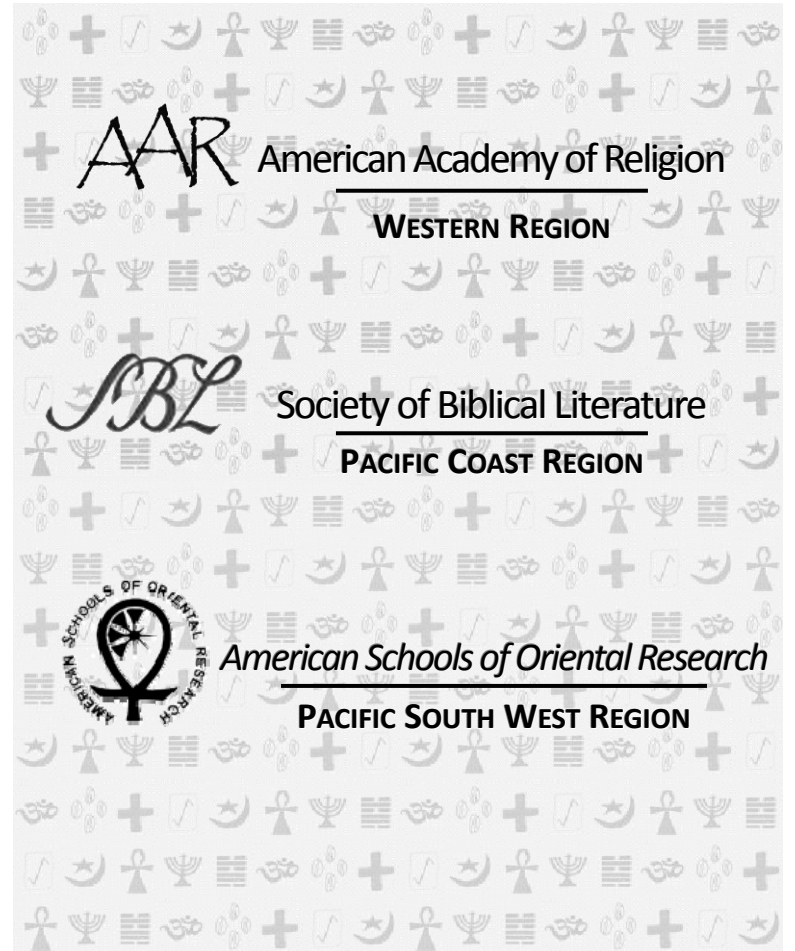


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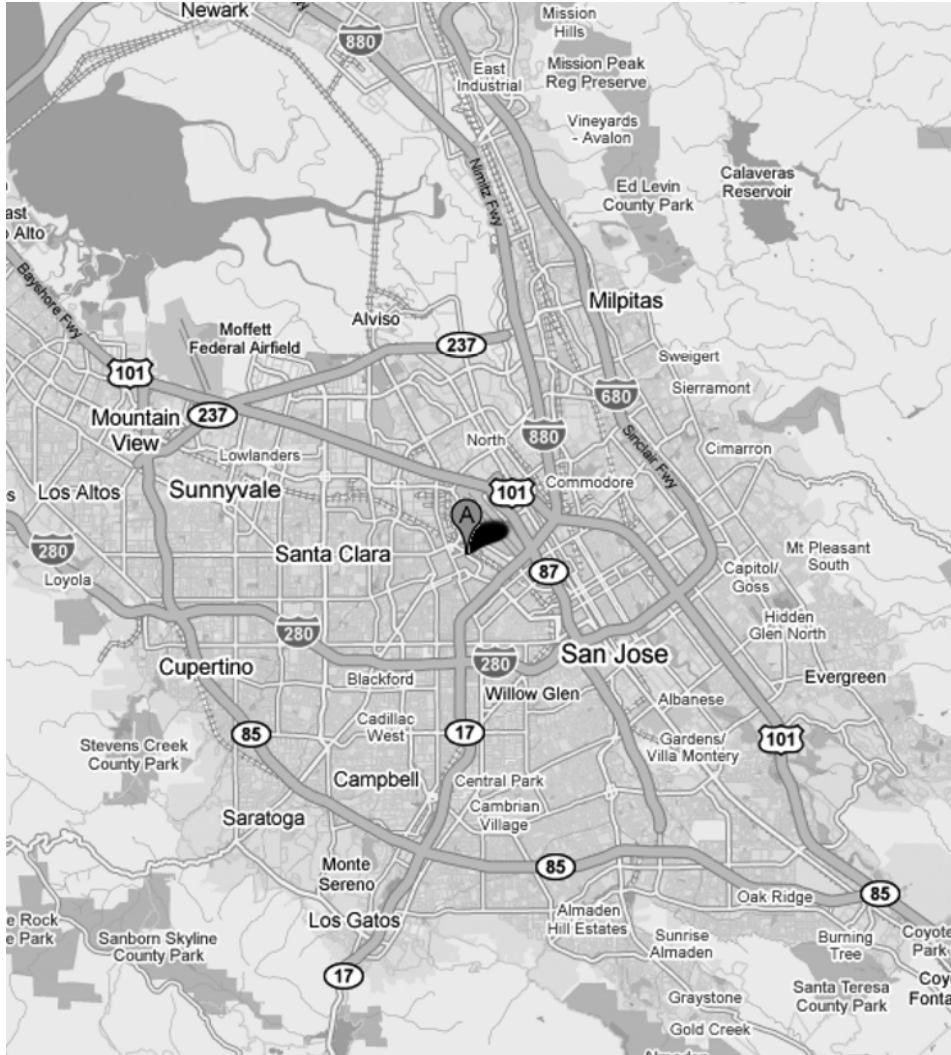
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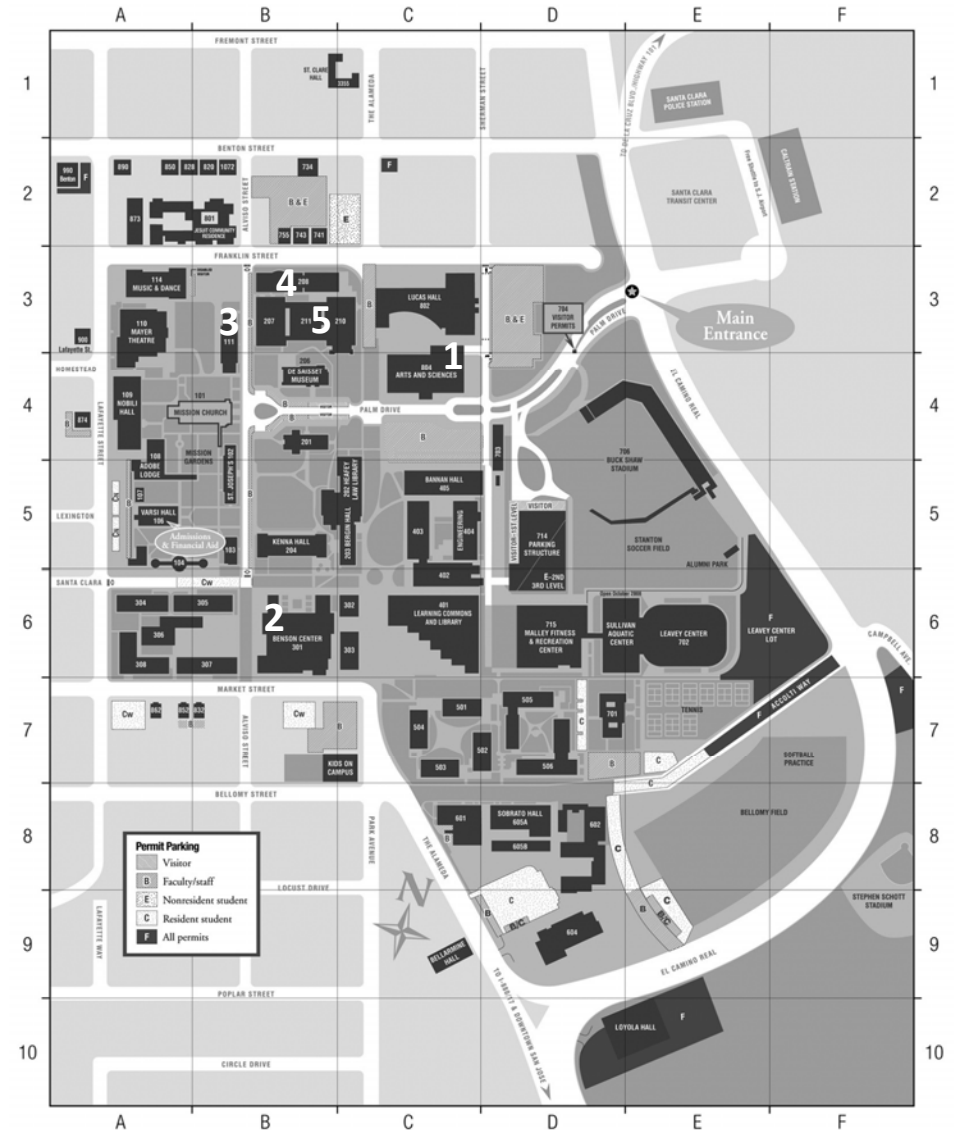
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AAR/WR Board Mtg	Benson Mission
4—6 PM	
Queer Parenting...	O'Connor 104

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A2 Ethics I	O'Connor 104
A3 Buddhist Studies I	O'Connor 105
A4 Queer Studies I	O'Connor 106
A5 Religion & Ecology	O'Connor 107
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A6 Jewish Studies I	O'Connor 109
A7 Education & Workshops	O'Connor 110
A8 Women & Religion I	Alumni Sci 120
A9 Latin American Religions	Arts Sci 129
A10 Indigenous Religions I	Arts Sci 133
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AAR Sec Chairs Lunch Mtg	Benson Parlor B
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A13 Islamic Studies I	Daly 201
A14 Womanist/Pan African	O'Connor 201
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A16 Religion & the Arts I	Daly 203
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A20 Joint Session	Daly 206

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A31 Ethics II	Arts Sci 134
A32 Pan African/Womanist II	Arts Sci 135
A33 History of Christianity II	Daly 201
A34 Religions of Asia II	O'Connor 201
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A38 Religion & the Arts II	O'Connor 205

A#=AAR/Western Region Sessions

1:00 — 2:45 PM SESSION 5

S15 HEBREW BIBLE: NARRATIVE TEXTS O'Connor 210

CHRISTOPHER HEARD, Pepperdine Graduate University, *presiding*

Eve and Shamhat: A Study in Comparative Methodology and Characterization
MATTHEW A. THOMAS, Azusa Pacific University

Daughters of Israel: Weep for Your Children
LEAH REDIGER SCHULTE, Claremont Graduate University

Appended Animals in the Hebrew Bible
ELAINE GOODFRIEND, California State University at Northridge

The Image of God in Genesis: A Narrative Reading
JOEL HAMME, Fuller Theological Seminary

S16 NEW TESTAMENT TEXTS AND TRADITIONS II Benson Conf 21

REBECCA SKAGGS, Patten University, *presiding*

For the Hire of a Harlot: Jesus' Declaration on the Life of the Korban Temple Treasury
FRAYDA D. HOFFNUNG, California State University, Fullerton

Eschatological Purification and the Messiah in Second Temple Judaism and the Fourth Gospel
MAVIS M. LEUNG, Trinity International University

Looks Can Be Deceiving: The Purpose and Implications of ΒΑΣΚΑΙΝΩ in Gal 3:1
JOSEPH SANZO, University of California, Los Angeles

3:00 — 5:00 PM SESSION 6

S17 PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS BUSINESS MEETING Alumni Sci 220

REBECCA SKAGGS, Patten University, *presiding*

Mother and Child: Figurative Imagery in the Ancient Near East
BETH ALPERT NAKHAI, University of Arizona, SBL/PCR 2008 President

8:00 — 9:45 AM SESSION 5

S12 NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLES & APOCALYPSE Daly 207

KENNETH WATERS, SR., Azusa Pacific Union, *presiding*

PANEL DISCUSSION of J.R. Daniel Kirk, *Unlocking Romans: Resurrection and the Justification of God* (Eerdmans 2008)

PANELISTS:

- KATHRYN J.S. SMITH, Azusa Pacific University
- LOVE L. SECHREST, Fuller Theological Seminary
- LYNN L. LOSIE, Azusa Pacific University

RESPONSE: J.R. DANIEL KIRK, Fuller Theological Seminary
DISCUSSION

10:00 — 11:45 AM SESSION 4

S13 PLENARY SESSION O'Connor 207

Form Critical Theory and the Question of the Endangered Matriarchs in Genesis
MARVIN SWEENEY, Claremont School of Theology/Claremont Graduate University

NOON — 1:00 PM LUNCH BREAK

RELIGIOUS STUDIES CURRICULUM PROJECT Benson Conf 11

RICHARD E. KEADY, San Jose State University
A forum for chairs of religious studies programs in the California State University system to meet and discuss ways of increasing enrollment in religion classes.

1:00 — 2:45 PM SESSION 5

S14 QUMRAN O'Connor 209

HANNAH K. HARRINGTON, Patten University, *presiding*

The Temple (מִקְדָּשׁ) Interpretation in 4QFlorilegium
YONG HAN CHUNG, Graduate Theological Union

Copying for Clarity: 4QDeut^{k2} and Its "Variants"
RYAN N. ROBERTS, University of California, Los Angeles

Communal Prayers at Qumran: Forming Identity through Liturgy
KELLY WHITCOMB, Vanderbilt University

SUNDAY 22 March 2009

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S2 Hebrew Bible Daly 207

S3 Judaism in Greco-Roman Era O'Connor 207

S4 NT Texts & Traditions I O'Connor 209

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S5 Hebrew Bible O'Connor 210

S6 NT Epistles & Apocalypse Benson Con Rm 21

S7 Teaching Religion in Pub Schools AlumSci 220

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S8 WECSOR Reception Arts Sci Foyer

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S9 WECSOR Board Meeting Arts Sci 135

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S10 New-Assyrian Insights O'Connor 206

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S12 NT Epistles & Apocalypse Daly 207

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S13 PLENARY ADDRESS O'CONNOR 207

Noon — 1 PM LUNCH BREAK

Rel St Curriculum Proj Benson Conf 11

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S14 Qumran O'Connor 209

S15 Hebrew Bible O'Connor 210

S16 NT Texts & Traditions Benson Con Rm 21

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S17 PRES ADDRESS/BUS MEETING Alumni Sci 220

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AAR/WR Board Meeting	12:30-4:30 PM	Benson
Queer Parenting & Life in Academy	4-6 PM	O'Connor 104

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	AAR/WR Section Chairs Lunch	12:45 -2:15 PM	Benson Parlor B
	Queer Studies in Religion Lunch Meeting	12:45 -2:15 PM	Benson Parlor A
	WECSOR Reception	5:45-7:15 PM	Arts & Sciences Foyer
	AAR Presidential Address	7:30-8:30 PM	Benson Williman

Monday, 23 March 2009

	WECSOR Board Meeting	7-8 AM	Arts&Sciences135
S13	SBL Plenary Session	10-11:45 AM	O'Connor 207
	AAR/WR Business Meeting Lunch	Noon-1 PM	Benson Parlor A
	CSU Rel Studies Curriculum Project	Noon-1 PM	Benson Conf 11
S17	SBL Presidential Address/Bus Mtg	3:30-5:15 PM	Alumni Sci 220

7:00 — 8:00 AM BREAKFAST

S9 WECSOR BOARD MEETING Arts & Sciences 135

8:00 — 9:45 AM SESSION 3

S10 THE NEO-ASSYRIAN INSIGHTS ON ANCIENT ISRAEL AND THE HEBREW BIBLE THEME — What Questions Should Scholars Be Asking? O'Connor 206BRAD E. KELLE, Point Loma Nazarene University, *presiding*

This session features a "fish bowl" discussion, including audience interaction, by five scholars on the questions that present and future scholarship should be asking concerning the intersections of Assyriological studies, Israelite history, and the biblical literature.

Women in Assyria: Where Are They and Are We Finding Them?
TAMMI J. SCHNEIDER, Claremont Graduate University

Laws and Penalties in Biblical & Extrabiblical Texts: Slander in Deuteronomy & UET 5
DON C. BENJAMIN, Arizona State University

Trade, Commerce, & Economy of Syria-Palestine: The Impact of Neo-Assyrian Domination
KAH-JIN JEFFREY KUAN, Pacific School of Religion/Graduate Theological Union
Only Images of Destruction and Horror?: Questions about the Relationship between Images of Restoration and Rebuilding in the Assyrian and Biblical Sources
JEREMY D. SMOAK, University of California, Los Angeles

PANEL AND AUDIENCE DISCUSSION

S11 OPEN SESSION Daly 206BETH ALPERT NAKHAI, University of Arizona, *presiding*

The Demonization of Esau: Good Guy vs. Bad Guy
HERB HAIN

Evil Kings and Their Divinely Murdered Children: A Didactic and Symbolic Paradigm Shift in Exodus 12:29-42, 2 Samuel 12:15b-23, and 1 Kings 14:1-18
SHELLEY LORRAINE LONG, Claremont Graduate University

Literacy and Socio-Economic Stratification in Post-Exilic Israel
JOHANNES UNSOK RO, International Christian University

The Lion/Lamb Imagery in Revelation
REBECCA SKAGGS, Patten University, and THOMAS DOYLE, The Metanoia Ministry

Gender in the History of Scholarship of the Gospel of Mary
ERIN CONLEY, Occidental College

S7 TEACHING ABOUT RELIGION AND THE BIBLE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Alumni Sci 220

This session will prepare SBL and AAR members to engage the legal, political, and pedagogical issues that arise in connection with teaching about religion and the Bible in public schools. Attention will also be given to the need for local scholars to contribute to state standards and to review proposed textbook materials in school systems that offer religion and Bible electives. SBL executive director Kent Richards will cover the legal and political issues, and Bruce Grelle will address the pedagogical challenges: lack of teacher training and resources, and community misunderstanding of the academic study of religion and the Bible. For more information contact SBL: moira.bucciarelli@sbl-site.org or (404) 727-9484.

PRESENTERS:

KENT RICHARDS, SBL Executive Director
BRUCE GRELE, California State University, Chico

S8 WECSOR RECEPTION

Arts & Sciences Foyer

Schedule of Events



11:00 AM — 1:00 PM

**WOMEN'S CAUCUS BYO LUNCH
AND ROUNDTABLE**

O'Connor 103

Issues: Share what you see as the compelling issues of the past year and how they have affected you as a woman in the field of religion.

Needs: Share your needs as a woman in the field of religion and the ways in which Women's Caucus can help you meet them.

Insights: Share your insights into the state of the field.

12:30 — 4:30 PM

AAR/WR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGBenson:
Mission Room

4:00 — 6:00 PM

QUEER PARENTING & LIFE IN THE ACADEMY O'Connor 104

This roundtable discussion focuses on the challenges, opportunities, and intersecting identities of queer parents in the academy. It also explores issues that arise in the academy for queer parents.

Issues of Queer Parenting

MICHELLE MUELLER, Independent Scholar, Moorestown, NJ

Raising a Teen Daughter while Pursuing a PhD

TRINA ARMSTRONG, Claremont School of Theology

*Lesbian Dad*POLLY PAGENHART, Independent Scholar, San Francisco, CA,
Award-winning website author

2:15 — 3:45 PM

SESSION 1

S4 NEW TESTAMENT TEXTS AND TRADITIONS I O'Connor 209REBECCA SKAGGS, Patten University, *presiding**The Beloved Son: The Only-ness of Mark's Christology*

JEFF CATE, California Baptist University

Divine Envy in Acts 12:20-23

MATTHEW HAUGE, Claremont Graduate University

Sense Perception in the Gospel According to John: the Odor of God's Glory?

THOMAS SODEN, Jesuit School of Theology

4:00 — 5:30 PM

SESSION 2

S5 HEBREW BIBLE: POETIC & PROPHETIC TEXTS O'Connor 210CHRISTOPHER HEARD, Pepperdine University, *presiding**May YHWH Bless You and Keep You: New Light on the Priestly Blessing and the Psalms from Ketef Hinnom*

JEREMY D. SMOAK, University of California, Los Angeles

Delimiting the Acrostic of Nahum 1:3-8 in Light of Its Wordplays and Rhetorical Devices

JAMES D. MOORE, Vanguard University of Southern California

The Theological Significance and Rhetorical Impact of "David" in Isaiah 55

RYAN TINETTI, Concordia Theological University

The Politics of Psalmody: Psalm 60 and the Rise and Fall of Judean Independence

CRAIG ANDERSON, Claremont Graduate University

S6 NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLES & APOCALYPSE Benson Conf 21KENNETH WATERS, Azusa Pacific University, *presiding*

PANEL DISCUSSION of David Downs, *The Offering of the Gentiles: Paul's Collection for Jerusalem in Its Chronological, Cultural and Cultic Contexts*, WUNT II/248 (Mohr Siebeck 2008)

PANELISTS:

KENNETH WATERS, SR., Azusa Pacific University

MARVIN WILLIAMS, Pasadena, CA

BRUCE HANSEN, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship

RESPONSE: DAVID DOWNS, Fuller Theological Seminary

12:45 — 2:15 PM LUNCH

S1 SBLPCR BOARD & PROGRAM UNIT CHAIRS Benson Parlor C
LUNCH/MEETING

2:15 — 3:45 PM SESSION 1

S2 HEBREW BIBLE: HISTORY OF INTERPRETATION Daly 207CHRISTOPHER HEARD, Pepperdine University, *presiding**Creative Artistry: Genesis 1-2 Illustrated*

CHRISTOPHER HEARD, Pepperdine University

Serah bat Asher

ZEV-HAYYIM FEYER, Claremont Graduate University

A Biography of Leviticus: Reception in Literature, Visual Arts, and Music

DAVID TABB STEWART, California State University, Long Beach

*Jeremiah as a Romantic Poet: Precedents to Bernhard Duhm in Robert Lowth and**Johann Gottfried Herder*

JOSEPH HENDERSON, Biola University

S3 JUDAISM IN THE GRECO-ROMAN ERA O'Connor 207RANDALL D. CHESNUTT, Pepperdine University, *presiding**The Logos as Anagogue in Philo's De Confusione Linguarum:**A Study in Philonic "Soteriology"*

RONALD COX, Pepperdine University

The Provenance of the Pseudepigrapha: Jewish, Christian, or Other?

PANEL DISCUSSION OF BOOK BY JAMES R. DAVILA (Brill 2005)

PANELISTS:

J. EDWARD WRIGHT, University of Arizona

RONALD HERMS, Northwest University

RANDALL D. CHESNUTT, Pepperdine University

8:00 — 9:30 AM SESSION I

A1 HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY I O'Connor 103**THEME — The Ideology of Peace and the Reality of War in Christianity**KENNETH LEE, California State University at Northridge, *moderator**21st Century Christian Assimilation: A Shift from the 20th Century*

RUSSELL MADDOX, Claremont Graduate University

If My Kingdom Were of This World

RANDAL CUMMINGS, California State University at Northridge

Japanese Protestant Colonizers in Korea: Their Ethnicity, Faith, and Power

HYUNG SHIN PARK, Santa Clara University

RICK TALBOTT, *facilitator***A2** ETHICS I O'Connor 104KELLY FITZSIMMONS, Arizona State University, *chair**Ethical Self-examination as a Response to Globalization*

PATRICK EMMETT, University of California, Riverside

False Progress, Dogmatic Secularism, and Ethical Possibilities

SARAH SCHWARTZMAN, University of California, Riverside

A3 BUDDHIST STUDIES I: THERAVADA PANEL O'Connor 105*Wandering Alone Like the Rhinoceros:**The Contribution of the Eremites to Social Welfare*

ANNE TEICH, California Institute of Integral Studies

Theravada Buddhism and the Idea of the "Just War"

JORDAN JOHNSON, Arizona State University

*Enemies and Experts: Mixed Perceptions of the Burmese in Thailand as**Exemplified by the Abhidhamma-Jotika College*

KELLY MEISTER, University of California, Riverside

Dhammakaya: A Modern Buddhist Movement

DANNA COOK, Arizona State University

BROOKE SCHEDNECK, Arizona State University, *co-chair, responding*KENNETH LEE, California State University, Northridge, *co-chair, responding*

A4 QUEER STUDIES I

O'Connor 106

THEME — Queer Parenting

JENNIFER RYCENGA, San Jose State University, *moderator*

Bisexuals and Choice

MICHELLE MUELLER, Independent Scholar

Womanist Approaches to Lesbian Parenting

RAEDORAH STEWART, Independent Scholar

Lesbian Mothering: In or Out of the Closet—Does Internal Homophobia Increase, Decrease, or Neutralize Once You Have Children?

SUSAN BEVINS, ITP, Palo Alto, CA

A5 RELIGION AND ECOLOGY

O'Connor 107

ELIZABETH KERR, University of California at Santa Barbara, *program chair*

Respecting Companion Species in Technoculture: From Tricks to Mundane Grace

SAM MICKEY, California Institute of Integral Studies

The Evolution of Buddhist Reincarnation

JINGJING ZHU, University of the West

WELCOME & PLENARY ADDRESS

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Plenary Speaker: MARK JUERGENSMEYER, University of California at Santa Barbara
Professor of Sociology and Global Studies; Affiliate Professor of Religious Studies;
Director, Orfalea Center for Global & International Studies

Global Rebellion: Religious Challenges to the Secular State

Schedule of Events



11:15 AM — 12:45 PM SESSION 3

A6 JEWISH STUDIES I O'Connor 109**THEME — Claiming Jewish Identities**EMILY LEAH SILVERMAN, Graduate Theological Union, *presiding**Who Is a Jew? Shared and Contested Identities Among South African Lemba and European-American Women*

DEBORAH GRENN, Institute of Transpersonal Psychology

Najeeb: The Significance of Female Sexual Modesty in Establishing Iranian Jewish Identity

SABA SOOMEKH, Loyola Marymount University

Jewish Identity in Sixteenth-Century Italy: Azariah dei Rossi's Transformation of the Legends of Greece and Rome

DAVID ROSEBERG-WOHL, Graduate Theological Union, University of California, Berkeley

A7 EDUCATION AND WORKSHOPS O'Connor 110**THEME — Pedagogical Tensions in Teaching for Justice**KAREN CROZIER, Fresno Pacific University, *chair**Embodied Pedagogy: Examples from Teaching Asian Religious Traditions*

ELIZABETH MCANALLY, California Institute of Integral Studies

*When the Instructor Doesn't Know Everything:**Teaching Strategies in the World Religious Classroom*

BRET LEWIS, Arizona State University

A8 WOMEN AND RELIGION I Alumni Sci 120**THEME — Borders of Gender and Sexuality**SARAH ROBINSON, Claremont Graduate University, *moderator**Reclaiming Muslim Women's Sexuality*

AYAT AGAH, Claremont Graduate University

Feminization and the Diaconate: Changing Notions of "Women's Work" in the Church

MELISSA JAMES, Graduate Theological Union

Rescuing My Fair Feminist: Secular Liberalism and the 2008 FLDS Raid in Texas

BEVERLY LUCAS, Arizona State University

11:15 AM — 12:45 PM SESSION 3

A9 **LATINO AND LATIN AMERICAN RELIGIONS** Arts Sci 129
**THEME — Gender, Politics and the Digital Public Square:
 Catholic and Pentecostal Case Studies**

Scripting Hispanic Women's History

THERESA A. YUGAR, Claremont Graduate University

*Bolivarian Resistance to Neoliberal Globalization: The Evangelical Pentecostal
 Union of Venezuela and 21st Century Socialism*

CHRISTY M. NEWTON, Graduate Theological Union

*Digitally Performed Latino/a Identity in the Public Sphere: The National Hispanic
 Leadership Conference (NHCLC)*

HAROLD MORALES, University of California, Riverside

DANIEL RAMÍREZ, Arizona State University, responding

A10 **INDIGENOUS RELIGIONS I** Arts Sci 133
BOB HURTEAU, Loyola Marymount University, presiding

Cherokee Agency in the Christian Encounter

CECILIA TOLLEY, University of California, Davis

*Babylon Inna Hopiland: Articulations of Social Injustice by the
 Hopi Reggae Musician Casper Loma-da-wa*

DAVID WALSH, Arizona State University

Secularization by the "Sacred": Discourses of "Religion" and the San Francisco Peaks

SETH SCHERMERHORN, Arizona State University

*Bwino Epistemology and Post-Colonial Scholarship: Toward a New Approach in the
 Study and Teaching of Indigenous Religions*

MUTOMBO NKULU-N'SENGHA, California State University, Northridge

12:45 — 2:15 PM LUNCH BREAK

WOMEN'S CAUCUS LUNCH Benson Conf 21

AAR/WR SECTION CHAIRS LUNCH Benson Parlor B

QUEER STUDIES IN RELIGION LUNCH Benson Parlor A

3:00 — 5:00 PM SESSION 13

A37 **PSYCHOLOGY, CULTURE AND RELIGION II** O'Connor 204
THEME — Integrating Action, Art and Faith
FRANZ METCALF, The Forge Institute, presiding

Art and Play as Illustration of the Dialectical Experience of Religious Faith in Gadamer
 MARK BANAS, Mesa Community College

At the Crossroads of Deep Spiritual Worship and Social Action

STANFORD J. SEARL, JR., Union Institute and University

A38 **RELIGION AND THE ARTS II** O'Connor 205
THEME — Anxieties and Traumas
JENNIFER RYCENGA, San Jose State University, presiding

*"By the Hand of a Woman?": Changing Gender Conventions in
 Artemisia Gentileschi's Judith Slaying Holofernes*

ANDREA SHEAFFER, Graduate Theological Union

La Mano Poderosa in the Art of Enrique Chagoya

HOLLIS ANNE MITCHEM, Graduate Theological Union

Un Chien andalou: The Eye of the Beholder in an Age of Anxiety

JOHN HANDLEY, Graduate Theological Union

3:00 — 5:00 PM

SESSION 13

A35 GODDESS STUDIES II

Daly 202

THEME — Delving Into the Vast Realm of Goddess Research: Reconstruction and Application

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

Helen, Goddess of the Aeons

JUDY GRAHN, Institute of Transpersonal Psychology

Empowering the Me in Women's Leadership

CONSTANCE CHAPMAN, Institute of Transpersonal Psychology

Goddess—Feminist Cultural Historical View

LUCIA BIRNBAUM, California Institute of Integral Studies

The Need for a Strong Goddess Vision in an Apocalyptic Society:

What Kali, Demeter and Isis Can Teach Us to Survive

DOROTHEA KAHENA VIALE, Claremont Graduate University

A36 ISLAMIC STUDIES II

Daly 203

THEME — Muslim Students in America

SOUAD T. ALI, Arizona State University, *moderator*

(De)constructing Barriers: Gender Segregation & Muslim College Students in America

ELLIOT BAZZANO, University of California, Santa Barbara

To Be Young, Gifted, and Muslim-American: "Post Islamic Fascism Week":

Politics and Religion of California College Muslim Student Association Youth

KEITH ATWATER, American River College

DISCUSSANTS: Muslim Students from Northern California

NAVEEN HABIB, University of California, Berkeley

KAMRAN ISLAM, University of California, Berkeley

SABBA SIDDIQUI, University of California, Berkeley

MOHAMED ALI, American River College

IBRAHIM FATOUH, American River College

2:15 — 3:45 PM

SESSION 4

A11 JEWISH STUDIES/QUEER STUDIES
JOINT SESSION

Arts Sci 134

MARIE CARTIER, Claremont Graduate University, *presiding*

Queer Theory as a Method for Examining Deviant Religious Desires

EMILY LEAH SILVERMAN, Graduate Theological Union

RESPONDENTS:

SABA SOOMEKH, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles

DIRK VON DER HORST, Claremont Graduate University

A12 PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION I

Arts Sci 135

THEME — Religious Truth-Claims and the Public Sphere

HESTER OBERMAN, *moderator*

Beyond and Between the Dialectic and Analogy: On Barth's Theological Method

RAJ SAMPATH, Graduate Theological Union

Rorty's Religion: Private Faith and Public Consequence

STEPHEN G. SHAW, California State University, Long Beach

Translating Truth Claims: Jurgen Habermas and David Tracy in Conversation

ERIN BRIGHAM, Graduate Theological Union

A13 ISLAMIC STUDIES SECTION I

Daly 201

THEME — Muslim Issues: Identity and Ecstasy

SCOTT LUCAS, University of Arizona, *moderator*

Sufism, the Shatahat, and the Legacy of al-Ghazali

SOUAD T. ALI, Arizona State University

Rues et Places: Muslim Identity Asserted in the Parisian Public Space

DIANA COLEMAN, Arizona State University

The Effects of Modernity on Islamic Identity in Dubai Youth

JILLIAN SCHEDNECK, Independent Scholar

Islam, Ecology, and Environmental Justice

SARAH ROBINSON, Claremont Graduate University

2:15 — 3:45 PM SESSION 4

A14 WOMANIST/PAN AFRICAN O'Connor 201

THEME — Counter-Narratives at the Intersection of Religion, Spirituality, Race, and Gender

PAULA L. MCGEE, Claremont Graduate University, *moderator*

Howard Thurman's Spirituality of Resistance of a Sister Warrior: A Narrative of Hope
HELEN E. WILLIAMS, Azusa Pacific University

Critical Race Spirituality: Constructing a New, Redemptive Narrative
KAREN D. CROZIER, Fresno Pacific University

RESPONDENT:

RICHARD ROSE, University of La Verne

4:00 — 5:45 PM SESSION 5

A15 RELIGION IN AMERICA I Daly 202

THEME — Mormonism at the Crossroads: 21st Century Challenges

JON R. STONE, *moderator*

Is the Mormon Church Still Racist?
ROY WHITAKER, Claremont Graduate University

Mormonism, Gender, and Sin-Talk
DEIDRE GREEN, Claremont Graduate University

Toward a Greener and More Peaceful Mormon Environmental Ethic
CHUCK SCHOFIELD, Claremont Graduate University

The Paradox and Possibility of LDS Theological Discourse
RICHARD LIVINGSTON, Claremont Graduate University

A Mormon Theology of Peace for the Twenty-first Century
LOYD ERICSON, Claremont Graduate University

1:00 — 2:45 PM SESSION 12

A33 HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY II Daly 201

THEME — Power Relations in Christian History: Issues of Race and Gender

MARIANNE M. DELAPORTE, Notre Dame De Namur University, *moderator*

Postcolonialism and Pre-Modern Jewish-Christian Relations
DANIEL JOSLYN-SIEMIATKOSKI, Church Divinity School of the Pacific

Recovering the Ordained Ministry of Women in Christianity
GARY MACY, Santa Clara University

Angelique's Reform: Gender and Power in the Example of Port-Royal
ELISSA MCCORMACK, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology

RESPONDENT:

CHRISTOPHER OCKER, San Francisco Theological Seminary

A34 RELIGIONS OF ASIA II O'Connor 201

THEME — Religions of Asia Film Screening

TOBY B. JOHNSON, University of California, Riverside, *moderator*

Happy Birthday Mazu: Empress of Heaven, Goddess of the Sea
JONATHAN H X LEE, University of California, Santa Barbara

35 minute film to be shown with discussion to follow

NOON — 1:00 PM LUNCH BREAK

AAR/WR BUSINESS MEETING LUNCH Benson Parlor A

1:00 — 2:45 PM SESSION 12

A30 PSYCHOLOGY AND RELIGION II Arts & Sci 133
THEME — Domination and Violence: Contextual and Theoretical Analysis
SIROJ SORAJAKOOL, Loma Linda University, presiding

Mugabe, Oppression, and Power: Zimbabweans' Perspective
 GEORGE DZIMIRI, Loma Linda University

The Psychological Analysis of Violence and the Problem of Scandal
 HESTER OBERMAN, Independent Scholar

A31 ETHICS II Arts & Sci 134
KELLY FITZSIMMONS, Arizona State University, chair

Modern Mission in America: Dinesh D'Souza and the Conservative Apologetic
 BRANDON M. CROWE, Arizona State University

A Virtue Ethic Approach to Contemporary Just War Theory
 ELI S. MCCARTHY, Graduate Theological Union

Natural Law and Human Rights: The Road to Universal Human Rights
 NICHOLAS HANKINS, Claremont Graduate University

Exploring Trinitarian Virtues
 A. ELIZABETH LEE, Graduate Theological Union

A32 PAN AFRICAN/WOMANIST II Arts & Sci 135
THEME — New Methods/New Visions: Liberation Theology for the 21st Century
ARISKA RAZAK, California Institute of Integral Studies, moderator

The Re-Radicalization of Black Theology: Introducing an Africana Ethnographic Black Studies Method for Doing Black Theology
 RALPH WATKINS, Fuller Theological Seminary

Liberation Theology, Identity, and Discourse: A Closer Look at the Coming Out of Sheryl Swoopes
 PAULA L. MCGEE, Claremont Graduate University

4:00 — 5:45 PM SESSION 5

A16 RELIGION AND THE ARTS I Daly 203
THEME — Identity and Action in Religion and Art
JOHN HANDLEY, Graduate Theological Union, presiding

"Christian Hardcore" Music, Material Culture, and Identity/ies in Southern California
 CHARLES TOWNSEND, University of California, Riverside

A Christian Theological Basis for Civic Engagement through the Arts
 ELISE EDWARDS, Claremont Graduate University

Social Change, Biblical Exegesis and Rock and Roll: PJ Harvey & U2 in the Classroom
 JENNIFER RYCENGA, San Jose State University

A17 RELIGIONS OF ASIA I O'Connor 204
THEME — Intersections and Encounters: What Gurus and Yoga Have to Do with Ecology and Environment
DEEPAK SHIMKHADA, Claremont McKenna College, chair

The Daoist Complete Perfection Sect's Response to Ecological and Environmental Crisis in the Modern World
 PAUL JACKSON, Arizona State University

Environmental Ethics in American Yoga: Ancient Values Meet 21st Century Challenge
 LAURA CORNELL, California Institute of Integral Studies

Contemporary Janamsakhis: Interpretation and the Application of the Gurus' Tradition for the Modern World
 TOBY B. JOHNSON, University of California, Riverside

DISCUSSANT:
 DAVID GRAY, Santa Clara University

4:00 — 5:45 PM SESSION 5

A18 PSYCHOLOGY AND RELIGION I O'Connor 205**THEME — Religion and the Marginalized: Spiritual and Psychological Resources**SIROJ SORAJAKOOL, Loma Linda University, *presiding**God Is Homeless: Psycho-theological Reflection in Skid Row*
JEFFREY THOMAS, Claremont School of Theology*Too Blessed to be Stressed: The Intersection of Spiritual Resilience, Magical Thinking and Agency in Homeless Individuals*
JILL SNODGRASS, Claremont School of Theology*Sex Workers in Thailand, Self-Identity, and the Role of Religion*
SIROJ SORAJAKOOL, Loma Linda University**A19 WOMEN AND RELIGION II** O'Connor 206**THEME — Veneration of Women, Venerable Women**ANN WERTMAN, Arizona State University, *moderator**Intersections and Encounters: Quan Am, Mary of LaVang, and the Cult of the Mother Goddesses in Vietnam*
MARY E. MCGANN, Graduate Theological Union*Female Gender as Non-Attachment and Field-of-Merit: Venerable Dhammananda's Ordination as Bhikkhuni in the Thai Context*
SUAT YAN LAI, Claremont Graduate University*Nativity: Hannah Arendt's Faith in Second Birth*
COLLEEN E. WINDHAM, University of California, Santa Barbara*Three Women's Intuitive Process: An Examination of Ethical and Religious Challenges Resulting in Social Justice*
ANA PEREZ-CHISTI, Institute of Transpersonal Psychology

10:00 — 11:45 AM SESSION 11

A27 QUEER STUDIES II O'Connor 110**THEME — Skirting to Lipping: Quandary in African American Faith**MARIE CARTIER, Claremont Graduate University, *moderator**In God's Image? Masculine and Feminine Genderings in Queer Identified Black Lesbians*

TRINA ARMSTRONG, Claremont School of Theology

African-American Gay Christian Men and New Progressive Black Masculinities
GOLDMAN JACOBS, San Diego State University**A28 RELIGION IN AMERICA II** Alumni Sci 120**THEME — 21st Century Challenges to Conventional Religions**REBECCA MOORE, *moderator**Standing at the Crossroads of Religion and Sexuality: Mormon Gays and Lesbians*
ANN WERTMAN, Arizona State University*Articulations of Social Injustice by the Hopi Reggae Musician Casper Loma-da-wa*
DAVID WALSH, Arizona State University*Blurring the Boundaries: The American Messianic Jew*
PATRICIA A. POWER, Arizona State University*Interfaith Organizations in a Religiously Diverse America*
PHILIP BOO RILEY, Santa Clara University**A29 PSYCHOLOGY, CULTURE AND RELIGION** Arts & Sci 129**PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION JOINT SESSION****THEME — Using Philosophy to Transcend Culture**HESTER OBERMAN, *moderator**Irigaray's Elsewhere in Dianic Wiccan Ritual: The Feminine Imaginary in Theory and in Practice*
KRISTY COLEMAN, San Jose State University*Wittgenstein and Worship: Looking at the Language-Games of Liturgical Theology*
MICHELLE KATE WEBER, Graduate Theological Union

10:00 — 11:45 AM SESSION 11

A25 GODDESS STUDIES I

O'Connor 107

THEME — Drawing a Big Picture in Goddess Research: Interdisciplinary and/or Cross-Cultural Approaches

HELEN HYE-SOOK HWANG, University of California, Los Angeles, *presiding*

The African, Matriarchal, Amazonian Roots of Athena: Scholarly, Spiritual and Social Implications

MARGUERITE RIGOGLIOSO, California Institute of Integral Studies

Mari, Principal Goddess in Basque Mythology: Reclaiming Indigenous Histories Empowers Our Struggle for Environmental and Social Justice

MARION DUMONT, California Institute of Integral Studies

Bhadrakali: The Dark Goddess in a Matrilineal Context

DIANNE E. JENETT, Institute for Transpersonal Psychology

Voices of the Goddess: Women Clergy in East-West Perspective

CHANDRA ALEXANDRE, Institute for Transpersonal Psychology

A26 BUDDHIST STUDIES II

O'Connor 109

THEME — Mahayana Panel

The Indeterminate Ground of Impermanent Symbols:

A Constructive Comparison of Buddhist and Christian Mysticism

BENJAMIN CHICKA, Claremont Graduate University

The Conversation Between Deep Ecology and Buddhism

SETH CLIPPARD, Arizona State University

The Evolution in Buddhist Reincarnation

JINGJING ZHU, University of the West

MEDITATE AND DESTROY!: The Rebellion of Punk Buddhism

PETER M. ROMASKIEWICZ, Independent Scholar

RESPONDENT:

KENNETH LEE, California State University at Northridge,
Chair, Buddhist Studies Mahayana Panel

5:45 — 7:15 PM SESSION 6

WECSOR RECEPTION

Arts & Sciences Foyer

7:30 — 8:30 PM SESSION 7

AAR/WR PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Benson Williman

NORRIS W. PALMER, Saint Mary's College of California

Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Theology and Religious Studies

Articulating Hindu Identity for Translocal Deployment

8:30 — 9:45 PM SESSION 8

A20 WOMANIST/PAN AFRICAN AND
WOMEN AND RELIGION JOINT SESSION

Daly 206

FILM— *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North*

ARISIKA RAZAK, California Institute of Integral Studies, *moderator*

SARAH ROBINSON, Claremont Graduate University, *moderator*

KATRINA BROWNE, Producer/Director, explores the history of her New England forebears and their role as owners of the largest family-run slave-trading enterprise in the USA

One hour film with discussion to follow

7:00 — 8:00 AM SESSION 9

WECSOR BOARD MEETING

Arts & Sciences 135

8:00 — 9:45 PM SESSION 10

A21 NINETEENTH CENTURY SECTION O'Connor 103**THEME — A Century of Crossroads: Exploring Dynamic of
Theology, Gender, Performing and Religious Identity**JENNIFER VENINGA, *chair**The Foreign Artists' Colony in Nineteenth Century Rome:**A Crossroads of Muses, Privilege, Faith and Gender*

JENNY PATTEN GARGIULO, Graduate Theological Union

Do Everything but Prostitute: The History of Frances Willard and Fallen Women

KRISTY SLOMINSKI, University of California, Santa Barbara

Johannes Weiss' Discovery of Jesus' Eschatology and Its Implication for Globalization

JUNGHYUNG KIM, Graduate Theological Union

Newman's Model of Doctrinal Development and the Question of New Revelation

SHEILA TAYLOR, Graduate Theological Union

A22 PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION II O'Connor 104**THEME — Human and Divine Knowledge**EMILY BENNETT, Claremont Graduate University, *moderator**Piety: Schleiermacher's Response to Kant's First Critique*

ERIC HALL, Claremont Graduate University

*A Spiritual Grammatology for the Study of the Sacred: A Derridean Methodological
Proposal for Religious Studies*

MATTHEW S. HAAR FARRIS, Graduate Theological Union

*Rethinking Middle Knowledge:**An Over-Simplification of Human Situation and Alternative*

JAE-YUN PARK, Claremont Graduate University

8:00 — 9:45 PM SESSION 10

A23 INDIGENOUS RELIGIONS II O'Connor 105MUTOMBO NKULU-N'SENGHA, California State University at Northridge, *moderator**Vodou at the Crossroads*

CLAUDINE MICHEL, University of California, Santa Barbara

The Hermeneutics of Gede: Vodou in "La Revue Indigene"

ROBERTO STRONGMAN, University of California, Santa Barbara

Engaging Crossroads: Vodou Cosmologies and Paket Congos

KYRAH MALIKA DANIELS, Stanford University

A24 PSYCHOLOGY, CULTURE, AND RELIGION I O'Connor 106**THEME — "Multiplicity Within/Out": A Spoken Word Panel Presentation***A Post Modern Framework Addressing Islam, Ethics, Philosophy,
Body/Sexuality, and Trauma Studies***SPOKEN WORD PRESENTERS:**

AYAT AGAH, Claremont Graduate University

TRACY HAWKINS, Claremont Graduate University

JEREMY FACKENTHAL, Claremont Graduate University

KIRSTEN GERDES, Claremont Graduate University

DEIDRE GREEN, Claremont Graduate University