

Wednesday**7:30pm-10:00pm****7:30-10:00pm** Lutheran Ethicists*San Martin***Thursday****8:00am-10:00pm****8:00am-10:00pm** Lutheran Ethicists*San Simeon/San Martin***10:00-12:00am** SCE Finance Committee**10:00am-9:00pm** Conference Desk Open*Bayshore Foyer***1:00-5:00pm** Wesleyan/Methodist Ethicists*Carmel*

This year's program features a paper presentation by Donald A. Thorsen, professor of theology at Azusa Pacific University and co-editor of the Holiness Manifesto, who will discuss how the Wesleyan tradition shapes his social witness, focusing on insights from the Holiness Manifesto as well as the Wesleyan quadrilateral. Panel respondents include Ellen Ott Marshall (Emory University) and Michael G. Cartwright (University of Indianapolis). We invite all scholars who work within any of the various ecclesial traditions rooted in the evangelical renewal movement begun by John Wesley, or whose theological and ethical reflection is shaped by distinctly Wesleyan perspectives to attend.

1:00-5:30pm SCE Board Meeting*San Jose***1:00-6:00pm** The University of Chicago Writers*Boardroom***5:00-7:00pm** Baptist Ethicists*Monterey***7:00-9:00pm** SJE Board Meeting*Boardroom*

7:00-10:00pm A Joint Meeting of Baptist Ethicists, Evangelical Ethicists, and Catholic Ethicists
"Catholic/Evangelical Dialogue"

Monterey

This year's gathering will focus on the ongoing Catholic/Evangelical dialogues that have taken place at Georgetown University and Eastern University. The dialogues have been exploring commonalities on issues such as justice for the poor, reproductive rights, and a consistent prolife viewpoint. Reporting from the Evangelical side will be Glen Stassen and David Gushee and from the Catholic side Cathleen Kaveny and John Langan, S.J.. There will also be two Baptist/Evangelical respondents and two Catholic respondents, plus time for open discussion to further these dialogues.

8:00-10:00pm Presbyterian Ethicists*Carmel*

Presbyterian Ethicists meet at SCE for an update on current developments in social witness in the PCUSA and our Reformed relatives. SCE members participating on study commissions and serving as consultant writers report on their projects. The impacts of church/seminary/college changes are discussed. Seminary and college ethicists comprise most of the group Theological Educators for Presbyterian Social Witness (TEPSW) which helps connect the academy to the General Assembly, informing the life of congregations through policy studies and reports. The group sometimes meets in churches near the SCE annual meeting site. Liaison is provided by the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy, acswp@pcusa.org.

Friday

Plenary/CS I

7:15am-12:30pm

7:15am-6:00pm **Conference Desk Open** *Bayshore Foyer*

8:00-9:00am Lutheran Ethicists Breakfast
(Pre-registration required.) *San Simeon*

7:45-8:45am **IRB: Research Involving Human Subjects** *Sierra*
(Continental breakfast will be served.)

Panelists: Joan Henriksen Hellyer, Mayo Clinic
Todd Whitmore, University of Notre Dame

With the approval of the Board of Directors, the SCE has adopted a policy regarding IRB approval for research involving human subjects. This session will introduce the policy to members who have begun to engage or are considering research methodologies that include data gathering by means of ethnographic studies, fieldwork, interviews, deliberate observation, and the like. This type of research may fall under the purview of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Human Research Protections and Federal Code Regulations 45 CFR Part 46 (Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects, also known as the "Common Rule"). In order to ensure that the highest standards of research are employed in studies that include the participation of human subjects, the SCE requires that its members conducting this kind of research seek approval from a local Institutional Review Board (IRB) in compliance with the "Common Rule". The "Common Rule" requires that research involving human subjects undergo scrutiny by and receive approval from an IRB *prior to* the start of study to ensure that subjects are protected from harm.

8:00am-8:15pm **Exhibits Open** *Bayshore Ballroom*

9:00-10:30am **Plenary** *Gateway Ballroom*

"Ethics Brewed in an African Pot"

Speaker: Agbonkhianmeghe Orobator, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology, Nairobi, Kenya

Respondent: Teresia Hinga, Santa Clara University

Convener: Linda Hogan, Trinity College Dublin

10:30-11:00am **Break** *Bayshore Ballroom*

11:00am-12:30pm **Concurrent Session I**

Jennifer Beste, Xavier University *Carmel*

"Children Speak: Second Graders' Experiences of Sin, Forgiveness, and Moral Agency in the Sacrament of Reconciliation"

Children's perspectives about their religious and moral experiences have received scant attention from Christian ethicists. Joining a growing number of scholars who stress the need to engage in child-centered research, I conducted a qualitative research study interviewing Catholic second graders about their experiences of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The purpose of my paper is, first, to analyze their diverse interpretations of this sacrament. Second, I explore ethical issues about how children are treated within the Catholic Church that emerge from children's experiences. My interviews prompt me to examine what it means to treat children justly within Christian communities and within the discipline of Christian ethics.

Convener: Sandra Sullivan-Dunbar, Loyola University Chicago

Kathryn D. Blanchard, Alma College

Monterey

"In Defense of The Vagina Monologues: Christian Responsibility to Women on Campus and in the Global Community"

In 2009, after years of protest, performances of Eve Ensler's controversial play, *The Vagina Monologues*, were in decline on Catholic campuses. Critics claim it promotes lesbianism, glorifies rape and incest, and objectifies women. In reality, V-Day seeks to prevent violence by magnifying the voices of formerly-silenced women around the globe. Christians who take seriously our call to care for "the least of these" must attend seriously to vaginas, particularly because Christianity has sometimes been a major instigator of violence against women. When handled skillfully, the play can foster critical dialogue and self-reflection, two essential parts of 21st-century Christian formation.

Convener: Monique Moultrie, Vanderbilt University

James F. Caccamo, Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia

San Simeon

"Making Virtue Out of New Necessities: Internet Technologies and Christian Moral Life of the Future"

Even in its infancy, the internet has dramatically changed the way people communicate, learn, play, and do business. This paper will explore the moral implications of the internet and the particular forms of practice it shapes. Drawing upon contemporary media theory scholarship, the paper will begin by identifying some of the characteristics that distinguish the internet from previous communication technologies (i.e., opaque centralization, data agnosticism, immediacy, and push-mediation). The paper will then move beyond reiterating problems the internet shares with offline life (e.g., consumerism, pornography, loss of community and embodiment) to suggest particular opportunities and liabilities that internet technologies pose for the Christian life, closing with a proposal for the virtues required of "wired disciples" in the twenty-first century.

Convener: Andrea Vicini, S.J., Boston College

William C. Mattison III, The Catholic University of America

Santa Clara

"The Beatitudes and Christian Ethics: A Virtue Perspective"

This paper begins by arguing that the beatitudes are fruitfully understood in the context of Classical ethical reflection on happiness and virtue. The bulk of the paper examines the relationship between the rewards and "qualifying conditions," and particularly whether the ultimate happiness depicted is a reversal of the qualifying conditions or an intensification of them. In arguing for an "intrinsic" relationship between rewards and conditions, the paper concludes by attending to how the beatitudes offer distinctively Christian answers to perennial ethical questions on the possibility of happiness in this life and the place of external goods in that happiness.

Convener: Richard Gula, S.S., Franciscan School of Theology, GTU/Berkeley

Patrick T. McCormick, Gonzaga University

San Juan

"Should Students Taking SATs Pee in a Cup? The Ethics of Cognitive Enhancing Drugs"

More and more students take prescription stimulants and narcolepsy medicines as study aids, using "cosmetic pharmacology" to enhance cognitive function. This "off label" use of prescription drugs by adolescents for neurocognitive enhancement raises several ethical concerns, including safety, efficacy, access (fairness) and coercion. Some believe the personal and social benefits of "smart drugs" justify allowing healthy adults to use them if these ethical concerns can be addressed. But the concentration of illicit use of prescription stimulants among 18-25 year olds suggests our winner-take-all educational system needs reform.

Convener: Neil Messer, University of Winchester

Maureen H. O'Connell, Fordham University

San Jose

"Common Beauty and the Common Good: Theological Aesthetics and Justice in Urban America"

This paper examines community muralism in inner-city neighborhoods in order to illuminate the practical relationship between theological aesthetics and ethics in post-9/11 urban poverty. It suggests collaborative public art as a viable resource for the common good that counters its often conceptual, abstract and pragmatic tendencies with an organic, self-critical, and creative relationality. Ethical reflection on this public art lifts up four mystagogical components of the common good: "storied spaces," imaginative and emotive reasoning, creative moral agency, and aesthetic solidarity. These foster the often overlooked intuitive, experiential, tactile, and nonverbal potential of the "see-judge-act" praxis of Catholic social thought.

Convener: Diane Yeager, Georgetown University

Howard B. Rhodes, University of Iowa

San Martin

"'Who We Are' and Ethical Restraint in War: Christian Just War Ethics, International Law, and the Problem of National Political Character"

Can national political identity – an understanding of “who we are” as a people – restrain a government's conduct of war? If not – if, that is, modern democracies are incapable of being unified subjects of political action – then how shall belligerent conduct be effectively restrained? The paper will examine how Christian just war theorists – e.g. Ramsey, O'Donovan, Johnson – understand the character of political agency and its role in armed conflict. It will explore how Christian treatments of national political character can critically engage the ethical cosmopolitanism of international humanitarian law. The essay will argue for a revived notion of democratic civic nationalism.

Convener: G. Clarke Chapman, Moravian College

Jonathan Rothchild, Loyola Marymount University

Silicon Valley

"Re-traditionalizing Restorative Justice: Navajo Peacemaking, Domestic Violence, and Christian Ethics"

This paper retrieves restorative justice dimensions in indigenous practices, notably Navajo peacemaking circles. The first section examines Navajo peacemaker courts' emphasis on holistic healing and reintegration, stakeholder involvement, and individual and social transformation in their historical, cultural, and political (colonial/postcolonial) contexts. The penultimate section extends this discussion to a normative analysis of different theological, philosophical, sociological, and legal perspectives on restorative justice. The third section engages domestic abuse as a "hard case" for restorative justice. I concur with theologians and legal theorists who hold that such violence, though its harm is never fully obviated, can be reconciled through restored justice.

Convener: Kristin E. Heyer, Santa Clara University

"Navigating Borders in Bioethics: Ethical Challenges of Culturally Competent Healthcare" *Sierra*

Panelists: Silvia Austerlic, Hospice of Santa Cruz County, Scotts Valley, California

Margaret McLean, Santa Clara University, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics

Karen Peterson-Iyer, Santa Clara University, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics

Marc Tunzi, Natividad Medical Center, Salinas/Univ. of CA, San Francisco, School of Med

The cultural and ethnic diversity in the U.S. translates into incalculable cultural richness; yet it also provides occasion for a multitude of practical and ethical challenges in the achievement of "culturally competent" medical care. This panel will address these challenges, examining both the ethical *justification* for culturally competent healthcare and the *implications for ethics* of cross-cultural medical interactions. The panelists—all of whom have been part of an ongoing project at Santa Clara University addressing the ethics of culturally competent healthcare—will each offer a unique perspective on why and how cross-border encounters both complicate and enrich the ethical landscape.

Convener: Jan Jans, Tilburg University

African/African American Interest Group

Cedar

Latino/a Working Group

"Liberation Ethics, Global Economics and U.S. Public Policy"

Panelists: José Carrasco, P.I.C.O.

Shawnee Daniels-Sykes, SSND, Mount Mary College

Martha C. Taylor, Elmhurst Presbyterian Church

Marta Vides Saade, Ramapo College of New Jersey

This joint session focuses on the future of liberation ethics in light of global economics and, in particular, the manner in which U.S. policy either reinforces globally destructive economic practices or provides relief for communities around the world most affected by neo-liberal market forces. Panelists in this session will articulate how liberation ethics in the 21st century can address global economic practices, attitudes, and habits in light of poverty, multi-national corporations, HIV/AIDS, international trading, and the like. This session will also invite scholars to dialogue about issues related to global economics and how liberationist scholars and faith communities can critique U.S. public policy in efforts to lobby for more humane policy measures.

Convener: Cheryl Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University Divinity School

Comparative Religious Ethics Interest Group

San Carlos

Christian Ethics and Enlightenment Interest Group

"Taylor's *A Secular Age* in Comparative Perspective"

Panelists: Elizabeth Barre, Lake Forest College

William Hart, University of North Carolina at Greenboro

Martin Kavka, Florida State University

This panel considers Charles Taylor's *A Secular Age* (Harvard UP, 2007) in relation to Western traditions that are not within its main purview but are nonetheless affected by secularism. In what ways is Taylor's account applicable to or illuminative of African American thought and history, on one hand, and Judaism and Islam, on the other? Does taking account of these other traditions complicate or otherwise challenge his narrative? What are the broader implications for our understanding of the forms and dynamics of Western ethics?

Conveners: Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University

Sumner B. Twiss, Florida State University

SCE/SJE/SSME: "The Ethics of Torture: Perspectives from Judaism, Islam, and Christianity" *Oak*

Panelists: Rumea Ahmed, Colgate University (SSME)

Jonathan Crane, University of Toronto (SJE)

Christine Gudorf, Florida International University (SCE)

David Gushee, Mercer University (SCE)

National and international debate rages about the moral legitimacy of torture. Recent practices in American national security, including extraordinary rendition and "enhanced interrogation techniques" at U.S. military installations, reflect the urgency to examine the moral morass surrounding torture. Public discourse about the ethics of torture and torture ethics has thus far failed to provide sustained, reasoned and religiously-grounded arguments. This innovative panel is intended not just to offer religious reflections on torture, but also to pioneer conversations between the three cooperating societies now meeting together.

Convener: Simeon Ilesanmi, Wake Forest University (SSME, SCE)

12:30-2:00pm**Lunch****12:45-2:00pm****JRE Editorial Board***Boardroom*

12:45-2:00pm Student Caucus (Pre-registration needed for lunch.)*Fir*

The Student Caucus will host a roundtable lunch session and business meeting. This is an opportunity to meet fellow graduate students as well as share thoughts and questions on graduate school life. A portion of this year's caucus lunch will be dedicated to professional development.

Please see the registration desk if you have not yet purchased a lunch ticket.

Conveners: Jennifer Leath, Yale University
Lauren MacKinnon, Graduate Theological Union

12:45-2:00pm Junior Faculty Caucus (Pre-registration needed for lunch.)*Pine*

The Junior Faculty Caucus is organized for the purpose of allowing Christian ethicists (pre-tenured Ph.D.'s and teaching ABD's) to help one another navigate our new roles as professors and scholars. In addition, we hope to encourage greater involvement of newer scholars in the Society of Christian Ethics, and to strengthen our communal voice with an eye toward shaping the SCE's long-term goals. Because we recognize that junior faculty members are whole persons, we schedule both business and social gatherings during each annual meeting. There is also an online network (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/scejuniorfacultynetwork/>). This year we will be looking for one or two new co-coordinators of the JFC. Interested parties should contact Melanie or Kate.

Conveners: Melanie Barrett, University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary
Kathryn D. Blanchard, Alma College

2:00-3:30pm Concurrent Session II

Jana M. Bennett, University of Dayton

*Santa Clara***"The Thomistic Internet? Theological Questioning in a Web 2.0 Age"**

The internet: some have claimed it as "Gnostic" and evil; others say it provides good possibilities for theological work. By surveying various Web 2.0 media, I suggest that from the point of view of users, Web 2.0 has elements of the kind of dialogue Alasdair MacIntyre suggests of Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologica*. However, though Web 2.0 spaces invite theological conversations, I claim they ultimately become restricted, even a-theological. Theologians need to take note of how Web 2.0 truncates their own work, *even* if they never use the internet themselves.

Convener: Dana Dillon, Providence College

Anna Floerke Scheid, Duquesne University

*San Simeon***"Under the Palaver Tree: Community Ethics for Truth-Telling and Reconciliation"**

The African notion of the *palaver*, as described by Congolese theologian Benezet Bujo, is an excellent resource for post-conflict reconciliation. The *palaver* creates a physical, psycho-social space for open communication where persons are integrated into the life and expectations of their communities. *Palaver* communication can heal psyches and relationships, educate community members about moral norms, and enforce the community's ethical standards. Three *palaver*-based commitments intersect with goals of post-conflict reconciliation: a commitment to open communication, especially truth-telling; a commitment to memory, or developing a shared sense of the past; and a commitment to reconciliation at the communal level.

Convener: Thomas L. Schubeck, S.J., John Carroll University

Christine E. Gudorf, Florida International University

*Oak***"Water Privatization: Objectionable in Practice, Not Principle?"**

This paper explores water privatization in developing nations: the fundamental tension between the demands of the poor for cheap, abundant water as a human right, and the claims of environmental movements that providing cheap abundant water encourages waste and ultimately squanders the single most necessary resource for all living things. What does it mean to say that all persons—or more, all living creatures—have a right to water? What is the foundation of such a claim? Under what circumstances, if any, could the privatization of a municipal or regional water system satisfy demands for social and environmental justice?

Convener: John Hart, Boston University School of Theology

Joan Henriksen Hellyer, Mayo Clinic

San Jose

"You seemed like nice people, so I like to accommodate:' Altruism and Trust in Genetic Research"

Scientists who conduct genetic research rely on the goodwill and voluntary contribution of thousands of donors who risk re-identification, compromises to their privacy, and possible discrimination and stigmatization. This paper will present original empirical research as a grounding for the moral analysis of the concepts of donor altruism and trust. Data from interviews with donors to biobanks from both privileged and marginalized groups support the concept that persons whose communities have a long history of injury at the hands of research will find the altruistic motive less compelling as a reason to participate in genetic research.

Convener: Ronald Mercier, S.J., St. Louis University

Ramón Luzárraga, University of Dayton

Monterey

"Is Social Solidarity an Ethical Principle Indigenous to Latin American Identity?"

José Carlos Mariátegui's claim that social solidarity is an idea indigenous to Latin America is, like the region's literature, a magical realism where idealized conceptions of an indigenous utopian past easily coexist with historical and social realities. Mariátegui was a major influence on Gustavo Gutiérrez. Gutiérrez corrects Mariátegui by showing how social solidarity is an ideal consistently valued by Latin Americans throughout their history for critiquing social injustice and developing solutions, but grounds his argument not in an idealized view of history, but in the faith and culture of Latin Americans understood through theology and the social sciences.

Convener: Gerald Schlabach, University of St. Thomas, MN

Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Seattle University

Silicon Valley

"Unmasking Evil that Parades as Good: Critical Moral Vision"

Widely shared patterns of living in the U.S. entail economic norms and practices that have devastating impact on many people impoverished by them and on Earth's ecosystems. That economic injustice and ecological devastation go largely unrecognized in the dominant public discourse. This "moral blindness" is the ethical issue addressed in this paper. The paper proposes a conceptual framework and theoretical tools grounded in critical social theory for responding to the following question: In contemporary U.S. society, what dynamics explain the failure of relatively economically privileged people to recognize that prevailing economic norms and practices have devastating consequences for Earth's ecosystems and for many people?

Convener: Judith Merkle, Niagara University

Angelo S. Riley, Loyola University Chicago

Carmel

"An Ethics of Vision, As It Relates to Windows"

Little attention is given today to H. Richard Niebuhr's work on responsibility and Iris Murdoch and Stanley Hauerwas's work on vision. In this paper, I correlate the ethics of vision and responsibility materials with the black Christian tradition, a tradition epitomized by the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr. The ethics of vision and responsibility materials help us think about important things that are going on in King's theology and agenda and in black theology and ethics in general by providing a lens to help focus on certain themes and dimensions of black thinking. This can sensitize us to patterns of power plays and suffering that Niebuhr, Murdoch, and Hauerwas tend to over look.

Convener: Judith Kay, Puget Sound

Victor Thasiah, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

San Juan

"Compassionate, Just, and Wise Immigration Reform"

In response to the human impact of an immigration system widely considered broken, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America assigned the author the task of drafting a social policy resolution. This paper further develops the theological/ethical basis for the resolution – which addresses issues such as the new security paradigm, the current enforcement emphasis, skyrocketing detention rates, state and local involvement, and forced migration. It explores the relevance of God experiencing vulnerability as a human stranger in Jesus, being created in the image of God for love and freedom, and ELCA views on the vocation of government.

Convener: Elizabeth Collier, Dominican University

David VanDrunen, Westminster Seminary California

San Martin

"Natural Law in Noahic Accent: A Covenantal Conception of Natural Law Drawn from Genesis 9"

This paper proposes an account of natural law grounded in an overlooked biblical text and in Reformed covenant theology, in conversation with contemporary biblical exegesis, Jewish conceptions of the Noahide commands, and recent Protestant and Roman Catholic literature on natural law. It argues that the Noahic covenant established with all creation (Genesis 8:20-9:17) provides necessary theological foundation for understanding nature and common human moral obligations. This account of natural law provides a sound way to integrate natural law theory with the biblical narrative and to conceive of natural law as a God-given standard mediated through a fallen world.

Convener: Werner Wolbert, University of Salzburg

"The Neurosciences and Theological Anthropology"

Sierra

Panelists: Sidney Callahan, Hastings Center

Marilyn Martone, St. John's University, NY

Maryann Martone, University of California, San Diego

This panel composed of a neuroscientist, a psychologist, and a theologian will examine the latest developments in the neurosciences and psychology and their impact on considerations of the human person. These developments will include technologies, drugs, the adaptive unconscious, and "mirror neurons." We will consider topics such as the treatment of brain injuries, genetic selection for or against personality traits or mental illnesses, and enhancement of neural functions. The role of inter subjective consciousness will be highlighted with an emphasis on the importance of personal relationships for neural development.

Convener: Patrick Flanagan, St. John's University, NY

Asian and Asian American Working Group

Cedar

"The Search for an Asian-American Christian Ethic"

Panelists: Grace Y. Kao, Claremont School of Theology – in absentia

Jonathan Tran, Baylor University

Respondent: Hak Joon Lee, New Brunswick Theological Seminary

Both the academy and contemporary church continue to wrestle with the proper relationship between identity, ethics, and theology; specifically, how much the former concern should guide and determine the latter two. Each panelist will put forth a constructive proposal for developing a specifically Asian American Christian ethic (AACE). This panel seeks not only to spearhead a public and much-needed conversation among scholars who identify as Asian American, but also to make a positive case for forming a distinctive AACE as a contribution to the Asian American community as well as to the field of Christian ethics in general. *All* members of the SCE are invited to attend; interested persons in the Asian/Asian American Working Group are invited to stay for the business meeting to follow.

Convener: K. Christine Pae, Denison University

SJE: Moses L. Pava, Yeshiva University*San Carlos*

"Jewish Ethics in a New Key: Romancing the Text"

SCE Respondent: Christine Firer Hinze, Fordham University

How does one relate to one's religious values in the contemporary world? Do we hold onto them like one desperately holds on to an anchor in a rough sea? Or, do we hold on to them more like an experienced sailor who knows that in holding the sail too tightly she will stall the sail power and in holding it too loosely she will lose the wind altogether? Jewish ethics in a new key is a call not only for a change in behavior, but a change in consciousness. It asks for a re-evaluation of values, and a playful opening up of our beliefs, our ways of relating to self and to others, and to set habits.

Convener: Jonathan Crane, University of Toronto

3:30-4:00pm

Break*Bayshore Ballroom*

4:00-5:30pm

Concurrent Session III

David A. Clairmont, University of Notre Dame

Riesling

"Theravada Buddhist Abhidhamma and Moral Formation: Lists and Attachments in the Practice of Religious Ethics"

This paper examines the relevance of Buddhist Abhidhamma texts, those dealing with the analysis and systematization of mental states arising in and examined by meditation practice, as a resource for religious ethics. Developing recent commentaries on the prevalence and significance of interlocking lists in Buddhist canonical texts, this paper argues that the model of moral formation present therein suggests how positive moral motivation (the ability of practitioners to cultivate wholesome states and right intentions) is dependent upon practitioners' abilities to separate complex mental phenomena into their component parts, thereby rendering them both increasingly non-substantial and thereby less subject to attachment.

Convener: Thomas B. Leininger, Regis University

Meghan J. Clark, Saint Anselm College

San Martin

"*Imago Dei as Imago Trinitatis*: How We, as Community, Image God through Human Rights and Solidarity"

Can we, as community, can said to be imago dei? For Christian ethics, understanding the imago dei must also be imago trinitatis. Drawing on Scripture regarding the imago dei and covenant, as well as the contemporary Trinitarian theologies of Catherine LaCugna and Elizabeth Johnson, this paper argues that equality, mutuality and reciprocity are central to being imago dei. In addition to each person as imago dei; we, as community, image God. Theologically, this links human rights and solidarity in the imago dei. As such, we cannot faithfully image God, as community, without respect for human rights and in solidarity.

Convener: Koos Vorster, North-West University, South Africa

Deirdre King Hainsworth, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

San Simeon

"Ethics Behind the Screen: the Debate over Professional Ethics in Computer Programming"

The study of work in Christian ethics has long been divided into professional and business ethics. Many emerging areas of work, however, blur these categories, while practices of ethical formation and enforcement within traditional professions are being strained by market and technological forces. The debates within computing over a "professional code of ethics" offer one lens for re-considering the business / professional ethics division. Based on an analysis of ethical choice and power in this case, I propose elements of a revised framework for our study of work and vocation to account for both older and emerging areas of work.

Convener: Martin Miller, Lexington College

Daniel C. Maguire, Marquette University

San Juan

"Forbidden Memories: Strategic Forgetfulness in U.S. and Israeli Policies"

There is a dearth of moral critique of the U.S. and Israeli partnership. Allegedly bound by a love of democracy, unflattering similarities are ignored: both were founded on ethnic cleansing; both use past violence against them to justify violence against others; both disguise their preference for state-sponsored violence (war) over diplomacy and conciliation; both would disarm other nations of weapons they themselves possess; both cover up atrocities such as No Gun Ri in Korea and the attack on the USS Liberty and the killing of Rachel Corrie. Nonviolent prophetic remembrance is the antidote to the violence of forbidden memories.

Convener: Lawrence Stratton, Drew University

Larry L. Rasmussen, Emeritus, Union Theological Seminary, New York
 "Re-Framing Christian Ethics: Earth, Air, Fire, Water at the Center"

Santa Clara

Despite a planet in jeopardy at human hands, the moral universe in Christian ethics is typically human society only, to the neglect of the full community of life and its abiotic envelope. Thus Christian ethics has addressed homicide, suicide, and genocide but not biocide or genocide. What difference would it make to re-frame Christian ethics by centering the primal elements of life (earth, air, fire, water)? How is each element a primal element structurally, ecologically, and spiritually? And how would standard basepoints in Christian ethics—theories of justice, or theological anthropology—be affected by centering these elements?

Convener: Laura Yordy, Bridgewater College

Nathan Colborne, Nipissing University

San Carlos

"Violence and Resistance: Towards a Politics without a Scapegoat"

Rene Girard's attempt to expose the workings of the scapegoat mechanism deep within the self points to a method of resistance to the normalizing and disciplining functions of modern political power. I argue that Girard's thought can be complemented by the development of a politics, not in the sense of policy recommendations or institutional analysis, but an account of the practices by which the 'interdividual' might overcome the scapegoat mechanism through and in the midst of practices that might stimulate actual political engagement.

Convener: William McDonough, St. Catherine's University

Rubén Rosario Rodríguez, Saint Louis University

Sierra

"Trafficking of Women and Children in Latin America: The Role of the *Imago Dei* in Transforming the Culture of *Machismo*"

Human trafficking is a growing problem in Latin America and the Caribbean. Women between the ages of 18 and 30 are trafficked for prostitution and pornography, often with the consent of their husbands or other family members. While political and economic factors contribute to human trafficking, a lingering culture of *machismo* in Latin America fosters systemic discrimination and victimization against women and girls. A theological ethics grounded in the doctrine of *imago Dei* can promote greater justice for women and children by pressuring national governments to enforce stringent penalties, better police borders, and eliminate the socio-economic conditions that enable trafficking.

Convener: Richard Benson, C.M., St. John's Seminary (CA)

Diane Yeager, Georgetown University

Carmel

"Keeping Faith: The Venture and Conditions of Trust"

Whereas we tend to think that trust is a contingent consequence of moral conduct guided by moral virtue, principles, or values, theorists as different as H. R. Niebuhr and Luhmann have suggested embracing a more transactional model that construes trust or distrust as a pre-existing framework intrinsic to our determination of what is moral or immoral. Giving attention to vigorous arguments about the nature, role, and significance of trust (with parallel interest in trustworthiness) that are available in recent political philosophy, organizational theory, and philosophical ethics, this paper invites conversation about trust as a moral resource for Christian ethics.

Convener: Mark Douglas, Columbia Theological Seminary

"Economic Justice for All: Twenty-Five Years Later"

Oak

Panelists: Thomas Massaro, S.J., Boston College School of Theology and Ministry
 Alexander Mikulich, Jesuit Social Research Institute, Loyola University New Orleans
 Christopher P. Vogt, St. John's University (NY)

In anticipation of the silver anniversary of the U.S. Catholic bishops' 1986 pastoral letter *Economic Justice for All*, this panel examines economic justice in the U.S. in light of this controversial and prophetic document. Topics covered include: where we are now in relation to EJA's benchmarks and recommendations; policies regarding low-income families (e.g. 1996 welfare reform law); the relationship between white privilege and economic inequality; the liturgy as a means of promoting moral formation and social change; community activist models for promoting social justice; and criticisms that EJA failed to articulate a spirituality integral to the promotion of social justice.

Convener: Mark J. Allman, Merrimack College

Ethics and Catholic Theology Interest Group

Cedar

"In Search of a Universal Ethics: A New Look at Natural Law"

Panelists: Stanley Hauerwas, The Divinity School of Duke University

M. Cathleen Kaveny, University of Notre Dame

Michael Sherwin, O.P., University of Fribourg, Switzerland

In June 2009, the Vatican's International Theological Commission released "In Search of a Universal Ethics: A New Look at Natural Law." The document addresses topics ranging from classical thought on nature, the wisdom of world religions, the common good and political order, and the theological basis for natural law. Our three distinguished panelists will offer their reflections on the document's significance for contemporary theological ethics.

Conveners: John Berkman, Regis College

William Mattison III, Catholic University of America

Scripture and Ethics Interest Group

Monterey

"Reading Allen Verhey Reading the Bible in the Strange World of Medicine"

Panelists: Joel Shuman, King's College

Sondra Wheeler, Wesley Theological Seminary

Respondent: Allen Verhey, Duke University

From *The Great Reversal* (1984) to *Remembering Jesus* (2002), Allen Verhey has worked with creativity and insight at the juncture of Scripture and ethics. Now, in *Reading the Bible in the Strange World of Medicine*, Verhey brings the strange new world within the Bible (Barth) to bear on the even stranger world of modern bioethics. This critical appreciation of Verhey's new work takes the measure of its contribution to ethical method and bioethics. Short papers by the panelists assess Verhey's book, followed by a brief response from Verhey. The final 50 minutes will be discussion among panelists and those attending.

Convener: Brent Laytham, North Park Theological Seminary

SJE: Philip Taraska, Duquesne University

San Jose

"Terrorism and the Physician's Participation in Torture: What say you, Halakha?"

SCE Respondent: Jean Bethke Elshtain, University of Chicago Divinity School

Whether in times of war or peace, the ethical dilemma of "dual loyalty" that exists for military physicians creates a tension that is difficult to balance. In the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT), are physicians ever justified in participating in torture? *Halakah* speaks of a duty to all, of following the dictates of the Torah, and to "not stand idly by the blood of your fellow" (Leviticus 19:16). Moreover, the concepts of *imitation Dei*, *rodef*, and "Whose blood is redder?" provide a framework through which this dialogue can be entered.

Convener: Hillel Gray, Emory University

SSME: "Islamic Ethics and the 'Other'"

Silicon Valley

Mohammad Hassan Khalil, University of Illinois

"What is Islamic Religious Pluralism?: Identifying Soteriological Boundaries and Exploring Ethical Implications"

Recent decades have witnessed intensifying discussions among Muslim thinkers regarding the fate of Others. This has given way to a unique debate, particularly evident in the context of Western scholarship, which pits inclusivists against pluralists. In the present study I identify some of the most influential modes of soteriological pluralism in contemporary Muslim discourse. I shall begin by examining the soteriological views of two seminal scholars whose writings are often employed in contemporary pluralist works, Muḥyī al-Dīn Ibn al-'Arabī (d. 638/1240) and Muḥammad Rashīd Ridā (d. 1935). In doing so, I shall highlight critical soteriological differences between these scholars and their pluralist supporters today.

Andrew F. March, Yale University

"Islamic Legal Theory and the Legitimacy of Secular Positive Law: Is Modern Religious Freedom Sufficient for the Shari'a 'Purpose' [Maqsid] of 'Preserving Religion'[Hifz al-din]?"

Perhaps the most popular trend in contemporary Islamic legal and political thought is to view shari'a as embodied not primarily in specific rules nor in terms of a painstaking, thorough extraction of those rules from the revelatory texts according to the methods of classical legal theory (*usul al-fiqh*), but rather as defined in terms of the overall "purposes" (*maqasid*) for which God revealed the law. The purpose of this paper is to examine some treatments of the meaning and extension of the Islamic legal purpose of protecting religion (*hifz al-din*), with an eye towards Islamic legal theorists' explicit or implicit encounter with modern liberal and secularist understandings of what it means to "protect religion."

Jamie Schillinger, St. Olaf College

"Al-Ghazali on Humility: Virtue, Reason, and Interreligious Dialogue"

Perhaps due to the growth of interaction between diverse individuals and the conflicts this makes possible, humility is increasingly a virtue of interest to Western secular ethicists; but the virtue has roots in religious traditions, including Islam, that are often ignored by philosophical ethicists. In this paper, three goals are pursued: I offer an interpretation of the virtue of humility (*tawadu'*) in the thought of Abu Hamid al-Ghazali, I defend that accounts' plausibility for contemporary Islamic and philosophical ethics, and I consider how the virtue might be put to work in contemporary interreligious dialogue.

Convener: Sohail Hashmi, Mt. Holyoke College

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| 4:48pm | Shabbat Candle Lighting | <i>On your own</i> |
| 5:45-6:45pm | SCE Presidential Address
President: Daniel K. Finn, Saint John's University, MN
"The Challenges of Interdisciplinary Ethical Discourse: Christian Ethics and Economics as a Test Case" | <i>Gateway Ballroom</i> |
| 6:45-8:00pm | SCE Presidential Reception | <i>Bayshore Ballroom, Foyer</i> |
| 7:00-7:45pm | Kabbalat Shabbat Services
<i>Kiddush & Hamotzi - optional</i> (Please bring your own <i>siddur</i> .)
Service is in Hebrew; all are welcomed. | <i>Silicon Valley</i> |
| 8:00-9:30pm | Shabbat Dinner
(Pre-registration required for dinner.) | <i>San Simeon</i> |

8:00-9:30pm

Interest and Working Groups I

Ethics and Law

San Carlos

Legal concerns for neutrality, analytical argumentation, and precedence seemingly attenuate the efficacy of prophetic voices within the law. Panelists Cathleen Kaveny, Bill O'Neill, and John Coleman will reflect on the functions of the prophetic discourse vis-à-vis moral outrage and political and legal order. Can, should, and in what capacities does the law create the conditions for the possibility of moral outrage? Does appeal to "evolving standards of decency" (e.g., *Roper v. Simmons*) provide a sufficient response? How might discussions between law, ethics, and theology contribute to the development of moral outrage as a prophetic, jurisprudential, and ethically coherent form of discourse?

Conveners: M. Cathleen Kaveny, University of Notre Dame Law School
Jonathan Rothchild, Loyola Marymount University

Fieldwork and Ethics

San Jose

"Fieldwork: The State of the Art"

In order for theological ethicists to undertake fieldwork with disciplinary integrity, we need to engage the anthropological literature on the subject. This is the aim of our session. The foundational text for the session is *Ethnographic Fieldwork: An Anthropological Reader*, edited by Antonius Robben and Jeffrey Sluka. The volume contains the latest and best anthropological thought on the subject of fieldwork. Panelists will present on the volume sections on fieldwork identity, fieldwork ethics, and reflexive ethnography. Session attendees can then join any one of the three conversations in a break-out period. We will then reconvene the three groups to share the major questions and issues that arose during the breakout period.

Conveners: Jennifer Beste, Xavier University
Todd Whitmore, University of Notre Dame

Health Care Ethics

Santa Clara

This session will focus on where the ethics of stem cell research and treatments are headed. Opening comments will be offered by former SCE President and Graduate Theological Union—Berkeley bioethics professor Karen Lebacqz, plus U.S. President's Council on Bioethics member and Stanford University professor William Hurlbut. Ethical issues to be addressed include: alternatives to the use of embryonic stem cells, use of animals in pre-clinical research, and the special challenges of stem cell use in human subjects, such as unknown risks, the need for life-long monitoring, and informed consent dilemmas. Animated discussion will undoubtedly follow the opening comments. There will also be time for personal updates from group members.

Conveners: John Kilner, Trinity International University
Gerald Winslow, Loma Linda University

Interrupting White Privilege

Carmel

This group gathers members of the SCE, SJE and SSME who are interested in probing the dynamics of white privilege and white racism in their work and lives; countering those dynamics; and teaching for critical consciousness and active resistance to white privilege and white racism. Sessions are for sharing ideas, resources, roadblocks, strategies; networking; and support. This second meeting of the interest group will build upon discussions emerging from its meeting in 2009 and from the 2008 Annual Meeting. This year's focus: methodologies for streamlining the topic of "interrupting white privilege" into ethics courses, including successes/best practices and strategies for overcoming obstacles.

Conveners: Jennifer Harvey, Drake University
Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Seattle University

Moral and Religious Psychology

*Monterey***"The Moral Challenges and Insights of Assessing Immigrant and Minority Students in Higher Education"**

Presenter: James Gubbins, Salem State College

The national assessment movement in higher education has heated up over the last decade. Stakeholders are increasingly seeking social scientific validation of learning outcomes and teaching methods. Leaders in higher education are pushing for more open access to higher education, greater affordability, and higher graduation rates. Analysis of most immigrant and minority student populations shows how (1) all these goals vie against each other and (2) the concept of effective love can make sense of these goals and provide a way forward for higher education. The concept of effective love rests on writings by Kierkegaard, Nussbaum, and developmental psychologists.

Convener: James P. Gubbins, Salem State College

Pedagogy and Ethics

Oak

Ethics and Political Economy

"Teaching about Economic Justice in the Ethics Classroom"

In a time of widening class inequality, increasing poverty, and a deepening recession, the Pedagogy and Ethics and Political Economy Interest Groups will look at best practices for addressing economic justice in the classroom. With an invited facilitator who specializes in teaching economic ethics and with the wisdom of those gathered in the room, we will share strategies, assignments, and teaching resources. Eschewing a formal panel presentation, this will be an informal workshop for cultivating our ongoing pedagogy. Prior to the meeting, syllabi and sample assignments will be collected via our listserv.

Conveners: James Bailey, Duquesne University (Ethics and Political Economy)
Kate Blanchard, Alma College (Ethics and Political Economy)
Jack Hill, Texas Christian University (Pedagogy and Ethics)
Laura Stivers, Pfeiffer University (Pedagogy and Ethics)

9:30pm**Junior Faculty Social***Meet in Lobby by Hotel Registration Desk*

7:15-8:45am **Breakfast with an Author** *Gateway Ballroom*
Buffet opens at 7:15; Discussion 7:45-8:45 (Pre-registration is required.)

Alexander, Paul, *Peace to War: Shifting Allegiances in the Assemblies of God* (Cascadia/Herald Press, 2009)

Facilitator: Michael Cartwright, University of Indianapolis

Allman, Mark J., *Who Would Jesus Kill? War, Peace and The Christian Tradition* (St. Mary's Press, 2008)

Facilitator: Brian D. Berry, College of Notre Dame of Maryland

Bunge, Marcia, Terence Fretheim, Beverly Roberts Garenta, Editors, *The Child in the Bible* (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2008)

Facilitator: Mark A. Tarpley, Southern Methodist University

Cessario, O.P., Romanus, *The Moral Virtues and Theological Ethics, Second Edition* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2008)

Facilitator: Patrick Flanagan, St. John's University, NY

Childs, James M., *The Way of Peace: Christian Life in the Face of Discord* (Fortress Press, 2008)

Facilitator: Ron Duty

Curran, Charles, Julie Hanlon Rubio, Editors, *Readings in Moral Theology 15: Marriage* (Paulist Press, 2009)

Facilitator: John P. Crossley, Jr., University of Southern California

De La Torre, Miguel, Editor, *Out of the Shadows, into the Light: The Church and Homosexuality* (Chalice Press, 2009)

Facilitator: Marie Vianney Bilgrien, S.S.N.D., New Orleans

Hicks, Douglas A., *With God on All Sides: Leadership in a Devout and Diverse America* (Oxford University Press, 2009)

Facilitator: Max L. Stackhouse, Princeton Theological Seminary

Iozzio, Mary Jo, Mary M. Doyle Roche, Elsie Miranda, Editors, *Calling for Justice Throughout the World: Catholic Women Theologians on the HIV/AIDS Pandemic* (Continuum, 2008)

Facilitator: William Joseph Buckley, Seattle University

Jones, Robert P., *Progressive & Religious: How Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Buddhist Leaders are Moving Beyond the Culture Wars and Transforming American Public Life* (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2008)

Facilitator: Scott R. Paeth, DePaul University

Lebacqz, Karen, Ted Peters, Gaymon Bennett, *Sacred Cells? Why Christians Should Support Stem Cell Research* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2008)

Facilitator: Virginia Landgraf, ATLA

Mattison III, William C., *Introducing Moral Theology: True Happiness and the Virtues* (Brazos Press, 2008)

Facilitator: Judith Merkle, Niagara University

Mudge, Lewis S., *The Gift of Responsibility: The Promise of Dialogue Among Christians, Jews, and Muslims* (Continuum, 2008)

Facilitator: Edward L. Long, Drew University (Emeritus)

Peters, Rebecca Todd, Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, Editors, *To Do Justice: A Guide for Progressive Christians* (Westminster/John Knox, 2008)

Facilitator: Judith W. Kay, University of Puget Sound

Schweiker, William, David E. Klemm, *Religion and the Human Future: An Essay on Theological Humanism* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2008)

Facilitator: Werner Wolbert, University of Salzburg

Wogaman, J. Philip, *Moral Dilemmas: An Introduction to Christian Ethics* (Westminster John Knox, 2009)

Facilitator: G. Clarke Chapman, Moravian College

7:30-8:45am

Student Breakfast with a Scholar
Serving starts at 7:30; Discussion 7:45-8:45
 (Pre-registration is required.)

Gateway Ballroom

8:15am-6:00pm

Exhibits Open

Bayshore Ballroom

8:15am-6:00pm

Conference Desk Open

Bayshore Foyer

9:00-10:30am

Concurrent Session IV

Theo A. Boer, Protestant Theological University/Dutch Health Department, The Hague *San Jose*
 "Euthanasia in a Welfare State: Experiences from the Review Procedure in The Netherlands"

In the Dutch euthanasia practice, the number of euthanasia cases has gone down but is on the rise again. Euthanasia is increasingly seen in terms of autonomous decisions of people facing a future loss of dignity (i.e., Alzheimer in an early stage) or experiencing an irreversible loss of meaning in their lives. Occasionally, loneliness and insufficient health care conditions form the background for a euthanasia request. In this paper, we will see how these developments are substantiated by and reflected in day-to-day euthanasia practice, by analyzing the ideological, social, and psychological aspects of 1200 euthanasia cases as reported by physicians in the years 2005-2009.

Convener: Mara Kelly-Zukowski, Felician College

KC Choi, Seton Hall University, New Jersey

Monterey

"Should Race Matter? A Constructive Theological-Ethical Assessment of the Post-Racial Ideal"

A familiar refrain now in American public discourse is that we have entered the much hoped for era of postracialism. This paper, however, challenges the viability of the postracial ideal. Despite its socially constructed quality, is race necessarily an illegitimate feature of human identity, individually and communally? Should racial identities always be treated as suspect? This paper explores how contemporary theological and philosophical reflections on political community may or may not serve as resources in addressing these questions. I will propose the value of racial affiliations as signifiers of diverse goods and narratives central to social and political flourishing.

Convener: Kathryn Lilla Cox, Saint John's University (MN)

Ann Gibson, Andrews University

Carmel

Charles Tidwell, Andrews University

"Ethical Issues in Faith-Based NGOs: A Cross-Cultural Perspective"

Because of recent ethical lapses, public corporations often take proactive steps to prevent ethical failures. However, not-for-profit, non-governmental, and especially faith-based organizations typically assume that they already practice ethical behavior. Yet, in order to survive, all require the trust of donors who often have a differing cultural perspective of appropriate ethical behavior. Ethical challenges to such organizations include affinity fraud, charismatic leadership, the use of volunteers, and cross-cultural issues such as hierarchy and transparency. Major recommendations include building strong boards and equipping them with the business and cross-cultural skills to cope with the ethical issues they face.

Convener: Andrew Flescher, State University of New York, Stony Brook

John Hart, Boston University School of Theology

Santa Clara

"Encountering ET: Cosmic Contact, Cosmic Charter"

As humanity ventures into outer space, the likelihood increases for terrestrial-extraterrestrial contact with other intelligent life. Contact will have social and ecological impacts. It will affect the human psyche and humans' perspectives on the human place on Earth and in the cosmos, much as did the Copernican and Darwinian revolutions. Prior to and during such engagement, humankind should reflect on potential human responsibilities toward extraterrestrial living beings, and devise ecologically responsible means to develop and use natural goods discovered on celestial bodies. A contextually evolving *Cosmic Charter* will be proposed to guide human consciousness and conduct in the cosmic commons.

Convener: Charles C. Camosy, Fordham University

Kristin E. Heyer, Santa Clara University

San Carlos

"Undocumented Immigration as Dehumanization: A Christian Anthropological Critique"

The failures of the present immigration system in the United States have issued dire consequences for persons on the move. The centrality of human dignity and agency in Christian ethics challenges discourse and practices driven by xenophobic fears, a market logic, and indifference to vulnerable populations. Drawing upon Margaret Farley's "obligating features of personhood," Catholic social encyclicals' principles of economic ethics, and Reinhold Niebuhr's collective egotism, this paper will elaborate the ways in which a Christian anthropology illuminates and critiques patterns of dehumanization vis à vis contemporary undocumented immigration to the U.S.

Convener: Kari-Shane Davis Zimmerman, College of St. Benedict

Richard B. Miller, Indiana University

San Juan

"Narcissistic Desire, Heterology, and Privatio Boni in Augustine's *Confessions*"

This paper examines how Augustine coordinates two accounts of evil in *Confessions*: evil as excessive attachment to temporal goods and evil as a deficiency of good. Grieving the passing of a childhood friend, Augustine confesses that his friendship was the fruit of a hollow, narcissistic *cupiditas* that confused changing for unchanging goods. From these facts we can see how evil as excess and as deficiency mutually inform each other. That insight can be sharpened by turning to Augustine's response to Monica's passing. Taken together, Augustine's responses illumine the meaning of evil, *caritas*, and an Augustinian ethics of other-regarding desire.

Convener: Charles R. Pinches, University of Scranton

Stephen J. Pope, Boston College

San Simeon

"Peace, Justice, and Reconciliation: Lessons from El Salvador"

This study examines various Christian responses to the goals, findings, and recommendations of several Latin American truth commissions, particularly concerning justice and reconciliation. This presentation argues that it is unhelpful to promote reconciliation without first attending to the truth of what happened between parties that are supposed to reconcile. Struggling societies can move to more significant forms of reconciliation by undertaking a serious commitment to truth and justice as well as to peace.

Convener: Marianne Farina, CSC, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology

John Wall, Rutgers University

Silicon Valley

"Ain't I a Person?" Reimagining Human Rights in Light of Childhood"

Though children constitute a third of humanity, the ethical groundings of "human rights" are traditionally and purposefully adult-centered. Because of national and international movements in the twentieth century, few would dispute that children do in practice have rights. But children's rights will never adequately help children – or human rights humanize humanity – until rights ethics itself is transformed in light of children's experiences. Just as feminism, womanism, and other movements have reimagined ethical norms, so also must a new "childism," now beyond autonomy, entitlement, need, or even agency to an expanding interdependent responsiveness to the gift of each irreducible human other.

Convener: Angela D. Sims, Saint Paul School of Theology

"Reconceiving Public Life"

Cedar

Panelists: Eric Gregory, Princeton University
Amy Laura Hall, Duke University
Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia
Ted Smith, Vanderbilt University

Respondent: Victor Anderson, Vanderbilt University

Questions around religion and public life have done much to structure the field of Christian ethics in recent decades. The last three years have seen a series of books trying to revise received understandings of these debates. Authors have questioned the nature and boundaries of the public, engaged different companion disciplines (e.g., ethnography, cultural history), suggested new genres, and more. This panel invites four authors to extend their own work, consider the projects of others, and propose some next directions for research in "religion and public life." The respondent will ask if there is anything new – and worth keeping - in the proposals. Open conversation will follow.

Convener: Jacob Goodson, The College of William & Mary

Environmental Ethics and Theology Interest Group

Oak

"Life Contributions of Jim Nash"

Panelists: Norman Faramelli, Boston University
Carol Robb, San Francisco Theological Seminary/ The Graduate Theological Union
Daniel Scheid, Duquesne University
Robert Stivers, Pacific Lutheran University

Jim Nash was an active member of the Environmental Ethics and Theology Interest Group from its start. His book, *Loving Nature*, is one of the most important works in the field. When he died in 2008 he was working on a book on frugality, which he called the subversive virtue. As an author, editor, teacher, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Council of Churches and, later, the Churches Center for Theology and Public Policy, his contribution is enormous. At the 2010 meeting we will honor the life work of Jim with a panel.

Convener: Andy Smith, Penn State University Great Valley

Liturgy and Ethics Interest Group

Sierra

Latino/a Working Group

"Communion at Friendship Park: Liturgy and Politics at the U.S.-Mexican Border"

Speaker: Jamie Gates, Center for Justice and Reconciliation, Point Loma Nazarene University, CA

Respondents: Miguel F. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology
Kelly S. Johnson, University of Dayton

Dr. Gates presents on two ongoing practices of liturgy and ethics in action at Friendship Park at the Tijuana border: the annual interfaith celebration of La Posadas Sin Fronteras, a para-liturgical event that plays of the ancient Mexican ritual of La Posada, and the practice of cross-border Eucharistic communion. In response to efforts by Homeland Security in 2008 to shut down the park and the border, the latter has become a form of nonviolent protests and has led to arrests. Theological analyses of and responses to these practices will be provided by Drs. De La Torre and Johnson.

Convener: M. Therese Lysaught, Marquette University (Liturgy and Ethics)

SJE: Joel Gereboff, Arizona State University

San Martin

"Shaming and Being Shame Faced: The Role of Shame in Jewish Moral, Legal, and Pedagogical Thought"

SCE Respondent: Darlene Fozard Weaver, Villanova University

This paper traces Jewish thinking that on the one hand condemns shaming others while also encouraging a sense of personal shame (*boshet*) for the religious and moral lives of children and adults. It examines 1. Halakhic writings which categorize "*boshet*," as a fine for embarrassing someone, 2. Early rabbinic aggadic comments that both condemn actions leading to "*bushah*," shaming of others, but also advocate "*boshet panim*," shamefacedness as a positive virtue, 3. medieval sifrei musar and 4. contemporary Jewish writings. The overall goal is to argue that having a sense of personal shame is a healthy moral character trait.

Convener: Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University

SSME: "Muslim Ethics: Tradition, Reform, and Resistance"

Riesling

Elizabeth M. Bucar, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

"Constructing Muslim Subjects with Liberal Illogics: Tehran as 'The Unlikely Sex Change Capital of the World'"

In this paper I seek to analyze what our surprise and discomfort at the status of sexual reassignment surgery (SRS) in Tehran can tell us about pervasive assumptions related to 1) Muslims as moral subjects, and 2) the meanings of sexual freedom. I focus on journalistic rhetoric to highlight how Iranians, as Muslim subjects, are constructed as always sexually repressed based on certain liberal norms that have become "commonsensical." Specifically, I argue the media construction of Tehran as the "unlikely sex change capital of the world" depends on the success of human rights discourse (specifically the LGBT rights model) at establishing a form of homonormativity.

Ayesha S. Chaudhry, Colgate University

"The Ethics of Marital Discipline in Pre-modern Qur'anic Exegesis"

In 2007, a German judge denied an expedited divorce to a German-Moroccan woman who was physically abused by her husband on the basis of the judge's interpretation of Qur'an 4:34. This case underscored the centrality of male authority and domestic violence as the present nexus of the discussions in gender and Islam. This paper takes male authority in marriage and domestic violence in Qur'anic exegesis as the focus of its study. The various approaches adopted within the pre-modern disciplines of Qur'anic exegesis are examined in order to consider whether the scholars in this field of study used the tools at their disposal to expand or restrict male/female power in marriage.

Nadia Mohamed Nader, University of California, Santa Barbara

"Neo-Mu'tazilism and the Reform Project"

In 833, the theological controversy between traditional ulema (usually referred to as Sunni Hanbalis) and rationalist theologians (usually referred to as Mu'tazilis) over the createdness of the Qur'an was institutionalized by the Abbasid state into an organized procedure known as the Mihna. My paper demonstrates how dogmatic theology impacted the development of Islamic legal institutions and doctrines, and how this development impacted Muslims' normative system of belief and their understanding of the ethical foundation of Islamic law.

Convener: Jamie Schillinger, St. Olaf College

10:30-11:00am

Break

Bayshore Ballroom

10:45am-12:30pm

Shabbat Service

Silicon Valley

Including discussion of Parashat Shemot (Exodus 1:1 - 6:1)

(Please bring your own *siddur*.)

Service is in Hebrew; all are welcomed.

11:00am-12:30pm

SCE Business Meeting

Gateway Ballroom

12:30-2:00pm **Lunch****12:30-2:00pm** **Women's Caucus** *Oak*
(Pre-registration needed for lunch.)

The women's caucus meeting is a time of meeting and connecting with colleagues, as well as discussing issues for women in the academy.

Conveners: Michelle Clifton-Soderstrom, North Park Theological Seminary
 Elizabeth Collier, Dominican University

12:30-2:00pm **Shabbat Lunch** (Pre-registration required.) *Boardroom***2:00-3:30pm** **Concurrent Session V**

John D. Carlson, Arizona State University *Silicon Valley*
"Whether Modern Warriors, Too, Will Have Souls: Moral Interiority and the Just War Tradition"

With military ethics programs unable to prevent misconduct during war, some have turned to more ethically reliable robots. Interestingly, both approaches appeal explicitly to just war principles. This paper argues that just war's public triumphs - as a secular professional ethic, theory of statecraft, and guide to technology - come at the expense of inner formation. Redressing this deficiency requires renewed focus on the rich yet conflicted realm of human motives, dispositions, and emotions, as discussed by Augustine, Luther, and Reinhold Niebuhr. But can these Augustinian resources help us reclaim just war's inner ethic and hone the conscience of today's warrior?

Convener: Theo A. Boer, Protestant Theological University

Alejandro Crosthwaite, O.P., Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas *Carmel*
"Open Borders? The European Experience and the North American Context"

Conventional wisdom holds that borders are increasingly outmoded in a globalized world. However, borders in North America and Europe are being reasserted through ambitious and innovative efforts to regulate the transnational movements of peoples. This paper examines the practice, politics and consequences of the Schengen Agreement within and outside the European Union and their possible implications for the North American context. As this paper contends, in a post 9/11 world, the free movement of people can be consistent with the reinforcement of national borders.

Convener: KC Choi, Seton Hall University, New Jersey

Jennifer Harvey, Drake University *Monterey*
"Which Way to Justice? Reconciliation and Reparations in (White) U.S. Protestantism"

Recent emergence of a "reparations paradigm" in some denominations challenges the "reconciliation paradigm" that has dominated U.S. Protestantism since the 1960s. By exploring white Protestant participation in the Civil Rights Movement and the rupture of white/Black relationships that came with the growth of Black Power, this paper will, first, argue that reconciliation has proven inadequate for contending with racism and that reparations are more likely to produce the results some Protestants seek. Second, this paper will analyze current reparations movements in the Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches (USA). The theo-ethical framework being utilized will be highlighted, with particular attention given to the problem of whiteness and white moral agency.

Convener: Jack Hill, Texas Christian University

M. Therese Lysaught, Marquette University

San Carlos

"Corporations, CROs and Profit: Ethics in the New Bio-Political Economy of Globalized Biomedical Research"

A main catalyst in the emergence of the bioethics was the abuse of human subjects. Theologians were key in shaping the normative principles for human subjects research (HSR). Yet, while HSR in 2009 differs dramatically from its shape in the 1960s and 1970s, changes which have occurred over the past two decades have received little theological analysis. This paper will consider the globalization of HSR to map the myriad challenges that the global, economic, industrial infrastructure of HSR presents to the standard principles of research ethics. Particular attention will be paid to the nature of the new agent of HSR-the corporation or contract research organization.

Convener: David McCurdy, Advocate Health Care/Elmhurst College

Christof Mandry, University of Erfurt, Faculty of Catholic Theology

San Jose

"Superabundance of the Gift and Ethic of Recognition: Contrast or Complementarity in Christian Ethics?"

The recent philosophical and theological debate on the gift tends either to underline the impossibility of the pure gift or to install it as a counter-paradigm to social thinking in terms of choice and exchange. In order to understand the foundations of social cohesion and of social dynamics, the paper proposes to interpret the theme of the gift as complementing the paradigm of recognition. Reflecting on Ricoeur's critique of the centrality of the "struggle" for the understanding of recognition it argues for a new interpretation of the "economy of the gift" in Christian social ethics.

Convener: John A. Wall, Rutgers University

Esther D. Reed, University of Exeter, UK

Santa Clara

"Refugee Rights and State Sovereignty: Theological Perspectives on the Status of Borders"

There is a relative dearth of theological contribution to present-day discussion about the status of borders. Secularist discourse tends to divide between 'partialists' and 'impartialists'. Partialists work with an ideal of states as distinct cultural communities which justifies priority for the interests of citizens over refugees.

Impartialists work with an ideal of states as cosmopolitan agents which take into account equally the interests of citizens and refugees. The aim of the paper is to show how selected biblical texts help to rethink these categories, and offer different ways of construing the meaning of borders.

Convener: John P. Crossley, Jr., University of Southern California

Emily Reimer-Barry, University of San Diego

San Juan

"HIV Prevention for Incarcerated Populations: A Common Good Approach"

This paper explores the complex problem of HIV infection among U.S. prisoners from a common good approach rooted in Catholic social teachings. This approach attends to both the integral good of each individual prisoner and to the flourishing of the community as a whole. An approach rooted in the common good yields fruitful policy recommendations for HIV prevention interventions and provides a helpful methodology for interdisciplinary work in theological ethics, public health, and public policy.

Convener: Lloyd Steffen, Lehigh University

Andrey Shirin, American University in Moscow

San Martin

"God, Caesar, Law and Business: Toward Fresh Approaches to the Roles of Government and Law in Business Practices in Modern Russia"

In the past fifteen years a few of books on business ethics have been published in Russia. These books have obvious structural similarities, which suggest that Western and Russian business people operate with similar values. Yet some of the things that transpired in Russia during the last few years suggest that Russian business people may operate out of somewhat different values. This paper will explore the general value similarities and differences between Western and Russian business practices and trace some of their origins to Protestant Reformation and Russian Orthodoxy, respectively.

Convener: Virginia Landgraf, ATLA

Mark A. Tarpley, Southern Methodist University

San Simeon

"Environmental Care, Deification, and Gregory of Nazianzus: A Christian Voice from the East on Ecology and Responsibility"

The dominant "stewardship" model of exercising moral responsibility over the environment provides a limited Christian approach in which God's role is mediated by moral prescriptions and care for the environment is a by-product of the soteriological process. Gregory of Nazianzus (330-389), however, offers a different model that re-centers God's role in the care of the environment and integrates environmental care into the soteriological process. This undertaking is initiated in Christ who, in being baptized, "brings the cosmos up with him" (Or. 39.16), and this process is fulfilled in our own appropriation of the work of Christ in our daily living.

Convener: Hak Joon Lee, New Brunswick Theological Seminary

Ethics of Sexuality/Gay and Lesbian Issues Interest Groups

Sierra

Speaker: Jon Paul Sydnor, Emmanuel College

Transgenderism is a little understood and much mythologized aspect of human sexuality. Science has only recently recognized the issue, Scripture offers little guidance, tradition offers almost none. Dr. Jon Paul Sydnor, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Emmanuel College will present a progressive Christian medical ethics analysis of the emerging issue of transgenderism. The Ethics of Sexuality/Gay and Lesbian interest groups will prepare for the presentation and discussion session by reading a selection of current articles (TBA) on the issue from scriptural, theological, and sexual health literature.

Conveners: Robert Huttmeier, Drew University - Gay and Lesbian Issues
Kathryn Ott, Yale University - Ethics of Sexuality

African and African-American Working Group

Cedar

Panelists: Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University Divinity School
Anthony Pinn, Rice University

"Cultural Capital and Cultivating Our Craft: Self-Identity and the Job Market"

This session fosters dialogue among senior scholars, junior scholars, and graduate students on cultivating professional academic relationships and articulating one's vocational identity within the job market and the wider academic community. This session will allow senior scholars to highlight particular strategies that may be useful for junior scholars and graduate students who are approaching the job market or who may be struggling with questions of vocational identity within the academy. This session will focus on central questions such as: How can I develop cultural capital within the wider academic community? Is my own vocational identity central to cultivating my craft as an intellectual and academic? How is self-identity and cultural capital related to the job market?

Conveners: Keri Day, Brite Divinity School
Cheryl Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University Divinity School

SJE: Geoffrey Claussen, Jewish Theological Seminary of America

Riesling

"Sharing the Burden: Rabbi Simhah Zissel Ziv on Love and Empathy"

SCE Respondent: Diana Fritz Cates, University of Iowa

Rabbi Simhah Zissel Ziv of Kelm, Lithuania was one of the early leaders of the Musar Movement, a pietistic religious movement in 19th century Europe which attempted to place concerns with moral character at the center of Jewish life. This paper will introduce Simhah Zissel's virtue-centered approach to the Torah's central commandment, that one "love one's fellow as oneself," and it will analyze the moral quality which Simhah Zissel singled out as the highest of virtues: "sharing the burden of one's fellow" (Mishnah Pirkei Avot 6:6), a form of love characterized by empathy and responsiveness.

Convener: Louis Newman, Carleton College

SSME: Roundtable Discussion: "Teaching Muslim Ethics in American Higher Education" *Zinfandel*

Panelists: Marianne Farina, Graduate Theological Union
Sohail Hashmi, Mt. Holyoke College
Simeon Ilesanmi, Wake Forest University

Convener: Liyakat Takim, University of Denver

3:30-4:00pm **Break** *Bayshore Ballroom*

4:00-5:30pm **Plenary** *Gateway Ballroom*

"A Typology of Christian Ethics: A Brief Conversation between Chinese and American Christians"

Speaker: Jian-Guo Wang, Rockville Evangelical Mission Church, Rockville, MD

Respondent: Regina W. Wolfe, Institute for Business and Professional Ethics, DePaul University

Convener: Irene Oh, The George Washington University

5:49pm *Havdallah* *On your own*

5:45-7:00pm Catholic Eucharist *Sierra*

7:30-7:45pm "Money Money Money": An original dance/theater piece *Oak*
 Destiny Arts Youth Performance Company

Most of us understand the nature of fiscal policy—the management of income and expenses—but very few of us, especially our youth, understand monetary policy and the way that it affects every aspect of our lives. The Destiny Arts Youth Performance Company, a multicultural group of talented teen performers from Destiny Arts Center, an arts education/violence prevention center for youth in Oakland, will present a performance that explores the mysteries of current monetary policy and the potential for phenomenal social change if the system is modified. The piece promises to provide opportunity for lively discussion, reflection and action.

8:00-9:30pm **Interest and Working Groups II**

Latino/a Working Group *San Jose*

The Latino Working Group will hold a business meeting to discuss how it should organize itself. Specifically it will meet to determine to discuss the selection of conveners, term limits, etc. Additionally, it will explore contents for future meeting. After the business meeting, there will be an opportunity for networking.

Conveners: Miguel De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology
 Ramón Luzárraga, University of Dayton

Literature and Literary Theory *Santa Clara*

"William Blake: Prophet as Ethicist, Ethicist as Prophet"

With the last 45 minutes reserved for open discussion, the session will begin with two brief presentations. Emily Merriman, a guest speaker who teaches literature at San Francisco State University, will discuss "Poets in the Public Square," offering remarks that build upon her analysis of William Blake and Geoffrey Hill in the March 2009 issue of the *Journal of Religious Ethics*. SCE member Christopher Steck, S.J. (Georgetown University), will then draw upon Blake to consider "The Limitations of Current Reflection in Religious Ethics." JRE 37.1 contains four essays exploring Blake in relation to ethics, all available gratis at <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/121639170/issue>

Conveners: Gerald McKenny, University of Notre Dame
 Todd Whitmore, University of Notre Dame
 Diane Yeager, Georgetown University

Covenantal Ethics *Carmel*

Speaker: William Schweiker, University of Chicago

William Schweiker, Edward L. Ryerson Distinguished Service Professor of Theological Ethics at the University of Chicago, will speak on the ethics of responsibility and its relation to covenant. He will suggest directions of thought and needed revisions in the covenant traditions for the purpose of the "ethics of responsibility for the integrity of life."

Conveners: Douglas F. Ottati, Davidson College
 Douglas J. Schuurman, St. Olaf College

Evangelical Ethics

Monterey

The Interest Group topic this year is "sanctity of life," with the discussion initiated by David Gushee using arguments from his *The Sanctity of Life*. A theological-biblical-philosophical overview is followed by consideration of how certain segments of evangelicalism use the term and the extent to which an expanded understanding of the concept could serve the ethical discourse of the church and political engagement with the broader society. Two group participants (one non-U.S.) serve as both respondents and observers of the use of the term in American discourse. The session includes brief discussion by participants of their own current projects.

Conveners: Wyndy Corbin Reuschling, Ashland Theological Seminary
James R. Thobaben, Asbury Theological Seminary

Families and the Social Order

San Carlos

Alex Mikulich of the Jesuit Social Research Institute in New Orleans, Melanie Harris of Texas Christian University, and Traci West of Drew University will join us for a conversation on African American families after the election of President Obama. How do current social structures impact African American families? How might African American experiences shape Christian family ethics?

Conveners: Florence Caffrey Bourg, Sacred Heart High School/Loyola
Julie Hanlon Rubio, St. Louis University

Monetary Policy

San Juan

It is highly recommended that those attending this session first see the Destiny Arts Youth Performance Company of Oakland at 7:30 presenting its original dance/theatre piece on monetary policy. This will vividly raise issues for our Interest Group to consider. All are invited to free-wheeling discussion regarding our little-understood money system with its enormous capacity for ill or for good, stemming from the power to create money out of nothing! While advance reading on the issue, perhaps in Ellen Hodgson Brown's *The Web of Debt* or in her website, www.webofdebt.com, would be helpful, no expertise is required for participation.

Convener: George Crowell, University of Windsor (retired)

Sunday **SCE Board/SJE Bus Mtg/Worship/CS VI** **6:45-10:30am**

6:45-8:30am	SCE Board Meeting Breakfast at 6:45; Meeting 7:00-8:30	<i>San Simeon</i>
7:45-8:45am	SJE Business Meeting (bagels provided)	<i>Zinfandel</i>
8:00-8:45am	Ecumenical Worship Service	<i>Oak</i>
8:30-11:00am	Registration Desk Open	<i>Bayshore Foyer</i>
8:30-11:00am	Exhibits Open	<i>Bayshore Ballroom</i>
9:00-10:30am	Concurrent Session VI	

Paul Alexander, Azusa Pacific University

Santa Clara

Robert Welsh, Azusa Pacific University

"Risking Death for the Love of God: The Theological Ethics of Pentecostals Engaged in High Risk Social Action"

Based on qualitative research using grounded theory methodology, I explore the theological ethics of Pentecostals engaged in high risk peace and justice work in areas where their lives or health are endangered. This theological-psychological study yields insight into ways that theology and experience influence and sustain the risk-taking and nonviolent ethics of Pentecostals engaged in social action. Christomorphic (transformed/shaped like Jesus) pneumatology (the work of the Holy Spirit) provides a theo-ethical framework for our study of peacemakers and justice-seekers who risk their health and lives for others because they see themselves as shaped by Jesus and empowered by the Spirit.

Convener: Stephen Mott

John J. Anderson, Loyola University Chicago

San Martin

"From Consumers to Subjects: The Implications of 'Sexting' for Christian Sexual Ethics in the Digital Era"

Sexting - sending nude or semi-nude photos of oneself with a cell phone - is a growing trend among adolescents. This trend in pornography, however, cannot be adequately evaluated by current research. Pornography research often focuses on the effects of *consuming* pornography, but sexting allows adolescents to make themselves (intentionally or unintentionally) pornographic *subjects* in online social communities. This paper focuses on how such a shift in the ways adolescents interact with pornography poses a challenge to Christian sexual ethics in a digital age, and asks whether embodiment theories (e.g. James Nelson) can satisfactorily address cyber-sexual phenomena like sexting.

Convener: Meghan J. Clark, Saint Anselm College

David Clough, University of Chester, UK

San Jose

"The Future of the Animal in Christian Ethics: Beyond a Politically Motivated Silence"

For the most part, Christian ethics has accepted the exclusive Enlightenment identification of moral value with human persons. This paper argues on theological grounds that such a view is not sustainable and that Christians must now recognize the fundamental solidarity of human beings with other animals. The reason ethicists have been slow to recognize this is at root political - no surprise given the political motivations for oppression on grounds of race or gender. It is now time to recognize economic gain from exploitation of other animals should not silence rigorous theological and ethical attention to the question of the animal.

Convener: T.L. Gray, Vanderbilt University

Neil Messer, University of Winchester

San Juan

"Towards a Theological Understanding of Health and Disease"

Concepts of health and disease are foundational to biomedical ethics, present under the surface of arguments about many bioethical issues, but remain highly contested. This paper engages critically with a range of philosophical and bioethical models of health, and with theological analyses of such models, and outlines a theological understanding of health and disease. It is argued that a theologically satisfactory account of health and disease must be teleological in character, and that the teleology that is needed must be learned from what has been disclosed of God's good purposes for human creatures in and through Christ.

Convener: William Joseph Buckley, Seattle University

Kate M. Ott, Religious Institute on Sexual Morality, Justice, and Healing

Silicon Valley

"Ethics of Abortion: Considerations of Community, Choice, and Responsibility"

Despite recent attempts to find "common ground," policy debate continues to see pro-life and pro-choice religiously-identified groups base their ethical analysis of abortion on absolutist moral principles. Both can perpetuate a non-relational anthropology and divorce acts of moral agency from responsibilities to one's self, family, or community. This paper will discuss the benefits and detriments of seeking common ground on abortion related policies that disproportionately affect young women of ethnic/racial minorities. Moving from common ground to common good arguments, I develop an ethic of responsibility that addresses personal and community duties grounded in norms of justice, bodily integrity, and mutuality.

Convener: Carol Robb, San Francisco Theological Seminary/ The Graduate Theological Union

Scott R. Paeth, DePaul University

Sierra

"Eight Is Enough: Ethical Implications of the California Octuplet Case"

The recent California octuplets case raises a number of important issues that need to be addressed in the context of the increasingly widespread practice of *in-vitro* fertilization. This paper explores some of those issues as looked at from the perspective of protestant theological ethics and public theology, examining the moral responsibilities of the various participants in the process, both before and after the octuplets' birth, including the mother, her doctors, the health care bureaucracy, the wider society, and the media. Each of these participants failed in significant respects to consider the ethical implications of the births in this complicated case.

Convener: Gerald Winslow, Loma Linda University Medical Center

Jean Porter, University of Notre Dame

Pine

"The Natural Law and Innovative Forms of Marriage: A Reconsideration"

This paper explores the implications of a natural law account of marriage for the gay marriage controversy, starting from the concept of the natural law developed by scholastic jurists and theologians in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. Admittedly, this may seem like an unpromising starting point for a sexual ethic for the twenty-first century. Yet the scholastics' views on sexuality had more in common with our own than we might suppose – not only with respect to their substantive positions, but also with respect to their uncertainties, ambiguities, and questions. It is these latter, especially, which open up fruitful points of contact between their views of marriage, and our own.

Convener: James T. Bretzke, S.J., Boston College School of Theology & Ministry

Julie Hanlon Rubio, St. Louis University

Monterey

"Moral Cooperation with Evil and Social Ethics"

This paper explores the possibilities for retrieving the concept of moral cooperation with evil for Christian social ethics. It begins with an exploration of the history of the concept and then argues that while discussions of social sin in political and environmental ethics correctly identify the problem of complicity, they fail to provide a way to distinguish among competing goods or evils. The author returns to the moral manuals for an understanding of cooperation that acknowledges the difficulties of finite human beings making choices in a complex world, but recognizes a duty to identify evil and avoid furthering it.

Convener: David Cloutier, Mount Saint Mary's University

Sharon M. Tan, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

Carmel

"Complex Integrity: An Approach to Moral Agency for Asian Americans"

This presentation constructs an approach to moral agency from the perspective of Asian Americans, who often experience both blended and dissonant cultures and norms, simultaneous racial privilege and discrimination, and simultaneous marginalization and exemplarization. "Complex integrity" as a character trait could assist Asian Americans navigate the conflicting cultural and moral responsibilities they face. Whilst one with "simple integrity" maintains a dogmatic consistency of belief, voice and action, one with complex integrity acknowledges multiple sources of moral knowledge, multiple moral responsibilities, and constructs integrity through weaving a moral narrative that guides and motivates one in moral action toward a desired future

Convener: Christine Firer Hinze, Fordham University

Restorative Justice Interest Group

Fir

"Empowering Christian Congregations for the Practice of Restorative Justice in the Community – Experience-Based Strategies for Transformation"

Speaker: Rev. Jean Greenwood, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities; Dispute Resolution Institute, Hamline University School of Law

Rev. Jean Greenwood, ordained Presbyterian Clergywoman, well-known early proponent, practitioner and teacher of Restorative Justice practices, will explore with us how Christian congregations might take up the vocation of fostering transformative reparative action and reconciliation in the wider community to serve the common good on issues of crime, wrong-doing and the legacy of social sins in America's past. She writes, "Restorative justice grows out of the heart of religious experience, and allows people of faith to move from preaching reconciliation to participating.... Restorative Justice is a gift that transforms us as it invites others to experience the reality of restoration."

Convener: Howard J. Vogel, Hamline University School of Law

Latino/a Working Group

Oak

African-American and African Interest Group

"Liberation Ethics, Global Economics and U.S. Public Policy"

Panelists: Michael Castro, Iliff School of Theology

Keri Day, Brite Divinity School

Michael-Ray Matthews, Activist, P.I.C.O.

Respondent: Ana Bedard, Loyola University Chicago

This joint session focuses on the future of liberation ethics in light of global economics and, in particular, the manner in which U.S. policy either reinforces globally destructive economic practices or provides relief for communities around the world most affected by neo-liberal market forces. Panelists in this session will articulate how liberation ethics in the 21st century can address global economic practices, attitudes, and habits in light of poverty, multi-national corporations, HIV/AIDS, international trading, and the like. This session will also invite scholars to dialogue about issues related to global economics and how liberationist scholars and faith communities can critique U.S. public policy in efforts to lobby for more humane policy measures.

Conveners: Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology

Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University Divinity School

SJE: Charlotte Elisheva Fonrobert, Stanford University*San Carlos*

"The Making of Jewish Gender: Normative Gender Roles versus Diverse Sexual Identities"

SCE Respondent: Kathryn Blanchard, Alma College

Jewish legal traditions have predominantly been committed to shaping what can be identified as a dual gender-grid. The social vision that *halakhah* or Jewish normative thinking projects aims to assign different and mostly complementary social roles to men and women, challenged since the seventies by Jewish feminism in the U.S. in particular.

What is, however, further remarkable is the attention that Jewish legal discourse from early on devotes to the recognition of sexually diverse people, whether dually or non-sexed, or differently sexed, who do not easily fit its idealized gender grid. Hence, traditional Jewish legal discourse offers both a challenge and an opportunity for the shaping of a Jewish ethical perspective on these gender issues.

Convener: Jonathan Schofer, Harvard Divinity School

SSME: Business Meeting*Boardroom***10:30am-12:00pm** *The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* Editorial Board *San Simeon*

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Christian Ethics and the Enlightenment

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Covenantal Ethics

Carmel

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Environmental Ethics and Theology

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Monterey

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Interrupting White Privilege

Carmel

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Monetary Policy

San Juan

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Monterey

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Oak

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