

**Session 6: New Testament--Textual Criticism
(Chapel of the Cross)**

Presider: Jeannine Brown, Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, MN
New Testament Textual Criticism: Current Trends and Issues
Michael W. Holmes, Bethel University
A New Member of Family 13 in John's Gospel
Jac Perrin, University of Birmingham (UK)
Whitewashing the War Waging Angels of the Apocalypse
Juan Hernandez, Bethel University

Session 7: Open Papers (Room 240)

Presider: Philip Kaveny, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire
Peacemaking, Israel/Palestine, and Academic Freedom: The Desmond Tutu Controversy at the University of St. Thomas
Phil Stoltzfus, University of St. Thomas
Teaching "the Mysterious Orient"
James Burnell, University of Northern Iowa
The Holistic Project: Certain Questions and Certain Answers in Transatlantic Puritan Historiography
Calvin Lane, University of Iowa

Session 8: Undergraduate Panel #1 (Room 251)

Presider: Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg College
Purity in Performance: The Transgressive Art of the Pink Nun
Sonia Hazard, Macalester College
"For woman's nature is mild": The Impact of Christianity on Gender in the Lives of Christine de Pizan and Lady Hosokawa
Luke Sorensen, Morningside College
The Body's "Iron Cage" and Its Relationship to the "Protestant Ethic"
Emma Høglund, Concordia College --Moorhead, MN

Second Sessions

Friday, 4:00-5:30 pm

**Session 1: Native American Religious Traditions
(Room 230)**

Presider: Michelene Pesantubbee, University of Iowa
Indigenous Agency: Conversion and Counter-Colonial Negotiation in Early Modern New France
Ezra Plank, The University of Iowa
Native American Pilgrimage to Lac Ste-Anne: An Anti-Syncretic Event
Christine Nobiss, University of Iowa
Perspectives on Wounded Knee and Paul Boe, an American Lutheran pastor
Linda Webster, Luther Seminary

Session 2: World Religions--Body, Mind and Text: Comparative Mysticism and Theology (Room 231)

Presider: Mark Berkson, Hamline University
Kabbalah Yoga
Cia Sautter, United Theological Seminary
The Nature of the Thoughts in Syriac Christian and Early Islamic Mysticism
Kevin Casey, University of Toronto (cont. →)

The Dhammapada and its Relevance to Christian Theology

Peter Feldmeier, University of St. Thomas

**Session 3: Historical Perspectives on Religion
(Room 240)**

Presider: James Kroemer, Marquette University
Paul Giustiniani: A Hermit in an Exciting Time
John Schmitt, Marquette University
Digested by God: Johannes Tauler's theology of the Eucharist
Peter Yoder, University of Iowa
Heaven's Glory or Hell's Flames: The problem of certainty in Arthur Dent's "The Plaine Man's Pathway to Heaven"
Denise Kettering, University of Iowa

**Session 4: Philosophy of Religion/Systematic Theology
(Room 243)**

Presider: Paul Capetz, United Theological Seminary
In Defense of Desire: the creativity of divine and human eros
Anna Mercedes, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University
The Naming of God: The Ecclesiological Value of Jean-Luc Marion's Invocation of Negative Theology
Danielle Nussberger, Assistant Prof., Marquette University
Thomas Bradwardine's Solution to Theological Determinism
John Putz, Saint Louis University

Session 5: Old Testament/Hebrew Bible (Auditorium)

Presider: Paul Niskanen, University of St. Thomas
Gardens, Forests, and Vineyards: Neglected Images of YHWH the Agriculturalist in the Book of Isaiah
Michael Chan, Luther Seminary
'The Price of Idolatry: Isaiah 43:28 and the Ban'
April Favara, Luther Seminary, MA student in Old Testament
Sexual Restraint and Collective Integrity: Jerusalem in Ezekiel 16
Dale Launderville, St. John's University

Session 6: New Testament--Intertextuality in the New Testament (Chapel of the Cross)

Presider: Daniel Scholz, Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee, WI
A Priest For Ever After the Order of Melchizedek: An Analysis of Jesus' Priesthood in the Epistle to the Hebrews
David Larsen, Marquette University
To Fall Short or Lack the Glory of God? -- The Translation and Implications of Romans 3:23
Steve Enderlein, Bethel University
Purification by Fire: 2 Peter 3 and the Stoic Cosmos
Peter Speiser, Luther Seminary (Graduate)

Session 7: Open Papers (Room 232)

Presider: Amy Marga, Luther Seminary
Judaism and the racial option, new models for early twentieth century Jewish identity
Maria Rethelyi, University of Chicago (cont. →)

The Archaeology of H2O: The Flow of Things in Ancient Palestine

Buzz Brookman, North Central University

Session 8: Undergraduate Panel #2

Presider: Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg College
A Burning Cross to Bear: The Kensington Riot of 1844
James Breen, Lawrence University
Fasting from Thoughtlessness in a Fast Food Nation: Negotiating Muslim-American Identity through Eating in Contemporary America
Anna Rohde, Concordia College

Third Sessions

Saturday, 9:00-10:30am

Session 1: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality (Room 230)

Presider: C. Neal Keye, The College of St. Scholastica
A Man's Utopia: A Look at the Gendered Afterlife of Mormonism and Scientology
Courtney Lacy, University of Missouri - Columbia
Welcoming the "Other": Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in Light of the Welcoming Church Movements
Anita Bradshaw, Institute of Welcoming Resources
The Other in Confession: Silence, Shame and Subjectivity
Denise Starkey, The College of St. Scholastica

Session 2: Religion and Science (Room 240)

Presider: Charlene Burns, UW-Eau Claire
Religion and Science; Description and Explanation
Steven Lee, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary
A Purposeful Universe?
Daniel Martin, University of Dayton
Kenosis and Emergence
Bradford McCall, Regent University

Session 3: North American Religions (Room 231)

Presider: Murphy Pizza, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Damned Demas: Establishing Boundaries and Maintaining Social Control through Confirmation Homilies on the American Frontier
Rhoda Schuler, Independent scholar
From Generation to Generation: Representing Children and Grandparents in Religious Children's Literature, 1945-2007
Jodi Eichler-Levine, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
"We want to help build Zion": Historical Agency and 1920s RLDS Children's Reflections on the Kingdom of God
David Howlett, University of Iowa

**Session 4: Philosophy of Religion/Systematic Theology
(Room 243)**

Presider: Paul Capetz, United Theological Seminary
Conversation and Rationality: Newman and MacIntyre on First Principles
Gerald McCarthy, Assumption College
Truth and Pride in the Book of Job
Don Schweitzer, St. Andrew's College

Session 5: Old Testament/Hebrew Bible (Auditorium)

Presider: Dale Launderville, St. Johns University
"Differences in Dialogue: Taking our Cue from Canonically Endorsed Diversity"
Karl Kuhn, Lakeland College
Drunk and Disorderly: A Bakhtinian Reading of the Banquet Scenes in the Book of Esther
Trisha Wheelock, Gustavus Adolphus College
Job's Hunting God
Brian Jones, Wartburg College

Session 6: Teaching Bible and Religion (Room 232)

Presider: Matthew L. Skinner, Luther Seminary
Faith-based dissension and the call for more democratic classrooms: Should lower division undergraduate courses in religion or Bible adopt deliberative democracy as a pedagogical strategy?
Ann Marie Bahr, South Dakota State University
Putting the "Theological" in Distance Theological Education
Melinda Thompson, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary
Moving Study of North American Lutheranism into the Community
Suzanne Hequet, Concordia College, Moorhead MN

Session 7: Undergraduate Panel #3 (Room 251)

Presider: Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg College
Old Testament Language and Imagery in Matthew 17:1-13: Jesus as Suffering Servant and Messiah in the Matthean Account of the Transfiguration
Justin Pannkuk, Northwestern College
The Historical Jesus and the Slave of the Centurion: How the Themes of Slavery, Sexuality, and Military Service Intersect in Matthew 8:5-13
Erik Koepnick, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
"God is great, beyond what can ever be fathomed"
Mary Teresa Gleich, St. Mary's University of MN

Announcing: The next Upper Midwest Regional Meeting 27-28 March 2009 at Luther Seminary
with Joel Kaminski (Smith College) for the SBL (AAR speaker TBD)

Fourth Sessions
Saturday, 1:30-3:00 pm

Session 1: World Religions--Confronting Injustice: Religion, Dialogue and Liberation (Room 240)

Presider: Mark Berkson, Hamline University
Toward a Jewish-Christian-Muslim Palestinian Liberation Theology
Elizabeth Burr, Metropolitan State University
A Revival at the Hajj: Revisiting the Siege of Mecca
Nahed Zehr, The University of Iowa
Interreligious or Metareligious? Reframing Christian-Muslim Dialogue in a World of Global Injustice
Robert Shedinger, Luther College

Session 2: Religion and Science (Room 230)

Presider: Gregory R. Peterson, South Dakota State University
George Washington Carver and Spirituality
Lawrence Williams, Luther College
Influence of Spirituality on Physical Therapy Practice
Jim Grimshaw and Kathy Shields, Carroll College
A World of Intertwined Orders: A Proposal for the Mutual Accommodation of Science and Religion
Anne Kleinkopf, Iliff School of Theology

Session 3: Religion, Art, and Culture (Room 231)

Presider: Philip Stoltzfus, University of St. Thomas
Listening to Early Christian Music
Laurence Broadhurst, University of Manitoba
Indian Movies and Their Use of Christian Imagery: Bollywood's "Danav" (2003) as a Case Study
Heerak Christian Kim, Asia Evangelical College and Seminary
La Natividad: Walking with Maria and Jose along Lake Street--a Collaborative Performance by the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre, Churches, and the Community
Theresa Mason, Hamline University

Session 4: Philosophy of Religion/Systematic Theology (Chapel of the Cross)

Presider: Paul Capetz, United Theological Seminary
Bultmann, Heidegger and Freedom: Respective Accounts of Self
Courtney Wilder, University of Chicago
Is There A Dogma for the Grammar of Atonement?: Apathetic Person of Christ and Grammar of Atonement
Paul Kim, Baylor University

Session 5: Old Testament/Hebrew Bible (Room 243)

Presider: Brian Jones, Wartburg College
An Acceptable Offering: Reinterpreting the Sacrifices of Cain and Abel
Tobias Karłowicz, Nashotah House (Student)
Polemics and the Sea Crossing Account
Rodger Dalman, Trinity College and Seminary
Saul Died for David's Sins: Direction Language and the Destiny of King Saul
Richard Bowman and Matthew Kruse, Augustana College and Trinity Seminary

Session 6: Conversation with Carolyn Osiek (Auditorium)

Presider: Mark Schuler, Concordia University

Session 7: Open Papers (Room 232)

Presider: Susan Hill, University of Northern Iowa
"Toxic Waste and Race:" A Sociological Appraisal
Richard Bohannon, College of St. Benedict and St. John's University (adjunct faculty)

Session 8: Undergraduate Panel #4 (Room 251)

Presider: Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg College
The Composition of John: Social Implications in the Johannine Community
Sara Moser, Northwestern College
Kierkegaard and Biblical Parable: Translating Language into Christian Speech
Logan Robertson, Hamline University
Ragnvald Aanestad and the Lutheran Sermon
Kari Aanestad, Augsburg College

Plenary Speakers:

Dr. Inés Talamantez, a member of the Mescalero Apache tribe, is a professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara. A graduate of Dartmouth College, Professor Talamantez is the author of *Teaching Religion and Healing* and has contributed articles to *Native Religions and Cultures of North America: Anthropology of the Sacred and Unspoken Worlds: Women's Religious Lives*. She is the past president of the Indigenous Studies Group at the American Academy of Religion and is one of the most well known American Indian scholars. She has pioneered the creation of a PhD program in religious studies with an emphasis in Native American Religious Traditions at UCSB, awarding PhDs to twenty-six Native American scholars.

Carolyn Osiek is Charles Fischer Catholic Professor of New Testament at Brite Divinity School of Texas Christian University. She holds a doctorate in New Testament and Christian Origins from Harvard University, and is a past president of the Catholic Biblical Association and the Society of Biblical Literature. She is editor of the fifteen-volume *Message of Biblical Spirituality* series (published by Michael Glazier/Liturgical Press), and is a former associate editor of *The Bible Today* and New Testament Book Review Editor of the *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*. She is the author of *Beyond Anger: On Being a Feminist in the Church* (1986) and *What Are They Saying about the Social Setting of the New Testament?* (revised edition, 1992), both published by Paulist Press. She is one of four editors of *Silent Voices, Sacred Lives: Women's Readings for the Liturgical Year* (Paulist Press, 1992) and co-author with David Balch of *Families in the New Testament World: Households and House Churches* (Westminster John Knox, 1997). She teaches in areas of social life, social-science interpretation, and women in early Christianity.

2008 AAR SBL ASOR
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Luther Seminary, Saint Paul, Minnesota
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Friday

8:30-1:00 Workshop (Room 230)
sponsored by the Wabash Center

11:00-1:00 SBL Graduate Student Luncheon
(Dining Room C – Olsen Campus Center)

1:00-2:00 SBL Panel on the "Public Use of the Bible"
Richard Nysse, Elisabeth Johnson,
Karl Jacobson, Karoline Lewis
(Auditorium)

2:15-3:45 First Sessions

3:45-4:00 Refreshment Break in the Atrium

4:00-5:30 Second Sessions

5:30-6:30 Reception in the Atrium

6:30-8:00

AAR Plenary Speaker (Auditorium)
"Changing Perceptions: Emerging Native American
Discourse on the Issue of Authenticity and
Repatriation. New Causes, New Questions, New
Answers" -- Inés Talamantez

Saturday

8:00-9:30 Coffee, Juice, Rolls In the Atrium

8:30-11:30

Bus Tour of Native American Sacred Sites
(meet in the Auditorium)

9:00-10:30

Third Sessions

10:45-11:45

SBL Plenary Speaker (Auditorium)
"When you pray, go into your *tameion*' (Matt 6.6): but
why?" -- Carolyn Osiek

noon--1:15

Buffet Lunch and Business Meetings
(Olsen Campus Center)

1:30-3:00

Fourth Sessions

*All sessions are in Northwestern Hall
unless otherwise indicated.*

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

Session 1: Native American Religious Traditions (Room 230)

Presider: Michael McNally, Carleton College
Ancient Traditions, Modern Constructions: Innovation, Continuity, and Spirituality on the Powwow Trail
Dennis Kelley, Iowa State University
The Dakota Eagle Sundance: Traditional Values for Contemporary Life
Mark Ruml, University of Winnipeg

Session 2: World Religions--Interior and Physical Journeys: Comparative Conceptions of Pilgrimage (Room 231)

Presider: Elizabeth Burr, Metropolitan State University
Keeping Karbala Close: 'Ashura as Symbolic Pilgrimage
Kari Thompson, University of Iowa
Journey of the Three Jewels: The Triratna in Buddhist Pilgrimage.
Dustin Eaton, The University Of Iowa
Permanent Movement: Peregrination in Chan Literature
Matthew Wilhite, University of Iowa

Session 3: Ethics (Room 232)

Presider: Mary Gaebler, Gustavus Adolphus College
The Height of Forgiveness and the Depth of Fault: Paul Ricoeur on Forgiveness and Respect
Abbylynn Helgevold, University of Iowa
Humility and Health Care
Joan Henriksen Hellyer, Mayo Clinic
Moral and Mortal Support: The Role of a Faith Community in Shaping Ethical Decisions
Anna Madsen, Augustana College

Session 4: Philosophy of Religion/Systematic Theology (Room 243)

Presider: Paul Capetz, United Theological Seminary
The Holy Spirit, the social gospel and the kingdom of God: a closer look at Reinhold Niebuhr's critique of Walter Rauschenbusch
Douglas Erickson, Marquette University
Practical Theology and Reflexive Cultural Theory: Turning Back, Looking Ahead
Joseph Bush, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities
Transcendence in Buber's I-Thou
Yuki Shimada, Princeton Theological Seminary & The University of Tokyo

Session 5: Early Judaism (Auditorium)

Presider: Michael Wise, Northwestern College
What's in a Paralle!? Comparative Midrash and the Origins of the Flood
Alex Jassen, University of Minnesota
Blood, Bread, and Light: Female Converts in Early Judaism
Jennifer Zilm, McMaster University
Messianism and Restoration in 2 Baruch
Daniel Gurtner, Bethel Seminary