

Program AAR Southeastern Region Annual Conference

“Migration(s)”

March 10 – 12, 2023, Mercer University

In *Crossing and Dwelling: A Theory of Religion*, Thomas Tweed expands on his previous work observing diasporic Cuban communities’ religious practices to establish a definition of religions as relational and dynamic. He writes, “Religions are confluences of organic-cultural flows that intensify joy and confront suffering by drawing on human and suprahuman forces to make homes and cross boundaries” (Tweed, 2006, 55). Although Tweed describes migration narrowly as a “terrestrial crossing,” this is just one example of these “organic-cultural flows.” We invite you to think more expansively about migration(s) beyond terrestrial, corporeal, and even human crossings.

The theme of migration conjures images of mass migrations--humans fleeing famine, oppressive regimes and/or war. Such mass movements of entire populations (human and non-human) are transformative not only for those who leave but also for the places they go and the people and places they leave behind.

But beyond mass physical/geographical movements, the theme of migration applies to personal socio-cultural transformations as well as more esoteric migrations. From the Babylonian exile to the transmigrations of souls, this theme is meant to evoke a sense of movement---of crossings and transitions, of hardship and promise, of beginnings, ends, and the intervals in between—that will resonate broadly with our program units. Whether taken literally or metaphorically, we hope that our units think broadly about what “migrations” mean for their particular fields and develop panels that will expand on the theme accordingly.

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Program Information: The AAR Southeast Region's website is <https://relse.org> and will have a link to the most up-to-date program

Registration: Register for this event and reserve lunches at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/441050091697>

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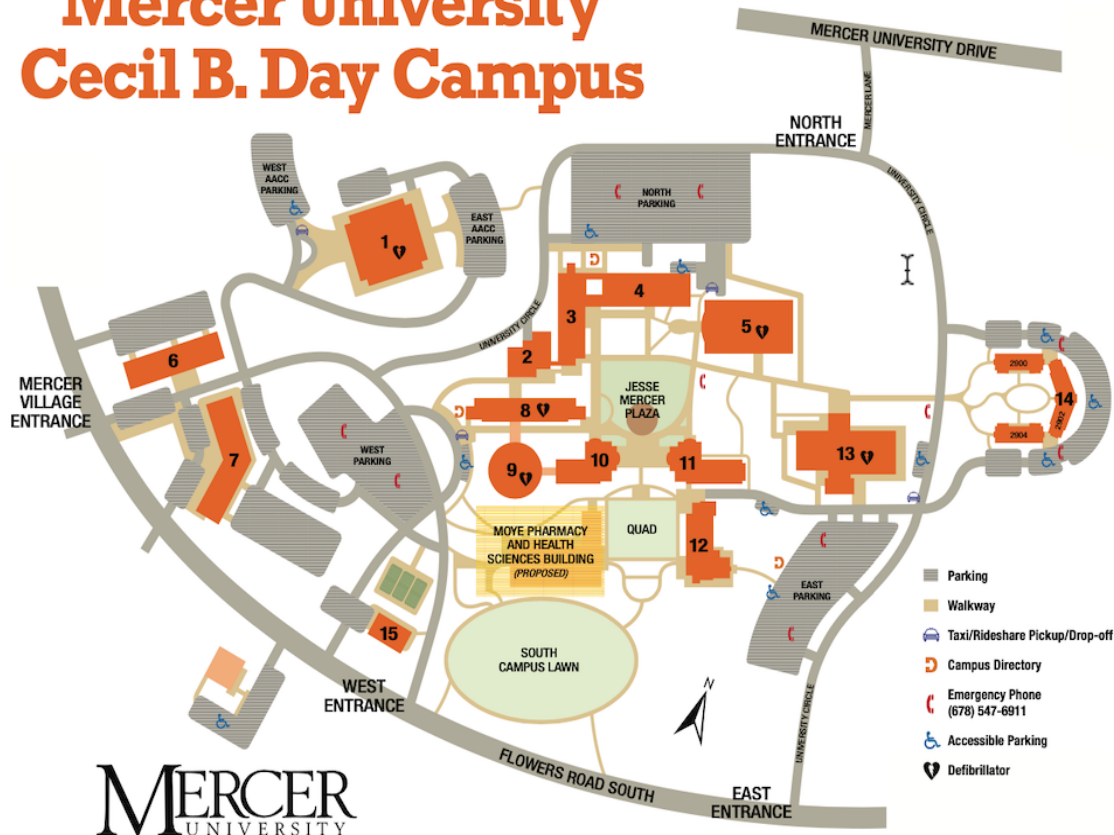
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- **Concurrent Sessions I, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.**
- Plenary Address, 5:45– 7:00 p.m., Dr. Nicole Symmonds, Visiting Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University
- Reception: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

DAY 2 – SATURDAY, MARCH 11

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- Section Chair’s Dinner, 7:00 p.m.
- Undergraduate Reception at Marriott Century Center, sponsored by the Elon University Center for the Study of Religion, Culture, and Society, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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Please Note: Locations and Room Numbers are listed in parentheses after each session or event. The following abbreviations are used throughout:

- **ACC: Administration and Conference Center**
- **PAC: Pharmacy Administration and Cafeteria**
- **BE: Business and Education**
- **TDR: Trustees Dining Room (located in PAC)**

FRIDAY, MARCH 10th

AAR-SE Board Meeting and Elections, 2:00 – 2:45pm (ACC 280)

Welcome and Orientation, 3:00 – 3:30pm, Derrick Lemons (University of Georgia) (ACC 280)

Concurrent Sessions I, 3:30 – 5:30pm

Religions in America I (ACC 175)

Religion and the Production of American Families

Steve Heaton (University of Alabama), presiding

- C. Monique Deal Barlow (Georgia State University), “Biblical Literalism, Evangelical Christianity, and the Transgender Bathroom Debate”
- Elizabeth McKenney (University of Virginia), “American Purity: The Role of Patriarchy, White Supremacy, and Nationalism in the Sexual Purity Movement”
- Nicholas Austin (Florida State University), ““Considering the deplorable condition:’ Latter-day Saints and the Reorganization of Family Records”

Ethics, Religion, & Society I (ACC 181)

Ethics, Sexuality, Addiction, and Migration

Graham Walker (Mercer University), presiding

- Ashley Douglas (Florida State University), “Migrating through Gendered Lives as American Catholic Women: An Ethnographic Study of Creative Conformity in the Realm of Lived Sexual Ethics”
- Summer Boucher (Florida State University), “Migrating to Digital Life: Transhumanism as Religious Practice”
- Rachel Blanton (Mercer University), “Equal in Essence but Eternally Subordinate in Role: The Implications of a Subordinationist Evangelical Trinitarian Doctrine in a post-Roe World”
- Mike Stoltzfus (Georgia Gwinnett College), “Addiction Recovery as Spiritual Practice”

Method & Theory in the Study of Religion I (ACC 182)

On Methods and Theories

Vaia Touna (University of Alabama), presiding

- Aidan Nuttall (University of Alabama), “A Call to Control Our Own Data”
- Sophia Honerkamp (University of Alabama), “A Grad Student’s Guide to Theory Beyond the Academy”

New Testament I (ACC 190)

Migration(s) in the New Testament

Eric Thurman (The University of the South – Sewanee), presiding

- Steven Winiarski (The Baptist College of Florida), “Jesus, The Cosmic Traveler as The Hope of Weary Wanderers”
- Zechariah Eberhart (Loyola University Chicago), “Between Script and Scripture: Textual Migration as (re)Negotiation of the Object of Study”
- Brett Michael Miller (Spring Hill College), “The Migration of Abraham and the Journey of the Magi in Matthew’s Gospel”
- Michael Blythe (South African Theological Seminary), “Eschatological Representations in Thoroughfare Images from the ‘Good Samaritan’ Parable (Lk. 10:30-35)”

Dead Sea Scrolls I (ACC 240)

Migration and Identity in the Dead Sea Scrolls

Emily Olsen (Florida State University), presiding

- Camilla Raymond (University of Denver), “Ideo-Geographic Boundaries in the Damascus Document: A Paradigm of Migration for Qumran Religious Sectarianism”
- Aurora Pearson (Florida State University), “Monster Theory and Gender in the Watchers' Myth”
- Idan Peysahovich (Florida State University), “Migration of 2 Enoch: From Judea Desert to Balkans and Kievan Rus”
- Carmen Palmer (Stetson University), “Eden over Exodus: Shifting Landscapes of Space and Migration in the Dead Sea Scrolls”

ASOR Member Sponsored I (ACC 243)

Migration and Movement: Gods, People, Borders, and Things

Rachel Nabulsi (Point University), presiding

- Eric Trinko (Colby College), “Revisiting Israel’s Emergence in Light of Modern Migration Studies”
- Shane M. Thompson (NC Wesleyan University), “The Movement of Small-Scale Objects in the Late Bronze and Iron Age Levant: The izing/ized Dilemma”
- Jordan Barr (Florida State University), “Gods on the Move: The Exile of Yahweh and Other Ancient Near Eastern Divinities”
- Steven Ortiz (Lanier Center for Archaeology at Lipscomb University), “Between Judah and Philistia: Border Expansion and Contraction During the Monarchy”

Undergraduate Paper Session I (ACC 245)

Religion and Social Justice

Lenny Lowe (College of Charleston), presiding

- Morgan Treadwell (College of Charleston), “The Living Temple: Autonomy, Art and Appropriation.” Supervisor: Brennan Keegan (College of Charleston)
- Thomas Atkinson (College of Charleston), “Looking Back in Order to Look Forward: The Struggle for Racial Justice at the Unitarian Church in Charleston” Supervisor: Brennan Keegan (College of Charleston)
- Molly Edlein (Agnes Scott College), “Racializing Judaism: The Impact of the Lynching of Leo Frank on Jewish Identity in Atlanta, Georgia 1913-2022.” Supervisor: Tina Pippin (Agnes Scott College)

Plenary Address, 5:45pm – 7:00pm (ACC 280)

Dr. Nicole Symmonds, Visiting Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics, Mercer University School of Theology



Dr. Nicole Symmonds is the Visiting Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics at McAfee. Dr. Symmonds earned her B.S. in Journalism from Florida A&M University (2002) and an M.Div. with a focus in theology and ethics from Emory University’s Candler School of Theology (2013). She comes to Mercer from Emory University, where she earned a Ph.D. in Ethics & Society (2021). She teaches courses in the foundations of ethics and sexual ethics.

Dr. Symmonds’s research interests include Christian anti-trafficking work, womanist responses to commercial sex work, sexual ethics in popular culture and society, and Christian social ethics and ethnography. Her research seeks to merge normative concerns within Christian ethics with a liberative commitment to women, gender, and sexuality, especially Black women’s experience of embodied agency. Her current research, which is an expansion of her dissertation, explores the role of Evangelical Christian whiteness in anti-trafficking work performed in urban contexts. In

this exploration, she identifies how faith-based anti-trafficking work conducted by Evangelicals is often done to buttress Christian religious values and commitments more than it secures freedom for women involved in the commercial sex trade. In claiming that this falls under the auspices of an Evangelical whiteness, Dr. Symmonds points to a phenomenon particular to white Christian spaces that embraces a limiting perception of purity and morality rooted in a history of racialization.

She has a co-authored article in the *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* and a forthcoming chapter publication with Routledge. Dr. Symmonds holds membership in the American Academy of Religion, the Society of Christian Ethics, and the Black Catholic Theological Symposium. Dr. Symmonds's teaching experience ranges from undergraduate religious studies courses at Emory University to graduate courses at the Candler School of Theology and Christian Education classes taught at several Atlanta area churches.

Reception: 7:00pm-8:30pm (ACC 200)

SATURDAY, MARCH 11th

Registration and Display Area, 9:00am – 5:00pm (ACC 101)

Concurrent Sessions II, 9:00am – 11:00am

Africana Religions I (BE 002)

Dialogic Diasporas: Migration & Empowerment across the Black Atlantic & Caribbean

Joseph Hellweg (Florida State University), presiding

- Olufemi Paul Abimbola (University of Georgia), “African Baptists in the Diaspora: A Case Study of Yoruba Baptist Communities in the United States of America”
- Danelle Bernten (Florida State University) “Worship & Warnings: Basquiat’s Portraits of the Vodou Loa, Baron Samedi”
- Linda Howard (Florida State University), “Moravians in Cape Town: Sustaining Distinctions & Engaging Pluralism in Post-Apartheid South African Christianity”
- Zoë Walker (Florida State University) “Pasts, Presents & Futures in Jamaican Obeah: Mobility, Agency & Problem-Solving on the Island & Beyond”

History of Christianity I (BE 003)

Theological Innovations and Migrations in the History of Christianity

Douglas Brown Clark (Wofford College), presiding

- Kevin Scott Smith (University of Groningen), “Crossing Over: Spiritualist Transitions and Migrations in ‘New Thought’ Christianity (1870-1910)”
- Hanghoon Cho (Candler School of Theology), “Deliver from Evil Through Christ’s Ecclesial Body: Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Understanding of Atonement”
- Jonathan Smith, (Candler School of Theology) “A Coalition of Militant Love: Anita Bryant and the Broader Evangelical Movement of the 1970s and 80s”

Business meeting

Judaism I (BE 004)

Open Call

Emily Olsen (Florida State University) presiding

- Tommy Woodward (Florida State University), “Laughing Matters: Ethnicity and Laughter in Philo’s Embassy to Gaius”
- Emily Olsen (Florida State University), “Julius Africanus and Bardaisan on Genesis’ Genealogies: Race & Ethnicity in Early Christian Chronography”
- Amanda Walls (University of Georgia), “Kimhi and the Crusades: Reinterpreting Child Sacrifice in the Wake of Blood Libel”
- Baruch Halpern (University of Georgia), “I Am that I Am: Unpacking the Oldest Explanation of the Divine Name”

Religions of Asia I (BE 005)

New Research in the Field

Kendall Marchman (University of Georgia), presiding

- Prathik Murali (University of Florida), “A monarch’s pride, a mystic poet and a migrating God: narrative of migration in the hagiography of Tirumālīcai Ālvār (circa 7th Century CE)”
- Ali Ahsan (University of Georgia), “From the Pali turn to The Buddha and His Dhamma: Reading South Asia through Ambedkar’s Genealogy of Doctrines”
- Ngawang Sherpa (Florida State University), “Dream Journeys of a Child Prodigy: Terton Migyur Dorje and his Sky Dharma”

Business Meeting

New Testament II (BE 113)

Pauline Letters

Eric Thurman (The University of the South – Sewanee), presiding

- Haley Gabrielle (Emory University), “Paul as First-Century Diaspora Intellectual: Circumcision in Acts and the Pauline Epistles”
- Julia M. Leyva (Duke University), “Father Abraham Had Many Sons (and Daughters): The Identity of the Children of Abraham across the New Testament”
- David W. Odell-Scott (Kent State University), “Paul’s Rebuke of the Christian Patriarchal Cohort in Corinth”
- Michael Scott Robertson (Israel Institute of Biblical Studies), “The Letter to Titus as Legitimation of the Place of Crete in Second Century Christianity”

Joint Session: ASOR Member Sponsored II and Hebrew Bible/Old Testament I (BE 115)

Open paper session

Rachel Nabulsi (Point University) presiding

- Joshua Seth Houston (Faulkner University), “Jeremiah as the Model City: A New Hypothesis on Jeremiah as an Iron Pillar”
- Aletia Wax Thomas (Spring Hill College), “God’s Ideal Diet for Human Beings: Gen 1:24-31”

Concurrent Sessions III, 11:15am – 12:45pm (90-min panels)

Black Cultures in the Study of Religion I (BE 002)

Open paper session

Joi Orr (Emory University), presiding

- Melvin Douglas (Emory University) "El Rukn: Gang, Religion, or Both?"
- Dr. Girim Jung (Wesleyan College), "Black Buddhism and Afro-Asian Entanglements"
- Michael McLaughlin (Florida State University), "The New Negro Has No Fear: Material Religion and Marcus Garvey’s Black Star Line"

Constructive Theologies I (BE 003)

Theological Reflections on Apocalyptic and Eschatology

Ian Curran (Georgia Gwinnett College), presiding

- Ethan Shearer (University of Virginia), "The End of Christ and the Beginning of God-Dorothee Soelle and Rubem Alves on the Eschatological coming of God"
- Royce Anderson (Independent Scholar), "Back to the Future: Dogma, Science, and the Elusive Search for Meaning in David Bentley Hart's Tradition and Apocalypse"
- Mark Wood (Virginia Commonwealth University), "Post-Apocalyptic Futures: Kinship and the Red Deal – All Relatives Forever!"

Ethics, Religion, and Society II (BE 004)

Ethics, Politics, and Immigration

Nathan Moats (Hillsborough Community College), presiding

- Nathan Moats (Hillsborough Community College), "A Thomistic Critique of Augustine's and Luther's Views on Political Authority and the Duty to Submit"
- Ryan Andrew Newson (Campbell University), "Civility, Christ, and the Allure of Self-Control"
- Ross Moret (Florida State University), "Secularism, Religious Freedom, and Global Politics"

Religions in America II (BE 005)

Statecraft and the Edges of American Christianity

Sophia Honerkamp (University of Alabama), presiding

- Humberto Perez (Florida State University), "Christian Influence on Wiccan Religious Emotional Identity"
- K. Reed Stephenson (University of Georgia), "Mary Ingleman: The Witch of Winnsboro"
- Paul A. Anthony (Florida State University), "Your Women in Texas': Lottie Beth Hobbs and the Unheralded Networks that Stopped the ERA and Launched the Religious Right"

Teaching & Learning in Religion I (BE 113)

Open Session

Carole Barnsley (Transylvania University), presiding

- Eric James Greaux, Sr. (Winston-Salem State University), "Photo Essays as a Medium of Experiential Learning in a Course on the Black Church"
- Jodie L. Lyon (University of Georgia), "Drawing Conclusions: Utilizing Art in the Religion Classroom"
- Nathan White and Katherine Voyles (U.S. Army Institute for Religious Leadership), "Affective Formation in Religious Pedagogy: A Missing Learning Domain?"

Invited Undergraduate Paper Session: Mercer University Department of Religion (BE 115)

Janell Johnson (Mercer University), presiding

- Sara Davila (Mercer University), “Through the Stained Glass: Theology Embodied in the Architecture of St. Joseph's Catholic Church”
- Caine Bagley (Mercer University), “Georgia Baptists Debating the Institution of Slavery”
- Julia Stuckey (Mercer University), “Worth the Wait: The Evangelical Purity Movement in America”
- Amanda Herrold (Mercer University), “Out of Focus: Exploring the Catholic Church’s Stance on Transgender Experiences”

Undergraduate Paper Session II (BE 140)

Ethnographies of Religious Nationalism

Brennan Keegan (College of Charleston), presiding

- Peyton Rohlf (Elon University), “Religion, Nationalism, and Memory: How Identity is Performed for the Sri Lanka Diaspora Community in Staten Island, NY.” Supervisor: Dinidu Karunanayake (Elon University)
- Natalie Triche (Elon University), “Contemporary Egyptian Nationalism Through an Anthropological Lens.” Supervisor: Brian Pennington (Elon University)
- Mady Starr (Elon University), “Material Memories: Narratives of the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict.” Supervisor: Amy Allocco (Elon University)
- Clare Harbin (Davidson College), “The Buddhist Economic University: A Chiang Rai Village's Radical Act of Justice for Their Community and the Earth.” Supervisor: Rachel Pang (Davidson College)

12:45-1:45pm, Lunch Break: off-campus or pre-registered lunch options listed below

- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Luncheon-- (Registration required: see “add-on” ticket option in registration, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/441050091697>) (PAC 117)
- Graduate Student Luncheon-- (Registration required: see “add-on” option in registration, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/441050091697>) (TDR)
- On-campus boxed lunch-- (Registration required: see “add-on” ticket option in registration, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/441050091697>) (ACC 200)

1:45pm – 3:00pm

Presidential Addresses and Awards (Cecil B. Day Hall 137)

Addresses

- Dr. Hollis Phelps, Associate Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Mercer University, “Gordon Wasson’s Search for Soma and the ‘Psychedelic Renaissance’”
- Dr. Kathryn Lopez, Associate Professor of Old Testament, Campbell University, “The Last Laugh: Reading and Rereading Job

Awards

- Graduate Paper Awards, Anne Wills
- Undergraduate Paper Awards, Leah Robinson

Concurrent Sessions IV, 3:15pm – 5:15pm

Africana Religions II (BE 002)

Panel Discussion: Flow with the Globe: Religious Afropolitanism in Indigenous, Christian & Islamic Interactions

Joseph Hellweg (Florida State University), presiding

- Ridwan Balogun (Florida State University), “Demarcating Salafiyya, Institutionalizing Ahmadiyya: Alternative Accommodations of Global Islams in Contemporary Nigeria”
- Olaotse Lekanang (Florida State University), “Migrants Possessed: “The Convergence of Indigenous, African-Initiated and Mainline-Christian Networks with the State at a School in Eastern Botswana”
- Joseph Hellweg (Florida State University), “Human Rights from West Africa’s Past: The (Re-)Invention of the Mandé *Charter of Kurukan Fuga*”

Religion, Culture & the Arts I (BE 003)

The Monstrous and the Otherworldly

Anderson Moss (University of Virginia), presiding

- Amy Slagle (University of Southern Mississippi), “‘For Entertainment Purposes Only’: The Occultural Appeal of the Haunted Doll”
- Catherine J McCrary (University of Virginia), “Mary’s Body, Broken for Us: Last House on the Left and American Trauma, 1972 to 2009”
- Benjamin Daniel Crace (Independent Scholar), “The Peripatetic Priest of The Walking Dead as A Post-modern Tiresias”
- Sam McLoughlin (Florida State University), “Paulina Peavy & The Story of Her Life with UFOs”

Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha I (BE 004)

Innovative Readings of Familiar Texts

Kathy Barrett Dawson (East Carolina University), presiding

- Zach Eberhart (Loyola University Chicago), “‘Show Me the Picture of a Voice’ (4 Ezra 5:37): A Metaphor for Jewish and Early Christian Apocalyptic Literacy?”
- Josh Spoelstra (Piedmont University), “Parties and Fatalities: A Comparative Examination of Jdt 12:10–13:10 and Mark 6:14–29”
- Daniel B. Glover (Lee University), “A (Lost) Migration to Heaven in the Assumption of Moses”
- Randy Garcia (Florida State University), “Rewriting Levi’s Elevation to the Priesthood”

Business Meeting

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament II (BE 005)

The Importance of Language

John T. Thames (Clemson University), presiding

- Diana Abernethy (Huntingdon College), “Identifying Deception in Biblical Narrative with Case Studies from 1 Samuel”
- Derek Frederickson (Knox Theological Seminary), “Reverse-Symmetrical Discourse in 1 Samuel 4:16-17: Exploring the Benjamite’s Message to Eli as Tragi Poesis”
- Dr. Lindy Williams (Fuller Theological Seminary), “Stories in Exile: Ezekiel and the “House of Israel” as Present Disorientation and Future Hope”
- Nicholas J. Campbell (Southern Baptist Theological Seminary), “Covenant and Confession: Contrasting Shecaniah’s Covenant and Ezra’s Confession in Ezra 10”

New Testament III (BE 113)

Gospels and Acts

Eric Thurman (The University of the South – Sewanee), presiding

- Nelida Naveros (Spring Hill College), “Luke 16:19-31: The Necessity to Love Humanity in the Earthly Realm”
- Steven Winiarski (The Baptist College of Florida), “Resisting the Holy Spirit as Following the way of Judas in Acts”
- Caleb S. Cooke (Duke Divinity School), “A Tale of Two Johns: The Baptizer in the Fourth Gospel”
- Mose Yoon (Emory University), “The Dialectic of Johannine Eschatology - John 11:23-27 as the Synthesis of Tension Between Future Eschatology and Realized Eschatology”

Business Meeting

ASOR Member Sponsored III (BE 115)

Archeology & the Ancient World: Field Reports from Egypt, Cyprus, and Israel

Dr. Shane Thompson (NC Wesleyan University), presiding

- Thomas Davis (Lanier Center for Archaeology at Lipscomb University), “The 2022 Field Season at Kourion, Cyprus”
- Mark D. Janzen and LS Baker Jr. (Lanier Center for Archaeology at Lipscomb University), “An Update on Epigraphic Work at Karnak Temple and Preliminary Analysis of the Hittite Peace Treaty of Rameses II”
- Marcella Barbosa (Lanier Center for Archaeology at Lipscomb University), “Tel Burna: Recent Work and the 2022 Season”
- Rachel Nabulsi (Point University), “Tel Abel Bet Maacah : Recent Field Work and Discoveries”

Undergraduate Paper Session III (BE 140)

Practical Theology & Ecclesial Studies

Leah Robinson (Pfieffer University), presiding

- Isabella Wells (Wofford College) “The Duality of Religious Practices in its ability to heal or hinder African American Dementia Patient Populations.” Supervisor: Dr. Clark (Wofford College)
- Daniel Cavanaugh (East Carolina University), “Can Hicks Soul-Making Theodicy Account for Animal Suffering.” Supervisor: John Collins (East Carolina University)
- Hannah Kreuziger (Emory University), “Securing Belonging: The Triumphs and Tribulations of Church-to-Mosque Conversion in Hamburg Germany.” Supervisor: Florian Pohl, (Emory University)
- Katie M. Mills (Campbell University), “From Family Values to #Churchtoo: Christian Nationalist Patriarchy and Violence Against Women.” Supervisor: Kenneth Vandergriff (Campbell University)

Special Event: Graduate Student Workshop, 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. (open to graduate students only) (TDR)



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Facilitators

Gertrude Gonzales de Allen (Spelman College)
Letitia Campbell (Emory University)
Brennan Keegan (College of Charleston)
Derrick Lemons (University of Georgia)
Ashlyn Wintrell Strozier (Georgia State University)

7:00 p.m.: Section Chair's Dinner (TDR)

***6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Undergraduate Reception at Marriott Century Center,
Sponsored by Elon University's Center for the Study of Religion, Culture, and
Society***

SUNDAY, MARCH 12th

Women's Caucus Breakfast Meeting 8:15am-9:15am, (Registration required: see "add-on" option in registration, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/441050091697>) (PAC 117)

***9:30am– 10:45am Special Event:
Symposium on Pedagogy (Cecil B. Day Hall 137)
Open to all members***

Dr. Gertrude Gonzales de Allen (Spelman College) Africana philosophy, phenomenology, decoloniality

Dr. Shehnaz Haqqani (Mercer University) Islamic Studies, Gender Studies

Dr. Joi Orr (Interdenominational Theological Center) Environmental Justice, land rights, food Ethics

Dr. Will Schanbacher (University of South Florida) Social Ethics, Global Food Systems

Dr. Andrew Walker-Cornetta (Georgia State University) Religion and Health, Disability Studies, US Religious History

Dr. Ashlyn Wintrell Strozier (Georgia State University) Religion and race, gender, and sexuality

Concurrent Sessions V, 11:00am - 12:30pm (90-minute panels)

Constructive Theologies II (BE 002)

Migration, Movement, and Becoming in Constructive Theology

Royce Anderson (Independent Scholar), presiding

- Beth Ritter-Conn (Belmont University), "Provisions for the Journey: Theologia Viatorum, Displacement, and Migration"
- David Le (Emory University), "Theology as Translation: A Constructive Postliberal Account"
- Ian Curran (Georgia Gwinnett College), "Becoming and Becoming Divine: Whitehead's Metaphysics and the Eastern Christian Doctrine of Theosis"

Religion, Culture & the Arts II (BE 003)

Sound, Race, and Religion

Anderson Moss (University of Virginia), presiding

- Corwin Malcolm Davis (Emory University), "Mary Don't You Weep": Black Migration/s and Apertures between Temporalities"
- Zachary Moreau (Florida State University), "Music and Acceptance: Language Choices and Messaging in Unitarian Universalist Worship Music"
- Ethan Shearer (University of Virginia), "The Devil Is Fine: Transgressing the Color Line in Satanic Black Metal"

Methods and Theories in the Study of Religion II (BE 004)

Panel Discussion: Challenges of the Small Religious Studies Program

Vaia Touna (University of Alabama), presiding

Because there are a large number of religious studies programs in the US that employ less than a handful of faculty, this panel focuses on the current challenges to such programs, from regularly delivering a sufficient variety of courses and developing a minor (or perhaps a major) to securing tenure-track faculty lines and the role of local, contingent labor in delivering their courses. Given that many of these programs are housed within philosophy departments or cross-disciplinary humanities programs, the challenge of representing the field to those who were trained outside of it—and who might therefore have their own sense of how religion can be studied in the academy—will also be a focus of the discussion. This panel—comprised of faculty now working in just these settings—aims to be a resource to others already working in such units and also a primer on some of the practical conditions of the current field for graduate students hoping to establish careers in academia.

Panelists

Matthew Baldwin (Mars Hill University)

Brandi Denison (University of North Florida)

Religions in America III (BE 005)

Movements and Transnationalism

Aidan Nuttall (University of Alabama), presiding

- Casey Aldridge (Florida State University), “Closer to Heaven than Usual: Jewish Exile in America and Great Migrations of Hope”
- Bryce McCormick (UNC Chapel Hill), “Acoustemologies of Race and Religion in 1819 New Orleans”
- Rachael Diaz (University of Florida), “El Señor de los Milagros: Religious Globalization in Miami”

Teaching and Learning in Religion II (BE 113)

Open Session

Jodie L. Lyon, University of Georgia, presiding

- Carole Barnsley (Transylvania University), “The Pedagogy of Using Technology in the Classroom”
- Tina Pippin (Agnes Scott College), Kennedy Thedford (Agnes Scott College), Belinda Grace Brooks (Agnes Scott College), and Maggie Parker Andrews (McAfee School of Theology), “Fostering Student-Faculty Collaboration in a Religious Studies Classroom and Beyond”
- Rachel Wingo (Tennessee Technological University), “Cultivating a Learning Community in a COVID/Post-COVID Environment, or Why I Have a Dozen Camping Chairs in My Office”

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament III (BE 115)

Migration

Shane Thompson (North Carolina Wesleyan University), presiding

- Nathan Maroney (Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary), “Migration, Wandering, and Hospitality in the Book of Judges”
- Almond Ka Kwan Sin (Vanderbilt University), “Forced Migration in the Lot Narrative”
- Mike O’Neal (Campbellsville University), “Skillfully on the Strings: Psalm 33 as a Song of Exile”

Undergraduate Paper Session IV (BE 140)

Biblical Texts and the Early Church

Emily Olsen (Florida State University), presiding

- Ethan A. Peebles (University of Tennessee – Knoxville), “Progressive Revelation in Theodore of Mopsuestia's Commentary on Haggi.” Supervisor: Tina Shephardson, (University of Tennessee – Knoxville)
- Tyner Jiunnies (Clemson University), “The Origen of the Issue: Why Origen Anathematized so Late.” Supervisor: Benjamin White (Clemson University)
- Brenna Salverson (Georgia Southern University), “Placement of the Jeremianic Oracles Against the Nations: Textual and Material Analysis of Biblical Composition.” Supervisor: D. Jason Slone (Georgia Southern University)
- Ashleigh Witherington (Florida State University), “Migration of a Text: The Death of Antigonus in Josephus' Works.” Supervisor: David Levenson (Florida State University)

Lunch Break and Closing Remarks: 12:30pm - 1:15pm (TDR)

On-campus boxed lunch (Registration required: see “add-on” option in registration, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/441050091697>)