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All sessions to be held at Denver Seminary, 6399 S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton CO 80120
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REGISTRATION

Register ONLINE at www.DenverSeminary.edu/reg

COST:

Regular attendee pre-registration \$45.00

Student or Retiree pre-registration \$35.00

ACCOMMODATIONS

The conference hotel will be:

Hampton Inn & Suites Denver/Highlands Ranch

3095 W. County Line Road

Littleton, Colorado 80129

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The hotel is offering registrants a special group rate of \$79.00 per night (plus tax)

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SCHEDULE ~ FRIDAY, APRIL 5

REGISTRATION (8 - 8:30 AM)

BOOK DISPLAY

SESSION I (8:30-10:30 AM)

A. Undergraduate Student Papers

Chair: David L. Weddle (Colorado College)

David B. Ridge (Brigham Young University), Not Quite at the Well: 2 Samuel 11 as an Inverted Betrothal Journey Narrative

Katharine Teter (Colorado College), If the Lady Is Not for Burning – Re(e)valuating the Discourse of *sati* in British Colonial India

B. Biblical Interpretation (Regional Scholars Competition)

Chair: Ronald Simkins (Creighton University)

A. J. Culp (Yellowstone Theological Institute), Modus Operandi? Deuteronomy in Light of Whitehouse's 'Modes of Religiosity'

James D. Romano (Nazarene Theological College, University of Manchester), Revealed Wisdom and the Mind of Christ: An Intertextual Consideration

Matthew Wade Umbarger (Newman University, Wichita), Rashi, Justin Martyr, and the Angel of the LORD

Mark Giszczak (Augustine Institute), Song of Songs 1:7 – Wrapping, Wandering, or Flea-Picking

C. Theology and Spirituality Session 1 (AAR)

Chair: John O'Keefe (Creighton University)

Ryan Murphy (Colorado Christian University), An Augustinian Case for Political Liberalism

Eric J. Kyle (College of Saint Mary), Formative Feedback: A Systematic Framework for the Formative Study of Spirituality

Claire Miller Skriletz (Independent Scholar), Margery's Men: Women, Men, and the *Book of Margery Kempe*

Erik M. Hanson (University of Colorado, Colorado Springs), Søren Kierkegaard and Second Life: A Second Look

D. Gospels and Jesus (SBL)

Chair: Elodie Emig (Denver Seminary)

James P. Owens (Denver Seminary), The Wright Way to Read Apocalyptic: An Evaluation of N.T. Wright's Work on the Eschatological Discourse

John Anthony Dunne (University of St. Andrews), Mark for Readers of Paul: The Role of Obduracy and the Question of Influence

Joseph Terracina (Denver Seminary), Luke's Prologue as Preparation for Irony

Craig L. Blomberg (Denver Seminary), Quotations, Allusions, and Echoes of Jesus in Paul

SESSION II (10:45 AM – 12:15 PM)

A. Panel (AAR): Formations of Subjectivity in Modernity: Its Forms, Functions, and Pitfalls

Chair: Elias Sacks (University of Colorado, Boulder)

Maureen Kelly (University of Colorado, Boulder), Askesis and the Historical Body

Jonathan Peterson (University of Colorado, Boulder), Parrhesia, Philosophical Askesis, and the ‘Cartesian Moment’: A Comparative Study of Subjectivities of the Self in Modernity

Eric Haynie (University of Colorado, Boulder), Askesis, Gelassenheit, and the Project of Life

B. Panel (AAR): When Religion Gets Real: Abundant Histories in the Study of Religion

Chair: Jeffrey Mahan (Iliff School of Theology)

Eu Kit Lim (University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology), Elizabeth Rae Coody (University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology), Loriliai Biernacki (University of Colorado, Boulder), David Weddle (The Colorado College)

Brief Presentations of 5-7 minutes each responding to Robert Orsi, “Abundant History,” will be followed by a group discussion.

C. Pauline Epistles (SBL)

Chair: Bill Klein (Denver Seminary)

Johann D. Kim (Colorado Christian University), “Let Love Be Genuine”: Paul’s Rhetoric of Love in Romans

David Mathewson (Denver Seminary), The “Opponents” behind the Letter to the Colossians, Again

Nick Elder (Iliff School of Theology), Paul and Empire as Discourse: 1st Thessalonians as a Test Case

D. Biblical Languages (SBL)

Chair: Jim Greenberg (Denver Seminary)

David Parris (Fuller Theological Seminary, Colorado), An Appraisal of Recent Studies on Prepositions

Hélène Dallaire (Denver Seminary), Biblical Hebrew: A Living Language – Second Language Acquisitions
Methods for Teaching Biblical Hebrew

LUNCH AND SBL PLENARY ADDRESS (12:30-2:00)

Daniel Fleming (New York University)

SESSION III (2:15–4:15 PM)

A. Panel: The Iconic Dimensions of Scripture in Comparative Perspective

Chair: Elizabeth Coody (University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology)

Panelists: Pamela Eisenbaum (Iliff School of Theology), Jacob Kinnard (Iliff School of Theology), Peter Wright (Colorado College), Sarah Schwarz (Colorado College)

After a brief introduction to the issues by the chair, each panelist will present for 7-10 min. The remainder of the time will be devoted to group discussion. We encourage anyone who is interested to read the article by James Watts, “The Three Dimensions of Scripture,” *Postscripts 2* (2006): 135-159. If you would like a copy of the article, please write Elizabeth Coody at ecoody@iliff.edu

B. ASOR Presentations

Chair: Nicolae Roddy (Creighton University)

Kyle R. Greenwood (Colorado Christian University), *Tukultī or Not Tukultī? That is the Question: Reassessing a Middle Assyrian laḫmu Cult Pedestal*

Kayla A. White (Denver Seminary), *The Role of the Barren Wife in Ancient Near Eastern Legal Documents*

Nicolae Roddy (Creighton University), *Can Anything Be Said about Persian Bethsaida besides “There Ain’t Much There”?*

Jaimie Gunderson (University of Kansas) *SBL Graduate Student Paper Award*, *The Jewish Epigraphic Record at Pompeii*

C. Methods in Religion and Ethics (AAR)

Chair: Elias Sacks (University of Colorado, Boulder)

Douglas Groothuis (Denver Seminary), *The Empathy Machine*

David L. Weddle (Colorado College), *The Bind(ing) of Sacrifice: Theoretical Reflections on the *Akedah* and the *Jātaka**

Zachary Simpson (The University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma), *The Evolution of Belief*

Felicia George (University of Denver/Illiff School of Theology), *Interpreting the Ethics of Capital Punishment through an Alternative Paradigm: Re-Thinking the “Justness” of Just Desert Theory*

D. Popular Culture 1

Chair: Sung Wook Chung (Denver Seminary)

Leonard Greenspoon (Creighton University), *And the Winner Is...: Books that Top (or Topple) a List of the Best in Biblical Studies*

Dan W. Clanton, Jr. (Doane College), *The On- and Off- Screen Jews of *The Big Bang Theory*: How One Television Series Both Reveals and Conceals Jewish Identity*

Gregory Allen Robbins (University of Denver), *“There is Grandeur in This View of Life”: Biblical and Darwinian Evocations in Terrence Mallick’s *Tree of Life**

Rebecca A. Chabot (University of Denver/Illiff School of Theology) and **Matthew Spotts, SJ** (St. Louis University), *The XI Commandments: Exploring the Theology of Soccer*

REGIONAL SCHOLAR PLENARY ADDRESS (4:30–5:30 PM)

Dana Pike (Brigham Young University), *Reading the Bible with the Dead Sea Scrolls: Are They Really of Much Value?*

RECEPTION (5:30–6:30 PM)

SCHEDULE ~ SATURDAY, APRIL 6

BUSINESS BREAKFAST MEETING (7:00–8:15 AM)

SESSION IV (8:30-10:30 AM)

A. Religion and Spirituality 2 (AAR)

Chair: Aaron Conley (Regis University)

Aaron T. Smith (Colorado Christian University), Christ and Time: The Dialectics of Karl Barth and Albert Einstein

Sharon L. Coggan (University of Colorado, Denver), Jungian Perspectives on the Christ Mythos: Hero, Redeemer, Risen Lord, and Other Universal Forms

Jared Vázquez (University of Denver/Illiff School of Theology), Speaking in Tongues, Queerly: Queer Pentecostals Evoking Liberative Possibilities

Sara Ann Swenson (Illiff School of Theology), Ecumenical Dialogue in Christian Monastic Communities

B. Islam (AAR)

Chair: Douglas Groothuis (Denver Seminary)

Andrea L. Stanton (University of Denver), Small but Well-Covered: Cedar Rapids' Muslim Community, 1920-1980

Susanne Stadlbauer (University of Colorado, Boulder), Apocalyptic Time, Fundamentalist Rhetoric, and Modernity in Post Arab Spring Salafist Discourse

Angela Maly (Independent Scholar), Defining Islam and "Authentic" Muslims

Patrick D. Bowen (University of Denver/Illiff School of Theology), *AAR Graduate Student Paper Award*, Rev. P.D. Solomon: New Evidence Concerning the Origins of Modern African-American Islam

C. Extra-Canonical Texts (SBL)

Chair: Dan Belnap (Brigham Young University)

Eric C. Smith (University of Denver/Illiff School of Theology), Shepherds in Space and Space in *The Shepherd: Hermas* in the Catacombs

Michael R. Trotter (Brigham Young University), Reexamining the Dating of P. Oxy. LXIV 4405(52) Based on Section Division Analysis

D. Hebrew Bible Narrative Methods (SBL)

Chair: Mark George (Illiff School of Theology)

Gil Rosenberg (University of Denver/Illiff School of Theology), Biblical Bad Faith: Reading Nathan and Lot with Sartre

M. Daniel Carroll R. (Denver Seminary), Once a Stranger, Always a Stranger? Immigration, Assimilation, and the Book of Ruth

Chris Kendrick (Denver Seminary), What Was Job Right About? A Method and Proposal for Understanding Job 42:7-8

Albert L. McClure (University of Denver/Illiff School of Theology), Esther's Banquet for Haman: Esther 5:4

Session V (10:45 am – 12:15 pm)

A. Popular Culture 2 (AAR)

Chair: John O’Keefe (Creighton University)

Sophia Rose Shafi (Ilf School of Theology), *Sexy Beasts: 300’s Harem as Den of Monsters*

Catlyn Keenan (Front Range Community College, Boulder), *Behind the Doors of White Supremacy: How Small-Group Dynamics Challenge “Success” in the Sociology of Religion*

Sarah A. Neeley (University of Denver/Ilf School of Theology), *“Bum Fights” and the Homeless Christ: Exploring Crucifixion as Hate Crime*

B. India (AAR)

Chair: Alex Mekonnen (Denver Seminary)

Jonathan Peterson (University of Colorado, Boulder), *Formations of Indian Notions of Freedom in Post-1857 Colonial India*

Elizabeth Lewis (University of Colorado, Boulder), *Violence and Identity in the Worship of Kali*

Loriliai Biernacki (University of Colorado, Boulder), *The Spirit of Matter: Abhinavagupta’s Conception of Freedom*

C. Apocalyptic (SBL)

Chair: David Mathewson (Denver Seminary)

David M. Valeta (University of Colorado, Boulder), *Occupy Heaven: Bakhtin, Resistance, and the Visions of Daniel*

Douglas Holm (Trinity College Bristol), *The Meaning of “Glorify God on the Day of Visitation” in 1 Peter 2:11-12 in Light of the Hebrew and Jewish Backgrounds.*

D. Pentateuch (SBL)

Chair: Hélène Dallaire (Denver Seminary)

Mark K. George (Ilf School of Theology), *Milgrom, Magic, and “Picture of Dorian Gray”*

Scott R. Moore (University of Denver/Ilf School of Theology), **Was Exodus the Genesis of Hebrews?**

Amanda Hardman (University of Denver/Ilf School of Theology), *A Structural and Rhetorical Reading of Deuteronomy 22:13-29: Metaphoric Resonances*

Lunch and AAR Plenary Address (12:30–2:00 pm)

Francis S. Fiorenza (Harvard University)

Additional Session: Writing Successful Proposals (2:15-3:00 pm)

Chair: Gil Rosenberg (University of Denver/Ilf School of Theology)