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FRIDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 28

2:30–8:00 PM **MLC 2nd Floor Lobby**
Registration and Book Exhibits

3:00–4:45 PM **MLC Room 303**
AAR/SBL (SECSOR) Joint Business Meeting
All members of the societies are invited

FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 28

5:00–6:00 PM **MLC Room 102**
Plenary Speaker I—Debra L. Mason

6–7:45 PM **Various Rooms**
SESSION I

6–7:45 PM **MLC Room 102**
FEATURED SESSION Journalism Panel

8:00–9:00 PM **MLC Room 102**
Plenary Speaker II—Richard Elliott Friedman

9:00–10:30 PM - **MLC 1st Floor Lobby**
Conference Reception

SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 29

8:00 AM–6:00 PM **MLC 2nd Floor Lobby**
Registration and Book Exhibits

8:00–10:00 AM **MLC 2nd Floor Lobby**
Coffee Service

9:00–10:45 AM **Various Rooms**
SESSION II

9:00–10:45 AM **MLC Room 102**
FEATURED SESSION Anthropology Panel

11:00–12:00 **MLC Room 102**
Plenary Speaker III—Tanya Marie Luhmann

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 29

12:00–1:00 PM **MLC Room 314**
Underrepresented Minorities Luncheon

12:00–1:00 PM **MLC Room 303**
Graduate Student Lunch

1:15–1:45 PM **MLC Room 213**
AAR/SE Business Meeting
All members of the society are invited

1:45–2:15 PM **MLC Room 214**
SBL/SE Business Meeting
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2:30–4:15 PM **Various Rooms**
SESSION III

2:30–4:15 PM **MLC Room 102**
FEATURED SESSION ASOR/Hebrew Bible Panel

4:30–6 PM **MLC Room 248**
Presidential Addresses & Presentation of Awards
AAR President: Derrick Lemons, University of Georgia
SBL President: Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University
AAR and SBL Graduate Awards
SECSOR Undergraduate Award

SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 29

6:15–7:45 PM **MLC Room 303**
2021 Section Chairs' Workshop and Dinner

8:00–10:00 PM **The Rook and Pawn**
Women's Caucus Gathering

8:00–10:00 PM **MLC Room 213**
Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am Movie Night

SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 1

8:00–11:00 AM **MLC 2nd Floor Lobby**
Registration and Book Exhibits

8:00–10:00 AM **MLC 2nd Floor Lobby**
Coffee Service

9:00–10:45 AM **Various Rooms**
SESSION IV

6:00–7:45 PM

FRIDAY EVENING

SESSION I

Featured Panel: Journalism Panel

Rm. 102

Theme: Tik tok, tick tock: Time, religion & news

Debra Mason, University of Missouri, presiding

- Maria Len Rios, University of Georgia
- John Blake, journalist at CNN.com and former religion writer at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution
- Audrey Galex, Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasting

NABPR:

Rm. 250

Theme: Institutions in Crisis

Kathryn Lopez, Campbell University, presiding

- Andrew Gardner, Florida State University
- David Gushee, Mercer University
- Andrew Smith, Carson Newman
- Chanequa Walker-Barnes, McAfee School of Theology

BUSINESS MEETING

AAR: Constructive Theologies I

Rm. 251

Theme: *Constructive Theology in a Time of Rapid Religious Cultural Change*

Nathaniel Holmes, Florida Memorial University, presiding

- Melanie Bockmann, Vanderbilt University—*Benefit of the Doubt: Sermons of Suspicion in the Metamodern Pulpit*
- Ian Curran, Georgia Gwinnett College—*The Transfiguration of Christ in an Evolving Creation*
- Alan McGill, Georgia Gwinnett College—*Pope Francis on the Devil, Discernment and Diverse Interpretations of Doctrine*
- Jason Smith, Tougaloo College—*Towards a Theology of Information: Religion in the Time of Big Data*

AAR: Ethics, Religion, and Society I

Rm. 253

Theme: *Ethics and Religious Pluralism*

Dr. Sally Holt, Belmont University, presiding

- James R. Rowell, Flagler College—*World Religions After Gandhi*
- Shodhin K. Geiman, Valparaiso University—*“Justice” is a Word Not Uttered by the Wise*
- Mike Stoltzfus, Georgia Gwinnett College—*Practice as Theory in Buddhism and Christianity*

AAR: Religions in America I

Rm. 213

Theme: *Rhetoric and Building Religion in America Today*

Haley Iliff, Florida State University, Presiding

- Humberto Perez, Florida State University—*Myth-Making in the Wiccan Religion*
- Joshua Casper, UNC-Charlotte—*South Park Satan: The Man, The Myth, The Lover*
- Andie Alexander, Emory University—*Religious Rhetoric and American Nationalism: Reframing Identity Construction in Discourses on Immigration*

AAR: Judaism I

Rm. 268

Theme: *Second Temple Judaism*

Giancarlo P. Angulo, Florida State University, presiding

- Benjamin Starr, University of Georgia—*Ezra's Brief Moment: A Shift in Temporal Perceptions and Associations*
- Matthew Goff, Florida State University—*Deep Time and the Book of Genesis in the Hellenistic Age*
- Jordan Henderson, Florida State University—*Hellenistic vs. Roman Imperialism in Josephus' Antiquitates Judaicae*
- Emily Olsen, Florida State University—*Josephus and the Poor: An Analysis of Peasant Class Jews in Light of War 2.60-65*

AAR: Philosophy of Religion I**Rm. 274**Theme: *Negotiating Normative Discourse and Radical Change*

Stephen Dawson, University of Lynchburg, presiding

- Michael Deckard, Lenoir-Rhyne University, and Narya Ingram, U.S. Federal Courthouse—*The Dog and the Wolf: On Slow Activism*
- Nathan Eric Dickman, Young Harris College—*UMC-affiliated Colleges with Non-discrimination Policies Should Disaffiliate*
- Hollis Phelps, Mercer University—*Incarnating Excess: Toward a Psychedelic Poetics of Political Change*
- Louis A. Ruprecht Jr., Georgia State University—*The Virtue of Taking It Slow: Policing, Breaking and Entering in the Era of #BlackLivesMatter*

AAR: Bible and Modern Culture I**Rm. 207**Theme: *Culture Confronting Bible*

N. Samuel Murrell, UNC-Wilmington, presiding

- Mark Ellingsen, Interdenominational Theological Center—*Cultural Change and Its Role in Reading the Bible: Lessons From Heisenberg's Principle of Uncertainty*
- David Nikkel, University of North Carolina, Pembroke—*The Scopes Trial and Its Long Shadow*
- Jacob B. Bratcher, University of Georgia—*"The old-time religion...it's still good enough for me!" Documenting the inverse percentile relationship of King James Version churches between low- and high-population-density counties in the American Southeast*

Respondent: Brian Mooney FRMS, Johnson & Wales University**AAR: Black Cultures and the Study of Religion I****Rm. 247**Theme: *Black Religion, Digital Media, and Social Change*

Brandon McCormick, University of Louisville, presiding

- Eric A. Mason, University of Georgia—*Digital Apprenticeship of Priests in Traditional Yoruba and Diasporic Yoruba Religion*
- Aaron M. Treadwell, Middle Tennessee State University—*Archiving Justice: How Historical Preservation is Inciting a New Wave of Social-Political Theology*
- Muhammad Fraser-Rahim, The Citadel—*The Making of American Islam: Black Muslims and Independent Thought*
- Tsharre Sanders, North Carolina State University—*Goodbye Religion, Hello Faith: Exploring Experiences of Black LGBT Christians*
- Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University—*Gay Marriage Comes to Abidjan? Social Media, Religious Politics, and LGBT Activism in the Ivory Coast, West Africa*

*BUSINESS MEETING***AAR: History of Christianity I****Rm. 269**Theme: *New Christian Movements in Changing Societies*

Douglas H. Brown Clark, Vanderbilt University, presiding

- Michelle Sdao, UNC-Chapel Hill—*The Johannine Paraclete: Early Proof Texts in the New Prophecy*
- Paul J. Palma, Regent University—*Continuity and Rapid Change: Assessing Religious Cultural Transformation Among Italian American Pentecostals*
- Seulbin Lee, Candler School of Theology (Emory University)—*What makes a Great America: How evangelical ethical ideologies shaped Reagan's vision of a Great America*

AAR: Religion, Culture, and the Arts I**Rm. 267**Theme: *Visual Culture, Visualization, and Death*

Meredith Ross, Florida State University, presiding

- Woody McCree, State College of Florida—*Thomas Cole and the Americanization of the Sublime*
- Ehsan Sheikholharam, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill—*Architectural Manifestations of Love Your Neighbor in Dogville*
- Abigail Youngblood, Florida State University—*Deconstructing the Abject: The Fragmented Body as Reliquary in Andres Serrano's The Morgue (1992)*

AAR: Women, Gender & Religion I**Rm. 275**Theme: *Incompatibility, Disembodiment, and Change in the United Methodist Church*

Laine Walters Young, Vanderbilt University, presiding

- Ashley Dreff, High Point University—*United Methodism and the Incompatibility of Theological Pluralism*
- Rev. Emily Nelms Chastain, Claremont School of Theology—*Shattering the Stained-Glass Ceiling: How Women in the Southeast Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church Reached and Influenced the Region's Highest Office*

SBL: ASOR I**Rm. 248**Theme: *Field Reports*

Alan Todd, Coastal Carolina University, presiding

- Ralph Hawkins, Averett University—*A Report on the First Season of Excavations at Khirbet 'Auja el-Foqa*
- Rachel Nabulsi, Georgia Gwinnett College, Matthew J. Adams, W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research,
- Susan L. Cohen, Montana State University, and Yotam Tepper, Israel Antiquities Authority—*The 2019 JVRP Excavations of the Castra of the Roman VIth Ferrata Legion (Legio, Israel)*

SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament I**Rm. 245**Theme: *Discussing Centralization*

Clinton J. Moyer of Wake Forest University School of Divinity, presiding

- Baruch Halpern, University of Georgia—*What Does Deuteronomy Centralize?*
- Bill T. Arnold, Asbury Theological Seminary—*Respondent #1*
- Harold Bennett, Interdenominational Theological Center—*Respondent #2*
- Erin Darby, University of Tennessee, Knoxville—*Respondent #3*
- Jim Wilson, Asbury University—*Respondent #4*

SBL: New Testament I**Rm. 214**Theme: *Open Session*

Alex Thompson, Tennessee Wesleyan University, presiding

- Gregory E. Lamb, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary—*The Rediscovery of Codex Bezae Cantabrigiensis and its Subsequent Effect on the Reception of Luke 16:19-31*
- Amy Whisenand, Duke Divinity School—*"Corporate Singing, "Other-Related" Anthropology, and Ethics in Colossians*
- Zechariah Eberhart, Loyola University Chicago—*From Scripts to Scripture: Plurality, Performance, and the Gospel of Mark*
- Mark Proctor, Lee University—*"Three Hots and a Cot? I Think Not!"—Paul's Situation of Incarceration While Writing Philippians*

SECSOR: Undergraduate Student Research I**Rm. 277**

Amy Allocco, Elon University, presiding

- Marjorie Anne Foster, Elon University, Amy L. Allocco, "Negotiating Islamophobia: The Experiences of College-Age Muslims in North Carolina"
- Nabihah Khan, Emory University, Florian Pohl, Increasing Civic Inclusion: How Tennessee's Mosque Construction Controversies Shaped Democratic Participation"
- Hannah Thorpe, Elon University, Geoffrey Claussen, "Race, Religion, and Nationalism: Jewish Responses to White Nationalist Movements,"
- Maggie Parker, St. Agnes College, Tina Pippin, "God, Sometimes You Don't Come Through:" The Presentation of Religious Trauma Syndrome Through Rock Music"

Featured Panel: Anthropology of Religion**Rm. 102**Theme: *Rapid Religious Change*

Tanya M. Luhmann, Institution, presiding

- Devaka Premawardhana, Emory University, *Continuities of Change: 'Traditional' Religion and the Convertible Self*
- Jon Bialecki, Independent Scholar, *An Eldritch Singularity: theorizing rapid [religious] change*
- Courtney Handman, University of Texas-Austin, *The Conservatism of Conversion: Continuity Thinking in 20th Century Protestant Missions*
- Rachelle Scott, University of Tennessee, *Invented traditions: The power of history during rapid religious change in Thailand*
- Joseph Hellweg, University of Florida—*Respondant*

AAR: [JOINT] Religion, Culture, and the Arts II & History of Christianity II**Rm. 247**Theme: *Science, Technology, and the History of Christianity*

Douglas H. Brown Clark, Vanderbilt University, presiding

- Dennis Durst, Kentucky Christian University—*Religious Phrenology in the USA, 1820-1860*
- Linda Pastryk, Belmont Abbey College—*God in the Science: Teilhard de Chardin and the Controversy at Lourdes*
- Taylor W. Dean, Florida State University—*Dial-A-Drunk: Alcoholics Anonymous and the Telephone*
- Timothy Burnside, Florida State University—*Ultrasonic Religion: Sound, Flesh, and the Fetal Subject in American Christianity*

AAR: [JOINT] Religion & Environmental Justice I & Black Cultures and the Study of Religion I**Rm. 268**Theme: *Race and Resistance to Eco-Social Catastrophe*

Timothy Rainey II, Emory University, presiding

- Joi R Orr, Emory University—*By Any Greens Necessary: Food Sovereignty and the Black Struggle for Justice*
- Brooklyn Reardon, Duke Divinity—*Becoming Indigenous: A Theology of Placemaking*
- James Waters, Florida State University—*New materialism, Indigenous Religion, and Ecology: An Anti-colonial, Religious Account of Vibrant Materialism*
- Mark Wood, Virginia Commonwealth University—*White supremacy and Environmental Justice*

*BUSINESS MEETING***AAR: Teaching & Learning in Religion I****Rm. 248**Theme: *Open Session*

Jodie L. Lyon, University of Georgia, presiding

- Anna Peterson and Jaime Ahlberg, University of Florida—*Teaching about economic justice in the age of Trump*
- Leslie Ribovich, Transylvania University—*Challenging western narrative with race in the classroom*
- Kayla Kauffman and Keely Sutton, Birmingham-Southern College—*Academic footprints: International research and study abroad in the age of climate crisis*
- Carole Barnsley, Transylvania University—*Teaching Religion using Homer Simpson.*

*BUSINESS MEETING***AAR: [JOINT] Religions of Asia I & Secularism, Religious Freedom, and Global Politics I****Rm. 250**Theme: *Seeing Religion in National and Transnational Contexts*

Kendall Marchmann, University of Georgia, presiding

- Anya Fredsell, Emory University—*'Stop Searching. Start Finding': Authenticity and Movement in Transnational Yoga Traditions*
- Marah Litchford, Florida State University—*To Act As A Lamp So That Others May See: Exploring the Evolving Role of Religion in Tibetan Protest Methods*
- Joshua Patterson, University of Georgia and Melissa Whatley, North Carolina State University—*To all the nations of the world: A postcolonial analysis of mission-oriented college study abroad programs*

9:00–10:45 AM

SATURDAY MORNING

SESSION II

AAR: Constructive Theologies II

Rm. 251

Theme: *Constructive Theology in Global Contexts*

Ian Curran, Georgia Gwinnett College, presiding

- Kip Elolia, Milligan College—*The mapping of African Pneumatology: An integration and transformation of indigenous practices as constructive theologies*
- Andrea Green, Georgia Gwinnett College—*Toward a World Theology of Disability*
- Htoi San Lu, Vanderbilt University—*The Church is the Body of Christ: A Theological Response to Kachin Baptist Churches Division in the United States*

BUSINESS MEETING

AAR: Religions in America II

Rm. 267

Theme: *Twentieth-Century America*

Andy McKee, Florida State University, Presiding

- Jesse J. Lee, Florida State University—*“Sovereignty over the Soil”: On Manifest Destiny, Agriculture, and the Alien Land Law Cases*
- Robert Lee, Florida State University — *Moral Dragnets: Religion, Race, and the Death Angel Slayings*
- Justin Vos, Florida State University — *Preaching the Gospel "In Season and Out": Southern Presbyterian and Dutch Reformed Responses to Civil Rights*
- Dan Wells, Florida State University — *Expose, Disrupt, Discredit: The FBI, Ezra Taft Benson, and a Crusade Against Civil Rights*

AAR: Islam I

Rm. 205

Theme: *Islam, Nationalism and State-Building*

Hadia Mubarak, Guilford College, presiding

- S. Beena Butool, Florida State University—*Making sense of Jihad from 8th-century sources*
- Mirsad Kriještorac, Broward College—*Theological Roots of Official Bosnian Islam and Development of the Official Bosnian Islamic Hierarchy and Nationalism*
- Thomas Greene, Florida State University—*But Since I Am an Iranian’: Ali Shariati and Experience as a Means to Liberation*
- Micah A. Hughes, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill—*Refashioning Islam: Philosophy of Religion and the Secular University in the Republic of Turkey*
- Madeleine Prothero, Florida State University—*Redefining and Reformatting: The Islamic State as a New Religious Movement*

AAR: Judaism II

Rm. 253

Theme: *Judaism in Late Antiquity*

Amanda Walls, University of Georgia, presiding

- Andrew Burrow, Samford University—*The Role of 'Names' in the Casting Out of Demons: Re-evaluating One Mainstream Interpretation of Exorcism Accounts within the New Testament*
- Miguel M. Vargas, University of North Carolina—*The Form and Function of Vaticinia Ex Eventu in Sibylline Oracle 5*
- Michael Fuller, Lee University—*The Rules of Engagement: The Role of Earthly Combatants ('Israel') in Apocalyptic Texts of an End-Time War*
- Lance Allred, Museum of the Bible—*Renaming People in the Ancient Near East*

BUSINESS MEETING

AAR: Philosophy of Religion II

Rm. 274

Theme: *Truth Claims and the Praxis of (In)Difference*

Hollis Phelps, Mercer University, presiding

- Jason N. Blum, Davidson College—*Beyond Methodological Axioms*
- Erica Ridderman, Duke University—*Claiming Particularity Amidst Religious Difference: Some Postmodern Appraisals of Christian Epistemic Confidence*
- Benjamin Whittington, University of Birmingham—*Does Christian Theism Have A Stake in the Free Will Debate?*

BUSINESS MEETING

AAR: Bible and Modern Culture II**Rm. 207**Theme: *Reading Bible, with Eyes Old—and New*

Brian Mooney FRMS, Johnson & Wales University, presiding

- Mariah Q. Richardson, Gardner-Webb University—*Ecclesiastes Through the Lens of Absence Trauma*
- Joe Carnes Ananias, Duke University—*Letter and Spirit, Law and Gospel: Luther's Hermeneutics In Context*
- N. Samuel Murrell and Bryan Bernard, UNC-Wilmington—*Nazi Jesus and the Jewish Question*

AAR: Method and Theory in the Study of Religion I**Rm. 275**Theme: *Shifting Origins Tales and the Construction of Knowledge*

Vaia Touna, University of Alabama, presiding

- Keeley McMurray, University of Alabama—*Constructing Conscience*
- *Respondent*: Dennis LoRusso, Georgia State University
- Andrew Gardner, Florida State University—*Students and the Study of Religion: The Extra-Curricular Origins of the World Religions Paradigm*
- *Respondent*: Kat Daley-Bailey, University of Georgia

AAR: Women, Gender & Religion II**Rm. 269**Theme: *Virginity, Violence, and Power in the Bible*

LaToya Leary, Florida State University, presiding

- Mitzi Smith, Columbia Theological Seminary—*'He Never said a Mumbalin Word': A Womanist Perspective of Crucifixion, Sexual Violence, and Sacralized Silenced*
- Janell Johnson, Mercer University—*Reclaiming Jonathan's Masculinity: Gender Matters in the Story of David's Rise to Power*

AAR: Religion, Culture, and the Arts III**Rm. 303**Theme: *Penning Intimacy: Religion, Sex, and Performance*

Meredith Ross, Florida State University, presiding

- Moriah Lee, Yale Divinity School—*Love as Strong as Death: A reinterpretation of the Song of Songs as a harrowing tale of love's torment*
- America Wolff, Florida State University—*Fantastic Rituals and Where to Find Them*
- Haley Iliff, Florida State University—*'but when his mind takes the place of contestant, it never loses': Affective Masculinity and Manifest Destiny in the Dime Novel Seth Jones*
- William P. Boyce, University of Virginia—*In the Twink/-ling of an Eye: Apocalyptic Aesthetics and the Reprobate Other in Evangelical Fiction*

SBL: ASOR Member Sponsored/Hebrew Bible/Old Testament**Rm. 213**Theme: *On Cultural Change and Comparative Analyses*

Rachel Nabulsi, Georgia Gwinnett College, presiding

- Nicholas J. Campbell, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—*Worship in the Bones: Faunal Remains and Cultic Worship*
- Dave Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary—*Gilgamesh, Akka, and Rehoboam: Exploring a Potential Comparison*
- Drew S. Holland, Martin Methodist College—*At the Intersection of the Contextual Approach and Form Criticism*
- Shane M. Thompson, Brown University—*When the Text Lies: The Impact of Foreign Destruction on Perceptions of Judahite Cult Centralization*
- Bill T. Arnold, Asbury Theological Seminary—*Deuteronomy's Book and Hammurapi's Stela*

SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament II**Rm. 245**Theme: *Open Session*

David B. Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary, presiding

- Tommy Woodward, Florida State University—*Was That a Mud Pie, or Did the King Just Die? Humor and Violence in Judges 3:12-30*
- Samaria Divine, University of Georgia—*The Judges Cycle in Exodus*
- Sarah Cook, University of Georgia—*The Logic of Material Change in the P-Source Plagues Sequence*
- Joshua Joel Spoelstra, Southern Wesleyan University—*Prosperous (Pilfering?) Patriarchs: An Overlooked Motif in the Sister-Wife Type-Scene*
- Jason Tatlock, Georgia Southern University—*Deuteronomistic Terminology and Human Sacrifice in Narrative Context*

SBL: New Testament II**Rm. 214**Theme: *Rapid Religious Cultural Change*

Mark Proctor, Lee University, presiding

- Susan Hylen, Emory University—*Historical Claims about Ancient Women's Leadership*
- Ben Sheppard, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill—*Acts' Rejection of the Label "Christianos"*
- Thomas Dixon, Campbell University—*Un-apocalyptic Wrath in Corinth? Comparing Divine Judgment in 1 Corinthians and Paul's Jewish Heritage*

SECSOR: Undergraduate Student Research II**Rm. 277**

Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University, presiding

- Sarah Cardall, Maryville College, Andrew Irvine, "Facing the Realities of Climate Change"
- Lucy Miree, Florida State University, Nicole Kelly, "There Is Something Lethal Inside Me: Apocryphal Christian Women, Female Horror Protagonists, and the Body's Response to Assault"
- Jialin Chu, St. Agnes College, Tina Pippin, "Slow Bodies, Slow Minds: Somaesthetics in Installation Art"
- Lucy Jones, Elon University, Rebecca Todd Peters, "Abortion and Christianity: How the Religious Right Chipped Away at Mainline Denominations."

Featured Panel: ASOR Member Sponsored Exodus Panel**Rm. 102**Theme: *Conquest and Giants*

Rachel Nabulsi of Georgia Gwinnett College, presiding

- Richard Elliott Friedman, University of Georgia
- Baruch Halpern, University of Georgia
- Ronald Hendel, University of California, Berkeley
- Robert Kawashima, University of Florida

AAR: Religions in America III**Rm. 274**Theme: *Methods in the Study of American Religion*

Andy McKee, Florida State University, Presiding

- Ludwig Beethoven J. Noya, Vanderbilt University—*White Domination and Nancy Leong's Racial Capitalism in the Seventh-Day Adventists' World Headquarters in the United States*
- Mary Ann Robertson, Emory University—*The Religious and Cultural Legacies of Slavery and the American University*
- Mary Alice Varga & Elizabeth M. Pope, University of West Georgia—*The Relationship Between Religious/Spiritual Identification, Support, and Grief Effects*
- Brandon Edwards, Harvard University, *"In the World, but Not of the World": Southern Evangelical Clergy Target Higher Education as Battleground*

AAR: Religions in America IV**Rm. 248**Theme: *Healing*

Haley Iliff, Florida State University, Presiding

- Mike Davis, Hampton University—*Gods of the New Age: Edgar Cayce and Christianity*
- Kevin Scott Smith, Liberty University—*Philosophy and Theology in (Popular) American Metaphysical Religion: Two Case Studies, 1880-1920*
- Israel L Dominguez, UNC-Chapel Hill—*Images From the Border: Cultural Contact in/through Curanderismo*

AAR: Religions of Asia I**Rm. 213**Theme: *Religions of Asia: Literature and Song*

Kendall Marchman, University of Georgia, presiding

- Jesse Young, Florida State University—*Miracle Tales of the Diamond Sutra*
- Mohammad Meerzaei, Vanderbilt University—*Seeing Religion, Naming Religion, and Changing the Religious Landscape: the Mystical and the Imperial in the Formation of Zoroastrian Orthodoxy*
- Michael Lee, Emory University—*Global Songs and Cultural Appropriation: a Cultural Analysis of Global Hymnody*
- Kali Nyima Cape, University of Virginia—*How Ḍākinī Become Persons - An analysis of female agents in The Seminal Heart of the Ḍākinī literature*

*BUSINESS MEETING***AAR: [JOINT] Black Cultures and the Study of Religion II and Religion, Culture, & the Arts IV****Rm. 247**Theme: *Considering the Works of Toni Morrison*

Carolyn M. Jones Medine, University of Georgia, presiding

- Chera Watts, University of Georgia—*Beloved as Skillful Means: A Womanist-Buddhist Project*
- Satish Kumar, University of Georgia—*Abjection and Ethics*
- Jessica Couch, University of Georgia—*Singing 'Song of Solomon'*
- Subhraleena Deka, University of Georgia—*Toni Morrison's Use of the Ancestor and the Reversal of Heteroglossia*
- Dorthy Figueira, University of Georgia—*Blackness and the Immigrant in the Works of Toni Morrison*

AAR: History of Christianity III**Rm. 269**Theme: *Viae Media: Mediating between Polarities in Christian Theology and Politics*

Anne Blue Wills, Davidson College, presiding

- Peter J. Smith, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary—*John Cassian's 'Royal Road' of Asceticism and Anthropology*
- Todd Henderson, University of Leicester—*Christianity Today and the Civil Rights Movement*
- Joan Hedrich Wooten, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary—*At the Intersection of Faith and Politics: Lessons from the Reformed Tradition*

BUSINESS MEETING

AAR: Religion, Culture, and the Arts V**Rm. 245**Theme: *On Earth as it is in Heaven or Vice Versa: The Good Place as a Mirror for Ethical Reflection*

Meredith Ross, Florida State University, presiding

- Bryan Ellrod, Emory University—*The Piety of Personal Responsibility*
- Nicole Symmonds, Emory University—*Can Reason Save Chidi?*
- Michael Yandell, Emory University—*Is There an Architect in the House?*

BUSINESS MEETING

AAR: Constructive Theologies III**Rm. 250**Theme: *The Benedict Option*

Jason Smith, Tougaloo College, presiding

- Aaron Brian Davis, Union Presbyterian Seminary—*Orthodoxy and Family: Addressing Cultural Change Contra-Dreher*
- Alex Sosler, Montreat College—*The Balthasar Option: The Priority of Love in a Fearful Age*
- Ryan Andrew Newson, Campbell University—*Formed at the Border of Encounter: Toward an Ecclesiology of Discerning Receptivity*
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AAR: Ethics, Religion, and Society II**Rm. 253**Theme: *Ethics, Health, Disability and Institutional Transformation*

Mike Stoltzfus, Georgia Gwinnett College, presiding

- Elizabeth Bounds and Cara Curtis, Emory University—*"Our Dreams are Plagued by Prison": Reflection on Method and Ethics in Prison-Based Religious Research*
- Emmy Corey, Emory University—*"Taking Your Drugs Well": Adherence, Medication and Healing in Nairobi*
- Samuel Hemingway, New Hanover Regional Medical Center—*Code Blue: The Right to Work on Life Support*
- Nathan Moats, Florida State University—*Disclosing McMahan and Fabre's Political Foundations for Revisionist Just War Theory*

AAR: Islam II**Rm. 267**Theme: *American Islam: Intersections of Politics, Race, Gender and Religion*

Roshan Iqbal, Agnes Scott College, presiding

- Florian Pohl, Emory University's Oxford College—*The Limits of Religious Freedom Arguments in Georgia Mosque Controversies*
- Melanie Trexler, Roanoke College—*Marvel's ummah: Changes in the American Muslim Community by Melanie Trexler*
- Zachary H Faircloth, University of Florida—*Red Necks, White Muslims: White Converts to Islam in the American South*
- LTP Jackson, Georgia State University—*When They Call You Haram- A Black Queer Hijabi Covering New Ground*

BUSINESS MEETING

AAR: Method and Theory in the Study of Religion II**Rm. 275**Theme: *NAASR Working Papers: Review Panel*

(A review symposium on three volumes devoted to the topics of theory, method, and data in the study of religion.)

Andie Alexander, Emory University, presiding

Reviewers:

- Sierra Lynn Lawson, University of North Carolina
- Michelle Sdao, University of North Carolina
- Miguel Vargas, University of North Carolina

AAR: Women, Gender & Religion III**Rm. 251**Theme: *Gender Rights – Radical Change Politically, Morally, and Confessionally Across Time*

Laine Walters Young, Vanderbilt University, presiding

- Elizabeth Patricia Rigotti, Manhattan College—*The Indulgence of Professionalization: Adoption Services, Maternity Homes, and Catholic Negotiations in American Society, 1945-1990*
- Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University—*Rethinking Moral Wisdom: Listening to Women Who End Pregnancies*
- Rosetta Ross, Spelman University—*Ruby Hurley, Black Religion, and Democracy in the United States*

*BUSINESS MEETING***AAR: Religion & Environmental Justice II****Rm. 268**Theme: *Rethinking Ecotheology and Ecojustice*

Mark D. Wood, Virginia Commonwealth University, presiding

- Robert Lewis, University of Birmingham, UK—*Deep Incarnation as a Normative Approach to Ecorestoration*
- Jason Roberts, University of Georgia—*The Created Co-Creator...Redeemer...Sustainer: Rehabilitating Symbols of Divine and Human Relating*
- Venerable Shimo Sraman, Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University—*A Buddhist Perspective on Global Warming: Our Irresistible Fate?*

SBL: New Testament III**Rm. 214**Theme: *Rapid Religious Cultural Change, Empire*

Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University, presiding

- Arthur M. Wright, Jr., Randolph-Macon College—*Disarming Ruler and Authorities: Reading Colossians in Its Roman Imperial Context*
- Jonathan Charles Groce, Emory University—*Barbaric Empire: Revelation 13 and Roman Representation of Others*
- Douglas Hume, Pfeiffer University—*Trauma, Social Change, and Stress: PTSD and the Fourth Gospel*
- Jeremy W. Barrier, Heritage Christian University—*The Stoicheia Tou Kosmou Again: Interpreting Cosmos in Galatians 4:3 and 9 as Prepuce*

SECSOR: Undergraduate Student Research III**Rm. 277**

Erin Darby, University of Tennessee Knoxville, presiding

- Ashley E. Cornell, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tina Shepardson, “As Below, So Above”: Early Christian Women as Veiled Expressions of Power and Difference”
- Carl Weinsten, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Erin Darby, “חַרָּם as a Contaminant in Joshua 6 and 7: Is Achan ‘Sinner Zero?’”
- Natan Behrendt de Carvalho, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Charles L. Quarles, “Hebrews 2:9: By God’s Grace or Without God in the First Place”
- Shannon Dugger, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Erin Darby, “Deification or Demonization: Jesus’ Post-Resurrection Body in Luke 24:36-40”

AAR: Teaching & Learning in Religion II**Rm. 207**Theme: *WORKSHOP* ("How Do I Get Students to Read?")

Carole Barnsley, Transylvania University, presiding

- Ingie Hovland, University of Georgia
- Jodie L. Lyon, University of Georgia

AAR: Bible and Modern Culture III**Rm. 269**Theme: *Pouring New Wine into Old Skins -Again?*

N. Samuel Murrell, UNC-Wilmington, presiding

- David Salomon, Christopher Newport University—*From Boardroom to Bedroom: The Seven Deadly Sins*
- Brian Mooney FRMS, Johnson & Wales University—*Charles Lyell: Caught between Creation and Creating Modern Geology*

AAR: Judaism III**Rm. 268**Theme: *Contemporary Judaism*

Sarah Cook, University of Georgia, presiding

- John Cole, Florida State University—*Reclaiming and Articulating Jewish Narratives for Post-Holocaust Judaism*
- Michael S. Berger, Emory University—*Innovation in a Preservationist Religion: Novel Strategies in Contemporary Ultra-Orthodoxy*
- Sabina Ali, Georgia State University—*Jewish Racialization, the 'Jewish Gene,' and the Perpetuation of Ashkenormativity in Popular Genetic Ancestry Services in the United States*
- Matthew H. Brittingham, Emory University—*Picture to yourselves a poor Jewish immigrant': Zvi Hirsch Masliansky (1856-1943) Preaches to Jewish Immigrants in United States*

AAR: Secularism, Religious Freedom & Global Politics II**Rm. 274**Theme: *Making Friends, Enemies, and Religion*

Finbarr Curtis, Georgia Southern University, presiding and responding

- Brittany Acors, University of Virginia—*Children of Faith: American Protestantism, 'A Formula of Agreement,' and the Twentieth-Century Ecumenical Movement*
- Nancy Ramirez, Georgia State University—*The Influence of Religion on Government and Law Making*
- Michael McLaughlin, Florida State University—*Damage and Control: Religious Responses to Race Riots of the late 1960s*
- Karson Garrett, Georgia State University—*The Venom of Legalities and Religious Freedom: An Analysis of Serpent-Handling Communities, Media, and the Right to Practice*

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Haley Iliff, Florida State University, Presiding

- Devin D Burns, Florida State University—*"It is not a charity to care for them, but a sacred duty": The Role of Nursing within the Understanding of Southern Episcopal Womanhood During the Civil War*
- Darryl Hunter, Florida State University—*Discerning the Consequences of Military Chaplaincy Structure in the War of 1812*
- Jonathan David Hepworth, University of Georgia—*Why Are You Here When We Already Have the Bible?: The Latter-day Saint Southern Surge of the 1890s*

AAR: [JOINT] Women, Gender & Religion IV, Philosophy of Religion III, and Constructive Theologies IV **Rm. 251**Theme: *Race, Sex, and Radical Change*

Wesley N. Barker, Mercer University, presiding

- Rebekah Gordon, Florida State University—*Believing Women: Identity in the Political Realm*
- Catherine Moore, Georgia State University—*'I Didn't Come Here to Die': A Critique of Familial Mourning Rituals and Gender Non-Conformity*
- Andrew Stone Porter, Vanderbilt University—*A More Fragile Solidarity: Confronting the Dialectic of Unity and Difference*

AAR: [JOINT] Religion & Environmental Justice III & Religion, Culture, and the Arts VI**Rm. 275**Theme: *Mediated Environments*

Timothy Burnside, Florida State University, presiding

- Juli L Gittinger and Shayna Sheinfeld, Georgia College and Earlham College—*The New Apocalyptic Eco-Religion of Prepping*
- David Zackrone Hyde, Georgia State University—*Displaying Extinction: The Visual Rhetoric of Vegetation Management at The Great Smoky Mountains National Park*
- Nicholas Austin, Florida State University—*From Urban Space to Rural Place: A Catholic Worker Commune and Personal Regeneration*
- Nathan Schradle, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill—*Apocalyptic A.I. in the Anthropocene: Deliverance or Doom?*

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Rachel Nabulsi, Georgia Gwinnett College, presiding

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David B. Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary, presiding

- John W. Herbst, Virginia Peninsula Baptist Association—*Healing the Ground from the Curse of Cain*
- Rachel Wrenn, Emory University—*Is the Psalmist Angry at God?*
- Joseph Cross, University of North Carolina Asheville—*Genre Matters: Jonah as Novella*
- Ralph K. Hawkins, Averett University—*Exodus 3:15, 6:2-3, and the Origins of Yahwism*
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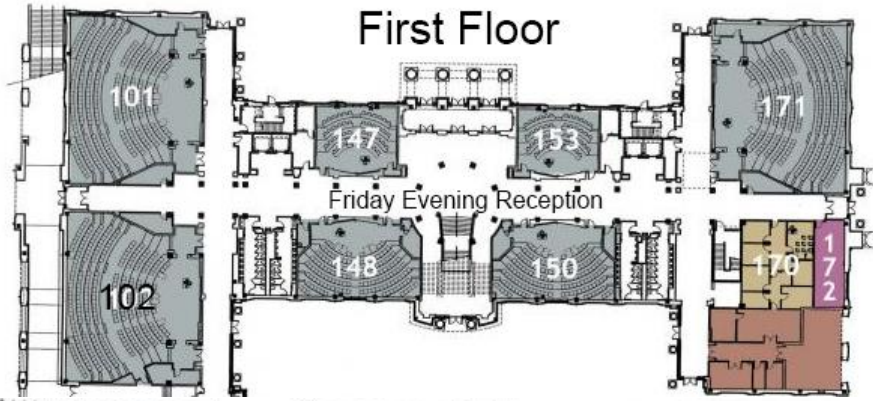
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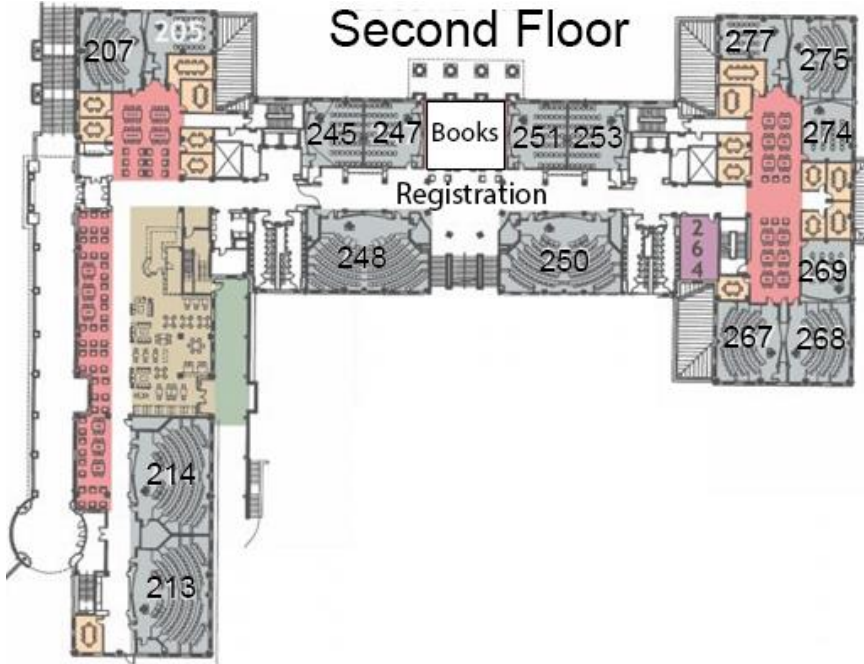
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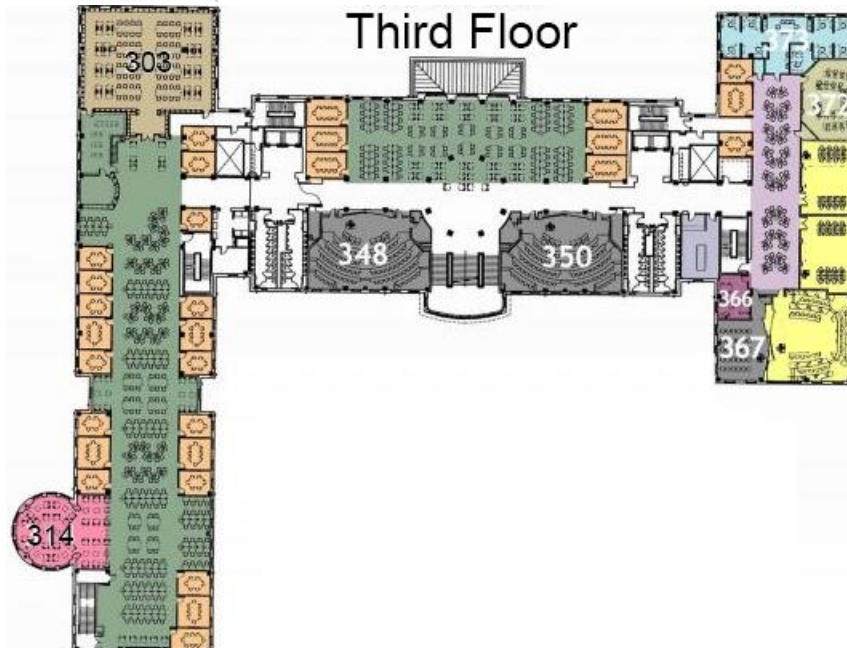
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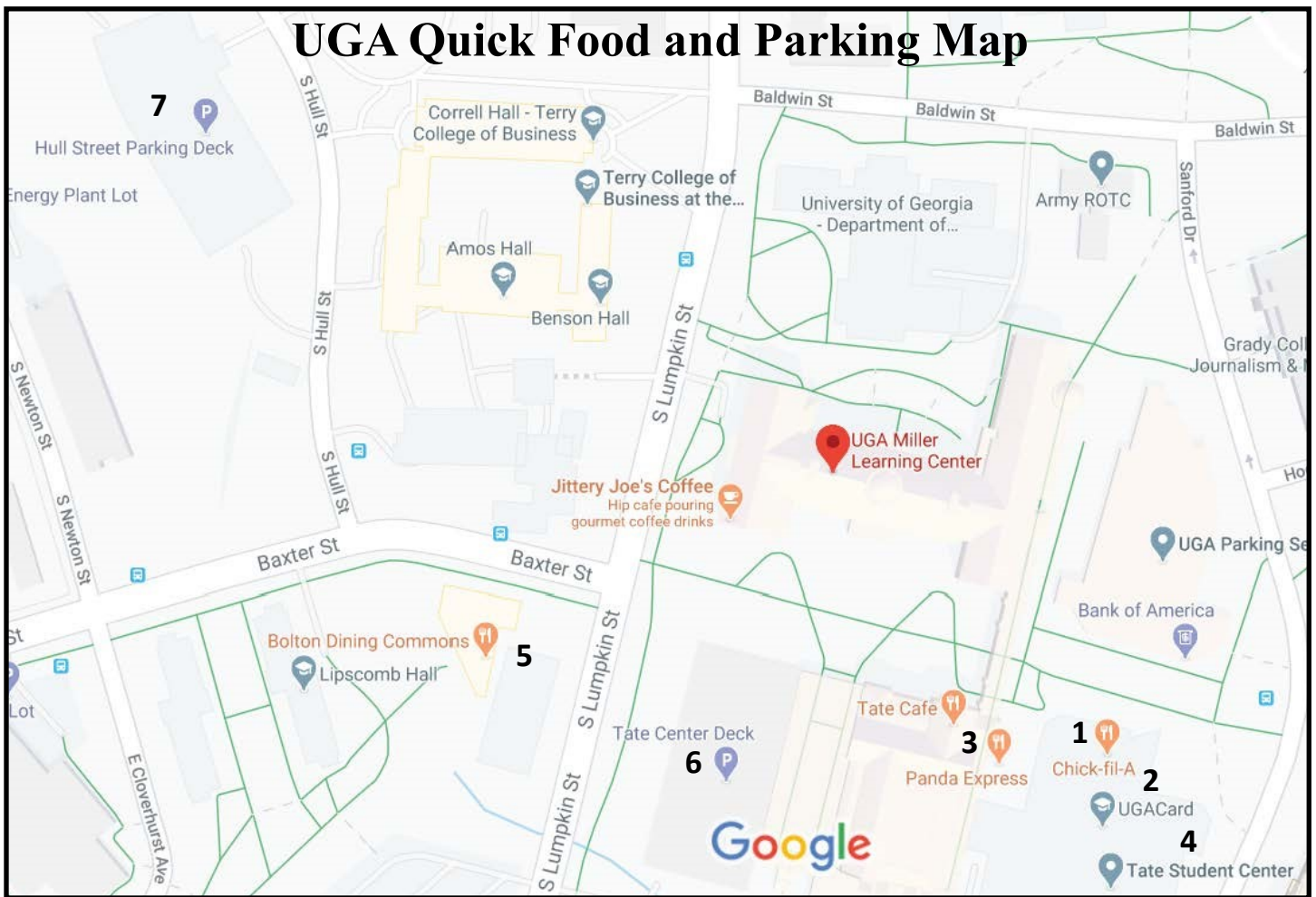


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