

Draft Preliminary Program, AAR/SBL Southeastern Regions Annual Conference

“New World Coming—Religion, Imagination & Possibility”

March 11 – 13, 2022, Online

*** FRIDAY, MARCH 11 ***

Pre-Conference Meetings

- 2:15 – 2:45 p.m.: **AAR/SBL Southeastern Regional Joint Business Meeting**
 Presider: Kathy Dawson, East Carolina University
 Zoom Moderators: Matthew Goff & Joseph Hellweg, FSU
- 2:45 - 3:15 p.m.: **AAR Southeastern Regional Business Meeting**
 Presider: Wesley Barker, Mercer University
 Zoom Moderator: Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University
- 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.: **SBL Southeastern Regional Business Meeting**
 Mark Proctor, New Testament Scholar & Researcher
 Zoom Moderator: Matthew Goff, Florida State University

Welcome, Orientation & Awards Presentation

- 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.: Martin Kavka, Chair, Dept. of Religion, Florida State University
 Kathy Dawson, Chair, AAR/SBL-SE, East Carolina University
 Matthew Goff & Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University
 Ann Blue Wills, Davidson College

Conference Panels, Plenaries & Roundtables

Session I

Friday, 4:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

AAR: Africana Religions I

Theme: Teaching Africana Religions Across Disciplines in One Religion Program

Presider:

- Leslie Ribovich, Transylvania University – *Designing a Course on African American Religions*
- Carole Barnsley, Transylvania University – *Infusing Africana Religions Across the Curriculum*
- Sydney Tye, Independent Scholar, Recent Alum of Transylvania University – *How My Undergrad Education Prepared Me for Grad School in African American Religions*

- Xaylen Lanier, Transylvania University – *A Religion Major's Perspective on Africana Religions in the Religion Program*

AAR: Religions in America I

Theme: Religion as a Socio-Rhetorical Tool

Presenter:

- Rosamond C. Rodman, Georgia State University Perimeter College – *Names Are the Turning Point of Who Will Be Master*
- E. Harold Breitenberg, Jr., Randolph-Macon College – *America as Experienced, Interpreted, and Imagined by A. Maude Royden*
- Jacob Barrett, University of Alabama – *Negotiating Authority: Marjorie Taylor Greene and the Governance of Belief Claims*

AAR: [JOINT] Constructive Theologies I & Philosophy of Religion I

Theme: Global/Critical Theologies and Philosophies of Religion

Presenter:

- Kamal, Ahmed, Princeton University – *Omnisubjectivity in the Islamic Tradition*
- J. R. Hustwit, Methodist University – *Mereology as Salvific Cosmology*
- Jason Exar Cabitac, Emory University – *Ritual and Harmony: Confucian Practices for a more Humane World*
- Dylan Bailey, Fordham University – *Grasping the Paradox: Zen Buddhism on Subjective Understanding*
- Stephen Dawson, University of Lynchburg – *Taking Places: Religious Inquiry as an Experiential, First-Order Ethical Practice*

AAR: Ethics, Religion, and Society I

Theme: Religion, Violence & Race

Presenter:

- Nathan Moats, Hillsborough Community College – *A Thomistic Just Rebellion Analysis of the U.S. Capital Insurrection*
- Mark Ellingson – *How Neurobiology and Evolution Can Help Us with Ethical Transformation About Race and Religion*
- Ross Moret, Florida State University – *Rage and Radicalization Among White Evangelicals*

AAR: Method & Theory in the Study of Religion I

Theme: The State of Publishing in the Method & Theory

Presenter: Vaia Touna, University of Alabama

The panel and open discussion will focus on the state of publishing in the method and theory. It invites three scholars to discuss their experience as former and current editors of the journal *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion*.

- Aaron Hughes, University of Rochester
- Mitsutoshi Horii, Shumei University

- Steven Ramey, University of Alabama

SBL: [JOINT] New Testament I & Bible and Modern Culture I

Theme:

Presiding:

- Arthur Wright, Central Baptist Theological Seminary – *A Political Prayer: Praying Lord's Prayer in Caesar's Empire*
- Stuart Langley, Scholar at Large – *Why Evangelicals Should Vote Liberal*
- Stetson Glass, Bangor University – *Performing as a Pentecostal: Biblical Performance Criticism in Light of Pentecostal Hermeneutics*
- Jeff Cockrell, Liberty University – *Paul's Use of τέλος in Romans 10:4 and Its Importance in Understanding the Unity of All Races*

SBL: Dead Sea Scrolls

Theme:

Presiding: Emily Olsen

- Cameron Palmer, Stetson University – *Appearances Can Be Revealing: Physiognomic Representations and Generative Memories within the Dead Sea Scrolls and Beyond*
- Matthew Goff, Florida State University – *Are We Post-Pseudo-Jubilees Yet?*
- Jason Tatlock, Georgia Southern University – *Suffering Messianism and the Dead Sea Scrolls*

ASOR Member-Sponsored Session I: Chairman's Address

- Alan Todd, Coastal Carolina University – *Teaching about Archaeology without Doing Archaeology?*

Undergraduate Papers Session I

Presider:

- Allison Barbee, Wingate University – *What Did Judas Do? A Re-Examination of the Life, Death, and Legacy of Judas Iscariot*
Faculty sponsor: Christy Cobb
- Anne Katherine Edwards, Meredith College – *Who's in Charge Here? How Traditional and Feminist Scholars Explain the Story of Jesus and the Canaanite/Syrophoenician Woman*
Faculty sponsor: Shannon Grimes
- Charlie Evans, University of Tennessee, Knoxville – *Tolle superbiam: divitiae non nocebunt: Community, Renunciation, and the Fall of Rome: Wealth in the Pelagian Controversy*
Faculty sponsor: Christine Shepardson
- Hallie Milstein, Elon University – *Jewish Identity and Wall Street: Challenging and Legitimizing Capitalist Systems*
Faculty sponsor: Geoffrey Claussen

Plenary Address I

Friday, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Musa Dube, Candler School of Theology, Emory University**“Prophets and Professors of the Bible at the Crossroads: Eco-Criticism, Pandemics, and Pedagogy Reimagined”****Presider: Matthew Goff, Florida State University**

Prof. Dube draws on scholarship and teaching on the Bible to inform and mobilize scholars, students, and the public to think and act critically in the face of the linked challenges of global warming and international public health threats. With the erosion of ecosystems and the intrusion of populations into previously uninhabited areas, new pandemics are emerging while coastal and insular populations find themselves under threat by rising sea levels. Students and scholars of religion across the globe find themselves touched by both dynamics, but we are not without the resources to respond. Our teaching of Biblical Studies can play a key role in turning these tides by helping us to reimagine our roles in doing so.

*** SATURDAY, MARCH 12 *****Session II**

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

AAR: Constructive Theologies II**Theme: Imaginative Approaches to Religious Community****Presiding: Ian Curran, Georgia Gwinnett College**

- Jenn Carlier, Independent Scholar – *Finding God in the Basement*
- Joan Hedrich Wooten, University of Dubuque – *Religious Communities' Contribution to Civic Healing*
- CJ Owens, Lee University, *Spirit of Anamnesis: Despair and Imagination in Eucharistic Perspective*
- Aaron Brian Davis, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, *Saintly Bodies: Modeling an Ecclesiological Soteriology*

Business Meeting, Jason Smith, Tougaloo College

AAR: Teaching and Learning Religion I**Theme: Open Session****Presider: Jodie L. Lyon, University of Georgia**

- Elizabeth Pope & Emily McKendry-Smith, University of West Georgia, *“Undergraduate Students' Perspectives of Interfaith Supports on a College Campus*

- Carole Barnsley, Transylvania University, *Teaching Religion in Practice*
- Hisham Qureshi, University of Georgia, *Content analysis study of online material published by leading American higher-education public research institutions to identify solutions in support for on-campus religious diversity and spirituality*
- Brooklyn Aaron, Georgia State University, *From the Classics to the Contemporary: Teaching Islam through a Classical Education Approach*

AAR: Islam I

Theme: Imagining Religion in Islamicate Eurasia

Presider:

- Samaneh Oladi Ghadikolaei, Virginia Commonwealth University – *Reimagining Women's Religious Activism*
- Azadeh Vatanpour, Emory University – *The Yarsan Environmental Identity: eco-spirituality and its role in the preservation of the Zagros Mountain landscape*
- Mendim Akiti, Florida State University – *The Emergence of Shi'a Islam in North Macedonia*

AAR History of Christianity I

Theme: Early Christianity

Presiding: TBA

- Dennis Lutero, Trinity School for Ministry – *Romans 1: Revisiting Campbell's Prosopopoeia and Habakkuk 2:4*
- Steven D. Collier, McAfee School of Theology – *Luke's Imagination in the Passion Narrative: One Source or Two?*
- Zachary Camp, Lee University – *Catechesis in the Early Church*

AAR: Religion & Nature I

Theme: Home and Who Belongs

Presider:

- Katherine Tarrant, University of Virginia – *Imagining "Our Common Home": Laudato Si' and the Language of Belonging*
- James W. Waters, Florida State University – *Christian Animism and Religious Environmental Ethics: A New Discourse for the Field*
- Annie Rose O'Brien, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill – *Dirty Metaphors: Soil, Waste, and the American Sacred*
- Michael Stephens, Johnson & Wales University – *The Spirituality of Gardening with Native Species*

SBL: New Testament II

Theme: Imagination and the New Testament

Presider: Alex Thompson, Tennessee Wesleyan University

- Scott Storbakken, Columbia Biblical Seminary – *Revelation 21-22: Following an Enochic Eschatological Imagination*
- David Z. Blackwell, University of Edinburgh – *The Rending of the Veil in the First Gospel*
- David Stark, Kearley Graduate School of Theology – *(Re)imagining Adam: Differing Trajectories of Reception in Romans 5 and 1 Corinthians 15*
- Caleb S. Cooke, Duke Divinity School – *The Greco-Roman Literary Elite and Q: An Alternative Reading of Luke's Preface*

ASOR Member-Sponsored Session II

Theme: Symbolic Thinking Across Cultures in the Ancient Near East

Presider: Rachel Nabulsi, Georgia Gwinnett College

- David B. Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary – *A Prototype? Comparing the Letter-prayers of Sin-iddinam and Hezekiah*
- Jordan Barr, Florida State University – *Death Will Not Separate Us": Ruth's Loyalty Oath (Ruth 1.17) in Light of Judahite Burial Practices*
- Julianne Burnett, Asbury University – *Allusions of Execration: A Comparison of Egyptian Execration Ritual with Exodus 15:1-18 and 32:15-20*

Undergraduate Paper Session II

Presider:

- Stewart Zelnick, Emory University – *Nationwide Anti-Mosque Activity: How Muslim Communities Protect Their Right to Religious Exercise Under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA)*
Faculty sponsor: Florian Pohl
- Simon Velasco, Florida State University – *U.S Foreign Policy, the Evangelical Far Right and the Spanish speaking South American Evangelical Left from 1968-1974; Missions, Praxis, and Money*
Faculty sponsor: Michael J. McVicar
- Grayson York, Clemson University – *The Enabling of Neo-Orientalism in Contemporary French Political Discourse via Laicity*
Faculty sponsor: Mashal Saif
- Alison Roush, Florida State University – *Queerness and the Qur'an: A Transition Towards Acceptance*
Faculty sponsor: Ross Moret

Session III

Saturday, 11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

AAR: Religions of Asia I

Theme:

Presiding: Kendall Marchman, University of Georgia

- Timothy Loftus, Temple University – *Ambedkar’s Saṅgha: The Ground for Ambedkarite Buddhist Ethics*
- James Newel – *Meher Baba of Ahmednagar and the Aesthetics of Religious Experience*
- Eliot Davenport, University of Virginia – *Ambā: A Story of Sex, Gender, and Transformation in the Mahābhārata*

Business Meeting

AAR: Philosophy of Religion II

Theme: Philosophy of Religion, Narrative, Knowledge, & Myth

Presiders: Nathaniel Holmes, Florida Memorial University / Hollis Phelps, Mercer University

- Casey Aldridge, Florida State University – *The 1956 Conversion of Ernst Bloch: Reimagining Concrete Utopia contra the Concretization of (Stalinist) Myth*
- Steven Smith, Millsaps College – *Dramatizing & Religious Heightening*
- Alan McGill, Georgia Gwinnett College – *Myth as the Bearer of Possible Worlds: Where Doctrine Should Fear to Tread*

AAR: Teaching and Learning Religion II

Theme: Panel Discussion: *Teaching Religion on the Ground: A Profile of Teaching in Religion Departments*

Presider: Carole Barnsley, Transylvania University

- Joshua Patterson, SoundRocket Research

AAR Constructive Theologies II

Theme: Imaginative Approaches to Theory and Method

Presider: Jason Smith, Tougaloo College

- Adam C. English, Campbell University – *Making Theological Progress with David Deutsch’s Theory of Explanations*
- Wesley R. Simmonds, Duke University – *Refining Social Ontology as a Diagnostic of the Christian Racial Imagination*
- Royce Anderson, Unaffiliated – *Imagination, Creativity and Analogical Thinking in Theory Construction: Theology and Science*
- Ian Curran, Georgia Gwinnett College – *Greening Garrett Green: The Theological Imagination and the Mountain of God*

Method & Theory in the Study of Religion II

Theme: Religious Studies Beyond the Discipline

Presider: Russell T. McCutcheon, University of Alabama

This panel and discussion focus on the relevance of the skills gained in Religious Studies classes—skills that prepare students for a wider variety of futures than may at first be apparent to both them and their professors. The panelists—all holding PhDs in the study of religion—will discuss their experience creating successful professional futures for themselves, with an eye

toward making practical recommendations that Departments of Religious Studies can adopt to better serve their B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. students.

- Andrew Ali Aghapour (PhD UNC) is Consulting Scholar of Religion and Science at the National Museum of American History; he is also a comedian and artistic producer.
- Shannon Trosper Schorey (PhD UNC) is a writer, editor, and scholar in the tech industry; as Senior Communications Specialist, her work at Red Hat focuses on emerging and cloud technologies.
- Thomas Whitely (PhD FSU) worked in university administration before transitioning to politics; since 2018 he has served as the Chief of Staff for John Dailey, the mayor of Tallahassee, Florida

SBL: New Testament III

Theme: Gospels and Acts

Presider:

- John W. Daniels, Jr., Flagler College – *How Gossip Confirms an Unrepentant Zachaeus*
- Steve Marquardt, Emory University – *Framing the Pauline Mission: On Acts 13:4–12 as a Programmatic Passage*
- Carrie Wood, Regent University – *The Son of Man Rising from the Sea*
- Marlene Reid, University of Aberdeen – *John’s Imaginative Disclosure of Rhetorical Parallels in the Dialogue of John 4:4-43*

ASOR/SBL: [JOINT] ASOR Member-Sponsored Session III and Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Session I

Theme: Between God and Man: Relationships in the Biblical Text

Presider: Dave Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary

- Florence Egbeyale, Florida State University – *Standing Outside the “Game of Honor”:* *Reconceptualizing קלל in light of Hagar-Sarah’s Relationship in Genesis 16:4*
- Jonathan Ahlgren, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary – *Allegiance to David: Implicit Characterization in 1 Samuel 25*
- Stephen Smith, Belhaven University – *Enemy Quotations that Attack God: An Investigation into the Rhetorical Function of a Motif in the Hebrew Psalter*
- Ethan C. Jones, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary – *Where the Centaur Walks: Re-imagining the Psalms as Poetry*

Diversity Lunch

Saturday, 1:30 p.m. – 2: 30 p.m.

Presider: Annie Tinsley, Shaw University

Presidential Addresses

Saturday, 2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Wesley Barker, Mercer University, President AAR-SE

Mark Proctor, New Testament Scholar & Researcher, President SBL-SE

Presider: Kathy Dawson, Chair, AAR/SBL-SE, East Carolina University

Session IV

Saturday, 4:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Featured Panel: AAR Islam II

Theme: Omar ibn Said Roundtable

Presider: Joseph Hellweg

- Carl Ernst, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Mbaye Lo, Duke University
- Youssef Carter, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Hinasahar Muneeruddin, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Yasmine Flodin-Ali, University of North Carolina
- Karlee Bergendorff, Duke University
- Brian Rusch, Duke University

AAR: Religions in America II

Theme: Imaginings and Experiences of Religion

Presider:

- Lily Zwaan, Graduate of Candler School of Theology – *Super Smash Bros Melee: Play and Possibility*
- Nathan Springer, Georgia State University – *Released into the Imagination: Evaluating the Influence of Terence McKenna*
- Paul J. Palma, Regent University – *The Problem of Gender Distinction: Dress Codes, Ministry, and the Order of Creation in TransAmerica Classical Pentecostalism*

AAR Religion and Intersectionality I

Theme: Reimagining Biblical and Religious Studies: Narrative, Critique and Practice

Presider: Mitzi J. Smith

- Musa W. Dube, Professor of New Testament, Candler School of Theology
- Herbert R. Marbury, Associate professor of Hebrew Bible, Vanderbilt Divinity
- Carolyn Medine, Professor in Religion Department and African American Studies, University of Georgia
- Raj Nadella, Samuel L. Cartledge Associate Professor of New Testament, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
- Roger S. Nam, Acting Professor of Hebrew Bible, Candler School of Theology
- Tina Pippin, Wallace M. Alston Professor of Religion and Bible, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA

- M Andrae Tong, Assistant Professor of Early Christian Scriptures (NT), Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta.

*Each panelist will give a 10-minute presentation and engage in Q&A and dialogue.

AAR: Ethics, Religion, and Society II

Theme: Spiritual Practice, Healing and Transformation

Presider:

- James L. Rowell, Flagler College – *Hope, Ethics and Universal Realism*
- Preston Hill, Richmond Graduate University – *Attachment Theory and the Cry of Dereliction: Toward a Science-Engaged Theology of Atonement*
- Mike Stoltzfus, Georgia Gwinnett College – *Spiritual Practice and Addiction Recovery*

AAR: Religion, Culture, and the Arts I

Theme: Narratives of the Fantastic

Presider:

- Kevin Hogg – *Bruising the Heads of Satan and Ophion: Revenge through Serpent Stories in Paradise Lost*
- James L Rowell – *Lucas and Tolkien*
- Brett Patterson – *Graceful Fantasies: Narration, Theological Exploration, and the Imaginative Fiction of Gene Wolfe and Connie Willis*
- Darian J. Shump – *Frog in a Well: Umwelt and the Limits of the Human in Uchōten kazoku*

SBL: Apocrypha & Pseudepigrapha I

Presiding: Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina

- Carrie Cifers, University of Virginia – *Re-Imagining Identity Through National Narratives: The Representational Ethics of Israelites and Other(s) in Jubilees and Josephus's Judean Antiquities*
- Brett Miller, Spring Hill College – *The Apocryphal Afterlives of Matthew's Magi*

Business Meeting

ASOR/SBL: ASOR Member-Sponsored Session IV and Hebrew Bible/Old Testament II

Theme: Sacred Place, Space, and Time in the Ancient Imagination

Presider: Rachel Nabulsi, Georgia Gwinnett College

- John Baker, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary – *Renowned City, Once Mighty in the Midst of the Sea: The Impact of Tyrian Melqart Worship on Phoenician Imperialism*
- Allison Wattenbarger, Duke University – *Impossible Geographies: Plotting the Four Rivers of Genesis 2*
- Nicholas J. Campbell, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary – *Mixed Sowing and Plowing: An Agricultural Defilement View*

- Jim Wilson, Asbury University – *How to Make God Your BFF: Intersections between Deuteronomy and Evolutionary Biology*

Undergraduate Papers Session III

Presider:

- Emily Wilbourne, Emory University – *Negotiating Religion, Tradition, and Modernity in Post-19th Century Korean Seungmu Dance*
Faculty sponsor: Pamela Winfield
- Nicholas Horn, Elon University – *Gods, Gurus, and Ghouls: Jain and Hindu Bhakti in Medieval Tamil Literature*
Faculty sponsor: Amy Allocco
- Holly Zeyl, Florida State University – *Dynamic Sexual Norms in Islam*
Faculty sponsor: Ross Moret
- Isabel Jones, Piedmont University – *Blessed Are the Poor: Social Class in the Law of Moses and the Code of Hammurabi*
Faculty sponsor: Joshua Spoelstra

Plenary Address II

Saturday, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

J. Lorand Matory, Department of Cultural Anthropology, Duke University

“Slavery in the Heart of Freedom: Race, Religion, and Politics through the Lens of BDSM”

Presider: Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University

This lecture reexamines religion, politics, and romance generally through the lens of BDSM, and BDSM through the lens of religion, politics, and romance. The linchpin of this analysis is that, in the post-Enlightenment republic, race is the most vivid paradigm and convincing metaphor of all social hierarchies, overloading Black people—especially the Black man—with the projections of obligatorily free and equal white people’s fears, desires, and secret wishes. The Black man is the paradigmatic anti-type of freedom, but his roles in the drama of freedom’s discontents are diverse. He can be a role model of subordinate loyalty, the foremost threat of rebellion, or, in rebellion, the paradigmatic savior of white people from the shameful emotional burdens of freedom, equality, individuality, and constant competition.

Section Chairs’ Dinner

Saturday, 8:15 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.

Presiders: Hollis Phelps, Mercer University & Sierra Lawson, UNC at Chapel Hill

Session V

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

INVITED SESSION

Theme: Scripture off the Page: Re-Imagining Performance in Studies of Religion

Presiders: Matthew Goff & Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University

- Ray Person, Jr., Ohio Northern University – *Word Selection in Conversation, Oral Traditions, and Textual Transmission of the Hebrew Bible*
- Panayotis League, Florida State University – *Scriptural Satire or Sonic Sacrilege? The Curious Case of Mamouzelos*
- Shem Miller, University of Mississippi – *The Oral World of the Dead Sea Scrolls*
- Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University – *Somatic Scripture in Song: Indigeneity & Islam in Ivory Coast, West Africa*
- Matthew Goff, Florida State University – *Listening to Lost Voices: Singing, Teaching, and Studying in the Dead Sea Scrolls*

AAR: Philosophy of Religion III

Theme: Philosophy of Religion & Imagination

Presider:

- Kevin Scott Smith, Liberty University – *The New Humanity Coming: Pragmatism, Imagination and Innovation in Metaphysical Religion*
- Andrew Irvine, Maryville College – *“True Construction”: Revealing Imagination*
- Blessings Emmanuel, University of Georgia – *From Imago Dei to Imago Hominum: Imagination, Human Enhancement, and the Case for Human Flourishing*
- Benjamin Shaw, Liberty University – *Ethical Epistemology: The Moral Significance of Human Persons and the Art of Interpretation*

AAR Religion and Intersectionality II

Theme: Intersectional Embodiment, Sacred (Con)Texts, and Wholistic Shifts

Presider: Florence Egbeyale

- Tierney Jordan, McAfee School of Theology – *The Millennial Womanist Preacher: Transforming Technology and Digital Sacred Space*
- Tsharre Sanders, Columbia Theological Seminary – *‘Who Said It Was Simple’: Providing Spiritual Care for Black Queer & Lesbian Women*
- Hanna Thorpe, Emory University – *Bodies and Bake Sales: Christian Ambivalence Towards Dieting*

AAR: Religions of Asia II

Presider: James Newell

- Shao-cheng (Michael) Sun, The Citadel – *China’s Cultural Soft Power Strategy and the Confucius Institutes*
- Kendall Marchman, University of Georgia – *Anxiously Awaiting the Pure Land: Suicide Narratives in Pure Land Literature*

AAR: [JOINT] Islam II and Judaism I**Theme: Shared Narratives, Convergences, and Divergences****Presider:**

- Tom Block, Independent Scholar – *Sufism and Hasidism: The (Shared) Tales They Tell*
- Joshua Joel Spoelstra, Piedmont University – *Noah's Ark and the Flood in Judaism and Islam: A Bi-optic Perspective of Salvation and Sacred Space*
- John Miller, Emory University – *Of Parrots and Honeybees: Spinozist Prophetologies and the Neo-Rationalist School of Qur'anic Hermeneutics in Iran*

SBL: New Testament IV**Theme: Paul and Other****Presider:**

- Olivia Fain, Duke University – *The Christ Gift: An Analysis of Gift Language in Ephesians 4:1-16*
- Zachary Skarka, University of Birmingham – *New Test Passages from Colossians*
- Christopher David Marsh, Dallas Theological Seminary – *Intoning a Multiethnic Social Imaginary: Reviewing Colossians 1:12–20 as a Hybridized Song Form*
- Scott Ryan, Claffin University – *Subjecting and Confining: The Language of Conflict and Romans 1–11*

ASOR/SBL: ASOR Member-Sponsored Session V and Hebrew Bible/Old Testament III**Theme: Frameworks of Understanding Prophecy****Presider: Dave Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary**

- Mary Dance Berry, Duke University – *Social and Divine Justice: A Comparative Examination of American Evangelical and African Biblical Interpretations of Amos*
- Eun-Keun Kim, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary – *A Study of the Theological Framework of Judges 17-21*
- Briyant Hines, Candler School of Theology at Emory University – *The Troubled Nevi'im*
- F. Downing, Valdosta State University – *Jeremiah As A Model of Prophetic Imagination*

Undergraduate Papers Session IV**Presider:**

- Katherine Grant, Elon University – *Social Network Analysis of Christian Identity Hate Groups*
Faculty sponsor: Megan Squire
- JoyceLyn Bentley, Elon University – *Mythmaking and the NOI: Writing Their Own Story*
Faculty sponsor: Ariela Marcus-Sells
- Kelsey Gallo, College of Charleston – *Intermonastic Spirituality in the Catholic Tradition*
Faculty sponsor: Elijah Siegler
- Allen Duggar, College of Charleston – *Let Every Land Their Tongues Employ: Ritualized Democracy among Shape Note Singers*
Faculty Sponsor: Lenny Lowe

Session VI

Sunday, 11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

AAR: Constructive Theologies III

Theme: Book Panel – Rachel S Baard, *Sexism and Sin-Talk: Feminist Conversations on the Human Condition*

Presiders: Aaron Brian Davis, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

- M. Sydney Park, Samford University
- Jennifer Carlier, Unaffiliated
- Michelle Panchuk, Murray State University

Respondent:

- Rachel S. Baard, Union Presbyterian Seminary

AAR History of Christianity II

Theme: TBA

Presiding: TBA

- Jeff Schmoll, Wake Forest University – *The Status Quo and the Resistance: Cyril and Nestorius*
- Erika Tritle, Coastal Carolina University – *Substance and Metaphor: Blood, Flesh, and Faith in Fifteenth-Century Castile*
- Joseph Carnes Ananias, Duke Divinity School – *The Once and Future Bondage of the Will: Luther's Understanding of Libero Arbitrio as an Innovation in Theological Anthropology*

AAR Religions in American III

Theme: Legality, Empire, and Religion

Presider:

- Nicholas Austin, Florida State University – *'To Go and Fight for Uncle Sam': Analyzing Divisions within the Latter-Day Saint Movement during the Mexican War*
- Paul A. Anthony, Florida State University – *Patterns and Practices: Media, Religion, and the 2008 FLDS Child-Custody Raid*
- Leah Robinson, Pfeiffer University – *Born Perfect or A Boy Erased?: Christian Theology and the Ex-Gay Movement in the USA (1973-2020)*

AAR: Religion and Nature II

Theme: Imagining a Different World

Presider:

- Andrew Stern, North Carolina Wesleyan College – *Caring for "Our Common Home": Laudato Si' and the Catholic Ecological Tradition*
- Sebastian Levar Spivey, Vanderbilt Divinity School – *Scarce Less Than Gods: Reading Psalm 8 Beyond the Human*

- Brady McCartney, University of Florida – *Imagining Zion: Latter-day Saint Prepping for Eco-social Utopia*

AAR: Secularism, Religious Freedom, and Global Politics I

Theme: Religious Freedom and Global Politics On (and Under) the Ground

Presider: Jesse Lee, Florida State University

- Mark Wood, Virginia Commonwealth University – *The Colonial and Post-Colonial Religious Imagination*
- Kerry Mitchell, Indiana University – *A Tale of Two Cities (of the Dead): How Greenwood and Evergreens Cemeteries Face their own Mortality*
- Finbarr Curtis, Georgia Southern University – *Freedom versus Truth at the Scopes Trial*

AAR [JOINT]: Religion, Culture, and the Arts II and Africana Religions II

Theme: Decolonial Art, Practice, and Materiality

Presider:

- Victoria Basug Slabinski – *Beyond Colonial Visibility and Imperial Forgetting: Approaching the Philippines' Pasts through Gina Apostol's Insurrecto*
- Punam Madhok – *The Multifarious Temple Art of Jayavarman VII and the French Orientalist Interest in Cambodia*
- Humberto Perez, Florida State University – *In the Presence of the Divine: Statues as Vessels of Divinity*
- Brian C. Smithson, University of Virginia – *Decolonizing Religious Tourism: Praising Gods and Monarchs in a West African Festival*

SBL: Apocrypha & Pseudepigrapha II

Theme: Panel discussion of Sex, Violence, and Early Christian Texts, edited by Christy Cobb and Eric Vanden Eykel (Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, forthcoming 2022)

Presider: Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University

- Christy Cobb, Wingate University – *The Acts of Andrew*
- Eric Vanden Eykel, Ferrum College – *The Protoevangelium of James*
- Mido Hartman – *Title of Presentation TBA*
- Jenny Collins Elliott – *Title of Presentation TBA*
- Stephen L. Young, Appalachian State University – *Title of Presentation TBA*
- Response: Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University

Women's Caucus

Saturday, 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Presider: Wesley Barker, Mercer University