

**2006 Upper Midwest Regional Meeting
of the American Academy of Religion
Society of Biblical Literature
American Schools of Oriental Research**

**Luther Seminary, Saint Paul, Minnesota
31 March - 1 April 2006**

Friday

**10:00-1:00 Workshop (Room 230)
"Use of Technology for Theological Education"**

11:00-3:00 Registration

Noon-1:00 SBL Graduate Student Luncheon

**1:00-2:00
SBL Plenary Speaker (Auditorium)
"The Nature and Aims of the Sect known from the
Dead Sea Scrolls" -- John Collins**

2:15-3:45 First Sessions

3:45-4:00 Refreshment Break

4:00-5:30 Second Sessions

5:30-6:30 Reception in the Atrium

**6:30-8:00
AAR Plenary Speaker (Auditorium)
"Mary, Martha, and the Audacity of Medieval Biblical
Interpretation" -- Amy Hollywood**

Saturday

8:15-9:00 Coffee, Juice, Rolls

**8:30-10:00
AAR/SBL Joint Discussion (Auditorium)
"When Does Authentic Religious Commitment
Become Fanaticism?"**

**10:15-11:45
Third Sessions**

**Noon-1:15
Lunch and Business Meetings
SBL will meet in the Auxiliary Dining Room
AAR will meet in Dining Room B**

**1:30-3:00
Fourth Sessions**

Workshop (Friday, 10:00; Room 230)

A hands-on workshop designed to introduce faculty to a variety of issues that arise when using technology in teaching. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops with them -- we will have wifi access available -- and to come prepared with specific examples of challenges that they've faced, or dreams they've had, that emerge in this context.

**First Sessions
Friday, 2:15-3:45 pm**

**Session 1: Philosophy of Religion/Systematics 1:
Twentieth-Century Theologians (Room 230)**

President: Paul Capetz, United Theological Seminary
Tangent to a Circle: Karl Barth's Early Doctrine of the Resurrection

Nathan Hitchcock, North American Baptist Seminary
"The Way" of Juergen Moltman's Christology: The Development of a Messianic Doctrine
Christopher Stephenson, Marquette University
An Interested Beauty: A Rereading of Hans Urs von Balthasar's Theological Aesthetics
Vance Thomas, Marquette University

Session 2: New Testament 1: Gospel of John (Room 200)

President: Jeannine K. Brown, Bethel Seminary
"Moses-Exodus imagery in the structure of John's Gospel"
Steven Dunn, Marquette University
Is There Truth in the Law (John 1:17)? On the Gospel of John's View of the Mosaic Revelation
Joe Sprinkle, Crossroads College
John 19:1-16a: Hearing It Again for the First Time
Pamela Shellberg, Marquette University

Session 3: Old Testament/Hebrew Bible 1 (Auditorium)

President: David Penchansky, University of St. Thomas
Which Categories Fit Biblical Law Best?
Dale Patrick, Drake University
Reception History as a Window into Composition History: Deuteronomy's Law of Vows
Bernard M. Levinson, University of Minnesota
The Rhetoric of Lament
David Howard, Bethel Seminary

Session 4: Biblical Interpretations from Liberationist and Multicultural Perspectives (Room 240)

President: Elizabeth Burr, College of St. Catherine
A Dalithos Reading of a Markan Exorcism: Mark 5: 1-20
Peniel Rajkumar, Church of England, University of Kent
In God's Household: Fictive Kinship and Individual Self-Determination in Paul's Theology
Vicki Gaylord, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities (Student)

Session 5: Religion in North America (Room 231)

President: Mary R. Sawyer, Iowa State University
Left Behind: Battling the Forces of World Peace
Brooke Sherrard, University of Iowa
Where has the S/spirit of Former Times Gone?
Lisa Stephenson, Marquette University
The Ancestors Have a Vote, but They Don't Have a Veto: Dynamic and Competing Authenticities in Minnesota NeoPagan Religious Traditions
Murphy Pizza, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Session 6: Continuing the Conversation (joint AAR SBL session; Room 232)

Presider: Corri Carvahlo, University of St. Thomas
Terror and the Holy: The Emergence of Violence from Sacred Literature
Stephen Pattee, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
"Slaves Obey Your Masters": Slavery and Its Justification in the Roman Catholic Tradition
Tatha Wiley, Metropolitan State University
Greet One Another With a Holy Kiss: The Kiss of Peace as a Communal Religious Gesture
Denise Kettering, University of Iowa

Session 7: Historical Perspectives on Religion: Church, State, and Common Good (Room 251)

Presider: Sally Padgett, Augsburg College
A Fourteenth Century Exegetical Argument for the Separation of Church and State - Marsilius of Padua's "Defensor minor"
James Kroemer, Marquette University
Judging the Common Good: The Summa Theologia on Justice in Civil and Ecclesial Law
Abraham B. Fisher, Marquette University
Affection for the Public Good: Francis Alison and the Colonial Presbyterian Struggle for Religious Liberty
Mitchell Kinsinger, Northwestern College

Session 8: Conversation with John Collins (Room 243)

Presider: Sue Myers, University of St. Thomas

Session 9: Undergraduate Session 1: Interpreting Sacrifice, Non-Violence, and Pain (Room 210E)

Presider: Deanna Thompson, Hamline University
To the Health of the Vine: Understanding Christian Sacrifice
Brandon Due, Concordia College--Moorhead
Rene Girard, Dorothy Day, and Pacifism
Anne Bisciglia, University of St. Thomas-Theology Department
The Relationship Between People's Spiritual Life and Their Response to Chronic Pain
Rachel Wyman, Hamline University

Second Sessions
Friday, 4:00-5:30 pm

Session 1: Philosophy of Religion/Systematics 2: Theological Themes (Room 230)

Presider: Paul Capetz, United Theological Seminary
A Determined Liberty: Jonathan Edwards' Conception of the Will
Mark Chapman, Marquette University
Aspects of God's relationship to creation in the theologues of Moltmann, Bonaventure and Edwards
Don Schweitzer, St. Andrew's College
Redemption for what? Globalization's challenge to fundamentalist and post-modern ideas of redemption
Verna Ehret, University of Iowa

Session 2: New Testament 2: Pauline Epistles (Room 200)

Presider: Dan Scholz, Cardinal Stritch University
"According to My Gospel": Paul as Dramatic Character
James Hanson, St. Olaf College
The Muzzled Ox and the Abused Apostle--Deut 25:4 in 1 Cor 9:9
Ardel Caneday, Northwestern College

"Those reputed to be pillars:" Notes on Galatians 2.1-10
Jeremiah Harrelson, Oxford University (England)

Session 3: Old Testament/Hebrew Bible 2 (Auditorium)

Presider: Bernard Levinson, University of Minnesota
Wisdom of Solomon: What's His Angle?
David Penchansky, University of St. Thomas
Judah: The Constants of Character
Dennis Sylva, Saint Francis Seminary
The Homosexual Prohibition of Leviticus 18:22 Belongs in Ancient Israel
Benjamin Hageseth, St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity

Session 4: Early Judaism and Judaic Studies (Room 240)

Presider: Michael O. Wise, Northwestern College
The Transformation of Deception: Excavating the Traditions behind the Portrait of Eve in the Apocalypse of Abraham 23
Megan DeFranza, Marquette University
Deluge Imagery and Heroic Language in 1QH 11.9-12: The p̄li ywis Within the Context of the Hodayot and Early Jewish Literature
Krista Mournet, North American Baptist Seminary
The Spirit as Creator Tradition in 2 Baruch
Anthony Briggman, Marquette University

Session 5: Religion and Ecology (Room 231)

Presider: John Baumann, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
Is Society Creation? Ecotheology, the Orders of Creation, and Worldly Vocation
Joseph Bush, United Theological Seminary
Managing the Earth: Anthropological Assumptions in Environmental Stewardship
Christopher Vena, Marquette University
Environmental Racism and Black Theology: What James Cone Teaches Us About Whiteness
Marguerite L. Spencer, University of St. Thomas

Session 6: Religion, Art, and Culture (Room 243)

Presider: Larry D. Harwood, Viterbo University
Mediating Presence: (Re)Uniting Theology and Spirituality through Beauty
John Nelson, Bethel Seminary
A Blossoming of Buddhist Fiction: Reviewing "Buddha Da" and "Hungry Ghost" from a Buddhist Perspective
Kimberly Beek, University of Regina
Magi Liturgical Drama in the Epiphany Roman Rite: The Frankish Propensity to Enrich Liturgy
Theresa Mason, Hamline University

Session 7: Archaeology 1 (ASOR; Room 232)

Presider: Mark Schuler, Concordia University
Palestine's Traditional Women Potters--Present and Past
John Landgraf, Independent Scholar
Local Ecosystems, Tribal Village Land Management Practices and the Social Economy of Ancient Israel
Alice Maung-Mercurio, University of Minnesota

Session 8: World Religions (Room 251)

Presider: James B. Robinson, Univ of N. Iowa
Nature and Ethics in the Daoist Text Baopuzi Neipian
Robert Steed, University of Iowa, Coe College, Kirkwood Community College
Confucius and Christ: The Case of Cardinal Ricci
Larry Harwood, Viterbo University
Messianism as A Factor in Vietnam's Hmong Mass Conversion to Christianity: 1990-2005
James F. Lewis, Bethel University

Session 9: Undergraduate Session 2: Performative Religion (Room 210E)

President: Elna Solvang, Concordia College
Give Audience and Hear The Re-summoning of Everyman; Resurrecting the medieval Morality play for a contemporary community of faith
Leah Starr, Hamline University
Lords of the Ring: Nationalism, Gender, and Violence
Brian Clites, Grinnell College and University of Chicago Divinity School
Spirituality and Jazz: Making Connections
Bryan Rezin, St. Norbert College

Third Sessions

Saturday, 10:15-11:45 am

Session 1: Philosophy of Religion/Systematics 3: Philosophical and Hermeneutical Themes (Room 230)

President: Paul Capetz, United Theological Seminary
Unknowing Faith
Daniel Boscaljon, University of Iowa
The Clarity of "Clarity" in 17th Century Theology
Nathan Dickman, University of Iowa Dept. of Religious Studies
The Hermeneutics of Comparative Theology
Richard Hanson, Marquette University

Session 2: New Testament 3: Historical Jesus and Synoptics (Room 200)

President: Ardel Caneday, Northwestern College
Illegitimacy Reconsidered
David Landry, University of St. Thomas
Reading Jesus' Parables in Light of His Crucifixion
V. George Shillington, Canadian Mennonite University
Synchronisms as Metaleptic Prompts in Polybius' Histories and in Luke's Gospel-Acts
David Moessner, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary

Session 3: Old Testament/Hebrew Bible #3 (Auditorium)

President: Corrine Carvalho, University of St. Thomas
The Ambiguity of Divine Power and Presence: Elisha and the Bears
Richard Bowman, Augustana College
Here comes the rain again: philology, intertextuality, and Genesis 2.5-6
Max Rogland, Augsburg College
The Suffering Servant(s) in Second Isaiah, Once Again
William Barnes, North Central University

Session 4: Conversation with Amy Hollywood (Room 142)

President: Dan McKanan, St. John's University

Session 5: Religion and Science 1 (Room 231)

President: Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University
Conceptual Blending in American Civil Religion: a Study in Cognitive Science
Rebecca Proefrock, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
The Crisis of the American Sciences: Fundamentalism, Skepticism, and the Role of the Academy
Jennifer Hockenbery, Mt Mary College
Patenting Hinduism: India's Struggle Against Bio-Piracy
Patrick Prohaska, University of Iowa

Session 6: Historical Perspectives in Religion 2: Divisions and Reunions in Church History (Room 232)

President: James Kroemer, Marquette University
The Sacramental Theology of John Donne
Calvin Lane, University of Iowa, Dept. of Religious Studies
Quakers and American Evangelicalism: The Emergence of the Evangelical Friends Movement
Sally Padgett, Augsburg College
Agreement on Justification in 1541 and 1999
Suzanne Hequet, Luther Seminary and Concordia University St. Paul, MN

Session 7: Multicultural Perspectives in Theology and Religion (Room 243)

President: Debra Majeed, Beloit College
Katrina, Social Sin, and Lonergan: A Theological Analysis
Cyril Orji, Marquette University
Emerging Religious Techniques for Social Transformation
Peter Bisson, Campion College at the University of Regina

Session 8: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality 1 (Room 251)

President: C. Neal Key, The College of St. Scholastica
From Populating the Nation to Intentional Parenthood: Contraception and the Moral Tradition of American Mainline Protestantism
Nelia Beth Scovill, Marian College of Fond du lac
The Subject, Sex, and Ordination: Competing Models of the Human Person in Contemporary Debates about the Ordination of Women, Gays, and Lesbians
Mary Elise Lowe, Augsburg College
Motherhood Metaphors in the Roman Catholic Church
Monique Venne, Marquette University

Session 9: Ethics (Room 240)

President: Philip Rolnick and Paul Wojda, Univ. of St. Thomas
Recognition and Respect in Contemporary Interpretations of Aquinas's Legal Ethics
Howard Rhodes, University of Iowa
In Search of a Radically Orthodox Economic Ethic: Where is the Radical Orthopraxis?
Paul Heidebrecht, Marquette University
Toward Integrity, Faith and Politics in a Plural Society
Sharon Tan, United Theological Seminary of Twin Cities

Session 10: Undergraduate Session 3: Topics in Scripture and its Interpretation (Room 210E)

President: Tom Reynolds, St. Norbert College
A Theological Interpretation of the (Possible) Platonic Influence on Matthew 10:28
Roger Huston, Simpson College
Virgin Mary and Sophia: Two Sources of Female Divinity in Christianity
Luke Sorensen, Morningside College

Fourth Sessions

Saturday 1:30-3:00 pm

Session 1: Old Testament/Hebrew Bible 4 (Auditorium)

President: Lauren Monroe, University of Minnesota
Building a Dynasty 101
Ellen White, University of St. Michael's College
The Language of Barren: Hannah and Rachel
Daniel Schriever, University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
Salvation Oracles in Ezekiel: Exploration of Identity--Ancient and Contemporary Reflections
Rhoda Carpenter, North American Baptist Seminary

Session 2: Archaeology Reports 2 (ASOR; Room 232)

Presider: Eva von Dassow, University of Minnesota
The ABCs of the Shephelah
 Buzz Brookman, North Central University
Conceptualization of Archives in the Ancient Near East
 Eva von Dassow, University of Minnesota, Classical and
 Near Eastern Studies
*Excavation Update: The Northeast Church Complex at
 Hippos*
 Mark Schuler and Jessica Meyer, Concordia University

Session 3: Greek and Roman Religions (Room 243)

Presider: Philip Sellow, University of Minnesota
Oil and Anointing in the Greco-Roman World
 Susan Myers, University of St. Thomas
*How Fuzzy is the Boundary between (Greek) Polytheism
 and (Christian) Monotheism in Smyrna?*
 Leonard L. Thompson, Lawrence University (emeritus)

Session 4: Philosophy of Religion/Systematics 4 (Room 200)

Presider: Paul Capetz, United Theological Seminary
*Contemporary Theological Reading of the Bible: A
 Conversation with Irenaeus of Lyons*
 Matthew Gerlach, Marquette University
*God 'within' us as Authority: The Role of the Church as an
 Interpretative Community*
 Silas Morgan, Bethel Seminary
*Homo Linguisticus: Toward a Contemporary Theological
 Anthropology*
 D. Lyle Dabney, Marquette University

Session 5: Religion and Science 2 (Room 231)

Presider: Dennis Bielfeldt, South Dakota State University
*Sin and Synapses: Theological Reflections on
 Pharmacologically Induced Pathological Gambling*
 C.K. Clauser, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church
Thinking Makes It So
 Larry J. Alderink, Concordia College
Quantum Perichoresis
 Ernest Simmons, Concordia College

Session 6: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality 2 (Room 240)

Presider: C. Neal Key, The College of St. Scholastica
Longing in Paul's Letter to the Philippians
 David Fredrickson, Luther Seminary
*Supreme Divine Female Power in the Sri Lalita
 Sahasranama*
 Joseph Molleur, Cornell College

Session 7: Religion and Ecology 2 (Room 251)

Presider: John Baumann, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
*Option for the Poor and Option for the Earth: Toward a
 Sustainable Solidarity*
 Stephen Scharper, University of Toronto
Hindu texts and ecological problems of postcolonial India
 Pankaj Jain, University of Iowa

Session 8: Religions in North America 2 (Room 230)

Presider: Mark Chapman, Marquette University
*1914: The Generation That Will Not Pass Away: Jehovah's
 Witnesses and the Renegotiation of Prophecy Belief, 1980-
 1995*
 David Howlett, University of Iowa
*Tradition in Transformation: The Lord's Supper in the
 Reformed Church in America*
 Christopher Dorn, Marquette University

*Millenarianism as Theological Lens: Examining Select
 Hymns in Nineteenth Century America*
 Craig Ginn, University of Lethbridge

Session 9: Undergraduate Session 4: Society and Religion (Room 210E)

Presider: Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg College
*Judas Iscariot: The Phenomenon, From Biblical Villian to
 Pop-Culture Icon*
 Jake Thomas, Augsburg College
*Demystifying Moral Values: How to Win Elections in the
 American Cosmos*
 Jason Rathod, Grinnell College
Urban Nihilism: Towards a Definition and Reaction
 Alexander Feldt, Wartburg College

Plenary Speakers:

John J. Collins is Holmes Professor of Old Testament Criticism and Interpretation at Yale University. He previously taught at the University of Chicago and at Notre Dame. He received his Ph. D. from Harvard (1972). His more recent books include *Jewish Wisdom in the Hellenistic Age* (Westminster, 1997), *Apocalypticism in the Dead Sea Scrolls* (Routledge, 1997), *Seers, Sibyls and Sages* (Brill, 1997), *The Apocalyptic Imagination* (revised ed., Eerdmans, 1998), *Between Athens and Jerusalem. Jewish Identity in the Hellenistic Diaspora* (revised ed., Eerdmans, 2000), *Introduction to the Hebrew Bible* (Fortress, 2004), *Does the Bible Justify Violence?* (Fortress, 2004), *Jewish Cult and Hellenistic Culture* (Brill, 2005), *Encounters with Biblical Theology* (Fortress, 2005), and *The Bible after Babel. Historical Criticism in a Postmodern Age* (Eerdmans, 2005). He has served as president of the Catholic Biblical Association (1997) and as president of the Society of Biblical Literature (2002). He is currently editor of the Supplement Series to the *Journal for the Study of Judaism* (Brill) and of the journal *Dead Sea Discoveries*.

Amy Hollywood was Professor of Theology and the History of Christianity at the University of Chicago Divinity School before coming to Harvard Divinity School in 2005. She is a historian of Christian thought specializing in mysticism, with strong interests in feminist theory, psychoanalysis, and continental philosophy. Her first book, *The Soul as Virgin Wife: Mechthild of Magdeburg, Marguerite Porete, and Meister Eckhart* (University of Notre Dame Press, 1995), is a study of the body and gender in late medieval Christian mysticism. Her second book, *Sensible Ecstasy: Mysticism, Sexual Difference, and the Demands of History* (University of Chicago Press, 2001), deals with Georges Bataille, Simone de Beauvoir, Jacques Lacan, and Luce Irigaray, and their fascination with excessive bodily and affective forms of Christian mysticism. Professor Hollywood is also the editor of the Gender, Theory, and Religions Series for Columbia University Press.

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