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Registration and most AAR/WR events will be held at Vari Hall. Most conference sessions will take place in Lucas Hall (LH) directly across from the Vari Hall building.

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PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration opens; Vari Hall Foyer

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Women’s Caucus Continental Breakfast; Kenna 104

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Women’s Caucus/ Queer Caucus Collaborative Pre-Conference Workshop; Kenna 104

Who ‘Gets’ to be a Feminist Now?

Moderators: Sara Frykenberg, Mount Saint Mary’s University and Marie Cartier, University of California, Irvine and California State University, Northridge

Panelists:

John Erikson, Claremont Graduate University

Sakena Young-Scaggs, Arizona State University

Shanshan Yang, California Institute of Integral Studies

Workshop to follow panel speakers.
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12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

AAR/WR Board Meeting; Wiegand 102

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Queer Caucus Pre-Conference Event; Locatelli Center

“Queer California: In the Rough”

Featured Films:

Choosing to be Chosen, introduction by Mr. Fawlings-Fein

Nancy From East Side Clover, introduction by Marie Cartier

The Homofiles, Episode 2, featuring Nancy Valverde

LA: A Queer History, introduction by John Erikson

Question and answer sessions to follow.
7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Registration open; Vari Hall Foyer

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**Session 1:** 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

A 1  Islamic Studies 1; LH 206

*Islamism in the Modern World*

Moderator: Abdullahi Gallab, Arizona State University

Dr Tarig Mohammed, Zayed University
“The Contemporary Islamic Discourse: The Dilemma of Modernity”

Summeyye Kocaman, University of California, Los Angeles
“Islamism and the Exclusivist Muslim Ummah of Abdulhamid II as Forms of Nationalisms”

Mohamed-Ali Adrauli, European University Institute
“An Islamism that Leads Away From Islamism: To What Extent Can Purist Salafism be Seen as a Form of Post-Islamism”

Nesrin Unlu, University of South California Beaufort
“Was Islamism Dissolved With the Rise of the AKP to Power in Turkey?”

Jaime Edmonds, Arizona State University
“Popular De-Islamization of Yogyakarta’s Kraton”

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A 2  Buddhist Studies; LH 207

*Buddhism and Magick*

Moderator: Kenneth Lee, California State University, Northridge
Rachel Carpuso, California State University, Northridge
“Divinatory Practices in Tibetan Buddhism”

Nathan Michon, Graduate Theological Union: Institute of Buddhist Studies
“The Shape of Healing: Geometric Space as a Unifying Paradigm Between Light and Sound in Shingon Buddhist and Western Magick Healing Practices”

Micka Moto-Sanchez, University of the West

A 3 Catholic Studies 1; LH 210

*Jesuits, Education, and Interreligious Dialogue*

Moderator: Lauren Horn Griffin, University of California, Santa Barbara

Maria Giulia Genghini, University of Notre Dame
“The Jesuit ‘Reductions’ of Paraguay: a bridge between Catholicism and the new world”

Brad Seligmann, Graduate Theological Union, Jesuit School of Theology
“Seeking God in All Things: Jesuit Institutions of Higher Education in an Age of Religious Diversity”

A 4 Ecology and Religion 1; Kenna 111

*Principles and Practices in Ecology and Religion*

Moderator: Joel Stoker, Arizona State University

Felicia I. Chavez, Pacifica Graduate Institute
“The Role of Enlightenment & Mysticism in Sustainability”
Malcolm Young, Christ Episcopal Church, Los Altos, California
“The Economics of Environmental Degradation”

Kristin Ritzau, Claremont School of Theology
“Practical Theology and Ecology: Five Areas of Transformational Theory and Practice”

A 5  Ethics 1; Kenna 104

*Topics in Ethics, Compassion, and Virtue*

Moderator: Chad Bogosian, Grand Canyon University

Robert Fischer, Texas State University
“Rawlsian Ecumenism”

Darsi Bosco, Catholic University of Leuven
“The Law of Gradualness: Affirming A Provocative Ethics of Compassion”

Anne Collier-Freed, Independent Scholar
“Restoring A Path To Compassionate, Ethical Care in Healthcare Contexts: A Narrative Approach”

A 6  Indigenous Religions; Kenna 105

Moderator: Kevin Whitesides, University of California, Santa Barbara

Roy Whitaker, San Diego State University

Brian Clearwater, California State University, Northridge
“Historical Trauma, Urban Diaspora: Religion and Healing as Decolonizing Space in Native America”
Steve Bevis, The University of Newcastle, Australia
“Central Australian Aboriginal Christianity as an Indigenous Belief, Practice, and ‘Good Story’: Some Complexities in Theorizing Indigeneity and Religion as Fields in Intercultural Encounter”

A 7  Education and Workshops 1; Kenna 216

*Contemporary Issues in Secondary Level Religious Studies Teaching*

Randle H. Lewis, Central Valley Christian High School
“Using the Socratic Method to Foster Scholarship in High School Religious Education”

A 8  Joint Session: Religions in America and Queer Studies in Religion; Kenna 109

*Challenges and Changes: The Intersectionality and Historical Conversations of LGBTQ Identity and Religions in America*

Moderator: John Erickson, Claremont Graduate University

Sierra Schnable, University of Florida
“That All My Worship: An Exploratory Ethnography of LGBTQ-Affirming Protestant Churches.”

Martha Cecilia Ovadia, Claremont Graduate University
“Evolving Sacred Spaced and Identities”

Alexandria Griffin, Arizona State University
“The Publick Universal Friend and the Politics of Gender in Early America”
Session 2  9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

AAR/WR Plenary Address; DALY SCI, 206

Dr. Ibrahim Abdurrahmani Farajaje', Provost and Professor of
Cultural Studies and Islamic Studies, Starr King School of Ministry
and Graduate Theological Union

Fictions of Purity/ Disruptive Intersections

Professor Dr Ibrahim Abdurrahmani Farajajé is the Provost and
Professor of Cultural Studies at the Starr King School for the Ministry,
a Unitarian Universalist/Multireligious member school of the Graduate
Theological Union in Berkeley, CA. He is the Director of Starr King’s
Certificate in Multireligious Studies and serves in the Core Doctoral
Faculty of the Graduate Theological Union in the Interdisciplinary
studies area. He is a graduate of the Faculté de Théologie de
l’Université de Berne (Switzerland), from which he received the
degree Dr. Théol, magna cum laude in 1986. Dr. Farajajé was
appointed in 2011 to the Editorial Board of the Abhishiktananda Desk
for Interreligious Dialogue (Delhi Brotherhood Society) as one of the
editors of the books of Swami Abhishiktananda/Dom Henri LeSaux.

From the 1980s, he was very active in cultivating religious responses
to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. He uses performance art, installation art
and video for his work in subverting "fictions of purity".

He is currently working in the areas of food justice, environmental
justice, prison abolition, queer/trans muslims of African descent. He
is also involved in the “green burial movement”.

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Session 3  11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

A 9  Asian American Religion 1; LH 309

*Histories, Ideologies, and Practices of Race and Christianity Among Asian Americans*

Moderator: Jonathan H. X. Lee, San Francisco State University

Rachel Lim, University of California, Berkeley
“Religious Nationalism and the Korean Independence Movement in Hawai’i: Korean National Consciousness and the Formation of the American Citizen”

Dean Ryuta Adachi, Claremont Graduate University and San Francisco State University
“Worshipping the Emperor and Hating the Jews: An Exploration of Early Japanese American Christian Teachings”

A 10  Graduate Student Professional Development 1; Kenna 214

*Skillful, Authentic, and Well-Funded: Expert Professional Development Guidance*

Moderator: Sarah Robinson, Claremont Graduate University

Shahara Godfrey, Core Teacher, East Bay Meditation Center, Oakland, California
“The Impact of Mindfulness for Doctoral Students”

Elisa (Lisa) Wright, Executive Director of Philanthropy, Loma Linda University Health
“Grantwriting and Fundraising for Academics”
Roy Whitaker, San Diego State University
“Exile, Liberation, and Bearing Witness: An Analysis of Secular Graduate Student Professional Development Scholarship from an African American Theo-Ethical Humanist Lens”

A 11  History of Christianity 1; LH 210

Case Studies from Utah and California

Moderator: Dyron Daughrity, Pepperdine University

Cristina Rosetti, University of California, Riverside
“Visions of Deseret: Territory Building and Mormonism’s Success as a Communal Utopia Paper Title”

Jeff Turner, Claremont Graduate University
“To Go West to the Promise Land”: Mormon Conversion and Immigration to Nineteenth-century Utah”

Nathan Womack, University of California, Riverside

Jason S. Sexton, California State University, Fullerton
“Hope Behind the Razor-Wire: The Shape of the California Prison Church”

A 12  Goddess Studies 1; Kenna 212

Image, Idea, and Ideal of the Goddess in Western Culture and Scholarship

Moderators: Lauri Ramey, California State University, Los Angeles and Angela Sells, Pacifica Graduate Institute
Jan Peppler, Pacifica Graduate Institute  
“A is for Aphrodite: Disguising the Goddess in Classic Puritan Literature”

Margaret Mendenhall, Pacifica Graduate Institute  
“The Feminine Balance of Energies v. the Monotheistic Ideal of Perfection”

Yvonne Wichman, Kennesaw State University  
“Lilith: Quintessential Bad Girl or Simply Misunderstood?”

A 13  Women and Religion 1; Kenna 109

Institutional Practices and Missionary Manuals: Temple, Church, and Community

Moderator: Souad T. Ali, Arizona State University

Nicolette Lee, University of Southern California  

Courtney Rabada, Claremont Graduate University  
“Missionary MANuals: Women & Ostracism within the Mormon Church”

Jin Sung ChoLee, Presbyterian Theological Seminary in America  
“Arise, come with me” - The Original Church (the House Church)’s recovery to build up a life community”

A 14  Latino and Latin American Religion; Kenna 104

Race, Religion, and Revolution

Moderator: Paul Rodriguez, Claremont Graduate University
Saturday, March 21, 2015

Thomas G. Evans, Claremont Graduate University
“Mormon Jesus vs. British Jesus: Representations of Christ in Transnational Mexican Art”

Joseph Morales, University of California Irvine

Robert Chao Romero, University of California, Los Angeles
“Chicana/o Studies and Religion: Towards a Perspective on Chicano Liberation Theology”

A 15 Queer Studies in Religion 1; LH 207

The Power of Bodies and Spaces: Gender, Spiritual Functionaries, and Moral Theology

Moderator/Respondent: John Erickson, Claremont Graduate University

Anjeanette LeBoeuf, Claremont Graduate University
“Rūpyāvatī and Amba: The Power of Women in Men’s Skin”

Luccia Jalila Rogers, Independent Scholar
“Always Here, Always Serving: Queer Spiritual Functionaries, History, Continuing Service & a Benefit to All People”

Theresa Bjørnaas, Graduate Theological Union
“Homosexuality in the Catholic Church and Human Flourishing”

Lunch 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Queer Caucus Business Meeting/ Luncheon; LH 207

AAR Section Chairs Luncheon; LH 210
Session 4  2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

A 16  Religions of Asia 1; LH 206

*Ascension through Art, Literature, and the Body: An Emergence of Women’s Transformative Powers in Asian Religion and Culture*

Moderator: Charles Townsend, University of California, Riverside

Kimberly Gibbons, California Institute of Integral Studies  
“Tantric Uses of Blood, Sex, and Death as Remnants of Women’s Mysteries”

Shanshan Yang, California Institute of Integral Studies  
“Frogs and Toads in Chinese Myths, Legends, and Folktales”

Anna Hennessey, University of California, Berkeley  
“A Synthesis of Body and Nature in Contemporary Chinese Birth Art Images ”

A 17  Psychology, Culture and Religion; LH 207

*Psychology, Culture, and Religion: Experience*

Moderator: John Leech, Independent Scholar

Amy Hart, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo  
“Gods and Gurus in the City of Angels: Aimee Semple McPherson, Swami Paramananda, and Los Angeles in 1923”

Robert Sears, Fuller Theological Seminary  
“The Spiritual Dreams of Nepalese Christians and Hindus: An Exploration of Attribution Theory”

Katherine Kunz, Pacific School of Religion  
“Theological Reflection in a Secular Age”
A 18 Nineteenth Century; Kenna 111

Changing Winds in the Nineteenth Century

Moderator: Christina Littlefield, Pepperdine University

Daniel Salyers, Fuller Theological Seminary

Matthew Crabb, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley
“The Religion of Art in the 19th Century: The Beginning of an Epoch of Transcendence Without a Home”

James Rogers, Claremont Graduate University
“The Calling to a New Corporate Life: Nation, Religion and Language in Schleiermacher”

A 19 Religion in America 1; Kenna 218

American Religion in a Secular Society

Moderator: Konden R. Smith, University of Arizona and Chase Laurelle Way, Claremont Graduate University

Terry Shoemaker, Arizona State University
“Resurrecting Noah: Analyzing the Ark Encounter Construction as Normative Communitas.”

Michael A.L. Broyles, Arizona State University
“Twentieth-Century Prophet: James Baldwin, Religion, and Race”

Ayat Agah, Claremont Graduate University
“Remembering Malcolm X in Muharram: Shi’a Hagiography and Models of Protest for Muslims Living in the United States”
A 20  Philosophy of Religion; LH 306

_Topics in Philosophy of Religion_

Moderator: Alison C. Jameson, University of Arizona

Gary Jaron, Independent Scholar
“The Time Has Come to Talk of Many Things, of Mystics, Perennialism and Diversity”

E. Lawton Kuriakose, Menlo College
“Appropriating Evolutionary Biological Insights for Religious Ethics”

A 21  Religion and the Arts; Kenna 109

_(Re)framing Visual Religion_

Moderators: Roy Whitaker, San Diego State University and Dirk von der Horst, California State University, Riverside and Mount Saint Mary’s University

Tina Jitsujo Gauthier, University of the West
“The Spiritual Quest for Connectedness: Tracing the Ox in Chinese Religions”

Heather V. Fuller, New York University and Graduate Theological Union
“Sister Artists”

Rondall Reynoso, Graduate Theological Union
“Red Carpet over the Sawdust Trail: The Bob Jones University Art Collection”

Troy Mikanovich, Claremont Graduate University
“Profaning the Sacred: Religious Critique and Construction in Adult Cartoons”
A 22  Women and Religion 2; Kenna 104

_Purity Rituals, Sexual Harassment, and Women’s Online Activism within Islamic Settings_

Moderator: Bethany Elias, Arizona State University

Ayesha Masood, Arizona State University
“Restrictions, Taboos, and Purity Rituals in Islamic Texts”

Rebecca Robinson, Independent Scholar
“Women’s Online Activism Toward Improving Prospective Grooms in Muslim Communities”

A 23  Womanist/ Pan African; LH 309

_Signifying, Telling Stories, Testifying and Witnessing_

Arisika Razak, California Institute of Integral Studies
“Embodying Womanism: Cultural Narratives, Healing Performances, Resilient Spiritualities”

Session 5  4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

A 24  Religion and Social Sciences; LH 206

_Creative Exploration of Identity, Empowerment and Healing_
Moderator: Krista Wuertz, Claremont School of Theology

Joe Paxton, Claremont School of Theology
“Towards an integration of psychology and theology: Process thought as creative transformation within the therapeutic context.”
Joel Stoker, Arizona State University
“Disaffected LDS Youth and the Internet Resolution”

A 25  Pagan Studies; LH 207

*Sex/Gender/Resistances – Recreating Community in Contemporary Paganism*

Moderator: Dorothea Kahena Viale, California Polytechnic State University, Pomona

Michelle Mueller, Graduate Theological Union
“Kinky Poly Pagan: BDSM, Power, and Polyamorous Pagans”

Kristi S. Coleman, Independent Scholar
“Inserting Trans into Dianic Space “

Jeffrey Albaugh, Pacifica Graduate Institute
“To Have and Have Not: Creating and Sustaining Community Within an Oppositional Culture”

A 26  Religion, Literature and Film 1; LH 208

*Of Pancakes and Paradigms*

Session Co-Chair: Emmanuelle Patrice, Pacifica Graduate Institute

Dane Sawyer, University of La Verne
“Pancakes, Heidegger, and Existential Religious Conversion in Stranger than Fiction”

Emmanuelle Patrice, Pacifica Graduate Institute
“The Us versus Them Paradigm: Extremist Mentality in the X-Men Series”
A 27  Islamic Studies 2; LH 309

*What is ISIS/Islamic State?*

Moderator: Sophia Pandya, California State University, Long Beach

Chase Laurelle Way, Claremont Graduate University
“Prophet Nuh in Constantinople: ISIS and the History of Muslim Apocalyptic Tradition”

Andlieleigh Laudisio, Arizona State University
“Paul Bremer and Policy Making in Iraq and its Consequences”

Nathan Gonzalez, California State University, Long Beach
“ISIS and the Politics of Exclusion”

Ali Rezai, Arizona State University
“Reflections of How to Stop ISIS”


*Responses to a Screening of God Loves Uganda*

Panelists/Respondents:

Marie Cartier, University of California, Irvine and California State University, Northridge

Sakena Young-Scaggs, Arizona State University

A 29  Religions of Asia 2; LH 307

*The Formation of Religious Identity in Japanese Shrines and Hidden Communities*

Moderator: Anna Hennessey, University of California, Berkeley
Hiroko Shiota, Sophia Center of Holy Names University
“Ecological Reawakening Through the Space of Japanese Shrines”

Jesse Drian, University of Southern California
“Diverse Voices and Multiple Associations: Constructing the Identity of the Itsukushima Deity”

Kirk Sandvig, Palomar College
“Current Hidden Christian Communities in Japan: The Impact of Modernity and Movement”

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**A 30** Education and Workshops 2; LH 308

*Round Table Discussion on Teaching While Adjunct*

Moderator: Melissa James, St. Leo’s University

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**Session 6** 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

AAR/WR Reception; Vari Hall Foyer

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**Session 7** 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

AAR/WR Presidential Address; Weigand Room
7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Registration open; Vari Hall Foyer

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Women’s Caucus Breakfast and Business Meeting; LH 206

Session 8 9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

A 31 Jewish Studies 1; LH 206

*Judaism Complicated by Life*

Moderator: Miri Hunter Haruach, St. Mary’s College

Margot Mink Colbert, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
“The Serio-Comedic and Ironic in the Margot Mink Ballet, TRANSIT(ION): Immigration Transformation”

Elizabeth Spalding, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
“They DID Fight Back: Education as Resistance in the Holocaust”

Jeremy Brown, University of San Francisco
“Recovering a Kabbalistic Phenomenology of Forgiveness”

Rebecca Moore, San Diego State University
“Brothers' Keepers: Jewish Scholars Who Are Transforming the Understanding of Christian History”
“Author Meets Critics:” Responses to Dr. Marie Cartier’s Baby, You Are My Religion: Women, Gay Bars, and Theology Before Stonewall

Moderator/Respondent: Marie Cartier, University of California, Irvine and California State University, Northridge

Panelists:

John Erickson, Claremont Graduate University
Emily Silverman, Graduate Theological Union
Kim Palmore-Harding, DeAnza College

Pop Culture, Community, and American Religion

Moderator: Konden R. Smith, University of Arizona and Chase Laurelle Way, Claremont Graduate University

D. Andrew Kille, Silicon Valley Interreligious Council (SiVIC) and Philip Boo Riley, Santa Clara University
“Interfaith Work in the Silicon Valley”

Andrew Ventimiglia, University of California, Davis
“Plagiarism in the Name of the Lord: Sermon-Stealing, Copyright and the Spiritual Commons in American Religion”

Scott Craig, University of Ottawa
“getting my #Zen on (@ TotalTan)”: A Discourse Analysis of #Zen on Twitter
A 34  Ethics 2; LH 209

*Topics in Ethics*

Moderator: Chad Bogosian, Grand Canyon University

Yuki Shimada, Meji Gakuin University
“Understanding of the Prophetic in the Critical Thinking of Cornel West”

Rissa Willis, John Brown University
“The Ethics of Time Travel”

Sarah E. Robinson, Claremont Graduate University
“Can We Truly Flourish If Our Food Derives Form Exploitation?: Compassion In Buddhist and Muslim Sustainable Agriculture Projects in the Contemporary U.S.”

A 35 History of Christianity 2; LH 306

*Historical Perspectives on Spiritual Interiority*

Moderator: Enrico Beltramini, Notre Dame de Namur University

Marianne Delaporte, Notre Dame de Namur University
“The Rush of Childbirth:’ Revolutionary Changes in Understanding Childbirth in the Spiritual Counter-Culture”

Brooke Nelson, Claremont Graduate University
“Laboring in Faith: Martyrdom and Motherhood”

Aaron J. French, University of Arizona
“Toward Christian Renewal”

A 36 Goddess Studies 2; LH 307

*Goddesses in Descent: From Metal Music to Medial Women*
Moderators: Lauri Ramey, California State University Los Angeles and Angela Sells, Pacifica Graduate Institute

Elizabeth Wolterlink, Pacifica Graduate Institute
“To Remain and Reign: Queens of the Underworld and the Mythological Nekyia”

Jackson Stephenson, Humboldt State University “Dark Mother Divine: Goddess Worship in Extreme Metal Music”

Christopher Ortega, California State University, Long Beach “Inanna: Reinforcer of Heteronormativity, or Legitimizer of Non-Heteronormativity?”

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A 37 Women and Religion 3; LH 308

**Women, Culture, Feminism, Power, and the Female Divine**

Moderator: Arisika Razaq, California Institute of Integral Studies

Susan Maloney, Independent Scholar
The First Feminist Nuns: Anita M. Caspary and The Immaculate Heart Community of California”

Souad T. Ali, Arizona State University
“Kuwaiti Women Leaders and the Struggle for Democracy: Religion and Culture”

Sara M. Frykenberg, Mount Saint Mary’s University
“Magical Girl Madoka: Goddess or Witch? A feminist exploration of power and the female divine within Madoka Magica”

Nayawiyyah Muhammad, Claremont Graduate University
“Feminism, Islam, and Culture: Are Cultures Alone Problematic?”
Session 9 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

A 38  Jewish Studies 2; LH 206

*Reading the Text*

Moderator: Roberta Sabbath, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Leigh Ann Hildebrand, Graduate Theological Union
“Kiddush Levanah: Historical Perspectives, Modern Implications”

Natalie Evangeline Latteri, Independent Scholar
“Repent! The End Is (and Was) Nigh: Jewish Apocalypses as Ex Eventu Prophecy and Guides to Reform”

Gavrielle Blank, Claremont Graduate University
“The Wise Woman of 2 Samuel”

Sophie Avants, Academy of Jewish Religion and Claremont School of Theology
“Day of Atonement in Tractate Yomah: Intertextual Readings of the Mishnah and Tosefta”

A 39 Wildcard; LH 207

*Reclaiming Religion from an International & Multicultural Perspective*

Moderator: Hester Oberman, University of Arizona

Ngwako Daniel Sebola, University of Pretoria
“The Impact of Indigenous Religion in Africa: Case of the Zion Christian Church (ZCC) in South Africa”

Alexander Daniel Sieber, Claremont School of Theology
“Reclaiming Religion: Why Empire Cannot Be Sustained”
Jeana Mendoza
“Wounded Knee Creek and Nativist Millennialism”

Kendall Rogers
“The First German Baptist Brethren and Sexuality”

A 40 Asian American Religion 2: LH 208

_Buddhist Spaces and Places Among Diasporic Asian American Ethnic-Religious Communities_

Moderator: Dean Ryuta Adachi, Claremont Graduate University and San Francisco State University

Natalie Avalos Cisneros, University of California, Santa Barbara
“Interdependence as a Lifeway: Decolonization and Resistance in Transnational Tibetan Communities”

Anthuan Vuong, University of the West
“Viet Wake Up: Second-Generation Vietnamese Americans Buddhists Producing a Third Space toward Cultural and Spiritual Roots Identity”

A 41 Joint Session: Graduate Student and Professional Development, Women and Religion, Womanist/Pan African and the Women’s Caucus; LH 306

_Roundtable Discussion on the “Revised Guide for Women in Religion (2014)”_

Presenters:

Souad Ali, Arizona State University

Sara Frykenberg, Mount Saint Mary’s University

Sarah E. Robinson, Claremont Graduate University
Sakena Young-Scaggs, Arizona State University

A 42 Islamic Studies 3; LH 307

*Gender, violence and Colonialism*

Moderator: Sophia Pandya, California State University, Long Beach

Keri Hughes, University of South California Beaufort
“Lost Girls: The Mujahidat of the Islamic State”

Jessica Lee Rehman, University of California, Riverside
“Post-Genocide Cambodian Nation Building and Khmer Masculinity”

Joseph Thomason, Arizona State University
“Jesuit Mission in Early Modern Islamic World: The Society of Jesus and Colonial Projects in Islamic Empires”

A 43 Ecology and Religion 2; LH 308

*Case Studies in Religion and Ecology*

Moderator: Joel Stoker, Arizona State University

Leyla O zgur Alhassen, University of California Berkeley
“Punishment Stories in the Qur’ān: Examples of Environmental Destruction”

Elisa Wright, Claremont School of Theology
“The Divine in the Dirt: At the Intersection between Eco-theology and Missiology: A Case Study”

Tarik Masud Quadir, Necmettin Erbakan and Istanbul Sehir Universities (Turkey)
“Religious Environmentalism and Secular Environmentalism: How they may best cooperate”
Geetesh Nirban, University of Delhi
“Environmental Concerns in the Mahabharata: An Ethical Reflection”

Lunch 12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
AAR/WR Business Meeting/ Lunch; Vari Hall 129

Session 10 2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
A 44 Special Session: Women and Religion, and Jewish Studies; LH 206

Responding to Edith Stein and Regina Jonas: Religious Visionaries in the Time of the Death Camps by Emily Leah Silverman

Moderator: Emily Silverman, Graduate Theological Union
Respondents:
Susan Maloney, Independent Scholar
Roberta Sabbath, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge and University of California, Riverside

A 45 Religion, Literature, and Film, 2; LH 207

Celluloid Yogis, Jedis and Gurus: A Century of Virtual Oriental Masters

Session Co-Chair/Moderator: Jane Iwamura, University of the West
Rudy Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
“How to Cheat Your Way into Enlightenment: Deception, Comedy, and Race in Three Guru Films”

Philip Deslippe, University of California, Santa Barbara
“Hypnotic Hucksters: Yogis and Swamis in American Cinema during the Interwar Decades”

Justin Stein, University of Toronto
“Star Wars’ Virtual Orientalism and American Religion”

Respondent: Jane Iwamura, University of the West

A 46 Islamic Studies 4; LH 208

*Sufism, Salafism, Shiite and Kemalism*

Moderator: Abdullahi Gallab, Arizona State University

Sophia Pandya, California State University, Long Beach
“Sufis and Salafis in Ethiopia”

Hend Gilli-Elewy, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
“The Role of Shiite Saints in Baghdad and Iraq under Mongol Rule”

Tanzeen R: Doha, University of California, Davis
“Send Him to the Cemetery: Malcom X and Islamic Retaliation”

Jessica Grace P. Howell, California State University, Long Beach
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Matt Boswell, Graduate Theological Union
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Erika Wilson, California State University, Los Angeles
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Katharine (Katia) Moles, Graduate Theological Union
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Matthew Robertson, University of California, Santa Barbara
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Michael Reading, Claremont School of Theology
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Charles Townsend, University of California, Riverside
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Daniel Moceri, Graduate Theological Union, Jesuit School of Theology
"The Slow Backlash of Creeping Conservatism: The Increasing Domestication And Decontamination Of Centering Prayer In The Postconciliar Period."

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Adrian Villasenor-Galarza, California Institute of Integral Studies
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