Exhibits

**Buckhead Foyer
Buckhead B**

2:30–3:00 PM

Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion
(SECSOR) Executive Board
Bryan Bibb, Furman University, presiding

Marietta

3:00–3:30 PM

SBL/SE Executive Board
Doug Hume, Pfeiffer University, presiding

Marietta

3:30–4:00 PM

AAR/SE Executive Board
Diana Pasulka, University of North Carolina Wilmington,
presiding

Dahlonaga

4:00–5:00 PM

Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion
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5:00–5:30 PM

AAR/SBL/ASOR (SECSOR) Joint Business Meeting

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Bryan Bibb, Furman University, presiding
All members of the societies are invited

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 2

6:00–8:00 PM

SESSION I

AAR: Bible & Modern Culture I

Brookhaven

Theme: *Resisting Culture: When Christianity and the
Dominant Culture come into Conflict*

Samuel Murrell, University of North Carolina-
Wilmington, presiding

Kristy Slominski, University of Mississippi

*Tim LaHaye, Sex Educator: How Bible Believers
Transformed Public Sex Education*

Frederick L. Downing, Valdosta State University

*Clarence Jordan and the FBI: Prophet Faith in Conflict
with Cultural Faith*

Brian Mooney, Johnson & Wales University

*Christian Bones Rattling in Darwin's Geological
Closet: Charles Lyell's Doubts about Evolution and
Human Origins*

AAR: Islam I

Augusta

Theme: *Open Session*

Roshan Iqbal, Agnes Scott College, presiding

K. Robert Beshears, University of Mobile

*Islamic Calumny: A Brief History of Muslim Otherness in
the Western Imagination Through Libel*

Amanda Propst, Florida State University

Legitimizing Wealth and Social Status through Waqf

Patrick Luade, Georgetown University, SFS-Qatar

*Discerning the Absolute and the Necessary: Frithjof
Schuon on Sufism and Islam*

Natalie Ghosn, Esq., University of Miami

Islamic Family Law, Gender, and the United States

AAR: Philosophy of Religion I Marietta

Theme: *Prospects and Implications of Contemporary Theories of the Body for Philosophy of Religion*
Stephen Dawson, Lynchburg College, presiding

Wesley N. Barker, Mercer University
Race, Dis-identification, and the Philosophy of Religion: Rethinking the Subject in Kalpana Shesadri-Crooks'
Desiring Whiteness: A Lacanian Analysis of Race

Nathan Eric Dickman, Young Harris College
Feminism and the Challenges to "Traditional" Philosophy of Religion

Jason E. Graham, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
A Dynamic Systems Approach to Embodiment in Religious Studies

Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University
Religious Realism and Embodied Perception

Business Meeting

AAR: Religion, Culture & the Arts I Savannah

Theme: *Religion and Public Relations*
Meredith Ross, Florida State University, presiding

Hyemin J. Na, Emory University
"Eat Mor Chikin": Chik-fil-A's Bovine Mascots and Their Atlantian Habitat

Timothy Burnside, Florida State University
Come to Papa: Prosperity, Puffery, and Belief in Papa John's Pizza

Lauren Morris, Middle Tennessee State University
Prejudice and Media: The Evolution of Public Perceptions of Serpent-Handling Churches

Adam Sweatman, Florida State University
Reddit Wills It: "Deus Vult" and the History of the Alt-Right

AAR: Religions in America I Oglethorpe

Theme: *Material Belief and Performing American Religion*
Andy McKee, Florida State University, presiding

Michael Nilon, University of Virginia
St. Vincent in the Halls of Medicine

Hyemin Na, Emory University
Easter at the Foot of a Confederate Monument: Reflections on Heritage, Landscape, Space and Place in a Southern Town

Michael T. Bradley, Jr., Georgia State University
Constructing/Contesting Heritage Space: Confederate Battle Flag Rallies at Stone Mountain

AAR: Teaching & Learning Religion I Buckhead A

Theme: *Teaching Digital Tools in the Graduate Classroom*

Jodie L. Lyon, University of Georgia, presiding

Michael J. Altman, University of Alabama
Nathan B. Loewen, University of Alabama
Sierra L. Lawson, University of Alabama
Sarah Griswold, University of Alabama
Emma Gibson, University of Alabama

AAR: Women, Gender & Religion I Dahlonega

Theme: *Embodiment in Politics, Film, and Practice*
Zannah Kimbrel, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, presiding

William Philip Boyce, University of Virginia
"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus": Gay Christianity after the Nashville Statement

Jakob Zalman Breunig, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
It Is That Kind of a Kiss: Schindler's List and the Erotic in American Holocaust Cinema

Carole Barnsley, Transylvania University
Women Run Madrasas in Mombasa: A Clash of Feminisms

Cristina Carter, Florida State University
Santa Muerte: The Voice of The Oppressed Mexican Indigenous Population

SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament I Chastain A

Theme: *Open Session*
David B. Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary, presiding

Joshua Joel Spoelstra, Southern Wesleyan University
The Flood as Sabbatical Rest: Explorations in the Yearlong Reprieve

Tyler Kelley, University of Georgia
Imagining the Priestly Bureaucracy

Drew S. Holland, Asbury Theological Seminary
Chronographic Genres in 1-2 Kings

Jim Wilson, Asbury Theological Seminary
"No I Will Not Makeout with You!": Why nšq in Gen 41:40 Does Not Mean "Kiss" or "Command"

Julianne Burnett, University of Manchester
*Words of Power: Another look at the writing and
destroying of the tablets in Exodus 31:18 and 32:15-20 in
light of ancient Egyptian magic*

SBL: New Testament I **Chastain B**
Theme: *Open Session*
Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University,
presiding

Julie Newberry, Duke University
*(Old and Young) Age in the New Testament: Luke 1:5—
2:40*

Christopher T. Holmes, McAfee School of Theology
Fear of Death in the Epistle to the Hebrews

Thomas Dixon, Campbell University
*Our Mother and Father Saint Paul: A Brief Extension of
Gaventa's Procreative Metaphor in Romans 7*

Christy Cobb, Wingate University
*The Truth of the Philippian Slave-Girl: A Bakhtinian
Feminist Reading of Acts 16*

SECSOR: Undergraduate Student Research I
Suwannee

Jordan Long, Transylvania University; Carole Barnsley,
advisor
*Let's Get Digital: A New Perspective on the Relationship
Between Offline and Online Religion*

Julia Burkley, Davidson College; Anne Wills, advisor
*Walking With Hagar into the Wilderness: Analyzing
Slavery and Power in Genesis 16 and 21*

Austin Kistner, Davidson College; H. Gregory Snyder,
advisor
*The First Southern Kristians: An Analysis of the Ku Klux
Klan's Use of the New Testament*

Joel Green, Elon University; Ariela Marcus-Sells, advisor
The Development of Malcolm X's Understanding of Race

8:15–9:30 PM
AAR/SBL Plenary Session **Buckhead A**
Sandra Hack Polaski, SECSOR Executive Director,
presiding
Announcement of Student Awards
Presidential Addresses
Diana Pasulka, University of North Carolina Wilmington
Technology, Bots, Religion
Douglas Hume, Pfeiffer University
Friendship and the Academy

9:30–11:00 PM
Conference Reception **Buckhead Foyer**

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 3

7:30–8:45 AM
Women's Caucus Religious Studies Breakfast
Winning Edge

8:00 AM–6:00 PM
Registration **Buckhead Foyer**
Book Exhibits **Buckhead B**

8:00 AM—10:00 AM
Coffee in Foyer

9:00–10:45 AM **SESSION II**

AAR: Black Cultures in the Study of Religion I
Marietta

Theme: *Black Religion, the Law, and the Truth*
Timothy Rainey, Emory University, presiding

Thomas Dixon, Campbell University
*Dr. King and Martin Luther on Law: Politics, Theology,
and Captivity*

Megan Leverage, Florida State University
*Ted Patrick, Criminal Acts of Deprogramming, and
Brainwashing in African American History*

Shontea Smith, Duke University
*Discerning Truths through Trap-ological Musings and
Thoughts in Hopes of Remembering Ante-Blackness*

AAR: Ethics, Religion & Society I and Islam II
(Joint Session) **Augusta**

Theme: *Ethics, Islam, and American Culture*
Sally Holt, Belmont University, presiding

Joshua Carpenter, Florida State University
*The Risk of Hospitality: Derrida and American
Immigration Policy*

Ross Moret, Florida State University
*Incidental Terror: The Dar-al Farooq Islamic Center,
Bloomington*

Syeda Beena Butool, Florida State University
*Stars, Moons, and the Horizon: Muslim Moonighting in
North America and the Problem of Categories in Science
and Religion*

Khadija Fouad, Appalachian State University
Interpretations of the Quran in the context of ideas on biological evolution

AAR: History of Christianity I **Rome**

Theme: *Martin Luther, Past and Present*
Andrew Gardner, Florida State University, presiding

Nathan Moats, Florida State University
Desist or Resist? Critique of Martin Luther's Understanding of Political Resistance

William Peeler, McAfee School of Divinity
Reclaiming the Bible: Luther and LGBTQ Inclusion

AAR: Judaism I **Buckhead A**

Theme: *Second Temple Judaism*
Giancarlo P. Angulo, Florida State University, presiding

Tyler Dunstan, Duke University
Moses and Exodus in Artapanus: Present Exemplar and Eschatological Hope

Thomas Scott Cason, Florida State College of Jacksonville
Rise of the Planet of the Sheep in Enoch 85–90

Kenneth A. Vandergriff, Florida State University
Priest, Angel, Messiah, King: Locating Melchizedek in the Hebrew Bible and 11QMelchizedek

Sean Daly, Florida State University
Masoretic Myopia: Revisiting the Greek Minor Prophets Material from Nahal Hever

AAR: Method & Theory in the Study of Religion I **Dahlonega**

Theme: *Book Review Panel*
Nicolas Meylan, University of Lausanne, University of Geneva, *Mana: A History of a Western Category* (Brill, 2017)
Michael Altman, University of Alabama, presiding

Kristina Buhrman, Florida State University
Joanne Robinson, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Randall Styers, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

AAR: Philosophy of Religion II **Athens**

Theme: *Refiguring the Sacred and Profane*
Wesley N. Barker, Mercer University, presiding

Tal-Hi Bitton, The George Washington University
Discerning the Christian Historical Preconditions to the Secular "Truths" of Nation, Race, State, and Capital

Ian Curran, Georgia Gwinnett College
The Making of Gods: Deification and the Cultivation of Intuition in Bergson's Philosophy

Stephen Dawson, Lynchburg College
Beyond Critics and Caretakers: Religious Studies as a Humanistic Practice

Neeth Patil, University of Virginia
The Politic of the Fanatic

AAR: Religions in America II **Oglethorpe**

Theme: *American Religions and the Making of Place and Space*

Andy McKee, Florida State University, presiding

Isaiah Ellis, University of North Carolina
The Urban Dream of Form and Function: Louis Sullivan's Transcendentalist Architecture

Haley Illif, Florida State University
"Gatherings of the West": The Imagined Space of the American Empire in the Ladies' Repository

Samuel Avery-Quinn, Appalachian State University
Reimagining Philadelphia by the Sea: community and critique of the urban in the Wesleyan holiness movement at Ocean Grove, New Jersey, 1869–1885

Tucker Adkins, Florida State University
Robert Keayne's Town House: Puritanism and Space in Early New England

AAR: Religions of Asia I **Savannah**

Theme: *Indian Religions: Critical Perspectives on Gender, Colonialism, and Modernity*

Jay Valentine, Troy University, presiding

Sarah Griswold, University of Alabama
"The Subtle Pleasures of Personal Superiority": The Constructed Purity of White Womanhood in Cinematic Representations of Colonial India

Akshay Gupta, Duke University
Hinduism and the Vaishnava Tradition: Still Relevant Today?

Venu Mehta, University of Florida
Religious Place-making, Space-sharing, and Sectarian Negotiations in the Jain Religious Diaspora in the USA

Roland Mullins, Florida State University
Sanskrit Vidyādhari Literature and the Personification of Kindness-As-Feminine

ASOR: Archaeology & the Ancient World I
Ponce de Leon

Theme: *Open Session*

Byron McCane, Wilkes Honor College at Florida Atlantic University, presiding

Alan W. Todd, Coastal Carolina University
Manufacturing Judaism in Roman Palestine

Gayatri Nandwani, Howard Cyr, and Erin Darby,
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
*Natural Change and Anthropogenic Impact:
Sedimentology and Microartifact Analysis at 'Ayn
Gharandal, Jordan*

Louis A. Ruprecht, Jr., Georgia State University
*The Blessing and Curse of the Aegina Marbles: Sixteen
Greek Statues' Long March to Munich*

SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament II **Chastain A**

Theme: *Open Session*

Clinton Moyer, Wake Forest University School of Divinity, presiding

Arthur G. Quinn, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary
The Eyes of a Matriarch

John W. Herbst, Independent Scholar
*Helping David Exceed Samson: The Account of Merab in
1 Samuel 18*

William Briggs, Baylor University
*"When the Levee Breaks, Mama You Got to Move": The
Interplay of Water and Gender in Nahum*

Abbie F. Mantor, Asbury Theological Seminary
*Did Job Misquote God on Purpose? The Use of Allusion
in Job 42:1-6*

Robin Gallaher Branch, Christian Brothers University
*Judith's Adventurous Three Prayers: Private
Supplication, Immediate Action, Public Jubilation in Song*

SBL: New Testament II **Chastain B**

Theme: Book Review of J. R. Daniel Kirk's *A Man
Attested by God: The Human Jesus of the Synoptic
Gospels* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2016)

Ira Brent Driggers, Lutheran Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University, presiding

Eric Thurman, University of the South
Tim Wardle, Furman University
Mark Proctor, Lee University
Response from the Author—J. R. Daniel Kirk

Business Meeting

SECSOR: Undergraduate Student Research II
Suwannee

Katira Dobbins, Elon University; Amy L. Allocco,
advisor
Catholicism and Possession in South India

Caitlyn Bell, University of Alabama; Steven Ramey,
advisor
*Exhibiting Asia: When Asia Meets America in
Contemporary Museums*

Anya Fredsell, Elon University; Amy L. Allocco, advisor
*Pujas and Poses: Religion and Modern Transnational
Yoga*

Daniela Ceron, Elon University; Amy L. Allocco, advisor
*Possession of Power: How Social Justice is Disseminated
in South Asian Hindu and Islamic Traditions*

11:00 AM–12:00 PM

Plenary Session **Buckhead A**
Phillip Michael Sherman, Maryville College, presiding

Jacob Wright, Emory University
What Truths does Biblical Scholarship Seek to Discern?

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 3

12:00–1:00 PM

Underrepresented Minorities Luncheon **Winning Edge**

12:15–1:15 PM

ASOR: Archaeology & the Ancient World II
Ponce de Leon

Gregory Linton, Johnson University, presiding
Theme: *ASOR Presidential Address*

Tom McCollough, Centre College
*Jewish Resistance or Christian Appropriation? The Late
Antique Synagogue at Khirbet Qana (Cana of Galilee)*

Business Meeting

1:15–1:45 PM

AAR/SE Business Meeting **Buckhead A**
All members of the society are invited

1:45–2:15 PM

SBL/SE Business Meeting **Chastain A**
All members of the society are invited

2:30–4:15 PM

SESSION III

AAR: Constructive Theologies I **Athens**

Theme: *Discerning Truths – Theological Perspectives*
Tracey Mark Stout, Bluefield College, presiding

Mark Ellingsen, Interdenominational Theological Center
*Bucking the Theological Establishment on Truth: A
Barthian, Pragmatic, Neurobiological Alternative*

Jason M. Smith, Vanderbilt University
*Behold What You Are: The Eucharist and the
Discernment of Truth*

Cameron H.J. Jorgenson, Campbell University Divinity
School
*Mapping the Moral Life: The Significance of St. Thomas's
Account of the Virtues and Vices for Moral Discernment*

J. Burton Fulmer, Christian Brothers University
*Talking Black: Can a White Theologian Do Black
Theology?*

Business Session

AAR: Ethics, Religion & Society II **Marietta**

Theme: *Ethics and Politics in America*
Sally Holt, Belmont University, presiding

Mike Stoltzfus, Georgia Gwinnett College
*Zora Neale Hurston: Paradox, Politics, and Self-
Expression*

Cara Curtis, Emory University
*Returning from the Looking Glass: A Paradoxical Model
for White Women's Moral Agency*

E. Harold Breitenberg, Randolph-Macon College
The Morals of Jesus, the Morals of Jefferson

Steven Lane, Florida State University
Obama as Niebuhrian: A Reevaluation

Business Meeting

AAR: Islam III **Buckhead A**

Theme: *Open Session*
Roshan Iqbal, Agnes Scott College, presiding

Joseph Hellweg, East Carolina University
*"I Put My Hand in the Qur'an": Islam, Hunting, and
Apostasy in Dozo Hunting Songs from Northwestern Côte
d'Ivoire*

James Riggan, Florida State University
Qur'anic Exorcism: Healing Bodies Making Space

Keely Sutton, Birmingham-Southern College
*Jihad and the Avoidance of Moral Injury on the Malabar
Coast*

Jesse Miller, Florida State University
*Capitalist Ethics and the Growth of Islam in Burkina
Faso*

AAR: Judaism II **Augusta**

Theme: *Judaism in Late Antiquity*
Michael Fuller, Lee University, presiding

J. Andrew Cowan, Independent Scholar
*A Tale of Two Antiquities: Josephus' Implicit
Engagement with the Argument of Dionysius of
Halicarnassus*

Kris Lindbeck, Florida Atlantic University
*The Purpose and Weight of Abraham's Trials in Genesis
Rabbah*

David R. Edwards, Florida State University
*The Contours of the "Border Lines" of Justin Martyr's
Christianity in Dialogue 47*

Natalie C. Polzer, University of Louisville
Miscarriage in Rabbinic Halakhah and Aggadah

Carson Bay, Florida State University
*Reading the Bible Backwards: Hebrew Bible and Anti-
Jewish Polemic in Fourth-Century Latin Christian
Historiography*

AAR: Method & Theory in the Study of Religion II
Dahlonega

Theme: *Approaches to Identity, Law, and Cyber*
Nathan Loewen, University of Alabama, presiding

Andie Alexander, Emory University
*Passing as American: On Immigration, Whiteness, and
Identity Construction in Late 19th Century United States*

Charles McCrary, Florida State University
*Believing Religiously: Courts, Scholars, and Their
Ultimate Concerns*

Nathan Schradle, University of North Carolina, Chapel
Hill
*The Revolution Will Be Digitized: Stafford Beer,
Cybernetics, and the Study of Religion*

AAR: Religions in America III **Oglethorpe**

Theme: *Making Religion American*
Andy McKee, Florida State University, presiding

Joshua Matson, Florida State University
Building a Biblical Utopia with the Dead Sea Scrolls in America: The Brotherhood of Christ Church Essene Community

Caitlin Joy Montgomery, Columbia Theological Seminary
"Hamming it Up": The Popularization of American Evangelical Hermeneutics

Michael McLaughlin, Florida State University
Respectable Exoticism and Exoticization of the Respectable: the Racial Politics of Reconstructionist Religions in the United States

Kevin Burton, Florida State University
Making Better (White) People: Conservative Christian Promotion of Eugenics

AAR: Religions of Asia II **Savannah**

Theme: *Teaching Religions of Asia in the American South: Strategies and Methodological Approaches*
Rachel Pang, Davidson College, presiding

Lisa Battaglia, Samford University
A Cup of Tea, Beginner's Mind, and the Phenomenological Approach: Teaching Asian Religions in the American South

Brett J. Esaki, Georgia State University
Reaching Southern African Americans' Interest in Asian Religions

Natasha L. Mikles, Texas State University
The Buddhas at Night, are Big and Bright: Teaching Asian Religions in Central Texas

Jay Valentine, Troy University, respondent

Business Meeting

AAR: Secularism, Religious Freedom & Global Politics Group **Brookhaven**

Theme: *Secularism and American Public Life*
Charles McCrary, Florida State University, presiding
Respondent: Finbarr Curtis, Georgia Southern University

Joshua Patterson, University of Georgia
Funding Faith: Controversial Donations and Struggling for a Secular Study of Religion in the US and UK

Jesse Lee, Florida State University
Tax Exempt Temples: A Study on the Influence of the IRS on American Buddhist Temple Communities

Brook Wilensky-Lanford, UNC Chapel Hill
The Stalking Horse of Thomas Paine: Reading and Misreading Secularism in American Religious History

Alyssa Lowery, Vanderbilt University
Freedom and Integrity in Public Reason Liberalism

ASOR: Archaeology & the Ancient World III **Ponce de Leon**

Theme: *Excavation Reports*
Tom McCollough, Centre College, presiding

Ralph K. Hawkins, Averett University
A Report on the First Season of Excavation at Khirbet el-Mastarah

James R. Strange, Samford University
A Kiln Dedicated to Lamp Production? The 2017 Season of the Shikhin Excavation Project

SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament III **Chastain A**

Theme: Review of Brent Strawn, *The Old Testament is Dying* (Baker, 2017)
David B. Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary, presiding

Kimberly Bracken Long, Editor of *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts*
Derek Hicks, Wake Forest University School of Divinity
Clinton J. Moyer, Wake Forest University School of Divinity
Murray Vasser, Asbury Theological Seminary

SBL: New Testament III **Chastain B**

Mark Proctor, Lee University, presiding

Donghyun Jeong, Emory University
"Let the Reader Understand": War-Prophecy, Discernment, and the Construction of Markan Historiography

Ira Brent Driggers, Lutheran Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University
Jesus and the Kingdom of Shalom: Revisiting the Allison-Borg Debate on Jesus' Eschatological Vision

Eric Moore, Emory University
Prophets, Forerunners, and Exemplars: Appealing to the Ancestors in Luke-Acts

David W. Priddy, Campbell University
We Know the Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Error: Discerning the Truth in the Epistle of First John

SECSOR: Undergraduate Student Research III
Suwannee

Sarah Fink, Davidson College; Rachel H. Pang, advisor
Tibetan Takeover: Growing Han Chinese Interest in Tibetan Buddhism and Governmental Interference

Morgan Mercer, Davidson College; Rachel H. Pang, advisor
"Green Tibetans" or "Sustainable Communists"? An Analysis of Environmental Rhetoric on the Tibetan Plateau

Kim Byrne, Elon University; Amy L. Allocco, advisor
Ethnic Influences in Death Practices of Thai Spirit Cults

Kelly Kimble, East Carolina University; Joseph Hellweg, advisor
Cosmologies of Cocoa Slavery: The Ethics of Political Economy in Contemporary Cote d'Ivoire

4:30–6:00 PM **SESSION IV**

AAR: Black Cultures in the Study of Religion II
Marietta

Theme: *The Normative Gazes of Black Women's Bodies: Womanist Critical Theory and Holy Readings of Embodiment, Performance, and the Law*
Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, presiding

Jocelyn Boulware, Vanderbilt University Divinity School
Is It Truth You Seek?: Liberative Performance as Existential Reckoning

Rebecca Wilcox, Vanderbilt University Divinity School
These is Bloody Shoes: Toward a Womanist Ethic of Embodied Dissonance

Shatavia Wynn, Vanderbilt University
We Got The Body: A Womanist Hermeneutic of the Law

AAR: Constructive Theologies II and Philosophy of Religion III (Joint Session)
Athens

Theme: Author Meets Critics: J. Aaron Simmons and Bruce Ellis Benson's *The New Phenomenology: A Philosophical Introduction*
Elizabeth O'Donnell Gandolfo, Wake Forest School of Divinity, presiding

Nathan Eric Dickman, Young Harris College
Apologetics in/and/or Phenomenology: A Response to Simmons's and Benson's The New Phenomenology

Bradley B. Onishi, Skidmore College
From Mash-Up to Braided Philosophy

Tracey Mark Stout, Bluefield College
Porous Boundaries: Philosophy and Theology in The New Phenomenology

J. Aaron Simmons, Furman University, respondent

AAR: History of Christianity II **Rome**

Theme: *The Early Church*
Andrew Gardner, Florida State University, presiding

David Hester, Faulkner University
Asklepios, the Asklepios Cult, and Possible New Testament Connections

Youngbom Lee, University of Bristol
Law in Romans, Particular or Universal? An Asian Protestant Perspective

Luke Drake, UNC Chapel Hill
Christian Identity, Scribal Practice, and the Construction of Judaism

AAR: Religions in America IV **Oglethorpe**

Roundtable: A Conversation on Shari Rabin's *Jews on the Frontier: Religion and Mobility in Nineteenth-Century America* (NYU Press, 2017)

Moderator: Charles McCrary, Florida State University

Kate Rosenblatt, Emory University
Andy McKee, Florida State University
Kati Curts, Sewanee: The University of the South

Respondent: Shari Rabin, College of Charleston

AAR: Religions of Asia III and Religion & Ecology (Joint Session)
Savannah

Theme: *Varieties of Eco-praxis in Asian Religions*
Rachel Pang, Davidson College, presiding

Jarrod W. Brown, Berea College
Hòa Hào Ecology: Vietnamese Buddhist Environmental and Agricultural Ethics

Brett Patterson, Clemson University
Mystic Activism and the Environment: Religion and Eco-praxis

Mark D. Wood, Virginia Commonwealth University, respondent

AAR: Women, Gender & Religion **Dahlonaga**
Theme: *Ploys and Promises of Gender and Disability in the Bible*
Dr. Vicki Phillips, West Virginia Wesleyan College, presiding

Joshua Joel Spoelstra, Southern Wesleyan University
Wine, Women, and the Witless King: The Female Embodiment of Power

LaToya M. Leary, Florida State University
Masculinity and Disability in the Hebrew Bible and Early Judaism

Jonathan C. Groce, Emory University
Is Paul Obligated to Demonstrate Epistolary Masculinity?

ASOR and SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament IV (Joint Session) **Ponce de Leon**
Theme: *Uses and Abuses of Archaeology in the Study of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament*
Ralph Hawkins, Averett University, presiding

Tony W. Cartledge, Campbell University Divinity School
The Use and Abuse of Archaeology in the Media

Frederick L. Downing, Valdosta State University
Near Eastern Archaeology in the Post-Truth Age: The Use and Abuse of the Bible in the Study of the Monarchy

David B. Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary
The "Elisha" Ostrakon and Methodological Musings

Jeffrey P. Hudon, Institute of Archaeology, Andrews University
Judah in Central Jordan? An Incised Concentric Circle Royal Jar Handle from Tall Jalul

SBL: New Testament IV / AAR: Teaching & Learning Religion II (Joint Session) **Buckhead A**

Wongi Park, Belmont University
Teaching Jesus, Race, and Racial Difference

Alexander P. Thompson, Emory University
The Redactional Tendencies of Kidz Bop: A Strategy for Teaching Undergraduates NT Redaction Criticism

Robin Gallaher Branch, Christian Brothers University
Phoebe Talks to the Romans: Delivering Paul's Letter and His Personal Greetings to Beloved Friends at a House Church in Rome

6:00–7:00 PM
Graduate Student Roundtable and Reception
Winning Edge

SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 4

7:15–8:45 AM
Section Chairs Breakfast **Ponce de Leon**

8:00–11:00 AM
Registration **Buckhead Foyer**
Book Exhibits **Buckhead B**

8:00 AM—10:00 AM
Coffee in foyer

9:00–11:00 AM **SESSION V**

AAR: Judaism III **Buckhead A**
Theme: *Contemporary Judaism*
Caron Bay, Florida State University, presiding

Shari Rabin, College of Charleston
Rest and Refuge: Religion and Space at a Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews

Jakob Zalman Breunig, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Lügenpresse: The Anti-Semitism Communicated Through Donald Trump's Attacks on the Media

H.D. Uriel Smith, University of Kentucky
Stages of Response to a Menacing Community

AAR: Teaching & Learning Religion III **Marietta**
Theme: *Open Session*
Carole Barnsley, Transylvania University, presiding

Ingie Hovland, University of Georgia
Bringing Critical Reading into the Classroom: Reading and Thinking With Students About Christianity and Colonialism

T.K. Waters, Western Kentucky University
Saul vs. David: The Presidential Debate of the Hebrew Bible

Tyler Kelley, University of Georgia
Thinking Sideways: Historical Imagination and Textual Pedagogy

SECSOR: Undergraduate Student Research IV
Suwannee

Annsley Banks, College of Charleston; Lee Irwin, advisor
*The UFO Phenomenon: An Experience of Religious
"Feeling"*

Emily Liske, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Erin
Darby, advisor
*The Holy Brick of Birth Giving: A Reassessment of
Ancient Near East Birth Bricks and Their Medical Role in
Delivery*

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