



**The Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Academy of Religion  
(MAR-AAR) and  
The Mid-Atlantic Region of Society of Biblical Literature (MAR-  
SBL)  
2019 Annual Conference**

**Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick, NJ  
2 Albany St, New Brunswick, NJ 08901  
February 28-March 1, 2019**

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**Registration: Conference Reception**

Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Exhibitors Hall: Conference G**

Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Sponsoring Exhibitors**

## Program Schedule At A Glance

### Thursday, February 28 Events

		<b>Location</b>
7:30-3:30 pm	Registration	Conference Reception
7:30-8:30 am	Breakfast: Introducing the Buddy System	Garden State Ballroom AB
8:45-10:45 am	Breakout Sessions MAR-AAR Christian History and Theology: Session 1 MAR-AAR Contemporary Theology: Session 1 MAR-AAR Continental Philosophy MAR-AAR Religion and Education: Session 1 MAR-AAR Religion and Leadership MAR-AAR New Testament: Synoptic Gospels	Conference JK Conference F Conference E Conference D Conference I Salon D
8:35-10:50 am	MAR-SBL Hebrew Bible: Nevi'im (Prophets)	Salon C
11:00-12:00 nn	MAR-AAR Business Meeting MAR-SBL Business Meeting	Conference I Salon A
12:15-1:15 pm	Religion and Public Scholarship Luncheon Event Graduate Theological Education Luncheon with Duke, Emory, Princeton Theological Seminary, University of Chicago, and Vanderbilt representatives Open to undergraduate students	Garden State Ballroom AB  Garden State Ballroom C
1:30-3:30 pm	Breakout Sessions MAR-AAR Comparative Religion and Ecology MAR-AAR Asian Religions: Session 1 MAR-AAR Global Religion and Pluralism MAR-AAR Religion, Gender, and Sexuality: Session 1 MAR-AAR Religions of the Latin/x Americas MAR-AAR Sunni African-American Muslims and Islamophobia MAR-AAR-SBL Women's Caucus: Session 2 MAR-SBL Reception History MAR-SBL Rifts: How Does the Bible..."	Conference JK Conference F Conference E Conference D Conference I  Salon A Salon B Salon C Salon D

3:45-4:45 pm	MAR-SBL Plenary Address	Conference I
3:45-5:45 pm	Breakout Sessions MAR-AAR Christian History and Theology: Session 2 MAR-AAR Contemporary Theology: Session 2 MAR-AAR Interreligious and Interfaith Studies MAR-AAR Trauma and the Language of Theology	Conference JK Conference F Conference E Salon A
5:00-7:00 pm	MAR-SBL Hebrew Bible: Torah	Salon B
6:00-7:00 pm	MAR-AAR Plenary Address	Conference I
7:30-9:00 pm	MAR-AAR-SBL Reception	Conference BC

### **Friday, March 1 Events**

### **Location**

7:30-3:30 pm	Registration	Conference Reception
7:30-8:30 am	Breakfast	Conference ABC
8:45-10:45 am	Breakout Sessions MAR-AAR Christian History and Theology: Session 3 MAR-AAR Asian Religions: Session 2 MAR-AAR Postcolonial and Religious Studies MAR-AAR Religion and Education: Session 2 MAR-AAR Black Theology MAR-SBL New Testament: Luke-Acts and John MAR-SBL Writing Seminar	Conference JK Conference F Conference E Conference D Conference A Salon C Salon D
11:00-12:00 nn	MAR-AAR Presidential Address MAR-SBL Presidential Address	Salon A Conference JK
12:15-1:15 pm	Lunch How to Get Published Luncheon MAR-AAR EB, Chairs and Co-Chairs Luncheon Meeting Please attend if you interested to be more involved in the region	Conference BC Salon CD Conference A

1:30-3:30 pm	Breakout Sessions MAR-AAR Christian History and Theology: Session 4 MAR-AAR Contemporary Theology: Session 3 MAR-AAR Religion and Ethics MAR-AAR Religion and Education: Session 3 MAR-AAR Religion, Conflict, and Peace MAR-AAR Religion, Gender, and Sexuality: Session 2 MAR-AAR-SBL Women's Caucus: Session 3 MAR-SBL Hebrew Bible: Ketuvim (Writings) MAR-AAR Undergraduate Section: Session 2	Conference JK Conference F Conference E Conference D Conference A Salon A Salon B Salon C Salon D
3:45-4:45 pm	MAR-AAR-SBL Planning Forward Leaders Meeting Executive Board, Chairs, Co-Chairs, Prospective Leaders Please attend if you interested to be more involved in the region	Conference A

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**Breakfast: Introducing the Buddy System**  
**Location: Garden State Ballroom AB**

**Morning Breakout Sessions**  
**8:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.**

**Conference JK**

**Section: Christian History and Theology**

**Session 1: Transforming Philosophical Insights: The Philosophy of the Fathers of the Post-Chalcedonian Era**

**Moderator: Conrad Fischer, Touro College of Medicine, [conradfischermd@gmail.com](mailto:conradfischermd@gmail.com).**

Anna Zhyrkova, Academia Ignatianum, [anna.zhyrkova@ignatianum.edu.pl](mailto:anna.zhyrkova@ignatianum.edu.pl).

*Logic as the Structural Principle of Theological Discourse*

Marcin Podbielski, Academia Ignatianum, [marcin.podbielski@ignatianum.edu.pl](mailto:marcin.podbielski@ignatianum.edu.pl).

*Maximus the Confessor: A Consistent Theology out of and beyond the Contradictory Philosophical Underpinnings*

Sergey Trostyanskiy, Union Theological Seminary, [st2399@columbia.edu](mailto:st2399@columbia.edu)  
*On the Limits of Logos and Representation: The Philosophical Perspectives of 9th Century Byzantine Thought*

VK McCarty, General Seminary, [vkmcpx@gmail.com](mailto:vkmcpx@gmail.com).  
*Rhetorical Devices Empowering the 'Golden Mouth' of John Chrysostom*

Matt B. Hale, The Catholic University of America, [64hale@cua.edu](mailto:64hale@cua.edu).  
*Maximus the Confessor, Discursive Understanding, and the Discernment of Meaning*

## **Conference F**

**Section: Contemporary Theology**

**Session 1: Personhood and Justice**

**Moderator: Andrew Peterson, Princeton Theological Seminary, [andrew.peterson@ptsem.edu](mailto:andrew.peterson@ptsem.edu)**

Esther Parajuli, Union Theological Seminary, [ep2737@utsnyc.edu](mailto:ep2737@utsnyc.edu)  
*Exploring Apophatic Relational Anthropology in Conversation with Catherine Keller*

Hunter Bragg, Drew University, [hbragg@drew.edu](mailto:hbragg@drew.edu)  
*No Future without Repetition: Ubuntu Theology, Incarceration, and the Justice To-Come*

Joshua Wise, Villanova University, [Joshua.Wise@villanova.edu](mailto:Joshua.Wise@villanova.edu)  
*Unrighteously Pleased with Their Suffering: A Consideration of 'The Outer Darkness' in dialog with Johnathan Edwards, George MacDonald, and Martin Buber.*

## **Conference E**

**Section: Continental Philosophy**

**Session: Current Social Problems Analyzed With Respect To The Tension Of Polarities**

**Moderator: Sean D'Alessio, Independent Scholar, [sdpgh@protonmail.com](mailto:sdpgh@protonmail.com).**

Wren Hillis, Drew University, [lhillis@drew.edu](mailto:lhillis@drew.edu)  
*Assembly and Assemblage: Rethinking Class in the Ecclesia*

Daniel Colucciello Barber, Pace University, [danielcbarber@gmail.com](mailto:danielcbarber@gmail.com)  
*Apocalypse and Non-Being*

Sean D'Alessio, Independent Scholar, [sdpgh@protonmail.com](mailto:sdpgh@protonmail.com)  
*Marxism and the Rejection of the Moral Law*

## **Conference D**

**Section: Religion and Education**

**Session 1: Pedagogies of Approaching the Religious Other**

**Moderator/Respondent: Benjamin Marcus, Religious Freedom Center,**  
[bmarcus@freedomforum.org](mailto:bmarcus@freedomforum.org)

DeShannon Barnes-Bowens, One Spirit Interfaith Seminary, [bowens@ilera.com](mailto:bowens@ilera.com)  
*Connection Across Difference: How Interfaith Education Transforms Lives and Prepares People to Serve*

Alexander Handra Dwi Asmara, Fordham University, [hendrasj@gmail.com](mailto:hendrasj@gmail.com)  
*Learning to See the Human Face of Religion: "Live in" as Pedagogy for Interreligious Education*

### **Conference I**

**Section: Religion and Leadership**

**Session: Theological Leadership in North American culture**

**Moderator: Andrey Shirin, John Leland Center for Theological Studies,**  
[ashirin@leland.edu](mailto:ashirin@leland.edu)

Joseph Desciak, Fordham University, [jdesciak@fordham.edu](mailto:jdesciak@fordham.edu)  
*Fordham University's Experimentalist Leader (1965-1969)*

Jane Huber, Union Theological Seminary, [jhuber@uts.columbia.edu](mailto:jhuber@uts.columbia.edu)  
Audrey Williamson, Union Theological Seminary, [amwilli321@aol.com](mailto:amwilli321@aol.com)  
*Eschatological Imagination: Rethinking Pastoral Leadership*

Stephen Ohnsman, Calvary United Church of Christ, [ohnsman@comcast.net](mailto:ohnsman@comcast.net)  
*Jesus Justice: Reframing and Reclaiming the Gospel Call to Change the World*

David B. Smith, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, [dsmith@bmpe.org](mailto:dsmith@bmpe.org)  
*Beyond the Vigil: Ecumenical and Interfaith Youth Work as a Catalyst for Public Theology*

Elisabeth Yang, Rutgers University, [elisabeth.yang@rutgers.edu](mailto:elisabeth.yang@rutgers.edu)  
*The Organic Child: Horace Bushnell's Methods of Child-rearing in Nineteenth-Century America and its Implications for an Organic Anthropology (Personhood)*

**Salon C, 8:35-10:50 am**

**Section: Hebrew Bible: Nevi'im (Prophets)**

**Moderator: Alexandria Frisch, Ursinus College, [afrisch@ursinus.edu](mailto:afrisch@ursinus.edu)**

Ransom William Portis, Princeton Theological Seminary, [ransom.portis@ptsem.edu](mailto:ransom.portis@ptsem.edu)  
*Fractious Feasts*

Vincent Beiler Rutgers University, [ydb24@scarletmail.rutgers.edu](mailto:ydb24@scarletmail.rutgers.edu)  
*The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Masoretic Text: Mapping Difference in the Former Prophets*

SuJung Shin, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, [sshin@nbts.edu](mailto:sshin@nbts.edu)  
*The Polyphonic Character of David as the 'Unfinalizable Other' in the Books of Samuel*

Peter Feinman, Institute of History, Archaeology, and Education, [feinmanp@ihare.org](mailto:feinmanp@ihare.org)  
*The Levites and the Origin of the Alphabet Prose Narrative*

Sara Malena, St. Mary's College of Maryland, [slmalena@smcm.edu](mailto:slmalena@smcm.edu)  
*A House for Pharaoh's Daughter: Diplomatic Marriage and Solomon's Legacy*

## **Salon D**

**New Testament: Synoptic Gospels**

**Moderator: Mark Giacobbe, Westminster Theological Seminary, [markgia@gmail.com](mailto:markgia@gmail.com)**

Josh Peters, Regent University, [johnpe2@mail.regent.edu](mailto:johnpe2@mail.regent.edu)  
*The Synoptic Problem Stalemate: Four Assumptions that Deserve Reexamination in the Light of Ancient Historiography*

Sharon Gutkowski, Villanova University, [sgutkows@villanova.edu](mailto:sgutkows@villanova.edu)  
*Mary, Mother of Jesus, as the Antithesis of Michal, Wife of David*

Devlin McGuire, Princeton Theological Seminary, [devlin.mcguire@ptsem.edu](mailto:devlin.mcguire@ptsem.edu)  
*Apocalyptic Eschatology in Paul and Mark: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 and Mark 13:1-37 in Comparison*

Hilary, Floyd, Drew University, [hffloyd@drew.edu](mailto:hffloyd@drew.edu)  
*Violence in the Vineyard: Extractive Economics and Tenuous Tenants in Mark 12:1-12*

**11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**MAR-AAR Members' Business Meeting**

**Location: Conference I**

**MAR-SBL Members' Business Meeting**

**Location: Salon A**

**12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.**

**MAR-SBL-AAR Lunch**

**Location: Garden State Ballroom AB**

**Women's Caucus Presents Luncheon Keynote Speaker**

**Simran Jeet Singh, New York University, [simranjeetsingh@gmail.com](mailto:simranjeetsingh@gmail.com)**

***Religion and Public Scholarship: Opportunities and Risks***

**12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.**  
**Graduate Theological Education Luncheon**  
**Location: Garden State Ballroom C**

Representatives:

Amy Scroggin, Admissions Officer, Duke Divinity School  
Sarah Pinson, Assistant Director of Admissions, Candler School of Theology at Emory University  
Choon Leong Seow, Cupples Chair in Divinity and Distinguished Professor of Hebrew Bible, Vanderbilt Divinity School  
Melissa Martin, Recruitment Associate, Princeton Theological Seminary  
Josh Feigelson, Dean of Students, University of Chicago Divinity School

Curious about graduate theological education? Want to meet representatives from some of the top divinity schools and seminaries in the country? Over lunch, each institution will offer a short presentation of their programs, and then we will break into round table discussions. Please bring any questions you might have. You DO NOT need to be registered for the conference to attend. To receive a complimentary wristband, please contact: Melissa A. Martin | [melissa.martin@ptsem.edu](mailto:melissa.martin@ptsem.edu)

**Afternoon Breakout Sessions**  
**1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Conference JK**

**Section: Comparative Religion and Ecology**

**Session: Comparative Eco-Theologies for the Age of Climate Change**

**Moderator: Christopher Fici**, Union Theological Seminary, [clf2138@utsnyc.edu](mailto:clf2138@utsnyc.edu)

Katilau Mbindyo, Union Theological Seminary, [km3177@utsnyc.edu](mailto:km3177@utsnyc.edu)

*The Ethic of Happy in the Anthropocene*

Allegra Lovejoy Wiprud, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies,

[awiprud@gmail.com](mailto:awiprud@gmail.com)

*Spiritual and Material Energy in the Light of the Bhagavata: A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami's Earth Ethics*

Carleigh Beriont, Harvard University, [cab869@mail.harvard.edu](mailto:cab869@mail.harvard.edu)

*'In God's Hands': Contemporary Comparative Theologies of Climate Change in the Marshall Islands and the United States*



Leonisa Ardizzone, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie, [la171@utsnyc.edu](mailto:la171@utsnyc.edu),  
*More Than a Feeling: Merging Science and Spirit to Address Global Climate Change*

Presenters for this year's session bring us into a holistic interdisciplinary comparative eco-theological space for original and creative responses to our emerging Age of Climate Change aka the Anthropocene. How do we understand connections between existential and ecological flows of well-being and flourishing? How do we explore and interrogate values of happiness and fulfillment in an ecologically chaotic and unjust time? What emerges from the creative embrace between languages of science and of spirituality in response to climate change? Our presenters each present a unique and original contribution to the practice of anticipation for the Age of Climate Change. Together they create different elements of a comparative eco-theology which challenges and deepens our conceptions and practices of hope-making, eco-justice, and Earth ethics in and for the Anthropocene.

## **Conference F**

### **Section: Asian Religions**

**Session 1:** Breaking Ignorance and Broadening the Norm

**Moderator:** Song-Chong Lee, University of Findlay, [lee@findlay.edu](mailto:lee@findlay.edu).

Nindyo Sasongko, Fordham University, [nsasongko@fordham.edu](mailto:nsasongko@fordham.edu)

*Massacre and Epistemic Ignorance: Writing the Wrongs in the Indonesian Killings of 1965-1966*

Trung Huynh, University of Houston, [thuynh28@central.uh.edu](mailto:thuynh28@central.uh.edu)

*The Exceptional Causes of Buddhist Self-Immolation*

Chung Nam Ha, Won Institute of Graduate Studies, [chungnam.ha@woninstitute.edu](mailto:chungnam.ha@woninstitute.edu)

*Feminism and Feminine Spirituality in Won Buddhism*

This session presents discussions exploring the role of Asian religions as a catalyst to make a positive axiological, epistemological, and hermeneutical turn.

## **Conference E**

### **Section: Global Religion and Pluralism**

**Moderator: Julia Berger, Baha'i International Community UN Office,**  
**[juliamberger@gmail.com](mailto:juliamberger@gmail.com)**

William Glennon, Union Theological Seminary ([wg2293@utsnyc.edu](mailto:wg2293@utsnyc.edu)),

*Counting Cultural Trauma: Homogenization and the Threat to Religious Pluralism*

Benjamin Crace ([bcrace@auk.edu.kw](mailto:bcrace@auk.edu.kw)), American University of Kuwait

*Migrant Faith: The Coptic Orthodox Church in Kuwait*

John Ahn, Howard University, [john.ahn@howard.edu](mailto:john.ahn@howard.edu)

*Migration and 'Repatriation' as Forced Return Migration: Modern and Ancient Communities*

The Global Religions and Pluralism provides room for presenters to be creative and innovative in their connection of the global reach of religion and the complexities of pluralism. While the current atmosphere of fear, hatred, and racial prejudice appears strong in civil society, many religious traditions are challenging such an atmosphere. This section presenters will address the current climate but also how global religions and pluralism can help bring better relationships and harmony among all peoples.

## **Conference D**

### **Section: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality**

#### **Session 1: *Chosen: Custody of the Eyes* Film Screening**

**Moderator: Corey R. Harris, Alvernia University, [corey.harris@alvernia.edu](mailto:corey.harris@alvernia.edu)**

Abbie Reece, Independent Scholar, [areece@uchicago.edu](mailto:areece@uchicago.edu)

*Chosen: Custody of the Eyes*

Screening of “Chosen: Custody of the Eyes,” a documentary film by Abbie Reece. An intimate portrait of a young woman in the process of becoming a cloistered contemplative nun, following the journey of Heather\*, a former blogger and painter, who is renamed Sister Amata after she joins a religious community that traces to the medieval era. Religious studies professors have been particularly interested in this film — in which I lent the subject a video camera and worked with her to record the monastery and her own video diaries as she was in formation for a Poor Clare religious order that traces to Saint Francis; the nuns observe monastic silence, seek anonymity, and make a vow of enclosure.

## **Conference I**

### **Section: Religions of the Latin/x Americas**

#### **Session: Movement and Resistance”**

**Moderator: Harold Morales, Morgan State University, MD, [harold.morales@morgan.edu](mailto:harold.morales@morgan.edu)**

Maria Cecilia Ulrickson, Morgan State University, [maria.ulrickson@morgan.edu](mailto:maria.ulrickson@morgan.edu)

*The Sacred Heart of Haiti*

Christopher Dwyer, Drew University, [cdwyer@drew.edu](mailto:cdwyer@drew.edu)

*Liberation Theology in Latin America: From the Second Vatican Council to Puebla*

Francisco Pelaez-Diaz, Princeton Theological Seminary, [f.pelaez-diaz@ptsem.edu](mailto:f.pelaez-diaz@ptsem.edu)

*Central American Caravans as The Way of the Cross: Religious Roots of the Migrant Caravans to the U.S.*

Responder: Jorge Juan Rodríguez V, Union Theological Seminary, [jr3445@utsnyc.edu](mailto:jr3445@utsnyc.edu)

## **Salon A**

### **Section: Sunni African-American Muslims and Islamophobia**

**Session: Education of the Trajectories of Racism and Healing**

**Moderator: TA Bashir, New York Theological Seminary, [tabcib@aol.com](mailto:tabcib@aol.com)**

Debbie Almontaser, College of Staten Island, CUNY, ”. [info@menny.org](mailto:info@menny.org)

*Leading While Muslim*

Muhammad Hateem, Yale Divinity School, [mhateem52@hotmail.com](mailto:mhateem52@hotmail.com)

*Caregiving to Muslims*

Charles Cavanaugh, Unification Theological Seminary, [cchuck60@aol.com](mailto:cchuck60@aol.com)

*The Racism of Bushnell*

Shep Gannon, Union Theological Seminary, [shepglennon@gmail.com](mailto:shepglennon@gmail.com)

*Exploitation of African Muslims*

**Salon B**

**Section: Women’s Caucus**

**Session 2: Spiritual Friendship between Women: From Historical Example to Contemporary Models**

**Moderator: Dorothy Rogers, Montclair University, [rogersd@mail.montclair.edu](mailto:rogersd@mail.montclair.edu)**

Audrey Williamson, Union Theological Seminary

Jane Huber, Union Theological Seminary

**Salon C**

**Section: Reception History**

**Moderator: Ilona Rashkow, New York University, [ilona.rashkow2@gmail.com](mailto:ilona.rashkow2@gmail.com)**

Zachary I Levine, New York University, [zil200@nyu.edu](mailto:zil200@nyu.edu)

*Human Exaltation and the ‘Generations Eternal’ in Words of the Luminaries and Broader Second Temple Literature*

Simeiqi He, Drew University, [She1@drew.edu](mailto:She1@drew.edu)

*Love and Affect in Christian Reception of the Song of Songs 2:3–5*

Linda Sue Galate, Drew University, [doclsg1.16@gmail.com](mailto:doclsg1.16@gmail.com)

*Conflict and Resolution: Moses and Peter Strike the Rock*

Jean A. Cotting, Virginia Theological Seminary, [jcotting@vts.edu](mailto:jcotting@vts.edu)

*The Wild Man, the Lion, and the Honey*

**Salon D**

**Session: Rifts – “How does the Bible encourage or discourage rifts among populations?”**  
**Moderator: Kenneth Ngwa, Drew University, [kngwa@drew.edu](mailto:kngwa@drew.edu)**

Elizabeth Siegelman, Drew University, [esiegelman@drew.edu](mailto:esiegelman@drew.edu)  
*S(he)'s Gotta Have it: Black Female Sexuality in the Song and on the Screen*

Brooke L. Deal, Bethany College, [BDeal@bethanywv.edu](mailto:BDeal@bethanywv.edu)  
*A ‘Handmaid’s Tale’: Sara, Hagar, and the Politics of Privilege*

Ha Young Kang, Drew University, [hkang5@drew.edu](mailto:hkang5@drew.edu)

*Subaltern Women and Imperial Bestiality: A Postcolonial Dialogue between the Whore of Babylon and South Korean Comfort Women*

Isaiah Allen, Asbury Theological Seminary, [isaiah.allen@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:isaiah.allen@asburyseminary.edu)  
*Paul the Bigot? How Relevance Theory Illuminates the Cretan Quotation of Titus 1:12 and Other Problem Passages*

**MARSBL Plenary Address**

**Location: Conference I**

**Stephen Moore, Drew University**

*A Bible That Expresses Everything While Communicating Nothing: Interpreting After Interpretation*

**Afternoon Breakout Sessions**

**3:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.**

**Conference JK**

**Section: Christian History and Theology**

**Session 2: Social Order, Freedom and Moral Commitment: Society in Transition**

**Moderator: Sergey Trostyanskiy, Union Theological Seminary, [st2399@columbia.edu](mailto:st2399@columbia.edu)**

Michael T. Dempsey, St. John’s University, [dempseym@stjohns.edu](mailto:dempseym@stjohns.edu)  
*Providence, Affliction, and the Social Order: Reflections on Calvin and the Theological Tradition*

Conrad Fischer, Touro College of Medicine, [conradfischermd@gmail.com](mailto:conradfischermd@gmail.com)  
*The Logos and Praxis of Terror in the 21st Century*

Graedon Zorzi, Yale University, [graedon.zorzi@yale.edu](mailto:graedon.zorzi@yale.edu).  
*Freedom and the Moral Character of Modern Liberalism*

Naomi Kraenbring, Bethany Theological Seminary, [kraenna@bethanyseminary.edu](mailto:kraenna@bethanyseminary.edu)  
*Flags, Fireworks, and the Fourth of July: The Brethren and Patriotism*

## **Conference F**

### **Section: Contemporary Theology**

#### **Session 2: “Open Wide Our Hearts”: Is the 2018 USCCB Pastoral On Racism On Target Or Out of Place?**

**Moderator: Dave de la Fuente, Fordham University, [davedelafuente@gmail.com](mailto:davedelafuente@gmail.com)**

Panelists:

John Barnes, Fordham University, [jbarnes14@fordham.edu](mailto:jbarnes14@fordham.edu)

Taylor Ott, Fordham University, [tott@fordham.edu](mailto:tott@fordham.edu)

Matthew Charles, Fordham University, [mcharles14@fordham.edu](mailto:mcharles14@fordham.edu)

Angelo Jesus Canta, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, [ajxcanta@gmail.com](mailto:ajxcanta@gmail.com)

## **Conference E**

### **Section: Interreligious and Interfaith Studies**

#### **Session: A Theological Approach to Interreligious Studies**

**Moderator: Joyce Ann Konigsburg, Notre Dame of Maryland University, [joycekphd@gmail.com](mailto:joycekphd@gmail.com)**

Abraham Kuruvilla, Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Philadelphia, [aby158@gmail.com](mailto:aby158@gmail.com)  
*A Theological Analysis of the Concept of Word of Christianity, and Shabd of Hinduism and its Implications for Co-existence for People Who are Out of Place (Migrants)*

Allison Stickley-Miner, Goucher College, [allison.stickley-miner@mail.goucher.edu](mailto:allison.stickley-miner@mail.goucher.edu)  
*Interfaith Engagement: How Theology Can Address Our Differences*

Esther Parajuli, Union Theological Seminary, [ep2737@utsnyc.edu](mailto:ep2737@utsnyc.edu)

Heon C. Kim, East Stroudsburg University, [heonkim@esu.edu](mailto:heonkim@esu.edu)  
*The Ideal Person in Confucianism and Daoism: An Interreligious Analysis*

## **Salon A**

### **Wildcard Session: Trauma and the Language of Theology**

**Moderators: Michael Hanegan, Columbia University, [mjh2235@columbia.edu](mailto:mjh2235@columbia.edu), and Amy McLaughlin-Sheasby, Boston University, [sheasby@bu.edu](mailto:sheasby@bu.edu).**

Courtney Steininger, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*Liberating Children of God: Trauma, Liberation Theology, and Literature*

Sarah Galo, Drew Theological School

*Trauma, Christology, and Jesus the Child*

Amy McLaughlin-Sheasby, Boston University

*O Earth Do Not Cover His Blood: Toward a Trauma-Informed Homiletic*

Michael Hanegan, Columbia University

*Trauma and Theology: Challenges and Opportunities Going Forward*

**Late Afternoon to Early Evening Breakout Session  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Salon B**

**Section: Hebrew Bible: Torah**

**Moderator: David Z. Moster, The Institute of Biblical Culture/Brooklyn College**

Chauncey Diego Francisco Handy, Princeton Theological Seminary,

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*In a Land Not Their Own: The Literary and Rhetorical Role of Allusion in Genesis 15:13*

John Ahn, Howard University, [john.ahn@howard.edu](mailto:john.ahn@howard.edu)

*Joseph, the Assimilated Egyptian Inter-marriages (Gen 41:45; 50–52) then Enslaves (Gen 47:18–19, 24): Joseph and Moses as Anti-Persian Stories*

Jonathan Aurelius Mellison, Princeton Theological Seminary, [jonathan.mellison@ptsem.edu](mailto:jonathan.mellison@ptsem.edu)

*Circumcision as Timekeeper in Exodus 4:24–26*

Ilona Rashkow, SUNY at Stony Brook, [ilona.rashkow2@gmail.com](mailto:ilona.rashkow2@gmail.com)

*How Much Will She Cost? A Comparison of Six Ancient Near East Laws Relating to Bride-Price and Dowry*

**3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. MAR-SBL Plenary Address**  
***A Bible That Expresses Everything While Communicating***  
***Nothing: Interpreting After Interpretation***  
**Stephen Moore, Drew University**  
**Conference I**

**6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. MAR-AAR Plenary Address**  
**Bethany Welch, Aquinas Center**  
**We Belong to Each Other: Enacting Sanctuary in a Time of**  
**Exclusion**  
**Conference I**

**7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. MAR-AAR-SBL Plenary Reception**

## **Friday, March 1**

**7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.**  
**Breakfast**

**Location: Conference ABC**

**Morning Breakout Sessions**  
**8:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.**

### **Conference JK**

**Section: Christian History and Theology**

**Session 3: Tension, Oppression and Reconciliation: A Historical Perspective**

**Moderator: Marcin Podbielski, Academia**

**Ignatianum, [marcin.podbielski@ignatianum.edu.pl](mailto:marcin.podbielski@ignatianum.edu.pl)**

Chris Durante, Saint Peter's University, [cdurante@saintpeters.edu](mailto:cdurante@saintpeters.edu)  
Symphonia as the Cure to Phyletism

James Brumbaugh, Boston University School of Theology, [jhbrum@bu.edu](mailto:jhbrum@bu.edu)

*The Kingdom of God and the Third Space: Walter Rauschenbusch and Homi Bhabha in Dialogue*

Christopher Sweeney, Fordham University, [csweeney13@fordham.edu](mailto:csweeney13@fordham.edu)

*War, Displacement, and the Cross: The Saxon Reimagining of the Cross in the Wake of the Saxon Wars*

Heather Ketchum, Union Theological Seminary, [hk2962@utsnyc.edu](mailto:hk2962@utsnyc.edu)

*An Application of Nicholas of Cusa's Apophatic Method in the Analysis of Calvin Warren's Notions of Being and Concluding Dismissal of Being*

Jeff Porter, Catholic University of America, [porterjs@cua.edu](mailto:porterjs@cua.edu)

*St. Augustine's Nominal Pluralist Philosophy of Moral Education*

## **Conference F**

**Section: Asian Religions**

**Session 2: Asian Religion, Society, and Nature**

**Moderator: Chung Nam Ha, Won Institute, [chungnam.ha@woninstitute.edu](mailto:chungnam.ha@woninstitute.edu)**

Shin-yi Chao, University of Rochester, [shinyichao@hotmail.com](mailto:shinyichao@hotmail.com)

*Religion and Social Capital: Neighborhood Temple Procession in Tainan, Taiwan*

Trung Huynh, University of Houston, [thuynh28@central.uh.edu](mailto:thuynh28@central.uh.edu)

*Some Buddhist Approaches to Ecological Issues*

Song-Chong Lee, the University of Findlay, [lee@findlay.edu](mailto:lee@findlay.edu)

This session presents discussions identifying and highlighting some creative aspects of Asian religion and philosophy in building positive local and global interaction and relationship between individuals and societies and in reshaping our perception and treatment of natural environment.

## **Conference E**

**Section: Postcolonial and Religious Studies**

**Session: New Considerations in Postcolonial and Religious Studies**

**Moderator: Rob Ames, Independent Scholar, [roblames@gmail.com](mailto:roblames@gmail.com)**

Lotfian, Subadee, [vireight146@gmail.com](mailto:vireight146@gmail.com)

*Liberation Theology in Hato Mayor, Dominican Republic*

Lai, Tsz Him. Drew University, [tlai@drew.edu](mailto:tlai@drew.edu)

*A Postcolonial Theology of Anti-Totalitarianism: The Task for Hong Kong Christianity in the Era of Chinese Imperialism*



Matthew Melvin-Koushki, Institute for Advanced Studies and University of South Carolina  
*European Renaissance Arabist-humanist Philology*

Sabrina D. MisirHiralall, Rutgers University and AAR National Task Force,  
[MisirHiralall.S@gmail.com](mailto:MisirHiralall.S@gmail.com)  
*De-Orientalizing Hinduism Through Hindu Dance Among Hindus*

The Postcolonial and Religious Studies Sections will present a collect of papers that touch on the many connections between the 2018 regional conference theme, Out of Place: Migrants and Race, Tribalism and Fear, Within and Without, and (post-)colonial studies of religion. Speaking broadly, papers in this section will consider questions like the following: how do we, as scholars of religion, grapple with the colonial origins of the boundaries we encounter and employ? How might the construction of boundaries between religions and academic disciplines parallel the construction of political boundaries, whether borders between nation-states or between metropole and periphery? How might such categories apply differently in different contexts? What categories other than "religion" and "(post-)coloniality" might be more appropriate in such different contexts as present-day Hong Kong and the Dominican Republic on the one hand and the early modern Persosphere on the other?

#### **Conference D**

##### **Section: Religion and Education**

##### **Session 2: Religious Education Encountering Racism and Privilege**

**Moderator/ Respondent: Janice McLean-Farrell, New Brunswick Theological Seminary,**  
[jmclean-farrell@nbts.edu](mailto:jmclean-farrell@nbts.edu))

Charles S. Chesnavage, Unification Theological Seminary, [cchuck60@aol.com](mailto:cchuck60@aol.com)  
*The White Supremacist Worldview of Horace Bushnell and the Null Curriculum in Religious Education*

Lindy Desciak, Fordham University, [lemerson1@fordham.edu](mailto:lemerson1@fordham.edu))  
*Education in Church-Based Social Ministry: Moving from Fear to Possibility: The Role of Religious*

Barbara Annette Fears, Howard University School of Divinity, [barbara.fears@Howard.edu](mailto:barbara.fears@Howard.edu)  
*Countering Fear of the Other: Critical Race Theory in Religious Education*

#### **Conference A**

##### **Section: Black Theology**

##### **Session: Black Theology, Environmental Justice and Religious Expressions**

**Moderator(s): Dr. Xavier Pickett, New York University, [xavier.pickett@nyu.edu](mailto:xavier.pickett@nyu.edu)**

Michael D. Royster, Prairie View A&M University, [mdroyster@pvamu.edu](mailto:mdroyster@pvamu.edu)

*Repatriation as a Form of Black Religious Expression*

Russell C. Powell, Princeton Theological Seminary, [russecpowell@gmail.com](mailto:russecpowell@gmail.com)  
*James Cone, Environmental Racism, and Rituals of Reconciliation*

Respondent: Jermaine Ross-Allam, Union Theological Seminary, [ajr2229@utsnyc.edu](mailto:ajr2229@utsnyc.edu)

**Salon A**

**Section: Undergraduate**

**Session 1: Race, Social Justice, and U.S. Religion**

**Moderators: Kim Paffenroth (Chair), Iona College, [kimpaffenroth@msn.com](mailto:kimpaffenroth@msn.com),  
and Andrew Henry, Boston University, [religionforbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:religionforbreakfast@gmail.com)**

Allison Isidore, McDaniel College, [abi001@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:abi001@mcdaniel.edu)  
*Jim Jones and his Social Justice Church*

Savaughna Monteith (panelist, McDaniel College, [smm025@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:smm025@mcdaniel.edu))  
*Jim Jones and His Utopian Escape*

Angelo Payne, McDaniel College, [amp013@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:amp013@mcdaniel.edu)  
*Conservative Evangelicals and their Contribution to Mass Incarceration*

Angel Petty, McDaniel College, [alp008@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:alp008@mcdaniel.edu)  
*Racialized Religion in U.S. Prisons*

Respondent: Brad Stoddard, McDaniel College, [bstoddard@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:bstoddard@mcdaniel.edu)

**Salon C**

**Section: New Testament: Luke-Acts and John**

**Moderator: Eun Sung Han, Drew University, [ehan@drew.edu](mailto:ehan@drew.edu)**

Gilha Lee, Emory University, [gilhalee82@gmail.com](mailto:gilhalee82@gmail.com)  
*Capricious Jesus? A Critique of the NRSV Translation of Jn 8:25b*

J Antonio Medina, Independent Scholar, [jantmed@gmail.com](mailto:jantmed@gmail.com)  
*A Note on the Recurring Motifs in the Three Judean Signs in the Gospel of John*

Francis Connolly-Weinert, St. John's University, [connollf@stjohns.edu](mailto:connollf@stjohns.edu)  
*Repetition, Verisimilitude, and Authorial Outreach in Luke-Acts*

**Salon D**

**MARSBL Writing Seminar**

**Moderator: Robert Seesengood, Albright College**

Participation by advance arrangement only

**11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. MAR-AAR Presidential Address**  
**Gerald S. Vigna, Alvernia University**  
**It Starts with Me: American Catholicism and Whiteness**  
**Salon A**

**11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. MAR-SBL Presidential Address**  
**Greg Carey, Lancaster Theological Seminary**  
*Resistance, Authority, and Authoritarianism for Contemporary*  
*Readers of the Apocalypse*  
**Conference JK**

**12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.**  
**MAR-AAR EB, Chairs and Co-Chairs Luncheon Meeting**  
**All those interested to serve the region are welcome to attend**  
**Location: Conference A**

**12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.**  
**MAR-SBL-AAR Lunch**  
**Location: Conference BC**

*How to Get Published in a Peer-Reviewed Journal Luncheon*  
**Mark Leuchter, Temple University**  
**Location: Salon CD**

**MAR-AAR EB, Chairs and Co-Chairs Luncheon Meeting**  
**Location: Conference A**

**Afternoon Breakout Sessions**  
**1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Conference JK**

**Section: Christian History and Theology**

**Session 4: Fracturing and Flourishing across Space and Time**

**Moderator: Luke Zerra, Princeton Theological Seminary, [luke.zerra@ptsem.edu](mailto:luke.zerra@ptsem.edu).**

Mary Julia Jett, St. Francis College, [maryjulijett@gmail.com](mailto:maryjulijett@gmail.com)

*John Keble, Religious Strife, and the Mysticism of the Church Fathers*

Molly James, Episcopal Church in Connecticut, [mollyjames@gmail.com](mailto:mollyjames@gmail.com)

*Flourishing Within and Without: Wisdom from Isabel Allende and Ivone Gebara*

Lyndon Shakespeare, Christ Church, Alexandria Virginia, [shaklync@gmail.com](mailto:shaklync@gmail.com)

*Misplaced People, Bordered Subjects: Discerning a Theology of Home in an Age of Displacement*

Kara Slade, Episcopal Church at Princeton University and Trinity Church, Princeton. [kslade@princeton.edu](mailto:kslade@princeton.edu) and Sonia Waters, Princeton Theological Seminary. [Sonia.waters@ptsem.edu](mailto:Sonia.waters@ptsem.edu)

*Miller Time, Out of Time: Towards a Theological Account of Addiction and Temporality*

Joel Daniels, Nevil Memorial Church of St. George, Ardmore, PA and the Center for Mind and Culture, [joelcdaniels@gmail.com](mailto:joelcdaniels@gmail.com)

*Ecumenism after Empire: Anglican Theology and the Legacy of Colonialism*

**Conference F**

**Section: Contemporary Theology**

**Session 3: Theological Responses to Migrancy**

**Moderator: Rory Misiewicz, Princeton Theological Seminary, [rory.misiewicz@ptsem.edu](mailto:rory.misiewicz@ptsem.edu)**

Karen Madigan, Virginia Theological Seminary, [kmadigan@vts.edu](mailto:kmadigan@vts.edu)

*A Theology of Migration and Latina Migrant Women*

Rev. Abraham Kuruvilla, Mar Thoma Syrian Church, [aby158@gmail.com](mailto:aby158@gmail.com)

*Karl Barth's Understanding of Human Freedom and its Implications for a Migrant Community*

Edward Dunar, Fordham University, [edunar@fordham.edu](mailto:edunar@fordham.edu)

*Christological Interpretations of Land in Willie Jennings and Roberto Goizueta*

**Conference E**

**Section: Religion and Ethics**

**Moderators:**

**Michael J. Stell, Catholic University of America, [71stell@cua.edu](mailto:71stell@cua.edu).**

**Ryan Longton, Catholic University of America, [28longton@cua.edu](mailto:28longton@cua.edu).**

Arlean Wells, Union Theological Seminary, Alumna [aw2941@utsnyc.edu](mailto:aw2941@utsnyc.edu)

*Unearthing Jezebel: Reconstructing the Jezebel's and the Black Women's Narratives*

Jusuf Salih, University of Dayton, [jsalih1@udayton.edu](mailto:jsalih1@udayton.edu)

*Some Islamic Ethical and Religious Principles Towards Migrants*

Graedon Zorzi, Yale University [graedon.zorzi@yale.edu](mailto:graedon.zorzi@yale.edu)

*Freedom and the Moral Character of Modern Liberalism*

Joyce Ann Konigsburg, PhD, Notre Dame of Maryland University, [joycekphd@gmail.com](mailto:joycekphd@gmail.com)

*Without to Within: Women's Marginal Shifts from the #MeToo Movement*

**Conference D**

**Section: Religion and Education**

**Session 3: Mapping the Scope of Current Work and Research on Religion and Education**

**Facilitator: Kate Soules, Boston College, [soules@bc.edu](mailto:soules@bc.edu)**

In this collaborative working session, participants will identify and discuss the current scope of work in the field of religion and education with the goal of beginning to develop a map of the field. As programming and research about religion and education, particularly K-12 public education, expands, it is crucial for researchers and educators to be able to network and build on previous programs and research rather than work in isolation. This session will primarily focus on education about religion in K-12 schools, teacher education about religion, and other work intended to improve the academic study of religion and understanding of religion in schools.

**Conference A**

**Section: Religion, Conflict, and Peace**

**Session: Peacemakers or Prophets?: Religious Responses to Social Issues**

**Moderator: Christy Randazzo, Haddonfield Friends Meeting,  
[danchristy.randazzo@gmail.com](mailto:danchristy.randazzo@gmail.com)**

Trung Huynh, University of Houston, [thuynh28@central.uh.edu](mailto:thuynh28@central.uh.edu)

*Buddhist Approaches to Ecological Issues*

Jonathon Yabiliok, Fordham University, [jyabiliyok@fordham.edu](mailto:jyabiliyok@fordham.edu)

*Ethno-Religious Conflicts: The Role of Religious Education in Enhancing Mutual Coexistence Between Christians and Muslims in Kaduna State, Nigeria*

Elisha Chi, Villanova University, [echi@villanova.edu](mailto:echi@villanova.edu)

*The Difference Between a Peacemaker and a Prophet*

## **Salon A**

**Program Unit: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality**

**Session 2: The root(s) and future of a normative understanding of sex and gender**

**Moderator: Minjung Noh, Temple University, [tuf64799@temple.edu](mailto:tuf64799@temple.edu)**

Corey R. Harris, Alvernia University, [corey.harris@alvernia.edu](mailto:corey.harris@alvernia.edu)  
*Biblical Cultural Conditioning and Gendered Familial Expectations*

Rebecca Irwin-Diehl, Villanova University, [rirwindi@villanova.edu](mailto:rirwindi@villanova.edu)  
*Considering a Christian Ethics for Polyamorous Marriage*

Minjung Noh, Temple University, [tuf64799@temple.edu](mailto:tuf64799@temple.edu)  
*Evangelical Womanhood Resuscitated: From Victorian True Womanhood to YouTube Channel, 'GirlDefined'*

Western Christianized culture has reached a point of having a normalized understanding of gender roles, sexuality, marriage, and family. These papers all seek to question either how we arrived at this point or what the future may look like in terms of what counts as “normal,” or even further, if the goal should be normalization. By analyzing how we arrived at this point, and by deliberating about some possible modern challenges, we can then have a discussion regarding the diverse realities related to gender expectations, the influence of culture on how we understand right and wrong in these areas, and a possible way that respects and appreciates all people regardless of their ability to fit into expected categories.

## **Salon B**

**Section: Women’s Caucus**

**Session 3: *Scholarship and Community Engagement: Religion and Migration***

**Moderators:**

**Dorothy Rogers, Montclair University, [rogersd@mail.montclair.edu](mailto:rogersd@mail.montclair.edu)**

**Julia Berger, Baha’i International Community UN Office, [jberger@bic.org](mailto:jberger@bic.org)**

Panelists:

Katherine Clifton, Princeton University, [kkclifton@princeton.edu](mailto:kkclifton@princeton.edu)

Marc Katz, Temple Ner Tamid, [rabbi@nertamid.org](mailto:rabbi@nertamid.org)

Edafe Okporo , RDJ Refugee Shelter

## **Salon C**

**Section: Hebrew Bible: Ketuvim (Writings)**

**Moderator: John Ahn, Howard University School of Divinity, [john.ahn@howard.edu](mailto:john.ahn@howard.edu)**

Wetlon G. Booner, Capital Seminary & Graduate School, [soulja4christ3@gmail.com](mailto:soulja4christ3@gmail.com)  
*A Shaper Understanding of Psalm 2: Based on Kugel's 'What is More B'*

Naomi Beckwith Kraenbring, Bethany Seminary, [kraenna@bethanyseminary.edu](mailto:kraenna@bethanyseminary.edu)  
*Mother, Daughters, Sisters, Wives: A Feminist Interpretation of Women in 1–2 Chronicles*

Stephanie Powell, Manhattan College, [sdaypowell@gmail.com](mailto:sdaypowell@gmail.com)  
*Esther's Legacy of Trauma in the Age of #MeToo*

#### **Salon D**

**Section: Undergraduate**

**Session 2: Challenging Eurocentrism: Religion and Cultural Practices**

**Moderator: Sabrina D. MisirHiralall. Rutgers University and AAR National Task Force,**  
[MisirHiralall.S@gmail.com](mailto:MisirHiralall.S@gmail.com)

Tyler Burns, Montclair University, [burnst7@mail.montclair.edu](mailto:burnst7@mail.montclair.edu)  
*Unconditional Surrender: Religion and Gender in the Colonization of America*

Helena Hatami, Montclair University, [hatamih1@mail.montclair.edu](mailto:hatamih1@mail.montclair.edu)  
*Approaches to Celibacy: Buddhist Monks, Catholic Monks, and Sex Education*

Amna Ahmed, Rutgers University-New Brunswick, [aja219@scarletmail.rutgers.edu](mailto:aja219@scarletmail.rutgers.edu)  
*Consciousness-Raising the Position of Muslim Women who Wear the Hijab*

Allison Stickley-Miner, Goucher College,  
*Theology's Role in Interfaith Engagement*

Respondent: Paul Fricovsky, NJIT

**3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. MAR-AAR SBL Community  
Engagement Leaders Meeting  
Executive Board, Chairs, Co-Chairs, Prospective Leaders  
All those interested to serve the region please attend  
Salon A**

**MAR-SBL Sessions  
Thursday, February 28 Sessions  
8:35-10:50 AM**

**Salon C**

**Section: Hebrew Bible: Nevi'im (Prophets)**

**Moderator: Alexandria Frisch, Ursinus College, [afrisch@ursinus.edu](mailto:afrisch@ursinus.edu)**

Ransom William Portis, Princeton Theological Seminary, [Ransom.portis@ptsem.edu](mailto:Ransom.portis@ptsem.edu)

*Fractious Feasts*

Vincent Beiler Rutgers University, [ydb24@scarletmail.rutgers.edu](mailto:ydb24@scarletmail.rutgers.edu)

*The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Masoretic Text: Mapping Difference in the Former Prophets*

SuJung Shin, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, [sshin@nbts.edu](mailto:sshin@nbts.edu)

*The Polyphonic Character of David as the 'Unfinalizable Other' in the Books of Samuel*

Peter Feinman, Institute of History, Archaeology, and Education, [feinmanp@ihare.org](mailto:feinmanp@ihare.org)

*The Levites and the Origin of the Alphabet Prose Narrative*

Sara Malena, St. Mary's College of Maryland, [slmalena@smcm.edu](mailto:slmalena@smcm.edu)

*A House for Pharaoh's Daughter: Diplomatic Marriage and Solomon's Legacy*



**8:45-10:45 AM**

**Salon D**

**New Testament: Synoptic Gospels**

**Moderator: Mark Giacobbe, Westminster Theological Seminary, [markgia@gmail.com](mailto:markgia@gmail.com)**

Josh Peters, Regent University, [johnpe2@mail.regent.edu](mailto:johnpe2@mail.regent.edu)

*The Synoptic Problem Stalemate: Four Assumptions that Deserve Reexamination in the Light of Ancient Historiography*

Sharon Gutkowski, Villanova University, [sgutkows@villanova.edu](mailto:sgutkows@villanova.edu)

*Mary, Mother of Jesus, as the Antithesis of Michal, Wife of David*

Devlin McGuire, Princeton Theological Seminary, [devlin.mcguire@ptsem.edu](mailto:devlin.mcguire@ptsem.edu)

*Apocalyptic Eschatology in Paul and Mark: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 and Mark 13:1-37 in Comparison*

Hilary, Floyd, Drew University, [hffloyd@drew.edu](mailto:hffloyd@drew.edu)

*Violence in the Vineyard: Extractive Economics and Tenuous Tenants in Mark 12:1-12*

**11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon**

**MARSBL Business Meeting**

**Moderator: John W. Herbst, Regional Coordinator**

**Virginia Peninsula Baptist Association, [herbstot13@gmail.com](mailto:herbstot13@gmail.com)**

**Location: Salon A**

**1:30-3:30 PM**

**Salon C**

**Section: Reception History**

**Moderator: Ilona Rashkow, New York University, [ilona.rashkow2@gmail.com](mailto:ilona.rashkow2@gmail.com)**

Zachary I Levine, New York University, [zil200@nyu.edu](mailto:zil200@nyu.edu)

*Human Exaltation and the 'Generations Eternal' in Words of the Luminaries and Broader Second Temple Literature*

Simeiqi He, Drew University, [She1@drew.edu](mailto:She1@drew.edu)

*Love and Affect in Christian Reception of the Song of Songs 2:3–5*

Linda Sue Galate, Drew University, [doclsg1.16@gmail.com](mailto:doclsg1.16@gmail.com)

*Conflict and Resolution: Moses and Peter Strike the Rock*

Jean A. Cotting, Virginia Theological Seminary, [jcotting@vts.edu](mailto:jcotting@vts.edu)  
*The Wild Man, the Lion, and the Honey*

**1:30-3:30 PM**

**Salon D**

**Session: Rifts – “How does the Bible encourage or discourage rifts among populations?”**

**Moderator: Kenneth Ngwa, Drew University, [kngwa@drew.edu](mailto:kngwa@drew.edu)**

Elizabeth Siegelman, Drew University, [esiegelman@drew.edu](mailto:esiegelman@drew.edu)  
*S(he)'s Gotta Have it: Black Female Sexuality in the Song and on the Screen*

Brooke L. Deal, Bethany College, [BDeal@bethanywv.edu](mailto:BDeal@bethanywv.edu)  
*A ‘Handmaid’s Tale’: Sara, Hagar, and the Politics of Privilege*

Ha Young Kang, Drew University, [hkang5@drew.edu](mailto:hkang5@drew.edu)  
*Subaltern Women and Imperial Bestiality: A Postcolonial Dialogue between the Whore of Babylon and South Korean Comfort Women*

Isaiah Allen, Asbury Theological Seminary, [isaiah.allen@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:isaiah.allen@asburyseminary.edu)  
*Paul the Bigot? How Relevance Theory Illuminates the Cretan Quotation of Titus 1:12 and Other Problem Passages*

**3:45-4:45 PM**

**MARSBL Plenary Address**

**Moderator: John W. Herbst, Virginia Peninsula Baptist Association**

**Stephen Moore, Drew University**

***A Bible That Expresses Everything While Communicating Nothing: Interpreting After Interpretation***

**Location: Conference I**

**5:00 to 7:00 PM**

**Salon B**

**Section: Hebrew Bible: Torah**

**Moderator: David Z. Moster, Institute of Biblical Culture/Brooklyn College**

Chauncey Diego Francisco Handy, Princeton Theological Seminary,  
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*In a Land Not Their Own: The Literary and Rhetorical Role of Allusion in Genesis 15:13*

John Ahn, Howard University, [john.ahn@howard.edu](mailto:john.ahn@howard.edu)

*Joseph, the Assimilated Egyptian Inter-marriages (Gen 41:45; 50–52) then Enslaves (Gen 47:18–19, 24): Joseph and Moses as Anti-Persian Stories*

Jonathan Aurelius Mellison, Princeton Theological Seminary, [jonathan.mellison@ptsem.edu](mailto:jonathan.mellison@ptsem.edu)

*Circumcision as Timekeeper in Exodus 4:24–26*

Ilona Rashkow, SUNY at Stony Brook, [ilona.rashkow2@gmail.com](mailto:ilona.rashkow2@gmail.com)

*How Much Will She Cost? A Comparison of Six Ancient Near East Laws Relating to Bride-Price and Dowry*

**7:30-9:00 pm**

**MAR-AAR-SBL Reception**

**Location: Conference BC**

**Friday, March 1 Sessions**

**8:45-10:45 AM**

**Salon C**

**Section: New Testament: Luke-Acts and John**

**Moderator: Eun Sung Han, Drew University, [ehan@drew.edu](mailto:ehan@drew.edu)**

Gilha Lee, Emory University, [gilhalee82@gmail.com](mailto:gilhalee82@gmail.com)

*Capricious Jesus? A Critique of the NRSV Translation of Jn 8:25b*

J Antonio Medina, Independent Scholar, [jantmed@gmail.com](mailto:jantmed@gmail.com)

*A Note on the Recurring Motifs in the Three Judean Signs in the Gospel of John*

Francis Connolly-Weinert, St. John's University, [connollf@stjohns.edu](mailto:connollf@stjohns.edu)

*Repetition, Verisimilitude, and Authorial Outreach in Luke-Acts*

**8:45 to 10:45 AM**

**Salon D**

**MARSBL Writing Seminar**

**Moderator: Robert Seesengood, Albright College, [rseesengood@albright.edu](mailto:rseesengood@albright.edu)**

**Participation by advance arrangement only**

**11:00 AM to 12 Noon**  
**MARSBL Presidential Address**  
**Greg Carey, Lancaster Theological Seminary**  
**Resistance, Authority, and Authoritarianism for Contemporary Readers of**  
**the Apocalypse**  
**Location: Conference JK**

**12:15 to 1:15 PM**  
*How to Get Published in a Peer-Reviewed Journal, Luncheon*  
Mark Leuchter, Temple University  
Salon CD

**1:30 to 3:00 PM**

**Salon C**

**Section: Hebrew Bible: Ketuvim (Writings)**

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Wetlon G. Booner, Capital Seminary & Graduate School, [soulja4christ3@gmail.com](mailto:soulja4christ3@gmail.com)  
*A Shaper Understanding of Psalm 2: Based on Kugel's 'What is More B'*

Naomi Beckwith Kraenbring, Bethany Seminary, [kraenna@bethanyseminary.edu](mailto:kraenna@bethanyseminary.edu)  
*Mother, Daughters, Sisters, Wives: A Feminist Interpretation of Women in 1–2 Chronicles*

Stephanie Powell, Manhattan College, [sdaypowell@gmail.com](mailto:sdaypowell@gmail.com)  
*Esther's Legacy of Trauma in the Age of #MeToo*

**3:45 to 5:45 pm**  
**MAR-AAR-SBL Community Engagement Leaders Meeting**  
**Executive Board, Chairs, Co-Chairs, Prospective Leaders**  
**All those interested to serve the region are welcome to attend**  
**Location: Conference I**