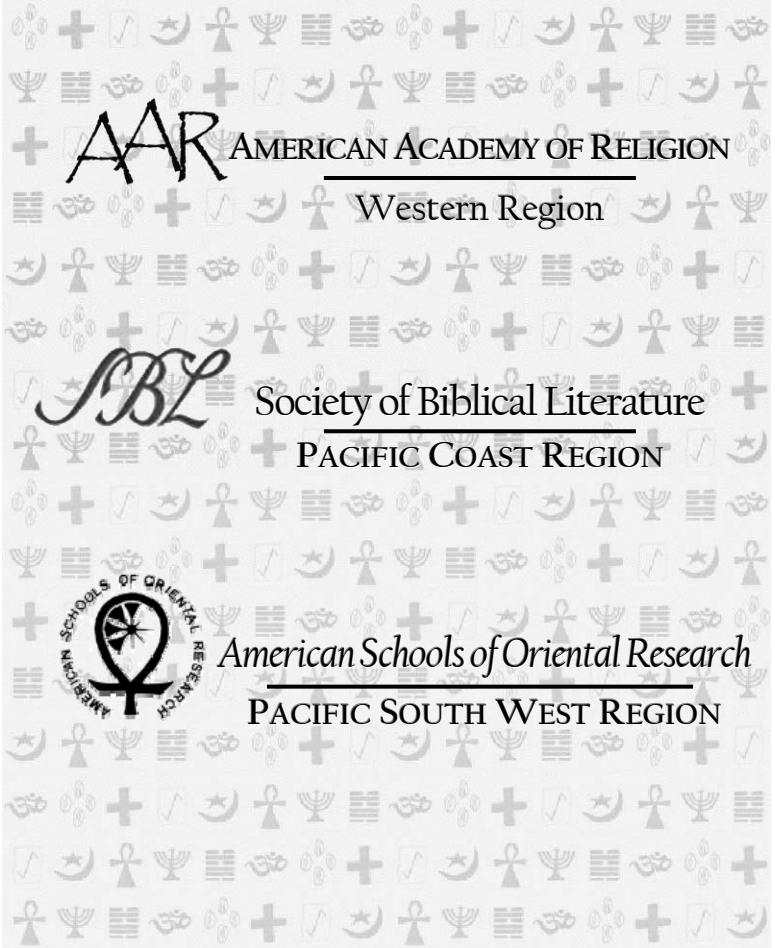


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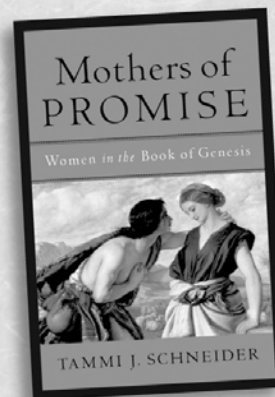
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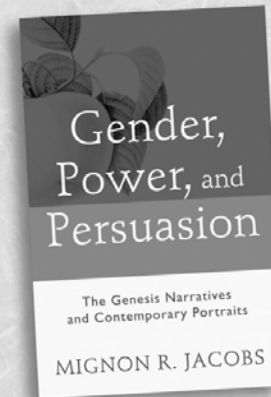
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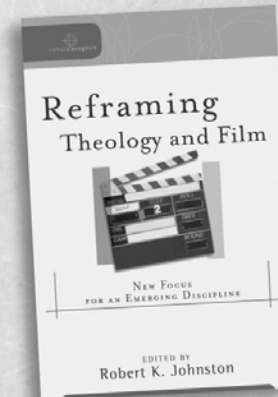
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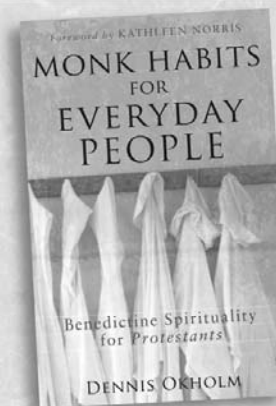
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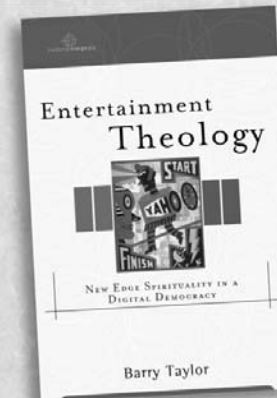
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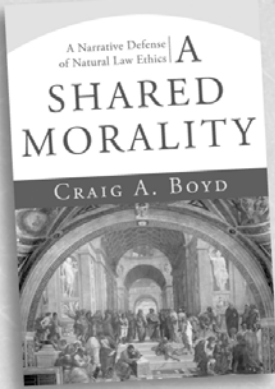
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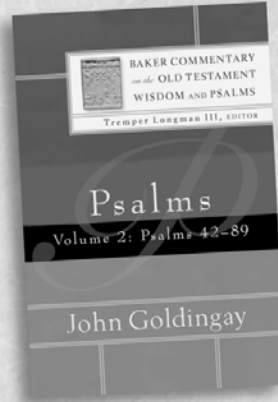
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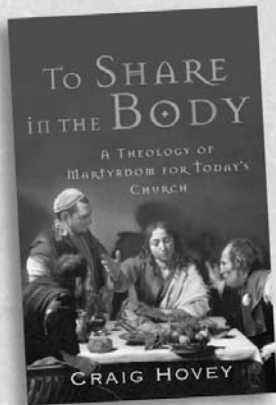
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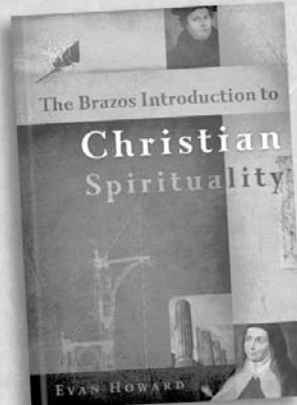
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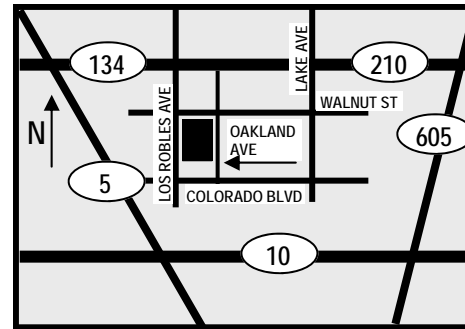
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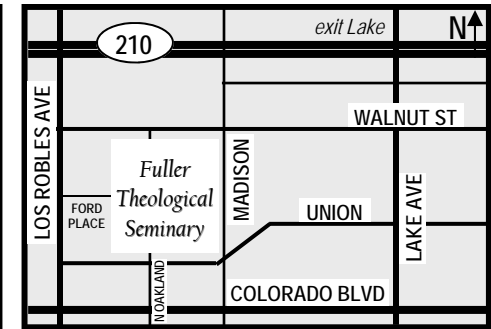
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A1 Women's Caucus Lunch & Workshops	Geneva
2—6 PM	
A2 AAR/WR Board of Directors Mtg	Payton 102
2—6 PM	
A3 Queer Caucus Workshop	Walnut
5:30—7 PM	
A4 Racial/Ethnic Minorities Reception	Geneva

SUNDAY 30 March 2008

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8:00—9:30 AM	SESSION I	
A5 Religion & the Arts I	Psy 130	
A6 Islamic Studies I	Psy 311	
A7 Philosophy of Religion I	Psy 116	
A8 Ecology and Religion I	Psy 120	
9:45—11:15 AM	SESSION II	
A9 AAR/WR Welcome/Plenary Address	Travis Aud	
11:30 AM—12:45 PM	SESSION III	
A10 Indigenous Religions	Psy 120	
A11 History of Christianity I	Psy 120	
A12 Religion in America I	Psy 314	
A13 Women & Religion	Psy 311	
12:45—2:15 PM	LUNCH	
A14 AAR Section Chairs Meeting	Faculty Commons	
A15 Queer Studies & Religion Lunch	Walnut	
A16 Women's Caucus Lunch	Geneva	
2:15—3:45 PM	SESSION IV	
A17 Person, Culture & Religion I	Psy 314	
A18 Jewish Studies I	Psy 116	
A19 Ethics I	Psy 130	
A20 Special Session: Goddess Studies	Psy 120	
4:00—5:30 PM	SESSION V	
A21 Women & Religion II	Psy 311	
A22 Education/Workshops I	Psy 116	
A23 Islamic Studies II	Psy 130	
A24 Queer Studies/Jewish Studies	Psy 120	
5:45—7:15 PM	RECEPTION	
A25 WECSOR Reception	Carth Plaza	
7:30—9:00 PM	SESSION VI	
A26 AAR/WR Presidential Address	Travis Auditorium	

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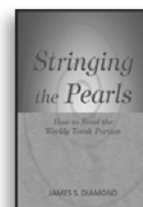
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A29 Education/Workshops II	Payton 303	
A30 History of Christianity II	Payton 302	
A31 Person, Culture & Religion/Phil & Religion	DMin	
10:00—11:45 AM	SESSION VIII	
A32 Religions of Asia I	Walnut	
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A34 Nineteenth Century I	Payton 303	
A35 Ethics II	Geneva	
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A36 AAR/WR Business Meeting Lunch	DMin	
1:00—2:45 PM	SESSION IX	
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A39 Religion in America II	490 Conf Room	
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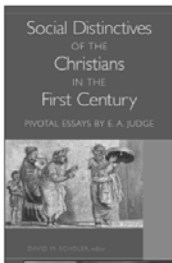
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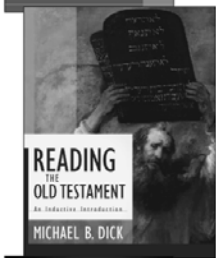
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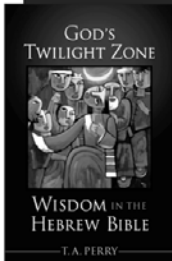
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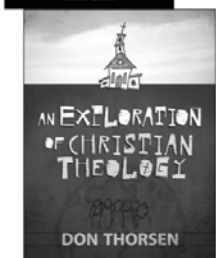
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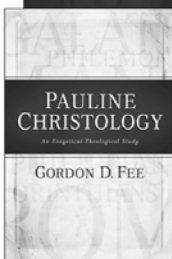
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S2 New Testament Texts & Traditions	Payton 301
S3 Hebrew Bible I: Torah/Pentateuch	Payton 303
4:00—5:30 PM	SESSION II
S4 Judaism in the Greco-Roman Era	Payton 302
S5 Hebrew Bible II: Prophets	Payton 301
S6 New Testament Epistles	Payton 303
S7 Open Session	Payton 304
5:45—7:15 PM	RECEPTION
S8 WECSOR Reception	Garth Plaza

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S9 WECSOR Board Meeting	Payton 102
8:00—9:45 AM	SESSION III
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S11 NT Epistles & Apocalypse	Travis Auditorium
S12 Hebrew Bible III: Writings	Psy 314
S13 Neo-Assyrian Insights...	Psy 311
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S14 PLENARY ADDRESS	Travis Auditorium
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1:00—2:45 PM	SESSION V
S15 New Testament Texts & Traditions	Taylor 106
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3:00—5:00 PM	SESSION VI
S18 PRES ADDRESS/BUS MEETING	Travis Auditorium

ASOR/PSWR SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY 30 March 2008

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01 Site Reports & Interpretive Frameworks	Geneva
11:30 AM—12:45 PM	SESSION II
02 Contextualizing the Data	Geneva
5:45—7:15 PM	RECEPTION
03 WECSOR Reception	Garth Plaza

MONDAY 31 March 2008

7:00—8:00 AM	BREAKFAST
04 WECSOR Board Meeting	Payton 102

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A2	AAR/WR Board of Directors Meeting	2-6 PM	Faculty Commons
A3	Queer Caucus Workshop	4-6:30 PM	Walnut
A4	Reception for Racial/Ethnic Minorities in the Profession	5:30-7 PM	Geneva

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S1	SBL/PCR Board & Section Chairs Lunch	12:45-2:15 PM	Payton 102
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A16	Women's Caucus Lunch	12:45-2:15 PM	Geneva
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A26	AAR/WR Presidential Address	7:30-9 PM	Travis Auditorium

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Conference Theme:



NOON — 5:30 PM

A1 WOMEN'S CAUCUS LUNCH & WORKSHOPS Geneva

Noon-1:30 PM — Luncheon: Mentoring for Graduate Students & Junior Scholars

1:45-3:30 PM—Workshop I: Women in the Academy (bring your question & concerns)

PANELISTS: SOUAD ALI, Arizona State University
 KAREN JO TORJESEN, Claremont Graduate University
 MARIE CARTIER, Claremont Graduate University
 TISA WENGER, Arizona State University

3:45-5:30 PM —Workshop II: Goddess Scholars Balancing Academic Career & Personal Practice

PANELISTS: HELEN HYE-SOOK HWANG, Global Ministries University
 NANÉ JORDAN, University of British Columbia
 PATRICIA MONAGHAN, DePaul University
 MIRANDA SHAW, University of Richmond and others

2:00 — 6:00 PM

A2 AAR/WR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Faculty Commons

4:00 — 6:30 PM

A3 QUEER CAUCUS WORKSHOP Walnut

THEME — *The Legal Status of GLBT People in Academia*

SHANE SNOWDEN, University of California, San Francisco

In this presentation, Shane Snowden will discuss what constitutes fair and equal treatment in academia, how institutions can ensure a welcoming environment beyond the demands of legal equity, and also review how they have been achieved in different types of institutions. She will draw on her eight years as LGBT Resources Director for the University of California system, which have included successful advocacy for all of the indicators and concerns above.

5:30 — 7:00 PM

A4 RECEPTION FOR RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITIES IN THE PROFESSION Geneva

All those who consider themselves a racial and/or ethnic minority within the academy, their partners, and advocates are invited to attend a reception of light refreshments. This is an opportunity to meet like colleagues in the field, network, and have a good time.

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10:00 — 11:15 AM SESSION 1

01 ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST
SITE REPORTS AND INTERPRETIVE FRAMEWORKS

Geneva

BETH ALPERT NAKHAI, The University of Arizona, *presiding*

The 2007 Season of the Renewed Excavations at Tel Gezer, Israel
GARY P. ARBINO, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary

The Function of the Gate at the Iron Age Site of Et-Tell
CHRISTOPHER CLAREKE, Claremont Graduate University

The Iron Age Temple at 'Ataruz and Its Implication for the Ahab-Elijah Narrative in the Hebrew Bible
CHANG-HO JI, La Sierra University

11:30 AM — 12:45 PM SESSION 2

02 ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST
CONTEXTUALIZING THE DATA: METHOD AND MEANING

Geneva

BETH ALPERT NAKHAI, The University of Arizona, *presiding*

Welcome Home Stranger: The Resident Alien in LBA Ugarit
MELISSA RAMOS, Fuller Theological Seminary

Jewelry in the Construction of Age and Gender Categories
ABIGAIL S. LIMMER, The University of Arizona

What Mean These Stones?: A Reappraisal of Iron II "Massebot"
RYAN N. ROBERTS, University of California, Los Angeles

Annales Archaeology and the Bible: the House that Lawrence E. Stager Built
DON C. BENJAMIN, Arizona State University

5:45 — 7:15 PM RECEPTION

03 WECSOR RECEPTION

Garth Plaza



7:00 — 8:00 AM BREAKFAST

04 WECSOR BOARD MEETING

Payton 102

8:00 — 9:30 AM SESSION I

A5 RELIGION AND THE ARTS I

PSY 130

THEME — Soaring and Settling of the Peripheralized within the Academy

HELEN HYE-SOOK HWANG, Global Ministries University, *presiding*

Home Birth in the Academy: A Question of Methodology
NANÉ JORDAN, University of British Columbia

Virgin Birth as a Holy Practice in Ancient Greece
MARGUERITE RIGOGLIOSO, Dominican University of California

The Art of the Practice of Mantra: The Tibetan Buddhist Goddess Tara and Her Mantras
KAREN NELSON VILLANUEVA, California Institute of Integral Studies

Metaformic Theory and the Evil Eye
CHRISTI COOK, New College of California

LAURA TRUXLER, California Institute of Integral Studies, *responding*

A6 ISLAMIC STUDIES I

PSY 311

THEME — Islamic Thought: Past and Present

SCOTT LUCAS, University of Arizona, *presiding*

The Boundaries between Philosophy, Empiricism and Revelation in the Work of al-Biruni (d. 1048)
MAHAN H. MIRZA, California State University, Chico

Interpreting Karbala: The Relationship between Doctrinal Shi'ism and Shi'i Ashura Rituals
SYED RIZWAN ZAMIR, University of Virginia

The Diversity of Islamic Reforms in Twentieth Century Indonesia and Malaysia
MUHAMAD ALI, University of California, Riverside

The Shadhuhuliyah Sufi Order in America: Liminality, Innovation and Tradition
ELLIOT BAZZANO, University of California, Santa Barbara

8:00 — 9:30 AM SESSION I

A7 PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION I PSY 116

EMILY BENNETT, Claremont Graduate University, *presiding*

Even a Trickle Gives Birth to the Mainstream: A Case of Hegel's Phenomenology of the Spirit and its Influence on the Contemporary Renaissance of the Trinitarian Thoughts
CHUNG-HYUN BAIK, Graduate Theological Union

Hume's Challenge to the Emergence of Deity
PAUL DEVITTO, Claremont Graduate University

Why Science Needs Religion
KENNETH A. LOCKE, University of the West

A8 ECOLOGY AND RELIGION I PSY 120

THEME — The Environment and Economies of Salvation

Other-worldly Eschatology and Marginalized Ecology or This-Worldly Eschatology and Ecology as a Central Concern
ANDREA M. STEPHENSON, Claremont Graduate University

Gift-Exchange with God: Taxation and Environmentalism
VINCENT BIONDO, California State University, Fresno

Ecofeminism and Environmental Racism: Religion's Role in Multiply Marginal Movements
SARAH ELIZABETH ROBINSON, Claremont Graduate University

9:45 — 11:15 AM SESSION 2

A9 WELCOME & PLENARY ADDRESS Travis Auditorium

JON STONE, AAR/WR President, *presiding*

When God Plays Politics: An Opinionated Approach to the Study of Religion and Politics

Plenary Speaker: IVAN STRENSKI

Holstein Family & Community Professor of Religious Studies, University of California, Riverside

Schedule of Events



American Schools of Oriental Research
PACIFIC SOUTH WEST REGION

Archaeology of the Ancient Near East

S17 EARLY JEWISH/CHRISTIAN RELATIONS

Payton 302

JUDY YATES SIKER, Graduate Theological Union, *presiding*

Matthew's Interpretation of the Temple: A Factor in Deciding the Identity of Early Christian Communities
YONG HAN CHUNG, Graduate Theological Union

Jesus of Nazareth, the Pharisees, and Mediterranean Manliness
S. SCOTT BARTCHY, University of California, Los Angeles

Song of Songs: A Comparison of Midrash Rabbah and Origen
ROBERTA SABBATH, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Guilty Yet Innocent: Two Intertextual Escape Clauses for Jewish Deicide in Augustine's Enarrationes en Psalmos
MARK BILBY, Point Loma Nazarene University

S18 PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS/BUSINESS MEETING Travis Auditorium

YHWH's Call for Israel's "Return": Command, Invitation, or Threat
MIGNON JACOBS, Fuller Theological Seminary

A10 INDIGENOUS RELIGIONS I

PSY 130

Dancing on the Edge of the World: Native Californians Reclaiming Their Center in Land, Song & Dance
JEAN MOLESKY-POZ, Santa Clara University

The Spirit of Ubuntu at Work in South Africa's Shift from Singularity to Plurality
SAMUEL PAUL, University of Southern California

The Invention of Paganism and Fetishism in African Traditional Religions: Reflection on the Colonization and Decolonization of Knowledge in Central Africa
MUTOMBO NKULU-N'SENCHA, California State University, Northridge

A11 HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY I

PSY 120

DYRON DAUGHRITY, Pepperdine University, *presiding*

Who Defines Evangelical Christianity?
DON THORSEN, Azusa Pacific University

Jansenism: Marginal Movement or Gallican Mainstream?
ELISSA MCCORMACK, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology

Ellen White: Marginalizer or Mainstreamizer of Seventh-Day Adventism?
JULIUS NAM, Loma Linda University

A12 RELIGION IN AMERICA I

PSY 314

THEME — Re-Centering Non-Traditional Forms of Spirituality in America
JENNIFER RYCENGA, San José State University, *presiding and responding*

My Center, Your Periphery: A Relational Model for Spirituality in Globalized and Pluralistic America (on Traditional Chinese Medicine)
EMILY WU, Graduate Theological Union

Peripheral Visions: Using the Internet and Pop Culture to Bring Alternative Religions into the Mainstream
AUSTIN J. BUSCHER, Claremont Graduate University

New Religious Movements: Challenges for the Mystic Discourse
JODI LETTERMAN, University of California, Riverside

11:15 AM — 12:45 PM SESSION 3

A13 WOMEN & RELIGION I

PSY 311

DOE DAUGHTREY, Arizona State University, *presiding**Ecclesiology in Feminist Thought: From Periphery to Center*
ERIN BRIGHAM, Graduate Theological Union*What of the Wo/Man's Place?: An Analysis of Gender in the Historiography, Study, and Culture of U.S. Evangelicalism*

BEVERLY LUCAS, Arizona State University

12:45 — 2:15 PM LUNCH BREAK

A14 AAR/WR SECTION CHAIRS LUNCH MEETING Faculty Commons**A15 QUEER STUDIES & RELIGION LUNCH** Walnut**A16 WOMEN'S CAUCUS LUNCH** Geneva

2:15 — 3:45 PM SESSION 4

A17 PERSON, CULTURE, AND RELIGION I

PSY 314

THEME — Religion and the Religious Subject in the Scientific Age

FRANZ METCALF, The Forge Institute, *presiding**The Technological Tower: Eschatology and the Singularity*
COLLIN BRAUN, Claremont Graduate University*In Our Investigations of Religious Experiences, Spiritual Disciplines, Rituals and Ethics, What Could be the Role of the Neurosciences?*

ERIKA WILSON, California State University, Los Angeles

De-Centering the Violent Subject: A Psychoanalytic-Phenomenological Account of How Non-Violence Works

JOHN CHARLES ROEDEL, Graduate Theological Union

NOON — 1:00 PM LUNCH BREAK

1:00 — 2:45 PM SESSION 5

S15 NEW TESTAMENT TEXTS AND TRADITIONS

Taylor 106

REBECCA SKAGGS, Patten University, *presiding**Political Undertones in the Sermon on the Mount*
MARCO AMBRIZ, Fuller Theological Seminary*A New Understanding of Jesus' Flesh in the Gnostic Influence on the Eucharist of John 6*
JAE HYUNG CHO, Claremont Graduate University*Staying Connected: A Socio-Rhetorical analysis of Transitions in First John*
BETH SNODDERLY, University of South Africa*Judging Compassionate Acts: Matthew 25:31-46 in Light of Second Temple Literature*
PATRICK McCULLOUGH, Fuller Theological Seminary*Alexander, Herakles and the Politics of Matthew's Divine Birth Myth*
RICHARD MILLER, Claremont Graduate University**S16 HEBREW BIBLE III: Psalms**

Geneva

R. CHRISTOPHER HEARD, Pepperdine University, *presiding**The Position of the Torah Psalms in the MT Psalter*
ALAN LENZI, University of the Pacific*Context, Historical Method, Poetic Analysis, Spirituality, Postmodernism: Psalm 29, Psalm 23 and the Presence and Absence of God*
CHRIS CORWIN, Graduate Theological Union*Too Close Yet Close Enough: An Exegesis of Psalm 32:1-7*
JINA KANG, Fuller Theological Seminary*The Reclamation of the Lament: An African American Response to Walter Brueggemann's Article, "The Costly Loss of Lament"*
HEIDE EDWARDS, Fuller Theological Seminary

S12 HEBREW BIBLE III: Writings PSY 314

R. CHRISTOPHER HEARD, Pepperdine University, *presiding*

Reading Job 7:11-21 as an Anti-Prayer
JUN KIM, Graduate Theological Union

The Textual Evolution of a Verse: The Eunuchs' Assassination of Plot in the Books of Esther
LUCAS SCHULTE, Claremont Graduate University

Pilgrimage as Contested Discourse in II Chronicles 30
DALE LOEPP, Graduate Theological Union

Jealousy in the Hebrew Bible
PATRICIA POWER, Arizona State University

Unmaking Job to Make God: Reading the Poetics of the Book of Job through a Structural Analysis of Physical Pain
YOSEFA RAZ, Graduate Theological Union

S13 NEO-ASSYRIAN INSIGHTS ON ANCIENT ISRAEL AND THE HEBREW BIBLE PSY 311

BRAD E. KELLE, Point Loma Nazarene University, *presiding*

Where Is Your Bias?: Assyria and Israel—the State of the Question from the Assyriological Perspective
TAMMI J. SCHNEIDER, Claremont Graduate University

Assyria and Syro-Palestinian Political History: A Hebrew Bible Perspective
JEFFREY KUAN, Pacific School of Religion

משתין בקיר: An Echo of Divination in Biblical Hebrew
DUANE E. SMITH, Independent Scholar

The Portrayal of Assyria in the Book of Kings
MARVIN A. SWEENEY, Claremont School of Theology

S14 PLENARY SESSION Travis Auditorium

"Assyria and the Westerners": The Role of Shalmaneser III in Assyria's First Expansion
K. LAWSON YOUNGER

A18 JEWISH STUDIES I PSY 116

THEME — Putting Jewish Women's Voices at the Center

EMILY LEAH SILVERMAN, Graduate Theological Union, *presiding and responding*

Iranian Jewish Women: The Domestication of Religion and Pilgrimage as the Center of Religious Life
SABA SOOMEKH, Loyola Marymount University

Women and the Holocaust: A Jewish Feminist Perspective
MICHELE FINAZZO, Claremont Graduate University

A19 ETHICS I PSY 130

KELLY A. FITZSIMMONS, Arizona State University, *presiding*

PANEL DISCUSSION — Human Rights and Religion on the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Beyond Declarations: Reconciling the Relation between Religion(s) and Human Rights
RICHARD AMESBURY, Claremont School of Theology and Claremont Graduate University

Feminist Critique of Human Rights and Religion: A Case Study of the International Convention on Human Rights
KATIE SCHUBERT, Claremont School of Theology

A20 SPECIAL SESSION: GODDESS STUDIES PSY 120

THEME — Invoking Reality Through the Studies of the Goddess

LAURA TRUXLER, California Institute of Integral Studies, *presiding*

The Isis Navigium: Egypto-Greco-Roman Ritual of Antiquity Reconstructed in Contemporary Context—People Are Returning to Ancient Ways

KAREN TATE, Isis Ancient Cultures Society and the Temple of the Goddess

Cows of Abundance: Ecological Lessons from Goddess Traditions
PATRICIA MONAGHAN, DePaul University

Kumari Worship Nepal: The Fate of the Royal Festival After the Dethronement of the King
MIRANDA SHAW, University of Richmond

A Man's Search for the Goddess
TIM WARD, Independent Scholar

HELEN HYE-SOOK HWANG, Global Ministries University, *responding*

4:00 — 5:30 PM SESSION 5

A21 WOMEN & RELIGION II PSY 311
THEME — Spirituality in Female Form: Religious Traditions & Women's Embodied Spirituality
DOE DAUGHTREY, Arizona State University, presiding

Priestesses of the Goddess: Prophecy, Poetry, Midwifery, & Healing Among Early Mormon Women
 LAURA TRUXLER, California Institute of Integral Studies

The Dangers of the Feminine Form: How the Female Body is Portrayed in Jewish Writings
 CARLY SCHORMAN, California Institute of Integral Studies

All Acts of Love and Pleasure: Ethics and Sexuality in Modern Wicca
 MEREDITH BELL, California Institute of Integral Studies

A22 EDUCATION/WORKSHOPS I PSY 116
THEME — Critical Thinking in Teaching Religion
KAREN CROZIER, Independent Scholar, presiding

Control the Language: A Key to Critical Thinking in Introductory Courses
 T. L. BRINK, Crafton Hills College

I AM MYSELF ALONE!: The Role of Critical Self-Reflexivity in Pedagogy and the Study of Religion
 SCOTT W. HODGMAN, Graduate Theological Union

A23 ISLAMIC STUDIES II PSY 130
THEME — Political Islam
SOUAD ALI, Arizona State University, presiding

Defining Martyrdom, Recognizing Martyrs: The Battle of the Centers and Peripheries in Post-Revolutionary Iran
 SHAHLA TALEBI, Arizona State University

The Rise of Islamism in Turkey after the 1980 Coup: The Shift from Periphery to the Center
 SEMIHA TOPAL, Arizona State University

The Islamists in the Sudan: From a Party to a Corporation to a Republic
 ABULLAHI GALLAB, Arizona State University

The Veil in the Eye of the Beholder: A Central or Peripheral Constituent of Identity Negotiation?
 BAHAR DAVARY, University of San Diego

7:00 — 8:00 AM BREAKFAST

S9 WECSOR BOARD MEETING Payton 102

8:00 — 9:45 AM SESSION 4

S10 QUMRAN Payton 120
HANNAH HARRINGTON, Patten University, presiding

Self-Identification of the Qumran Sect
 BRIAN SCHULTZ, Fresno Pacific University

The Chronological Discussion in 4Q543-547 (Visions of Amram) and other Second Temple Works
 ROBERT R. DUKE, Azusa Pacific University

4Q Pseudo-Ezekiel and the Apocryphon of Ezekiel
 BRUCE HANSEN, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

The Thanksgiving Hymns and Their Connection to Prophetic Literature at Qumran
 JENNIFER M. PANTOJA, University of California, Los Angeles

S11 NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLES & APOCALYPSE Travis Auditorium
RONALD F. HOCK, University of Southern California, presiding

No Cursing in the Church: Anathema in the Corinthian Congregation (1 Cor 12:3) & Paul's Letters
 KENNETH L. WATERS, Azusa Pacific University

Sympathy for the De-Veiled: Paul's Mixed Messages to the Corinthians (1 Cor 11:2-16)
 CALEB WEBSTER, Claremont Graduate University

Christian "Faith" Versus Judaic "Deeds of Torah": The Real Issue in Galatians
 ALEXANDER LABRECQUE, University of Sheffield

Singing New Songs: Traditions in Conversation
 KENDRA HALOVIK, La Sierra University

Is the Gift of Apostle for Today?
 KENNETH P. SEARLE, Patten University

4:00 — 5:30 PM SESSION 2

S7 OPEN SESSION

Payton 304

TAMMI J. SCHNEIDER, Claremont Graduate University, *presiding**The Eros Jesusology and Cryptic Structure of the Gospel of Thomas: Plato and NHC II, 2 Gos. Thom.*
WOOIL MOON, Claremont Graduate University*The Role of Suffering in the Anti-Docetic Polemic of Ignatius of Antioch*
STEPHEN E. YOUNG, Azusa Pacific University*Biblical Power: Sub-Strategies of Mediating the Transcendent Power of Scripture in P. Berlin 954*
JOSEPH SANZO*The Literary Case for the Authenticity of Morton Smith's "Secret Mark" Episode*
JOHN DART, *The Christian Century*

5:45 — 7:15 PM RECEPTION

S8 WECSOR RECEPTION

Garth Plaza

4:00 — 5:30 PM SESSION 5

A24 QUEER STUDIES/JEWISH STUDIES

PSY 120

THEME — Examining Jewish Social Location and Religious Boundaries

DIRK VON DER HORST, Claremont Graduate University, *presiding**Situating Jewish Identity in the U.S.: Shaare Tefila Congregation v. Cobb as a Commentary on Jewish Social Location*

ANNAISE GLAUZ-TODRANK, University of California, Santa Barbara

Fences and Defenses)

VICKI CABOT, Arizona State University

5:45 — 7:15 PM RECEPTION

A25 WECSOR RECEPTION

Garth Plaza

7:30 — 9:00 PM SESSION 6

A26 AAR/WR PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Travis Auditorium

Prophecy and Dissonance, as Related to Festinger's When Prophecy Fails (1956)

JON R. STONE, California State University, Long Beach, 2008 AAR/WR President

7:00 — 8:00 AM BREAKFAST

A27 WECSOR BOARD MEETING Payton 102

8:00 — 9:45 PM SESSION 7

A28 RELIGION & LITERATURE I Payton 102FINBARR CURTIS, California State University, Fresno, *presiding**The Politics and Poetics of the Periphery: Religion, Gender, and Nation in the Poetry of Suheir Hammad*
DEVIN KUHN, California Polytechnic State University*Kamala Das and the Public Secret*
DANIEL MICHON, Claremont McKenna College*Carrying the Fire: On Being-Toward-Death and The Road*
BRETT LAND, University of California, Santa Barbara**A29** EDUCATION/WORKSHOPS II Payton 303

THEME — Empirical Research on Teaching Religion

KAREN CROZIER, Independent Scholar, *presiding**Effects of World Religions Courses on Undergraduates: A Pilot Study of Tolerance & Contextualization*
BRET LEWIS, Arizona State University*Teaching Comparative Contemplative Traditions: What is the Place of Practice?*
SARITA TAMAYO-MORAGA, Santa Clara University
PHILIP BOO RILEY, Santa Clara University*A Theology of Vocation for Teaching Amidst Radical Diversity*
ANNE CARTER WALKER, Claremont School of Theology

4:00 — 5:30 PM SESSION 2

S4 JUDAISM IN THE GRECO-ROMAN ERA Payton 302RANDALL D. CHESNUTT, Pepperdine University, *presiding**The Menorah and the Sun God: The Interweaving of Jewish and Pagan Motifs in Synagogues of Late Antiquity*
VICTORIA ARMOUR-HILEMAN, Hebrew Union College**S5** HEBREW BIBLE II: Prophets Payton 301R. CHRISTOPHER HEARD, Pepperdine University, *presiding**A Diachronic Survey of Divine Warrioress Imagery in the Late Bronze Age, Early Iron Age I and Second Temple Period: A Comparison of Anat and Deborah*
AMY MEVERDEN, Fuller Theological Seminary*Lift Up Her Voice: Deborah, Hannah and Women's Psalms*
LEAH REDIGER SCHULTE, Claremont Graduate University*Splinters of the Calf: The Redactional Trajectory of Hosea's Calf Critique*
JOEL HAMME, Fuller Theological Seminary*My Dinner with Hosea: Food, Metaphor, and the Organization of Reality*
RHIANNON GRAYBILL, University of California, Berkeley*Reflections on the Question of the Servant's Death in Isaiah 52:13-53:12*
SUE FRY, Fuller Theological Seminary**S6** NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLES Payton 303RON HOCK, University of Southern California, *presiding**Is God Paul's Patron: The Economy of Patronage in Pauline Theology*
DAVID J. DOWNS, Fuller Theological Seminary*The Meaning of Pistis Iesou in Romans 3:22 and 26 in Light of the Stoic Concept of Episteme*
IRA J. JOLIVET JR., Pepperdine University*The Hidden Transcript of Romans 13:1-7*
REMI AUBUCHON, Loyola Marymount University*Paul Was Not a Social Conservative: The Continuing Fateful Mistranslation of klesis in 1 Corinthians*
S. SCOTT BARTCHY, University of California, Los Angeles

12:45 — 2:15 PM LUNCH

S1 SBL/PCR BOARD & SECTION CHAIRS LUNCH Payton 102

2:15 — 3:45 PM SESSION 1

S2 NEW TESTAMENT TEXTS AND TRADITIONS Payton 301
REBECCA SKAGES, Patten University, presiding

Mark's Disinterest in the Baptist Himself at His Death
 FLORENCE GILLMAN, University of San Diego

Theodicy in Luke-Acts: A Mixed Message?
 KENNETH LITWAK, Azusa Pacific University

Ignatius, Paul and Self-Effacement
 KEVIN SCULL, University of California, Los Angeles

The Sending of Lazarus and the Tours of Hell Tradition
 MATTHEW R. HAUGE, Claremont Graduate University

S3 HEBREW BIBLE I: Torah/Pentateuch Payton 303
R. CHRISTOPHER HEARD, Pepperdine University, presiding

The Tablets of Testimony and a Reversal of Outcome in the Golden Calf Episode
 CRAIG ANDERSON, Claremont Graduate University

Blasphemy, Talion, and Chiasmus: The Marriage of Form and Content in Leviticus 24
 TIMOTHY M. WILLIS, Pepperdine University

Bearing Her Sin in Numbers 5:11-31
 SARAH SCHECTMAN

Two Ends Against the Middle: Miriam as S/Hero of Numbers 12
 JAMES FINDLAY, California State University, Northridge

Animals in the Prophetic World: Literary Reflections on Numbers 22 and 1 Kings 13
 KENNETH WAY, Talbot School of Theology

8:00 — 9:45 AM SESSION 7

A30 HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY II Payton 302
RICK TALBOTT, California State University, Northridge, presiding

Didache Community as Aristotelian Polity
 WILLIAM HASKINS, Azusa Pacific University

Appendix, Eclipse and Renaissance: The Trinitarian Thoughts in the 19th and 20th Century
 CHUNG-HYUN BAIK, Graduate Theological Union

Martyrs, Hellenes or Both?: Religious Actors in a Locus of Power
 MATTHEW RECLA, University of California, Santa Barbara

Wealth, Poverty, and Salvation
 HELEN RICE, Westmont College

A31 PERSON, CULTURE, & RELIGION/PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION DMin
THEME — Bringing Gadamer's Philosophical Hermeneutics Towards the Center of Psychotherapy

AL DUECK, Fuller Theological Seminary, presiding

PANELISTS:

- ADAM GHALI, Fuller Theological Seminary
- SCOTT GROVER, Fuller Theological Seminary
- STEVEN HUETT, Fuller Theological Seminary
- LISA FINLAY, Fuller Theological Seminary
- JOSEPH P. BARSUGLIA, Fuller Theological Seminary

A32 RELIGIONS OF ASIA I

Walnut

THEME — Encountering the Sacred on Earth: Pilgrimage in Asian Cultures

Scholars Passing Through: Travelers' Accounts of Early Sikh Tradition
TOBY B. JOHNSON, University of California, Riverside

Shinran's Pilgrimage to Rokkakudō
KENNETH LEE, California State University, Northridge

Pilgrim Sites in South India: The Dual Roles as Monastic and Economic Centers
NALINI RAO, Soka University

King Pratapamalla's Pilgrimage
DEEPAK SHIMKHADA, Claremont Graduate University

A33 U.S. LATINA/O AND LATIN AMERICA I

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THEME — Liberation Thought and Work from the Latina/o & Latin American Periphery

DANIEL RAMÍREZ, Arizona State University, *presiding*

Picturing Paradise: Cuadros from the Peruvian Women of the Pamplona Alta as Visions of Hope
REBECCA DAVIS, Graduate Theological Union

Rethinking Theological Method from the Periphery: A Latina/o Pentecostal Perspective
SAMUEL ALFARO, Fuller Theological Seminary

Shouts from the Latin American Periphery: Counter-Hegemonic Responses to the Neoliberal Political Economy
CHRISTY NEWTON, Graduate Theological Union

A34 NINETEENTH CENTURY I

Payton 303

JENNIFER ELISA VENINGA, Graduate Theological Union, *presiding*

The Blood Came Streaming Down: Linda Brent's Slave Narrative Moves Atonement Theory from Center to Margin
C.L. NASH, Edinburgh University

"Element of Perfection": Mormonism and the Nineteenth-Century Indictments of Race and Gender
KONDEN SMITH, Arizona State University

Gender, Sexuality and Civil Religion in the United States
ANN WERTMAN, Arizona State University

Schedule of Events



10:00 — 11:45 AM SESSION 8

A35 ETHICS II

Geneva

KELLY A. FITZSIMMONS, Arizona State University, *presiding**Manipulating Minds: Buddhism and Neuroethics*

KARMA LEKSHE TSOMO, University of San Diego

The Viability of Liberation Theology as a Response to Human Rights Crisis

PATRICK EMMETT, University of California, Riverside

Process Model as Ethical Basis for Caring and Authentic Relations

ARLETTE POLAND, Independent Scholar

NOON — 1:00 PM LUNCH BREAK

A36 AAR/WR BUSINESS MEETING LUNCH

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1:00 — 2:45 PM SESSION 9

A37 BUDDHIST STUDIES I

Ray Anderson

KENNETH D. LEE, California State University, Northridge, *presiding and responding**There Is No "There" There: The Insubstantiality of the World**According to Madhyamika and Quantum Physics*

J. BRUCE LONG, University of the West

A Buddhist Veneer on American Pop Culture: Beyond the Canon of Buddhist Studies

BROOKE SCHEDNECK, Arizona State University

The "Marginal" Significance of Opening Chants in Chinese Buddhist Studies

NANYU CHEN, University of the West

A38 ISLAMIC STUDIES III

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THEME — Teaching and Studying Islam in North America and the Arab World**SOUAD ALI, Arizona State University, *presiding****Little Mosque on the Prairie: Microcosm of North American Muslims*
SOHA YASSINE, Claremont Graduate University*Little Mosque on the Prairie: An Accurate Depiction of Islam?*
TRACY HAWKINS, Claremont Graduate University*Little Mosque on the Prairie as a Teacher: A Critique on the Religious Educational Value*
DUSTIN EATON, Claremont School of Theology*Qur'anic Schools for Older Yemeni Women: The Centrality of Literacy*
SOPHIA PANDYA, California State University, Long Beach*The Indonesian Muslim Community of Arizona: Negotiating Religious Understanding*
SAMSUL MAARIF, Arizona State University**A39 RELIGION IN AMERICA II**

490 Conference Room

THEME — The (sort of) Mainstreaming of the Christian Periphery**JON R. STONE, California State University, Long Beach, *presiding & responding****A. W. Trozer (1897-1963): American Fundamentalist Mystic*
GLEN G. SCORGIE, Bethel Seminary*Scaling the Wall: President Kennedy's Religious Discourse*
BENJI ROLSKY, Claremont School of Theology*Counter-Culturally Relevant: Sexual Abstinence in the Spiritual Marketplace*
SARA MOSLENER, Claremont Graduate University**A40 INDIGENOUS RELIGIONS/WOMEN & RELIGION**

PSY 120

JEAN MOLESKY-POZ, Santa Clara University, *presiding**From Periphery to Center: Queen Ka'ahumanu's Use of Religion for Political Power*
REGINA PFEIFFER, Chaminade University of Honolulu*Whose Periphery, Whose Center?*
SANDRA STACEY, Graduate Theological Union/California State University, Long Beach with
BARBARA SKYTEARS MOORE, Dedonkohey Apache Medicine Woman*Return to the Center: The Case of the Philippines' "Cuidad Mistica de Dios"*
OFELIA VILLERO, Graduate Theological Union**A41 QUEER STUDIES IN RELIGION I**

Payton 303

THEME — Queer Publishing**MARIE CARTIER, Claremont Graduate University, *presiding***

Lisa Isherwood, Professor of Feminist Liberation Theologies, University of Winchester, will discuss Queer publishing, including ideas brought by those attending this session.

A42 PAN AFRICAN/WOMANIST I

PSY 116

THEME — Performing Power in the African American Church: Gender, Consumerism, Liberation and Transformation**ARISKA RAZAK, California Institute of Integral Studies, *presiding****Between Centers and Peripheries*
MALIK JO DAVID SALES, Graduate Theological Union*Worship as Public Transcript: African American Women and Gender Performance*
PAULA MCGEE, Claremont Graduate University*The Head and Not the Tail—At Least Sometimes: African American Clergywomen, "Progressive Patriarchs," and Leadership in the Church and Home*
MICHELLE STEWART-THOMAS, Mt. San Antonio College**A43 PERSON, CULTURE, AND RELIGION II**

PSY 311

THEME — Scholarly and Personal Identities Between Center and Periphery**HESTER E. OBERMAN, Independent Scholar, *presiding****Praxis and Pedagogy: From Margin to Center in Religious Studies*
STANFORD J. SEARL, JR., Union Institute and University*Becoming Center—Periphery*
MARIROSE K. LESCHER, Claremont Graduate University*Unreliable Narrators*
J. CADE HARRIS, Claremont Graduate University