

2007 AAR Sessions of Interest for Religion and Ecology

M16-18

Theological Education for a Sustainable Future Friday - 2-5:00pm

CC-30B;

The Food Farming and Faith Project, an initiative of the Humane Society of United States, will host the afternoon session Theological Education for a Sustainable Future.

Over the past 15 years, various initiatives have sought to strengthen theological education commitments to the care of creation. The organizers of Theological Education to Meet the Environmental Challenge, the Forum on Religion and Ecology, and the Web of Creation will reflect on their experiences and discuss opportunities for sustainable theological education.

The workshop will also feature examples of how seminaries are making their institutions more sustainable.

Participants will also explore how to strengthen institutional commitment to sustainability, particularly how they can respond to two key issues: climate change and humane sustainable food. To register, contact Christine Gutleben cgutleben@hsus.org.

A17-107 *Religion and Food*

Religion and the Social Sciences Section Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am CC-24A;

Carol B. Duncan, Harvard University, Presiding

Lynne Gerber, Graduate Theological Union *The Christian Dieter's Dilemma: Navigating Abundance and Restriction in Christian Weight Loss Programs*

William Schanbacher, Claremont Graduate University *Food Security and Food Sovereignty: Poverty and the Material Foundations of the Global Politics of Food*

Laura Hartman, University of Virginia *Let Them Eat Cake: Food Prices, Fair Trade, and Christian Ethics*

Mary Ann Clark, Prescott, AZ *There Is No Orisha As Lucky As The Stomach:*

Feasting and Feeding within Santería Ritual Practice

A17-126 *Visioning Animal-Human Relationships through the Religious Studies Looking Glass*

Animals and Religion Consultation Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am GH-Madeleine C;

Forrest Clingerman, Ohio Northern University, Presiding

Sarah Pike, California State University, Chico *"Liberation's Crusade Has Begun": Hare Krishna Hardcore Youth and Animal Rights Activism*

Michelene Pesantubbee, University of Iowa *"Bearly" Understandable: Transformation from Human to Bear and Man to Woman*

Joanne Pierce, College of the Holy Cross *The "Rainbow Bridge": Animals as Sharers in Human Immortality (or Eternal Life in Cyberspace)*

Aaron Gross, University of California, Santa Barbara *The Animal, Critical Theory, and the Study of Religion*

Responding:

Ines M. Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara

Business Meeting:

Laura Hobgood-Oster, Southwestern University, Presiding

A17-201 *Sustainable Theological Education*

Special Topics Forum Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm MM-Salon

Sponsored by the AAR Academic Relations Committee, AAR Theological Education Steering Committee, and SBL

David Rhoads, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago and Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University, Presiding

Panelists:

John B. Cobb, Claremont School of Theology

Rosemary R. Ruether, Claremont Graduate University

Calvin DeWitt, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Sallie McFague, Vancouver School of Theology

Norman Habel, Flinders University

Larry Rasmussen, Union Theological Seminary, New York

A17-301 *Race and Environmental Justice*

Special Topics Forum Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm GH-Molly B; Sponsored by the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Moravian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:

Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University

Ruben L. F. Habito, Southern Methodist University

Laura Stivers, Pfeiffer University

Carlton Waterhouse, Florida International University

Responding:

Larry Rasmussen, Union Theological Seminary, New York

M17-131 *Celebrating Leadership in Sustainable Theological Education*

Saturday - 7:00 pm-8:30 pm CC-32B;

This reception, following the session on *Sustainable Theological Education*, is to honor those who have worked to make theological education more sustainable and green.

It is also celebrating the launch of new initiative to move theological education forward on this topic.

Sponsored by the Forum on Religion and Ecology, Drew Theological School and the publishers of two new books, *Eco-Spirit: Religion and Philosophy for the Earth* (Fordham) and *Earth and Word: Classic Sermons on Saving the*

Planet (Continuum), as well as the Center for Respect of Life and Environment of the Humane Society of the United States in celebration of their Food, Farming, and Faith Initiative.

Food and drink that is humane and sustainable will be served.

A18-118 *New Directions in Religion and Ecology*

Religion and Ecology Group Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am MM-Coronado

Isabel Mukonyora, Western Kentucky University, Presiding

Willis Jenkins, Yale University *Christian Environmental Ethics Forty Years after Lynn White: The Historic Roots of a Theological Crisis*

Jay McDaniel, Hendrix College *The Greening of China: The "Constructive Postmodern" Movement in the People's Republic of China*

Bron Taylor, University of Florida *Dark Green Religion: Gaian Earth Spirituality, Neo-Animism, and the Transformation of Global Environmental Politics*

Stephanie Kaza, University of Vermont *Rachel Carson's Sense of Deep Time: Experiencing Maine*

Business Meeting:

David L. Barnhill, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, Presiding John A. Grim, Yale University, Presiding

A18-219 *Forests of Belonging: The Contested Meanings of Trees and Forests in India*

Religion and Ecology Group Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm CC-24B

Vijaya Nagarajan, University of San Francisco, Presiding

Robert Menzies, Concordia University *Forest Paradigms in Vrat Kathas*

William Elison, University of Chicago *"Bonafide Tribals": Religion and Recognition among Denizens of Mumbai's Forest Frontier*

Eliza Kent, Colgate University *A Road Runs through It: Changing Meanings in a Sacred Grove in Tiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu*

Albertina Nugteren, Tilburg University *Darubrahma: Recent Developments in the Ritual Quest for Sacred Trees and the Subsequent Production of Wooden Murtis at Puri and Bhadrak, Orissa*

A18-222 *Philip Hefner on Science and Theology: From Pre-history to Post-history?*

Science, Technology, and Religion Group Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm CC-25A;

Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University, Presiding

Panelists:

Philip Hefner, Lutheran School of Theology

A18-258 *Ecology and the Moral Imagination*

Religion and the Social Sciences Section and Person, Culture, and Religion Group Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm GH-Gregory B

Nancie Erhard, Saint Mary's University, Presiding

Felicity Brock Kelcourse, Christian Theological Seminary *Imagining Otherness through the Eyes of Octavia Butler: Dystopian Futures as Cautionary Ecological Tales*

Kevin O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University *Sustainable Development Meets Moral Development: Environmentalist Argumentation and Moral Agencies in An Inconvenient Truth and The Earth Charter*

Responding:

Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union

A18-303 *Roundtable on The Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature*

Special Topics Forum; Sponsored by the Journal of the American Academy of Religion

Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm
MM-Atlanta

Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia, Presiding

Panelists:

Catherine Keller, Drew University
Gary Lease, University of California, Santa Cruz
Jacob K. Olupona, Harvard University
Sarah Pike, California State University, Chico

Responding:

Bron Taylor, University of Florida

A19-212 *Christian Spiritual Practices for a Sustainable Ecology*

Christian Spirituality Group and Religion and Ecology Group Monday - 1:00
pm-3:30 pm CC-30A

Tim Hessel-Robinson, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

John O'Keefe, Creighton University *Toward the Recovery of Christian
Spiritual Practice for a Sustainable Ecology*

Brock Bingaman, Loyola University, Chicago *Orthodox Spirituality and
Contemporary Ecology: John Cassian, Maximus the Confessor, and Jürgen
Moltmann in Conversation*

Dennis Hamm, Creighton University *Ignatian Creation Spirituality: A Resource
for a Sustainable Ecology*

Laura Hartman, University of Virginia *Sabbath-keeping as Spiritual and
Environmental Practice*

Douglas Burton-Christie, Loyola Marymount University *The Inability to Mourn:
Loss, Grief, and the Work of Ecological Restoration*

A19-226 *Economic Justice, Ecological Degradation, and Militarization in the Global Economy: Moral and Theological Responses*

Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

CC-28E

Megan Shore, University of Western Ontario, Presiding

Panelists:

Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Seattle University

Daniel T. Spencer, University of Montana, Missoula

Heather Eaton, St. Paul University

Ann Herpel, Brooklyn, NY

Responding:

John B. Cobb, Claremont School of Theology

Business Meeting:

Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding

Marla J. Selvidge, University of Central Missouri, Presiding

A19-324 *In Whose Image: Bonobos, Sin, and Transcendence*

**Science, Technology, and Religion Group and Animals and Religion
Consultation Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm MM-Salon E**

Paul Waldau, Tufts University, Presiding

Jennifer Kile, Princeton Theological Seminary *Sin and Society: The Bonobo
Challenge*

Oliver Putz, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley *In the Image of God: Moral
Apes and Special Creation*

Nancy Howell, Saint Paul School of Theology *Embodied Transcendence:
Bonobos and Humans in Community*

Responding:

Barbara King, College of William and Mary

Business Meeting:

Lisa L. Stenmark, San Jose State University, Presiding

A19-303 *Teaching Art, Ecology, and Mindfulness: Creative Intersections*

Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm MM-Coronado

Grace G. Burford, Prescott College, Presiding

Jane Compson, University of Central Florida *Ecological Teaching: Using Mindfulness to Weaken the Urge to Consume*

Barbara A. B. Patterson, Emory University *Crossing Boundaries: Embodied Pedagogies in Religion and Ecology*

David Sander, Humboldt State University *The Moods of Subject Matter: Teaching Religion and Ecology*

Sue Yore and Richard Noake, York St. John University *Developing Creativity in Theology and Religious Studies through the Visual Arts*

Deborah J. Haynes, University of Colorado, Boulder *Mindfulness Practices in "The Dialogue of Art and Religion"*

Business Meeting:

Joseph A. Favazza, Stonehill College, Presiding Fran Grace, University of Redlands, Presiding

A19-401

Arts Series/Films: *Renewal* Monday - 8:30 pm-10:00 pm GH-Betsy B

Sponsored by the Religion and Ecology Group

John A. Grim, Yale University, Forum on Religion and Ecology, Presiding

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S17-109 *Ecojustice and the Exodus Event*

Ecological Hermeneutics

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4:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Room: Chicago - MM

Elaine Wainwright, University of Auckland, Presiding Norman C. Habel, Flinders University [*Retrieving the Voice of Earth in the Exodus Event*](#) (30 min) Discussion (45 min) Peter Trudinger, Flinders University, Panelist Jeffrey S. Lamp, Oral Roberts University [*Recovering the Christological Voice of Creation: Hebrews 1:2-3a*](#) (25 min) Edward Adams, King's College London [*Retrieving the Earth from the Conflagration: 2 Peter 3:5-13*](#) (25 min)

S17-127 Space, Place, and Lived Experience in Antiquity

11/17/2007

4:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Room: Madeleine D - GH

Susan Graham, Saint Peter's College, Presiding Cory Daniel Crawford, Harvard University [*The Generation of Holiness: On the Logic and Production of Tabernacle Space*](#) (30 min) Amy Cooper Robertson, Emory University [*The Tabernacle Texts and Religious Experience*](#) (30 min) Ann Jeffers, Heythrop College [*The Cosmological Imagination: Space, Gender, and Power in the Hebrew Bible and the Pseudepigrapha*](#) (30 min) David Frankfurter, University of New Hampshire [*Where the Spirits Dwell: Saint Shrines as Sites for Possession in Late Antique Christianity*](#) (30 min) Jacob A. Latham, University of California-Santa Barbara [*Creating Christian Identities in Late Antique Rome*](#) (30 min)

S18-3 Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies

11/18/2007

9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Room: 22 - CC

Charles William Miller, University of North Dakota Main Campus, Presiding **Teaching Tips** Eric D. Barreto, Emory University [*The Bible is Like . . . or Is It?*](#) (15 min) Carol J. Manahan, California Institute of Integral Studies [*Teaching Tip: A Biblical Calendar*](#) (15 min) Lisa M. Wolfe, United Theological Seminary [*Teaching Tip: Human Timeline: A Kinesthetic Exercise in Biblical History*](#) (15 min) Ryan Neal, Anderson University [*Teaching Parables: Teaching Tip*](#) (15 min) Break (10 min) **Workshop** Mark Roncace, Wingate University [*Creative Thinking and the Bible*](#) (60 min)

S18-16 *Inter-species Sex and Other Relations*

Gender, Sexuality, and the Bible

11/18/2007

9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Room: Warner Center - MM

Hugh S. Pyper, University of Sheffield [*Conversations with Donkeys: Stubborn Sexuality and Unexpected Speech*](#) (25 min) Ken Stone, Chicago Theological Seminary [*"The Ostrich Leaves Her Eggs to the Earth" \(Job 39: 14\): Queer Animals of God in the Book of Job*](#) (25 min) Susan E. Haddox, Mount Union College [*"Like a Stubborn Heifer": Animal Imagery and the Construction of Identity in Hosea*](#) (25 min) David Tabb Stewart, Southwestern University [*Kila'yim: Hybridity versus Hierarchy in Inter-species Sex*](#) (25 min) Discussion (50 min)

S18-51 *Asian and Asian American Hermeneutics: Interpreting the Text*

Asian and Asian-American Hermeneutics

11/18/2007

1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Room: Edward A – GH

Uriah Kim, Hartford Seminary, Presiding Chloe Sun, Logos Evangelical Seminary [*From Margin to Center: Joseph's Navigation and Negotiation of His Own Identity and Its Implications for Asian American Identity*](#) (30 min) Janette Ok, Princeton Theological Seminary [*The Necessity and Glory of Suffering in Romans 5: 1-5: A Korean American Hermeneutic of*](#) (30 min) Moa Imchen, Graduate Theological Union [*An Ecological Reading of Psalm 8 with New Eyes through Naga Creation Myth*](#) (30 min)

S19-69 *Pre-Modern and Modern Social and Political Contexts for Biblical Interpretation*

History of Interpretation

11/19/2007

1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Room: Irvine - MM

D. Jeffrey Bingham, Dallas Theological Seminary, Presiding Jeffrey L. Morrow, University of Dayton [*The Politics Behind Thomas Hobbes's Early Modern Biblical Criticism*](#) (25 min) Ed Noort, University of Groningen [*Händel, Joshua, and Violence*](#) (25 min) J. David Pleins, Santa Clara University [*Darwin on Genesis: Rethinking Darwin's Impact on the Interpretation of the Creation Story*](#) (25 min) Dan W. Clanton, Jr., Denver, CO [*Biblical Interpretation and Christian Domestic Terrorism: The Exegeses of Reverend Michael Bray and Reverend Paul Hill*](#) (25 min) Business Meeting (20 min)