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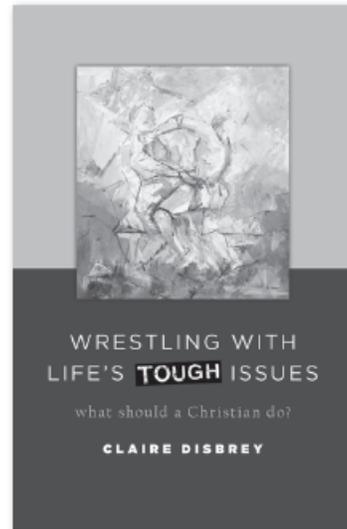
### WRESTLING WITH LIFE'S TOUGH ISSUES

*What Should a Christian Do?*

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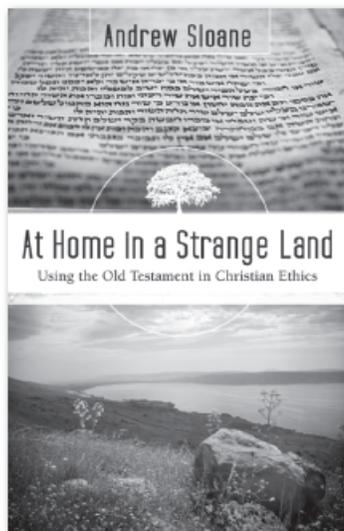
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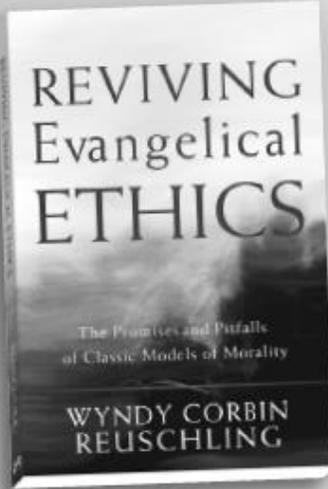
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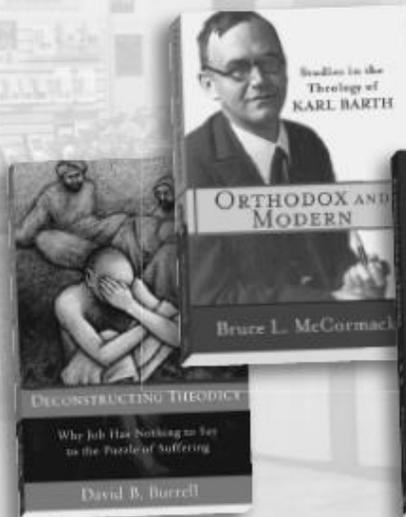
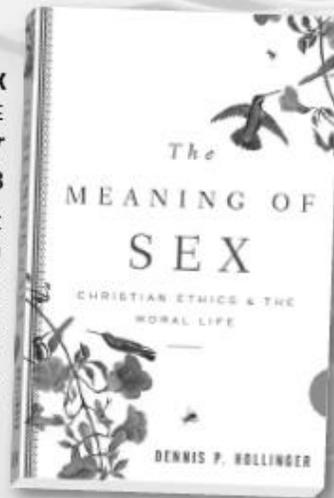
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3:30pm *Minchah*  
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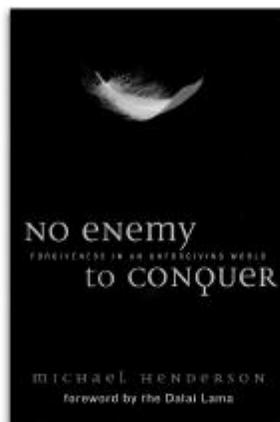
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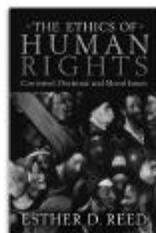
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**7:30-10:00pm** Lutheran Ethicists *Offsite: Cenacle Retreat and Conference Center*

**Thursday**

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**8:00am-10:00pm** Lutheran Ethicists *Offsite: Cenacle Retreat and Conference Center*

Theme: "Christian Ethics and Genetics"

Speakers: Ted Peters, Graduate Theological Union and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary  
 Gayle Woloschak, Northwestern University, and The Zygon Center for Religion and Science, Chicago  
 Roger Willer, ELCA-Church in Society, Chicago  
 Richard J. Perry, Jr., Lutheran Theological Seminary, Chicago  
 Respondent: Maura A. Ryan, University of Notre Dame

**8:30am-10:30am** SCE Finance Committee *Picasso*

**10:00am-9:00pm** SCE/SJE Registration Desk Open *Regency Ballroom Foyer*

**11:00am-1:00pm** Consultation on Developing International Ties *Acapulco*

**1:00-5:00pm** Theology and Ethics Writers *Haymarket*

A small invited group (of six members) whose purpose is to foster and support each person's research and publishing efforts. Articles, book chapters, research and book proposals, etc., in various stages of completion, are circulated to all participants in advance. During the meeting we discuss each person's submission (one per person), provide critiques, and offer suggestions for improvement. The endeavor is a learning experience for all, a means by which we encourage and prod each other's research, and an opportunity to benefit from ongoing conversations about topics and projects of mutual interest.

Convener: James Calvin Davis, Middlebury College

**1:00-5:00pm** Wesleyan/Methodist Ethicists *Water Tower*

**1:00-5:30pm** SCE Board Meeting *Soldier Field*

**1:30-6:00pm** The University of Chicago Writers *San Francisco*

**3:00-10:00pm** Baptist Ethicists *New Orleans*

**6:00-8:00pm** "Bridging the Divide between Church and Academy: Progressive Ethicists and Pastors in Conversation" *Regency C*

This special session related to themes emerging in *To Do Justice: A Guide for Progressive Christians* (WJKP 2008) will provide an opportunity for pastors and ethicists to be in conversation about ways in which we can work together to develop and promote a progressive strategy for the social witness of churches in the public sphere. Local pastors in the Chicago area and other members of the SCE are encouraged to attend. The format for the session will include brief panel presentations given by ethicists and pastors, roundtable discussion, and time for questions and feedback.

Conveners: Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, Bellarmine University  
 Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University

**6:30-8:30pm** SJE Board Meeting *Picasso*

**Thursday**

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**8:00-10:00pm** "Sexuality Education for Religious Professionals and Clergy Project" *Regency D*  
8:00pm Reception begins, 8:30pm Program

The Religious Institute on Sexual Morality, Justice, and Healing and Union Theological Seminary will release their groundbreaking study on how emerging religious professionals are and can be better prepared to deal with sexuality issues. The report includes research on the curricula and cultures of a sample of U.S. seminaries representing a broad spectrum of religious affiliations. The research also identifies the characteristics of a sexually healthy and responsible seminary, best practices and future directions for seminaries, denominations, and ongoing education.

We invite you to a reception to celebrate the release of the report and discuss future directions for this work.

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

**8:00-10:00pm** Presbyterian Ethicists *Gold Coast*

7:15-8:45am	Union Theological Seminary Alumni/ae Breakfast	<i>Comiskey</i>
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8:00-9:00am	International Speaker Fund Committee	<i>Hong Kong</i>
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"Where is the Moral Outrage?"

Speaker: Jeremiah Wright, Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago IL

Respondents: Marcia Riggs, Columbia Theological Seminary  
J. Philip Wogaman, Wesley Theological Seminary

Convener: Darryl M. Trimiew, Medgar Evers College

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"Globalizing Niebuhr: The Relevance of HRN in Asian and Asian-American Contexts"

Panelists: Joyce Shin, University of Chicago

Kevin Jung, Wake Forest University

Sunghihn Yim, Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary, Korea

Respondent: Kristine A. Culp, University of Chicago

In view of recent approaches to moral and cultural pluralism, Jung appropriates Niebuhr's view of value and history to argue that pluralism must lead to a rediscovery of our relational self through the transformation of our own value systems and sense of history. Shin addresses the moral challenge of integrating commitments to multiple cultural communities, drawing upon an aesthetic interpretation of Niebuhr's conception of faith. Yim appropriates Niebuhr's ethics of response to address contemporary socio-political problems facing the Korean church.

Convener: Grace Y. Kao, Virginia Tech

Elizabeth Agnew Cochran, Duquesne University	<i>Buckingham</i>
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"The Moral Beauty of Assent: Retrieving Stoic Virtue Theory for Christian Ethics"

Although Stoic thought has shaped the Christian tradition in decisive ways, Christian ethicists largely overlook the insights Stoicism offers for contemporary Christian discussion of virtue. This essay expands and differentiates our retrieval of ancient ethics of virtue by exploring Stoic "assent" and its possible intersections with Christian ethics.

Rather than being tragically fatalistic, Stoic assent functions as a response to divine providence that is compatible with a Christian understanding of creatureliness. An assent-based ethic conceives moral agency as simultaneously free and dependent upon God's grace and offers a mechanism for responding morally to experiences of suffering that make us aware of human fragility.

Convener: Brent Waters, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Patrick M. Clark, University of Notre Dame	<i>Haymarket</i>
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"Is Martyrdom Virtuous? An Occasion for Rethinking the Relation of Christ and Virtue in Aquinas"

In his *Nicomachean Ethics*, Aristotle argues that while most violent deaths are shameful, death in battle can be highly virtuous. Thomas Aquinas, on the other hand, considers the publicly humiliating death of the martyr to be the highest exemplification of courage. Can Aquinas do so without substantial divergence from his Aristotelian virtue theory? In this paper I argue that Aquinas' notion of virtue presupposes an understanding of Christ as the ultimate ground for the determination of human excellence. This primacy comes out most clearly in Aquinas' treatment of Jesus' death, which grants martyrdom its status as both the highest instance of courage and 'the greatest proof of the perfection of charity.'

Convener: Victor Lee Austin, Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, New York

Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology

*Columbian***"Rejecting Euroamerican Ethics for a Latino/a Ethics of Jodiendo"**

Eurocentric discourse on ethics is damning to the Latino/as. The focus of this paper is to analyze three twentieth century Eurocentric ethicists (Rauschenbusch, R. Niebuhr, Hauerwas) to examine their complicity with empire, and thus their opposition to marginalized communities. True, they challenged and critiqued the empire but in the final analysis, Euroamerican ethicists contributed to undergirding racial and ethnic assumptions that provided justification for the empire. I suggest a liberative ethics which I call an ethics "para joder," literally "to screw with." Because the Latino/a community stand before the vastness of neoliberalism, little hope for radical change provides few ethical alternatives. When Hispanics starts to joder, it literally creates instability, it is an ethics that upsets the prevailing social order designed to maintain empire.

Convener: Angela Sims, St. Paul School of Theology

Laura M. Hartman, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL

*Wrigley***"Consuming Christ: The Role of Jesus in Christian Food Ethics"**

In the early church, conflicts over eating – which foods were unclean, and the proper practice of the agape meal – sparked controversy. Today, Christians continue to debate food, asking about appropriate eating in a world where many go hungry and on a planet harmed by industrial farming and overconsumption of resources. Christ, I argue, holds an important place in Christian eating – as a model to be emulated and as a presence to be encountered (and, indeed, consumed). This paper sketches the parameters of a Christian food ethics, drawing upon ancient and contemporary sources and an incarnational, Christ-centered theology.

Convener: David Cunningham, Hope College

Willis Jenkins, Yale Divinity School

*Gold Coast***"Environmental Racism, Sustainability, and the Problem of Place for Christian Social Thought: Toward Neighborhood Ethics"**

This paper argues that inadequate treatments of racism in public environmental thought and hesitant engagements with sustainability in Christian thought may have a common root: impoverished notions of place. If so, then fuller attention to place-based environmental justice and urban renewal movements may point Christian ethics toward fuller responses to the local-global tension of sustainability issues. I explore "neighborhood" as a membership and planning concept apt for theological attention to geography.

Convener: Laura Yordy, Bridgewater College

John Kelsay, Florida State University

*Atlanta***"Predestination and Theological Ethics: Abu'l-Hasan al-Ash`ari and the Divine Decree"**

Abu'l-Hasan al-Ash`ari (d. 935) is one of the most significant figures in the history of (Sunni) Muslim theology. In this paper, I focus on the relationship between al-Ash`ari's account of the divine decree and two questions of religious-political practice: "who is a believer?" and "who should lead the Muslim community?" These questions dominated Muslim discourse in al-Ash`ari's day; in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, they are again central. I conclude by noting some of the ways in which al-Ash`ari's discourse provides insight into Christian, as well as Muslim ethics.

Convener: William Buckley, Seattle University

Mathias Nebel, Von Hügel Institute, University of Cambridge, UK

*New Orleans***"Power Plays Between Social Identities"**

This paper looks into the relationship between social identities and power plays. As a member of a community, our identity is socially crafted. We assume that these identities are not «powerless», but come entwined with power over other people from the same society (Foucault). Our research pays special attention to the struggle through which these social identities emerge in one particular pecking order and remain so or do change over time (Lukes). What is more, the paper shall try to point out the moral limits of these struggles (Farmer).

Convener: Judith Merkle, Niagara University

Edward R. Sunshine, Barry University

*Picasso*

"Avoid (Intrinsic) Evil or Do (Proportionate) Good? Menstrual Suppression and Solitary Sex for Reasons of Health"

Anthropological and medical evidence indicates regular ovulation can lead to increased rates of ovarian and uterine cancers and use of the pill to suppress menstruation can lower those rates in women. Statistical studies suggest regular ejaculation, especially masturbation, can lower the incidence of prostate cancer in men.

Both findings challenge Roman Catholic Church teaching on "intrinsic evil" but are also potential candidates for application of the Principle of Double Effect. The purpose of this paper is to discuss the range and limit of "intrinsic evil" and "double effect" and the response of Church leaders in the internal and external fora.

Convener: Mara Kelly-Zukowski, Felician College

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*Acapulco*

Rick Axtell, Centre College

"Living in Hope in Kentucky: An Assessment of the Hope VI Redevelopment Project"

This paper examines the state of affordable housing for the poor in the United States through the lens of Louisville, Kentucky's second HOPE VI project. HOPE VI promised a full transformation of the nation's most distressed public housing projects. We explore citizen advocacy in Louisville and the costs and benefits of HOPE VI for the former residents.

Convener: Paul D. Simmons, University of Louisville

Darlene Fozard Weaver, Villanova University

*San Francisco*

"Forgiving Oneself"

Recent scholarship links self-forgiveness to self-respect, understood as taking responsibility for moral wrongdoing and refusing to regard it as morally determinative. However, as the moral *occasion* for self-forgiveness, damaged self-respect neglects the "moral self-hatred" and grief our wrongdoing may occasion and neglects the role our moral communities play. As its moral *motivation*, self-respect lacks the affective nuance self-forgiveness requires. Christian accounts of forgiveness retain a robust sense of responsibility, account for grief over moral loss, challenge the impropriety of moral self-hatred, and invite an encounter with Christ that both extends a fitting remorse and locates us in a communal context of healing.

Convener: David Cloutier, Mount Saint Mary's University

SJE Practical Ethics Deliberation

*Soldier Field*

Moses Pava, Yeshiva University

"Loving the Stranger: A Dialogue on Immigrant Labor"

The relationship between employers and employees has come under intense scrutiny and examination in the American Jewish community in response to allegations against one of the major kosher meatpacking companies. This session will identify the salient issues concerning the rights and obligations of labor both in this specific case and in other contexts as well. Practically, how should we act as owners, managers, employees, etc.? How has the Jewish community responded? How should the community respond? These and other questions will be examined through discussion and text study in light of Jewish ethical aspirations.

Convener: Jonathan Schofer, Harvard University

**12:30-2:00pm**      **Lunch**

**12:45-2:00pm**      **JRE Editorial Board**

*Comiskey*

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

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, with experienced individuals offering advice on the issues of publishing and teaching.

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

Conveners: AnneMarie Mingo, Emory University  
Lauren MacKinnon, Graduate Theological Union

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

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/>).

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

**2:00-3:30pm Concurrent Session II**

Elizabeth M. Bucar, University of North Carolina, Greensboro *Soldier Field*  
"Ethical Genre in the Digital Age: The Case of Reading Weblogs in Tehran"

Weblogs are emerging as an important forum for personal expression, community debate, and political leadership in the contemporary world. Ethicists, therefore, might wonder if and how weblogs function as a source for scholarly work in religious ethics. This paper uses Persian language weblogs posted in the Islamic Republic of Iran as a case study for exploring the ways in which weblogs represent a distinct ethical genre that is helpful for understanding the relationship between politics, moral discourse, and the production of religious knowledge.

Convener: William Buckley, Seattle University

James M. Childs, Jr., Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio *Buckingham*  
"Eschatology, Anthropology, and Sexuality: A Metaethical Venture in Christian Sexual Ethics"

In many church body disputes over the moral status of same gender unions the last line defense against the affirmation of such unions is often an appeal to homosexual orientation as inherently "disordered," rendering same gender unions unacceptable regardless of the loving and just qualities they may embody. This paper challenges that traditional view on the basis of a biblical anthropology shaped by the eschatological orientation of the scriptures and further enhanced by contemporary Trinitarian discourse. Furthermore, this proposal raises a key metaethical question of the theological foundations that inform sexual ethics in general.

Convener: Keith Graber Miller, Goshen College

Mark G. Nixon, Fordham University *New Orleans*  
"Christian Ethics and the 'Changing Face of Economics:' We Need to Talk!"

This paper explores cutting edge research in economics that actively addresses moral considerations beyond axioms of narrowly conceived self interest. Three significant concepts in contemporary economics are evaluated with respect to their challenges to and implications for Christian ethics: "natural justice" theories that are derived from economic game theory; "adaptive rationality" and the inclusion of a "taste for social good" in consumer theory; and "co-evolution" and contextual approaches to ethical economic choices based on findings from experimental economics. The paper concludes with a discussion of possible responses from a Christian ethics perspective and potential areas for constructive dialogue.

Convener: Patrick Flanagan, St. John's University, New York

Christiana Z. Peppard, Yale University  
 "Pauli Murray, Poetry, and Ethics"

*San Francisco*

Pauli Murray (d. 1985) was an activist, writer, lawyer, and priest whose work deserves attention from Christian ethicists. In this paper I first contextualize Murray's life and works. I claim that selected poems, at times informed by her prose, articulate important insights about race, identity, and injustice in mid-20<sup>th</sup> century United States. Next I consider Murray's theological anthropology in conversation with her poetry and with several contemporary theologians (especially womanists). Finally, I describe how womanist thought offers important pathways and focal points for considering the role and heuristic of poetry in contemporary theological ethics.

Convener: Susan Ross, Loyola University Chicago

John Sniegocki, Xavier University  
 "Dietary Choices and Christian Ethics"

*Wrigley*

Choices concerning which foods to purchase and consume have profound ethical and theological implications. Among the realities impacted by our food choices are world hunger, ecology, human health, the working conditions of farm laborers and food processors, and the wellbeing of animals. My presentation will briefly explore each of these impacts, with particular attention to issues of social justice and ecology. Topics such as fair trade, the local food movement, organic agriculture, and the consequences of modern forms of meat production will be highlighted. The principles of Catholic social teaching will provide an ethical framework for these reflections.

Convener: Nancy Rourke, Canisius College

Aana Marie Vigen, Loyola University Chicago  
 "Illegal Healthcare: Do Undocumented Immigrants Have a Claim to U.S. Medical Care?"

*Atlanta*

Among the thorny arguments encircling immigration, one of the most contentious is whether undocumented immigrants should receive medical treatment. Christian social ethics has much to contribute to this public discussion. This paper first explores differing notions of justice and healthcare access. Second, it considers this hotly-debated question: Do undocumented immigrants drain the U.S. economy and strain the U.S. healthcare infrastructure or do they contribute to the U.S. economy and minimally use medical services? Third, it offers two arguments in favor of treating the undocumented: one on explicitly theological grounds; the second drawing upon a secular, philosophical rationale rooted in self-interest.

Convener: Sarah Azaransky, University of San Diego

Brent Waters, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary  
 "Forgiveness and Judgment: Hannah Arendt and Oliver O'Donovan Political Ordering"

*Haymarket*

Hannah Arendt and Oliver O'Donovan offer similar, yet contrasting accounts of political ordering. For Arendt, speech is the chief political act which promotes forgiveness and promise keeping as the preferred means of breaking the spiral of vengeance. Forgiveness orients a political community toward natality: the possibility of new political action that renews the life of the *polis*. In contrast, O'Donovan contends that judgment is the supreme political act which simultaneously provides closure while opening a new public space for subsequent deliberation and action. Such judgments reinforce communication within the civil community that orients it toward its eschatological *telos*. The purpose of this paper is to critically examine these contrasting accounts of political ordering, and explore how they might be applied to public policy issues.

Convener: Timothy P. Jackson, Emory University

Todd David Whitmore, University of Notre Dame  
 "If They Kill Us, At Least the Others May Have a Chance to Get Away': Virtue and Martyrdom on the Uganda/Sudan Border"

*Gold Coast*

Recent anthropologists focus on the issue of risk in ethnographic research. However, they have yet to work out the grounds upon which they assume risk. This paper first makes the case that virtue theory holds promise for grounding and directing the practice of risk. Then I examine specific examples of indigenous heroism I have encountered in my fieldwork in Ugandan/Sudanese war zones. The third part draws upon Christian literature on martyrdom to ask to what extent the demands of a radically committed Christianity can be placed on the researcher.

Convener: Elizabeth Collier, DePaul University

## "Identity and Truth"

*Acapulco*

Panelists: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College  
 Ronald M. Green, Dartmouth College  
 Charles R. Pinches, University of Scranton  
 William Schweiker, The University of Chicago  
 Per Sundman, Uppsala University

This panel investigates two argumentative stances about how we ought to live. There are identity arguments which say that moral truth resides in the (true) story about who we are. And, there are truth arguments saying that the validity of moral beliefs should be determined independently of identity. In reality proponents of "the identity pole" often times hold criteria for true moral beliefs and proponents of "the truth pole" concedes that moral truth is not easily accessible. The task is to avoid the reduction of truth to identity and to clarify the role of identity in the validation of moral beliefs.

Convener: Maria Antonaccio, Bucknell University

## Interest Group: Comparative Religious Ethics

*Water Tower*

Panelists: David Hollenbach, S.J., Boston College  
 Bridget Blomfield, University of Nebraska, Omaha

Respondent: Irene Oh, University of Miami

This year's meeting features a panel discussion of *The Rights of God: Islam, Human Rights, and Comparative Ethics*, by Irene Oh (Georgetown, 2007). This book examines the relationship between Islam and human rights through the lens of three Muslim thinkers concerned with social justice issues in the post-colonial context—Abul Maududi (India/Pakistan), Sayyid Qutb (Egypt), and Abdolkarim Soroush (Iran). David Hollenbach will comment from the perspective of religion and human rights theory; Bridget Blomfield will comment from the perspective of Islamic ethics and political thought; and Irene Oh will respond. The panel moderator is Sumner B. Twiss.

Conveners: Sumner B. Twiss, Florida State University  
 Bruce Grelle, California Sate University, Chico

## Interest Group: Liturgy and Ethics

*Toronto*

"Liturgy, Ethics, and Environmental Racism: a Conversation with Gordon Lathrop"

The 2009 Liturgy and Ethics Interest Group will engage questions of environmental racism in relation to liturgy and ethics by an author-meets-critics session on the magisterial trilogy *Holy Things, Holy People and Holy Ground* by Gordon W. Lathrop. Published in 1993, 1999, and 2003, this major work in liturgical theology engages ethical concerns—and especially ecological ethics—as an important theme. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda and Christian Scharen will respond to Lathrop's trilogy, raising critical questions about the ability of his work to respond to environmental racism with liturgical vision and practices to restore health to the body politics. A response by Lathrop and open conversation will follow.

Conveners: M. Therese Lysaught, Marquette University  
 Christian Scharen, Luther Seminary

## SJE: Mark Schwartz, York University

*Picasso*

"Contemporary Business Ethics and Jewish Business Ethics: A Comparative Analysis"

The paper attempts to compare secular or contemporary approaches to business ethics with Judaism's approach to business ethics. Following a brief summary of each approach, strengths and weaknesses are examined. Comparisons as to how each approach would attempt to resolve two specific ethical issues, bribery and insider trading, are discussed. Finally, lessons are suggested as to what each approach can learn from the other.

SCE Respondent: Ann Gibson, Andrews University  
 Convener: Moses Pava, Yeshiva University

3:30-4:00pm

Break

Regency Ballroom AB

4:00-5:30pm

Concurrent Session III

Raymond Kemp Anderson, Professor Emeritus, Wilson College, PA

Soldier Field

"The Dynamic Center of Reformed Ethics-Calvin on the Christian's Life as Free, Pneumatic Response (A Calvin Anniversary Study)"

July 10<sup>th</sup> we celebrate John Calvin's 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Applying French Humanism's critical intelligence, he mined apostolic sources for their way-of-life. Although medieval traits lingered on—notably his propensity for hierarchical control—some of Calvin's leads are more vital today than ever: Trinitarian reflections shape a *dialogic-pneumatic ethic of personal response* in which legalism finally gives way to Christian freedom. Pre-possession by Grace orients an open-eyed realism which can spin even the most negative experiences into an upward-spiraling drama of grace. Prayer becomes the "principal exercise of faith" and believers' actions take shape as outward extensions of their prayer relationship.

Convener: Douglas Ottati, Davidson College

Melanie Barrett, University of St. Mary of the Lake / Mundelein Seminary

Wrigley

"Love's Beauty at the Heart of the Christian Moral Life: Constructing the Ethics of Hans Urs von Balthasar"

Like Jonathan Edwards, the writings of the Catholic theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar illuminate the significance of aesthetics for Christian ethics. Balthasar's attempt to critically retrieve the concept of beauty for Christian theology yields important ethical insights, culminating in an aesthetic and dramatic theory of ethics: one in which the perception of the beauty of God's love in Christ becomes a foundational experience for moral formation and ongoing ethical discernment. Johannine and Pauline in its emphasis on love and personal transformation in Christ, the theory makes ample room for freedom, creativity, self-realization, particularity, and narrative in the moral life.

Convener: Paul Lewis, Mercer University

Kathryn Lilla Cox, St. John's University, Collegeville, MN

Haymarket

"Donum Vitae: Moral Edict or Counter-Cultural Anthropological Statement?"

Reproductive technologies are subtly re-shaping our understanding of human freedom, finitude, and embodiment. This paper explores the dominant anthropological framework operating in the use and ethical assessment of reproductive technologies. I will argue that official Catholic teaching on reproductive technologies (*Donum Vitae*), while rejecting most forms of reproductive technologies, provides a viable theological anthropology that challenges the more dominant anthropological framework. The document affirms the intrinsic value, dignity, and worth of both the infertile person and the childless marriage. Lastly, I will discuss unexamined issues in and potentially unintended consequences of *Donum Vitae* for theologies of marriage.

Convener: Kari-Shane Davis Zimmerman, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University

María Teresa Dávila, Andover Newton Theological School

Picasso

"Latina/o Ethics and the Use of Force: Examining the Just War Tradition Through Latina/o Eyes"

This paper uses tools from Latina/o theology to analyze the ethics of the use of force in the war on terror.

Grounded on the daily experience of Latinos, Latina/o theology highlights the themes of *mestizaje* (cultural mixing with roots in conquest and colonialism), *lo cotidiano*, and an anthropology of *nosotros* (the "we" rather than the "I"), among others, through the use of postcolonial theory, social analysis, and cultural critique.

Insights include an understanding of the reality of societies at war (*lo cotidiano* of an endless war); analysis of cultural violence and a new wave of *mestizaje*, and a vision of the global community as sojourners searching for liberation and peace – a theme shared by dominant and subdominant cultures, promoting global solidarity.

Convener: Tobias Winright, Saint Louis University

Adam Edward Hollowell, University of Edinburgh

*Columbian*

"Purposive Politics: What Paul Ramsey's Account of Deferred Repentance Can Teach Us About Political Decision-Making"

Paul Ramsey strangely calls politics a realm of "deferred repentance." I will explore the intelligibility of this claim by considering Ramsey's formal account in light of unpublished materials from the Paul Ramsey Papers at Duke University. This will include an examination of Ramsey's inheritance of the H.R. Niebuhrian theme of repentance as the Christian response to war and his distinction between repentance for righteousness and repentance for unrighteousness. Consideration of Ramsey's comments on repentance and politics will shed light into the nature of political decision-making and the moral context within which politicians pursue political good.

Convener: Mark J. Allman, Merrimack College

William J. Meyer, Maryville College

*Buckingham*

"A Return to Barth via Hunsinger: Jeffrey Stout and the Public Voice of Theology"

This paper will analyze Stout's return to Barth's theology in *Democracy and Tradition*. Stout believes that George Hunsinger's reading of Barth shows how theology can speak publicly and listen for "secular parables." Stout draws on Robert Brandom's inferential pragmatism to show how theology and others can offer reasons in public from different final vocabularies. These vocabularies cannot be rationally adjudicated, but one can assess whether theology is offering reasons to which it is entitled. Stout's view, I conclude, offers neither an adequate model for listening to diverse voices nor a way to validate theology's claims about the reality of God.

Convener: David Haddorff, St. John's University, New York

Joe Pettit, Morgan State University

*Toronto*

"A Better Economy: The Ethics of Creating Wealth and Reducing Poverty"

This essay argues that two measures of a "better" economy are 1) creating wealth; and 2) reducing poverty, and that the best way to reduce poverty is to create wealth, not simply redistribute it. I present the economic theory of Paul Romer and others who argue that the central mechanism for the creation of wealth is new knowledge rather than labor or physical capital. I consider issues of global poverty, inequality, and environmental sustainability through the lens of an ethic of "creative abundance" that affirms both the importance of individual freedom, as well the essentially social character of opportunity.

Convener: Matthew Allen Shadle, Loras College

Edward Vacek, S.J., Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

*Water Tower*

"Vices and Virtues of Old Age Retirement"

As baby-boomers begin to hit retirement age in 2010, they are faced with the prospect of 20-30 post-work years. Should this period have any goals or purpose other than be a very long vacation? Four gerontological theories present conflicting theories of what should be done with this time: continuity, new start, disengagement, and completion. Each has a place within a rhythm of life. But each of these theories point to several vices and virtues that become more problematic during this "third age:" of life: integrity and dissipation; self-gratification and generosity; repentance, humility and denial; trust and detachment.

Convener: Robin J. Steinke, Gettysburg Seminary

"Prophetic Political Discourse: Pentecostal and Wesleyan Reflections on Peacemaking and War"

Panelists: Paul Alexander, Azusa Pacific University

*New Orleans*

Katy Attanasi, Vanderbilt University

Craig Boyd, Azusa Pacific University

The panelists explore the political protests of the Hebrew prophets, Pentecostal and Wesleyan practices of testimony and storytelling, and prophetic "protestimony" arising from twenty-first century Christians in contemporary majority world political discourse. With Brueggemann, they argue that without protesting the injustice of God and the injustice in the world there can be no positive testimony. The Hebrew prophets protested unjust political practices and affirmed wise public policy. Pentecostal and Wesleyan political discourse can be prophetic when it follows Hollenweger's "black oral root" and "critical root" trajectories by telling the stories of exploited people (protestifying) and creating empathy, action, and hope.

Convener: Glen Stassen, Fuller Theological Seminary

Interest Groups: Environmental Ethics and Theology *Acapulco*  
Ethics and Political Economy

"Still Fighting Environmental Racism in Chicago: Moral Empowerment and Formation of African American Leaders for Justice"

Speaker: Dawn M. Nothwehr, OSF, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago IL

Environmental racism lives on today as African American communities in Chicago suffer disproportionately from environmentally caused asthma, and poisoning by PCBs, mercury, and lead. This paper will first define "environmental racism" and then focus on a moral evaluation (in light of Catholic Social Teaching) of those health issues. Then it will show how knowledge from this evaluation morally empowered 150 Catholic African American youth to act for racial and environmental justice in their communities. Examples will be drawn from the 2002-2007 "Knowledge as a Path to Empowerment" project.

Conveners: J. Andy Smith III, Penn State Great Valley (Environmental Ethics IG)  
James Bailey, Duquesne University (Political Economy IG)  
Kathryn D. Blanchard, Alma College (Political Economy IG)

Interest Group: Restorative Justice *Gold Coast*

"Confronting the Color Line in 21st Century America: Restorative Justice, Social Healing and the Christian Vocation of Love-in-Action – Toward A Collaborative Conversation Among Christian Ethicists"

In a remarkable speech on March 18, 2008, Senator Barack Obama addressed the challenge of the transhistorical racial trauma that marks our common life. This session invites Christian ethicists to respond to that speech in a conversation exploring the vocation of the Church in the face of the racial dimensions of conflict in contemporary life and politics. What are we as Christians called to do as people to make love manifest in our interactions with each other – strangers and friends that we are? How might the Church participate in the reconstruction of public dialogue on issues of race in America today?

Conveners: Howard J. Vogel, Hamline University School of Law  
Donald W. Shriver, Jr., Union Theological Seminary New York (President Emeritus)

SJE: Aaron Gross, University of California, Santa Barbara *San Francisco*

"'Reverence for Life' and Pragmatism in Jewish Dietary Law: Judaism Responsibility for the Living and Kosher Certification Today"

This paper considers the ethical dimensions of the Jewish dietary laws in relation to arguments that they are, ideally, the practical correlate to a broader ethical sentiment we might call "reverence for life." Particular attention will be given to the Conservative movement's recent and high profile engagements with the ethics of kosher certification and the emergence of a new "ethical" certification for kosher food, *Heksher Tzedek*, run by the Conservative movement. With this contemporary frame in place, the paper begins its textual analysis with an examination of rabbinic conceptions of "reverence for life" in the Talmud (*Bava Metzia 32a-33a* and *85a*). In the shadow of this text, the paper then moves back to modernity, considering the "pragmatic" responses to such reverence imagined by Joseph Soloveitchik's *Halakhic Man* and three contemporary rabbis who have reflected seriously on the Jewish dietary laws and for whom conceptions of reverence for life are central to Jewish ethics: Samuel Dresner, Irving Greenberg, and Jacob Milgrom.

SCE Respondent: John Pawlikowski, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago  
Convener: Elliot Dorff, American Jewish University

**4:20pm** Shabbat Candle Lighting

**5:45-6:45pm** **SCE Presidential Address** *Regency Ballroom CD*  
President: Darryl M. Trimiew, Medgar Evers College

This session may be recorded for the archives or private use of an SCE member. Your consent to being filmed is understood to be given by your presence. If such tacit consent presents any problems, please see Linda or Stewart.

**6:45-8:00pm**      **SCE Presidential Reception and Program Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the SCE**      *Regency Ballroom AB Foyer*

Planning Committee: Christine Pohl (chair), Peter Gathje, Ed Long, Darryl M. Trimiew, Ted Weber, and Preston Williams

**7:00-7:45pm**      **Kabbalat Shabbat Service**      *Haymarket*  
*Kiddush & Hamotzi - optional*  
Service is in Hebrew; all are welcomed.

**8:00-9:30pm**      **Shabbat Dinner**      *Soldier Field*  
*Birkat Hamazon & Shirim - optional*  
(pre-registration required for dinner)

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

African/African-American Working Group      *Toronto*  
"Models of Teaching, Models of Mentoring: Nurturing African-American Approaches to Ethics"  
Speaker: Victor Anderson, Vanderbilt University  
Followed by Student Responses and Reflections

This session will explore models of teaching and models of mentoring within black networks within the academy. The purpose of this session is to glean theoretical and experiential frameworks and methods from these models to enhance research in the field of African and African-American religious ethics, Christian social ethics, and Black church studies. The session will produce fruitful conversation among scholars, students, activists, and religious and organizational leaders who are committed to teaching and mentoring within the academy and church.

Conveners: Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University Divinity School  
Keri Day Harrison, Vanderbilt University

Christian Ethics and the Enlightenment      *Comiskey*  
"Spinoza on Hatred"  
Speaker: Joe Keith Green, East Tennessee State University

Spinoza is one of two thinkers before the 19th century whose thought gives hatred considerable attention. This paper examines Spinoza's understanding of hatred and the sense in which both the human good and the 'political project' entail overcoming it. Considering Spinoza's *Ethics* and *Treatise on the Improvement of Human Understanding* from this angle shows us that he occupies an interesting place in the history of Western moral and political thought between Augustine and Nietzsche.

The paper will be available in advance and then introduced at the beginning of the meeting. For a copy of the paper, please go to [http://www.scethics.org/next\\_meeting.php](http://www.scethics.org/next_meeting.php)

Convener: Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University

Church and Academy      *Gold Coast*  
Speaker: Timothy F. Sedgwick, Virginia Theological Seminary

The Church and Academy Interest Group seeks to strengthen connections between the academic study of Christian Ethics and the realities of congregational life so that both will benefit. This year, Tim Sedgwick will meet with us to discuss the academic narrowing of preaching and the hegemony of biblical studies as sources for engaging the living Word. Participants are asked to read *Preaching What We Practice*, pp. 19-30, chapter 2, and 148-157, chapter 9.

Conveners: Paul Lewis, Mercer University  
Roger Gench, New York Avenue Presbyterian Church

Ethics of Sexuality  
Gay and Lesbian Issues

*Buckingham*

The two interest groups will meet together to continue last year's conversation. Our focus will be pedagogy: how do we help students think about building "patterns of life" (Mark Jordan) in sexuality and relationships? We'll read chapter one ("The Vices of Christian Ethics") of Jordan's book *The Ethics of Sex* to start the conversation. Participants can find a digital copy of the chapter on the SCE web-site. Please bring copies of syllabi and materials you find helpful. We'll plan for the groups to meet in alternate years beginning in 2010. New conveners for this venture are eagerly sought.

Conveners: Cristina L.H. Traina, Northwestern University (Ethics of Sexuality)  
William C. McDonough, College of St. Catherine (Gay and Lesbian Issues)

Fieldwork and Ethics Interest Group  
"Gearing Up: Getting Started in Fieldwork"

*Columbian*

Panelists: Aana Marie Vigen, Loyola University Chicago  
Christian Scharen, Luther Seminary  
Melissa Browning, Loyola University Chicago

The purpose of the Fieldwork and Ethics interest group is to share ideas and experiences surrounding fieldwork. The group also hopes to promote fieldwork within the field of Christian ethics and to be a resource for SCE members who want to add fieldwork to their current research. This interest group is a place for resource sharing and networking that will reflect fieldwork as a growing edge within Christian ethics.

Conveners: Melissa Browning, Loyola University Chicago  
Todd Whitmore, University of Notre Dame  
Jennifer Beste, Xavier University

Health Care Ethics  
"Public Bioethics and Theology: A Conversation"

*Water Tower*

Panelists: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College  
David P. Gushee, Mercer University

Professor Lisa Sowle Cahill from Boston College will open this session with her reflections on the relationship of theology to public bioethics in our culture. Internationally acclaimed scholar and author of the 2005 work, *Theological Bioethics: Participation, Justice, and Change*, Professor Cahill has challenged scholars who work in theological bioethics to enter the public square in order to seek positive change. Professor David Gushee of Mercer University will collaborate in the initiation of the conversation. Members of the Health Care Ethics Interest Group will then be invited to participate in what promises to be a lively discussion of the role of theology in public discourse about biomedical ethics.

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

Interrupting White Privilege

*Acapulco*

This group will gather members of the SCE and SJE who are actively 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. The initial meeting will gather the interested people, plan for on-going activity of this group at subsequent meetings, and consider possibilities for networking and support between meetings. This is a new interest group. The intent is for it to be a continuing group, building upon the discussions and recommendations which emerged from the 2008 SCE Annual Meeting.

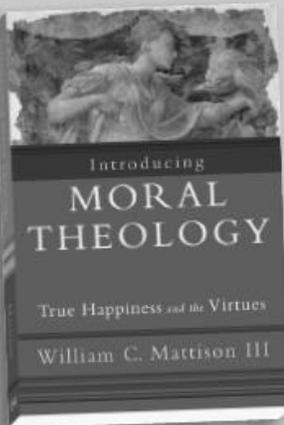
Conveners: Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Seattle University  
Monica Maher, Harvard University

**9:30pm**

**Junior Faculty Social**

*Meet in West Tower Lobby*

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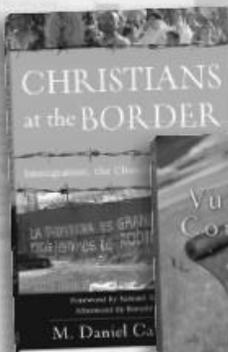
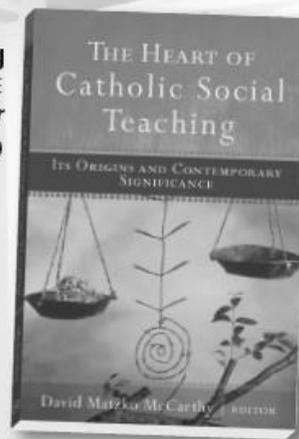
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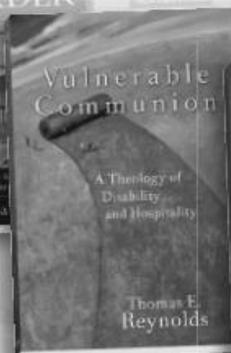


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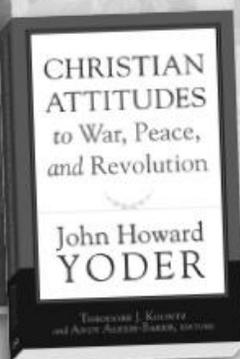


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**9:00-10:30am Concurrent Session IV**

Ilsup Ahn, North Park University *Acapulco*  
"Deconstructing the DMZ: The Phenomenology of Peace and Christian Ethics"

The purpose of the paper is to develop a phenomenology of peace through the deconstruction of the DMZ: a global symbol of the perpetual conflict, hatred, and distrust. I begin my paper by identifying the degenerative moral ideologies that the DMZ has spawned in the minds of Korean people: "otherness as evil"; "sameness as unification"; "containment of war as peace." The deconstruction of the DMZ will be carried out through the phenomenological reduction of the aforementioned three moral ideologies. Through the tripartite reduction of the degenerative moral ideologies, I will present an idea that peace is not a mere state of the absence of war, but rather the radical embrace of the Other.

Convener: Michelle Clifton-Soderstrom, North Park Theological Seminary

Elizabeth M. Bounds, Emory University

*Buckingham***"Reconceiving Justice: Engaging the U.S. Prison System"**

In recent years, efforts have been made to seek alternative practices of criminal justice which have all been loosely categorized as restorative justice. In this paper, I will first highlight some of the concerns about justice found in debates over restorative justice practice, showing the renewed concern about reconciliation, restoration and forgiveness. Then I will compare some theological responses to the U.S. criminal justice system—evangelical (Colson), Anabaptist (Logan), and Catholic (Skotnicki)—with an emphasis on imprisonment and reentry. Finally, I will sketch the challenges I see facing a Christian ethics aimed at engagement with U.S. incarceration policies.

Convener: Per Sundman, Uppsala University

Carlos D. Colorado, McMaster University

*Picasso***"Transcendent Sources and the Dispossession of the Self"**

I argue that Charles Taylor's conception of transcendence is radically kenotic and dispossessive, and explore how such a conception of transcendence animates Taylor's normative political vision in ways that are attentive to the contemporary demands of pluralism. I consider the relationship between this understanding of transcendence and the expressivist strains in Taylor's philosophical anthropology, especially as they are formatively influenced by Herder. I suggest that the kenotic shape of Taylor's theism is not only compatible with the 'weak ontology' that comes out of expressivism, but that kenosis actually underlies the contestability of his wider moral ontology.

Convener: Geoffrey Rees

Kelly Denton-Borhaug, Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA

*Atlanta***"The 'Ultimate Sacrifice': Deadly Links between U.S. War-Culture and Christianity"**

What would we say about the losses associated with war if we did not describe them as sacrifices? What would we say about Jesus' life and death if we did not associate the gospel narratives with a cosmic framework of sacrificial self-giving? The "necessity of sacrifice" operates as an electrical exchange between the institutionalization of "war-culture" in the United States and the understandings and practices of popular Christianity. This leads to an important and difficult question: is there any way to rehabilitate understandings of sacrifice for Christianity *without* at the same time aiding and abetting war?

Convener: Christian Scharen, Luther Seminary

Lisa Fullam, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley

*Water Tower***"Marriage in Roman Catholic and Lutheran Traditions"**

Roman Catholic doctrine on marriage presents a two-fold conception of the institution as a natural and sacramental reality. In Lutheran tradition marriage is regarded not as sacramental, but a matter of vocation. Luther's writing on marriage reflects a profoundly theological vision of marriage as "first of all institutions," created by God and arising from the requisites of human nature. This natural and theological view of marriage raises intriguing points of parallelism and distinction to Catholicism's natural and sacramental view. This paper outlines each tradition's doctrine on marriage, and raises points of convergence and openings for dialogue between the two traditions.

Convener: Jeffrey P. Greenman, Wheaton College

John J. Hardt, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine

*Columbian***"Catholicism, Conscience and the Clinical Encounter"**

Is it appropriate for physicians' moral commitments to constrain their medical practice? Do the social expectations that have come to characterize medicine and the physician-patient encounter mandate assent from the physician? This presentation considers the increasingly socially contested role of conscience in the clinical encounter.

Drawing upon resources from the Catholic moral tradition, it examines the difficulty of determining the appropriate place of conscience in the professional life of the physician.

Convener: Marilyn Martone, St. John's University, New York

Paul Martens, Baylor University

*Wrigley*

"What Common Ground? Reexamining John Howard Yoder's Indebtedness to Rabbi Steven Schwarzschild"

The purpose of this paper is to reexamine the relationship between the Mennonite ethicist John Howard Yoder and the Jewish philosopher Rabbi Steven S. Schwarzschild in order to demonstrate that Yoder was telling the truth when he claimed that he had been taught much by numerous Jewish friends, but "by no one else so much as by Steven S. Scwharzschild." By tracing Yoder's evolving interaction with Judaism and their mutual correspondence, this paper argues that they share a much broader set of convictions that contextualize pacifism both theologically and philosophically and that also provoke a critical rereading of Yoder's thought.

Convener: Joseph W. Devlin, LaSalle University

Gary M. Simpson, Luther Seminary

*San Francisco*

"God's Publicity and Earthly Sovereignty: The Question of American Empire and the Hope of International Humanitarian Law in Light of Luther, Grotius, and Niebuhr"

Reinhold Niebuhr analyzed the perennial structure of nations and empires as it revolves around power and prestige. These foci alone left Niebuhr—like Elshtain, Haass, Ignatieff, and Walzer today—unable to offer a critical theory of empire beyond mere admonitions against arrogance and overreach.

I explore Hugo Grotius' revision of the public declaration of war and locate a practice of international public accountability, or publicity. This impulse toward publicity has seldom-recognized roots in Martin Luther's theological account of earthly sovereignty. A theological account of international humanitarian law will couple publicity with power and prestige, thereby providing a normative distinction between nation and empire.

Convener: Erik Owens, Boisi Center, Boston College

Cristina L.H. Traina, Northwestern University

*Gold Coast*

"Children and Moral Agency"

Three common situations in which children's moral agency is problematic—the downward creep of the age at which children may be tried as adults (child as perpetrator), of sexual abuse of children (child as innocent victim), and children's silence about parents' illegal behavior (child as conspirator)—demand that we tease agency-in-dependency and pursuit-of-good-in-dependency apart from agency-in-subordination and pursuit-of-good-in-subordination. Augustinian, liberationist, and ecological approaches to sin, as well as a moral anthropology of continuity, join this distinction to illumine children's moral agency, providing more widely applicable concrete alternatives to the still-influential Enlightenment norm of the perfectly free, autonomous moral agent.

Convener: Deirdre King Hainsworth, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

LeRoy Walters, Georgetown University

*New Orleans*

"German Protestants and Catholics United Against National-Socialist 'Euthanasia': January 1940-August 1941"

This paper examines the response of the German Protestant and Catholic churches to the initial phase of the National Socialists' "euthanasia" program. The thesis of the paper is that virtually all German church leaders, both lay and clerical, opposed the killing of asylum patients. Members of the two confessions, after having gathered factual information, acted in three ways: (1) ecclesiastical leaders, asylum directors, and a judge wrote protest letters to government officials; (2) theologians analyzed the ethics of "euthanasia"; and (3) a bishop condemned "euthanasia" in a sermon, shocking the Hitler regime and producing an apparent "halt" to the killings.

Convener: Virginia Ryan, Rivier College

"Living the Moral Truth: On the Ethical Hermeneutics of Klaus Demmer and Its Significance for Moral Theology"  
*Soldier Field*

Panelists: Roberto Dell'Oro, Loyola Marymount University  
Jan Jans, Tilburg University

The panel explores the moral theology of German scholar and Gregorian University Professor Emeritus Klaus Demmer. At the core of Demmer's undertaking stands the epistemological investigation on the nature of moral theology as a "science pertaining to meaning" (*Sinnwissenschaft*). In the first presentation, Roberto Dell'Oro offers an assessment of Demmer's fundamental moral theology in terms of a "transcendental hermeneutics" of Christian moral praxis. In the second, Jan Jans shows how Demmer's theory of action fruitfully engages contemporary questions of pluralism and opens a promising route towards intercultural ethics. Practical implications of Demmer's fundamental moral theology will be addressed by each presenter with reference, respectively, to bioethics (Dell'Oro) and social ethics (Jans).

Convener: Mary Jo Iozzio, Barry University

Interest Group: African/African-American *Toronto*

"Morality, Public Policy, and the Life-Chances of Poor Black Communities"

Panelists: Emilie Townes, Yale University  
Joan Martin, Episcopal Divinity School  
Darryl M. Trimiew, Medgar Evers College

This particular panel not only explores how public policy shapes the life chances of poor black communities but also probes how both Christian ethicists and faith communities should respond to policy issues that inhibit quality of life for poor Blacks. Because policies regulate the material realities of poor blacks (and all poor people regardless of color), it becomes important to discuss and recommend the type of social justice actions that can respond to all policies and political processes that vitiate black people's sense of well-being and wholeness.

Conveners: Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University Divinity School  
Keri Day Harrison, Vanderbilt University

SJE: ElizaBeth Beyer, University of Nevada, Reno *Haymarket*

"Pass the Gefilte Fish: A Guide to Ethical Eating"

In the United States, poor diet and a lack of physical activity will soon become the leading cause of preventable death. Obesity is a health care crisis, not only in our country, but in many places around the world. This paper examines the Jewish and Christian thought regarding ethical eating. Jewish sources, which include Biblical, Talmud, Halachic (Jewish law) and Chassidic sources are reviewed, along with Christian sources. An ethical analysis of autonomy in this context is presented. Finally, implications for a future constructive ethic will be proposed.

SCE Respondent: Shannon Jung, St. Paul School of Theology  
Convener: Adrienne Asch, Yeshiva University

**10:30-11:00am**      **Break**      *Regency Ballroom AB*

**11:00am-12:30pm**      **Shabbat Service**      *Picasso*  
(*Parashat Vayechi – Genesis 47:28 – 50:26*) – optional  
(Please bring your own *siddur*.)  
Service is in Hebrew; all are welcomed.

**11:00am-12:30pm**      **SCE Business Meeting**      *Regency Ballroom CD*

**12:30-2:00pm**      **Lunch**

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

The Women's Caucus lunch will be a time of connecting with colleagues, discussing issues for women in the academy and celebrating the history of women's involvement in the Society.

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

**12:30-2:00pm**      **Shabbat Lunch** (pre-registration required)      *Field* (3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Silver level)

**2:00-3:30pm**      **Concurrent Session V**

H. David Baer, Texas Lutheran University      *Gold Coast*  
 "On the Unity of the Just War Criteria: The Role of Just Intention in Explaining the Principle of Discrimination"

Articulating the relationship between the criteria of just intention and discrimination helps to clarify conceptual difficulties associated with the kind of intention permitted by the rule of double effect. Furthermore, the principle of proportionality is best understood as an objective measurement of just intention *in bello* at the level of military planning. This view is supported by Michael Walzer's revision of the double effect to include a second intention reducing the probability of foreseen collateral damage. Understanding the relationship between just intention and discrimination, therefore, yields an interpretation of the rule of double effect more restrictive than generally recognized.

Convener: Donna Yarri, Alvernia College

John P. Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary      *Buckingham*  
 "Entertaining Angels Unawares, or Going Outside the Camp? Rethinking Hospitality in Terms of a Conversion to the Foreign"

This paper, building on "the ethnographic turn" for which Richard Miller and Todd Whitmore have called, argues that popular North American Christian understandings of hospitality typically fall short because the hosts do not recognize their privileged social status. What is needed is a "conversion to the foreign" in which hospitality is reconceived through the experience of social vulnerability and marginalization. This "conversion to the foreign" is best achieved today by immersing oneself in a foreign culture, foreign language, and foreign form of worship. Barth and recent theological work on hospitality provide a framework for assessing this approach.

Convener: Peter Gathje, Memphis Theological Seminary

Michelle Clifton-Soderstrom, North Park Theological Seminary      *Haymarket*  
 "Beyond the Blessed/Cursed Dichotomy: Barren Matriarchs as Oracles of Hope"

This paper reincorporates the isolating, painful experience of infertility into God's story by examining the trajectory of barrenness in scripture. It supplants the categories of blessing/curse with hope/redemption by surveying the stories of barren women who reveal frustrated longing and enduring faith. The paper utilizes Walter Brueggemann's category of counter-testimony—testimony that doubts God's activity amidst suffering—to challenge the blessing/curse dichotomy and to show the importance of barrenness for Israel's core narrative. It concludes by celebrating a rich account of barrenness whose biblical witness offers theological grounding for pastoral care and moral discernment surrounding infertility in the church.

Convener: Elizabeth Collier, DePaul University

Russell B. Connors, Jr., College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, MN

*Columbian*

"What Has Become of Conscience? -- 'Humanae Vitae' Plus 40"

This paper is not a "Quadragesimo Anno" for "Humanae Vitae." Rather, it is an exploration of some pressing theological and pastoral questions for the Catholic community four decades after *and in light of* Paul VI's historic encyclical.

The focus especially is on conscience. Over the last forty years Catholic discourse about conscience has gone in diverse directions. While theologians have written about conscience in ever more sophisticated and expansive ways, papal and episcopal teachings have given conscience less and less attention, especially in some areas of Catholic teachings, and the role given to conscience has diminished in importance.

Convener: Richard C. Sparks, Old St. Mary's, Chicago

Yohannes G. Fre, Loyola University Chicago

*New Orleans*

"Ethical Response to Marginalization in Globalization: The Case of Sub-Saharan-Africa"

Today, Sub-Sahara-Africa is in a sad state of affairs. The region has become a by-word for distress. News on Sub-Sahara-Africa too often deals with warlords, massacres, refugees, drought, and famine. In a globalized world, Sub-Sahara-Africa goes more and more marginalized. The region is increasingly perceived as an entity that does not seriously matter as an actor in international affairs.

In order to understand the root causes of the current crises in Sub-Sahara-Africa the paper will highlight key historical aspects and analyze exogenous and endogenous factors contributing to the marginalization of the region. Furthermore, the paper will examine whether the structures of Globalization, namely the market, the different supranational institutions, their rules and regulations are producing ethically desirable results.

Convener: Ilsup Ahn, North Park University

Terrence L. Johnson, Haverford College

*San Francisco*

"Tragic Soul-Life: W.E.B. Du Bois and the Limits of Justice"

W.E.B. Du Bois discovered in the rural black church what he called "tragic soul-life" – the human innocence, fragility and strength that produced the aesthetics of Negro spirituals.

I argue that tragic soul-life informed Du Bois' moral imagination. This imagination suggests that the overlap between religion and politics in early 20<sup>th</sup> century America created the moral justification for black subjugation and beliefs about black inferiority. For Du Bois, the nation's moral disdain for blackness created a democratic tradition based on bad faith and a political liberalism ill-equipped to tackle the implications of suffering on our individual and collective imaginations of justice.

Convener: Jonathan Rothchild, Loyola Marymount University

James B. Martin-Schramm, Luther College

*Acapulco*

"More Heat Than Light: A Christian Ethical Assessment of U.S. Energy Policy"

In the fall of 2007 the author was commissioned by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to draft a revised social policy statement on U.S. energy policy in the context of global warming. The study document and related recommendations were reviewed and approved for adoption by the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the PCUSA in June 2008. This paper summarizes the content of the social policy statement, gives extended attention to the ethical analysis and policy recommendations therein, and summarizes the debate regarding its adoption.

Convener: Brad J. Kallenberg, University of Dayton

Martin J. O'Malley, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Germany *Atlanta*

"All Politics Is Local – How Local? Subsidiarity's Lessons from Its Roots in Friedrich Karl von Savigny's Secular Jurisprudence"

Friedrich Karl von Savigny, renowned nineteenth-century legal scholar, influenced European political and ethical thought and especially the founder of modern Catholic Social Thought, Bishop Ketteler. Savigny's *System Des Heutigen Römischen Rechts* (1840) contains the essential theoretical elements of subsidiarity in three ways that are still relevant today: general legal theory, constitutional jurisprudence, and a theory of "legal persons." He argued that legitimate law orders society's power relations according to its highest principles, protecting both social uniqueness and general principles of justice. Constitutions must respect local legal communities by protecting unique social structures, including religious institutions that have shaped society.

Convener: Kathryn Getek, Villanova University

K. Christine Pae, Denison University

*Picasso*

"Western Princesses in the Borderland: Christian Political Ethics and Military Prostitution in East Asia"

The governing interest of this paper is to evoke public scrutiny of military prostitution by raising criticism and ethical considerations in response to the conglomeration of globalized militarism and prostitution. Focusing on the case of prostitution around U.S. military bases in South Korea, this paper will contemplate (1) how the presence of American troops has affected Korean women's lives both in South Korea and in the United States and (2) what a (post)-Cold War Christian ethic should consider in order to elaborate on a justice-oriented ethic for women who are consistently exposed to sexual violence in the 21<sup>st</sup> century's globalized militarism.

Convener: Irene Oh, University of Miami

Mary M. Veeneman, North Park University

*Wrigley*

"From High Deductibles to Clinton Care to Sicko: The 2008 Election and the Debate about Healthcare"

The 2008 election cycle has generated considerable interest. One of the most frequently discussed issues identified by likely voters in the 2008 election cycle is the issue of healthcare. This paper will give a brief history of the healthcare system in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and will then offer a consideration of the major proposals for reform, which range from consumer driven healthcare to a fully government-run system. Finally, this paper will argue that the consumer driven model is fundamentally flawed both from an economic standpoint and from a standpoint grounded in Christian ethics.

Convener: Kathryn Lilla Cox, St. John's University, Collegeville, MN

"'American' Orthodox Ethics in Western Public Life: Human Rights, Reconciliation, and War"

Panelists: Perry Hamalis, North Central College

*Toronto*

Maria Gwyn McDowell, Boston College

Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University

Respondent: David Hollenbach, Boston College

Three Orthodox Christian panelists will address the issues of human rights, war, and forgiveness in political discourse. Papanikolaou demonstrates how the interrelation between confession/truth-telling and affectivity illuminates the dynamics of forgiveness and reconciliation. Hamalis argues that conformity to "pacifism," "just war," or "Christian realism" eclipses aspects of the Orthodox tradition. Rather than withdraw, Orthodox thinkers may expand and enrich Western normative discourse through authentic participation. McDowell proposes an Orthodox human rights ethic of *ekstatic* love, oriented by shared responsibility for the unique and irreducible humanity of the other, which requires solidarity and intentional action on their behalf.

Convener: Laura Johnston, Emmanuel College

Interest Groups: Families and the Social Order  
Ethics and Catholic Theology

*Water Tower*

Speaker: Cardinal Francis George, Chicago

Respondent: Don Browning, Emeritus, Chicago Divinity School

The Families and the Social Order and Ethics and Catholic Theology interest groups will host a joint meeting focusing on the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops' new pastoral letter on marriage. Cardinal Francis George of Chicago will speak to concerns that led the bishops to take up the issue of marriage, the process the bishops used in drafting the pastoral, and their broader pastoral initiative on marriage. Don Browning, emeritus Professor at Chicago Divinity School and Director of the Religion, Culture and the Family project, will respond. All are welcome to join in the discussion that will follow.

Conveners: Florence Caffrey Bourg, Academy of the Sacred Heart (Families and the Social Order)  
Julie Hanlon Rubio, St. Louis University (Families and the Social Order)  
John Berkman, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (Catholic Theology)  
William C. Mattison III, Catholic University of America (Catholic Theology)

SJE: Text Study

*Soldier Field*

Conveners: Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University  
Michael Cartwright, University of Indianapolis

**3:30pm** *Minchah*

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

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

*Regency Ballroom CD*

"Ethics of Government Power"

Speaker: Robert Edgar, President of Common Cause

Respondents: Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University  
Howard Vogel, Hamline University School of Law

Convener: Darryl M. Trimiew, Medgar Evers College

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**5:21pm** *Havdallah*

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

*Crystal A (Green or street level)*

**7:30-9:00pm** **SJE Plenary: Jewish Political Ethics**

*Regency Ballroom C*

Panelists: David Novak, University of Toronto  
Arnie J. Wolf, KAM Isaiah Israel Congregation  
Noam Zohar, Shalom Hartman University, Bar Ilan University  
Moderator: David Teutsch, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College

**8:00-9:30pm Interest and Working Groups II****Working Group: Asian and Asian American***San Francisco*

This session will address: first, the future plan to develop Asian & Asian American hermeneutics in the study of ethics, theology, and philosophy [2010 concurrent panel theme]; second, the decision to select the co-convener for Asian & Asian American Working Group; third, the budget plan for the next four years; fourth, the open review of the 2009 concurrent panel session.

Conveners: Ilsup Ahn, North Park University  
Grace Y. Kao, Virginia Tech

**Latino/a Working Group***Atlanta*

Rubén Rosario-Rodríguez, Saint Louis University

Rodolfo J. Hernández-Díaz, University of Denver/Illiff School of Theology

Rubén Rosario-Rodríguez will present a paper entitled: "Can Animals be 'Liberated'? Liberation Theology Evaluates Peter Singer's Utilitarian Ethics." R.J. Hernández-Díaz will follow up with a paper entitled: "Towards a Postcolonial Christian Ethics." The working group welcomes all who are interested in ethics with a Latino/a context in mind. Its membership consists mostly of graduate students, signaling a hopeful future for the place of Latino/a Christian ethics in the guild. Its objective is to offer a place to engage in scholarly dialogue about the past, present, and future of Latino/a Christian ethics, and in such a way, increase Hispanic membership in the association.

Conveners: Victor Carmona, University of Notre Dame  
Miguel De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology  
Ramón Luzárraga III, University of Dayton

**Anglican Theological Ethics***Buckingham*

Anglican Theological Ethics interest group will discuss William Danaher's paper, "Healing Broken Bodies: On Middle Axioms and the Millennium Development Goals." In this paper, Danaher retraces the framing ecclesiology of J. H. Oldham's middle axiom approach in order to ground recent Anglican efforts to promote the Millennium Development Goals in a theological vision of catholicity in the context of globalization. Copies of this paper are available on the SCE website: [http://www.scethics.org/next\\_meeting.php](http://www.scethics.org/next_meeting.php)

Conveners: William Danaher, Huron University College  
Jeffrey Greenman, Wheaton College

**Covenantal Ethics***Water Tower*

Speaker: Louis E. Newman, Carleton College

The theme of covenant has played a major role in contemporary Jewish theology and ethics, as evidenced by the work of figures as diverse as David Hartman, Eugene Borowitz, S. Daniel Breslauer, and Elliot Dorff. Yet the notion that Israel's relationship with God is covenantal in nature has always been controversial. This presentation will explore some of the prospects and problems with covenantal ethics, then and now. I will suggest that in their rush to re-affirm the primacy of covenant as a category for Jewish ethical reflection contemporary thinkers would do well to reconsider the limitations of this paradigm as these have been articulated from biblical times to the present.

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

**Evangelical Ethics***Acapulco*

"American Exceptionalism: Is it Real and Does it Matter?"

All individuals, communities and nations are distinct. In this sense, it could readily be claimed that the U.S. is an exceptional nation, as are all others. Yet, when the phrase 'American exceptionalism' is used, it usually implies the U.S. is morally 'better' in comparison to other nations. But is any nation exceptional in a moral sense? And, if so, is the United States exceptional? If it is, does this have moral significance for evangelical Christians?

These questions will be addressed in a short paper by Jim Thobaben with responses from David Gushee and Stephan Holthaus, followed by a group discussion.

Convener: Wyndy Corbin Reuschling, Ashland Theological Seminary

## Monetary Policy

*New Orleans*

Speaker: Ken Bohnsack, American Monetary Institute

With the assistance of veteran campaigner for changed monetary policy, Ken Bohnsack of Freeport, Illinois, this interest group's analysis of our money system, which favors private commercial banks, and works powerfully outside the awareness of most people to the detriment of human and environmental welfare, will continue. Ken has long pressured Congress to require the Federal Reserve Bank to provide interest-free loans to all levels of government for urgently needed infrastructure projects, saving huge sums in interest. Having induced 3,395 local and state governments to support such legislation, Ken developed great skill in presenting his case compellingly to non-experts--like us.

Convener: George Crowell, University of Windsor (retired)

## Moral and Religious Psychology

*Toronto*

"Applying Polanyi to Character Development, Practical Reasoning, and Undergraduate Education"

Speaker: Paul Lewis, Mercer University

Respondent: James Gubbins, Salem State College

Summarizing work in progress, this paper integrates the work of Michael Polanyi with that of developmental psychologists and neuroscientists so as to identify the possibilities for, and limits of, character development in a traditional undergraduate population.

The format for the session will allow for extended dialogue between Prof. Lewis and all attendees.

Convener: James P. Gubbins, Salem State College

## Pedagogy

*Gold Coast*

"Teaching, Race, and Ethnicity in the Ethics Classroom"

As our classrooms become more diverse racially and ethnically and institutional racism continues to pervade society, the Pedagogy Interest Group will look at best practices in addressing this increasing diversity and enduring racism. With an invited facilitator conversant in whiteness studies and critical race theory, we will share strategies, assignments, and resources for teaching about race and ethnicity in the ethics classroom. This session will be an informal workshop where the group's members discuss our teaching practices. Please feel free to bring syllabi and sample assignments to the session.

Conveners: Melissa Snarr, Vanderbilt University  
 Laura Stivers, Pfeiffer University

**9:00-10:30pm**

SJE Presidential Reception

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<b>7:00-7:40am</b>	<b>Ecumenical Worship Service</b>	<i>Gold Coast</i>
<b>7:15-8:45am</b>	<b>SCE/SJE Breakfast with an Author</b> <b>Buffet opens at 7:15; Discussion 7:45-8:45</b> (Pre-registration is required.)	<i>Regency Ballroom CD</i>

Andersen, Svend, Kees van Kooten Niekerk, *Concern for the Other Perspectives on the Ethics of K. E. Løgstrup* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2007)

Facilitator: Ted Peters, PLTS/GTU

Bader-Saye, Scott, *Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear* (Brazos Press, 2007)

Facilitator: G. Clarke Chapman, Moravian College

Beste, Jennifer, *God and the Victim: Traumatic Intrusions on Grace and Freedom* (Oxford University Press, 2007)

Facilitator: Amy Laura Hall, Duke Divinity School

Chapman, Audrey, Hugo van der Merweauthor, *Truth and Reconciliation in South Africa: Did the TRC Succeed?* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008)

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

Clough, David, Brian Stiltner, *Faith and Force: A Christian Debate about War* (Georgetown University Press, 2007)

Facilitator: Mark Carr, Loma Linda University

Curran, Charles, *Catholic Moral Theology in the United States: A History* (Georgetown University Press, 2008)

Facilitator: M. Vianney Bilgrien, Tepeyac Institute

Dorff, Elliot, *For the Love of God and People: A Philosophy of Jewish Law* (Jewish Publication Society, 2007)

Elshtain, Jean Bethke, *Sovereignty: God, State, Self (The Gifford Lectures)* (Basic Books, 2008)

Facilitator: Per Sundman, Uppsala University

Gregory, Eric, *Politics and the Order of Love: An Augustinian Ethic of Democratic Citizenship* (University of Chicago Press, 2008)

Facilitator: Travis Kroeker, McMaster University

Harwood, Karey, *The Infertility Treadmill: Feminist Ethics, Personal Choice, and the Use of Reproductive Technologies* (University of North Carolina Press, 2007)

Facilitator: Werner Wolbert, University of Salzburg

Jenkins, Willis, *Ecologies of Grace: Environmental Ethics and Christian Theology* (Oxford University Press, 2008)

Facilitator: Nancy Menning, The University of Iowa

**Sunday**

**Sunday Breakfast with an Author/SJE Business Meeting 7:15-10:30am**

Lysaught, M. Therese, David M. McCarthy, Editors, *Gathered for the Journey: Moral Theology in Catholic Perspective* (Eerdmanns Press, 2007)

Facilitator: Virginia Ryan, Rivier College

Massaro S.J., Thomas, *United States Welfare Policy: A Catholic Response* (Georgetown University Press, 2007)

Facilitator: Susanne DeCrane, St. Joseph Medical Center, Towson MD

Nothwehr, Dawn M., *That They May Be One: Catholic Social Teaching on Racism, Tribalism, and Xenophobia* (Orbis Books, 2008)

Facilitator: Judith Merkle, Niagara University

Salzman, Todd A., Michael G. Lawler, *The Sexual Person: Toward a Renewed Catholic Anthropology* (Georgetown University Press, 2008)

Facilitator: Nancy Rourke, Canisius College

Schubeck, Thomas, *Love that Does Justice* (Orbis Books, 2007)

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

Simpson, Gary M., *War, Peace, and God: Rethinking the Just War Tradition* (Augsburg Fortress Press, 2007)

Facilitator: Stephen Lammers, Lafayette College

Stackhouse, Max L., *Globalization and Grace (vol 4 of God and Globalization series)* (Continuum International, 2007) and Stackhouse, Max L., Lalsangkima Pachuau, Editors, *News of Boundless Riches: Mission in a Global Era (2nd volume)* (ISPCK (Delhi, India), 2007)

Facilitator: E. Harold Breitenberg Jr., Randolph-Macon College

Vigen, Aana Marie, *Women, Ethics, and Inequality in U.S. Healthcare: "To Count among the Living"* (Palgrave Macmillian, 2006)

Facilitator: Christian Scharen, Luther Seminary

Waters, Brent, *The Family in Christian Social and Political Thought* (Oxford University Press, 2007)

Facilitator: Jeffrey P. Greenman, Wheaton College

Zalot, Jozef, Benedict Guevin OSB, *Catholic Ethics in Today's World* (St. Mary's Press, 2008)

Facilitator: Patrick Flanagan, St. John's University, New York

**8:30am-12:30 pm Registration Desk Open**

*Regency Ballroom Foyer*

**8:30am-12:30pm Exhibits Open**

*Regency Ballroom AB*

**9:00-10:30am SJE Business Meeting**

*Picasso*

## 9:00-10:30am Concurrent Session VI

Sarah Azaransky, University of San Diego

*San Francisco***"Operation Gatekeeper: Immigration, Citizenship, and the Ethical Meanings of the Border"**

The paper investigates deterrence as a central strategy of Operation Gatekeeper, the policy for monitoring and policing the U.S. border with Mexico. It identifies a subtle shift from deterrence that employs an economic theory of criminal law toward deterrence whereby governments build up defenses with the aim of mitigating foreign attack. Current border policy constructs social identities by distinguishing, often at gunpoint, between those who belong and those who are characterized as willful lawbreakers. The paper advocates for a shift in U.S. border policy away from a nationalist and protectionist posture and toward a democratic and pan-American standpoint.

Convener: Kent A. Van Til, Hope College

Kevin Carnahan, Hendrix College

*Columbian***"Prudence, Justice, and Quagmires: On the Weaknesses of the Presumption-Against-Injustice Position in Just-War Thought"**

To locate war in a morally ordered space, Paul Ramsey, James T. Johnson, and George Weigel have focused upon what constitutes a good war. They have claimed that just-war thought is grounded in a presumption against injustice. This position has contributed greatly to contemporary ethics. But these scholars have also overemphasized deontic criteria to the detriment of prudential concerns, taken overly deferential positions in relation to established authorities, and articulated overly broad criteria for just cause. This paper begins with case studies of their work during the Vietnam War and the current Iraq War, and develops the above critiques of their positions.

Convener: Dana L. Dillon, Providence College

Sarah E. Fredericks, University of North Texas

*Haymarket***"Moving Environmental Justice to the Center of Environmental Ethics: Implications for Ethicists"**

Focusing environmental ethics on environmental justice necessitates that ethicists learn from and with victims of environmental injustices. It will also point ethicists toward adaptive ecosystem management which considers the interactions between all humans and the environment and prioritizes environmental actions if they are "win-win" and potentially reversible. Justice-centered environmental ethicists should also note the absence of environmental justice in our laws and indicators of environmental progress. These developments can help ensure that environmental justice not only is discussed in theory and in local communities but also is incorporated into social structures.

Convener: Jame Schaefer, Marquette University

Frida Kerner Furman, DePaul University

*New Orleans***"Listening as a Path to Conflict Resolution"**

In the recent past, "attentive," "empathic," or "compassionate" listening is being deployed as an important strategy in conflict resolution, particularly in track-two diplomacy. In this paper, I analyze and evaluate principles and practices of listening developed for purposes of bridging interpersonal and group divides. To illumine my analysis, I use a case study drawn from my recent participant observation as a member of a delegation of North Americans to Israel and Palestine with The Compassionate Listening Project; its main goal was to provide compassionate listening to adversaries in this Middle East conflict as an assumed necessary prerequisite to conflict resolution.

Convener: Monique Moultrie, Vanderbilt University

David P. Gushee, Mercer University

*Acapulco***"What the Torture Debate Reveals about American Evangelical Christianity"**

The discovery of detainee abuse at Abu Ghraib in 2004, followed by the release of government documents signaling that decisive policy shifts by the United States government contributed to such abuses, led to a dispiriting national debate about the morality of torture. An ongoing fracture between competing social-political visions in the evangelical world was revealed and further exacerbated by this debate over torture. This paper recounts and analyzes the torture debate as it occurred in the American evangelical community and theological-ethical lessons learned.

Convener: Wyndy Corbin Reuschling, Ashland Theological Seminary

Hak Joon Lee, New Brunswick Theological Seminary

*Buckingham*

"The Great World House: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Theory and Praxis of Global Ethics"

In a critical conversation with Hans Küng's global ethic, this paper studies the contribution of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s communal-political ethics for the theory and praxis of global ethics. While Küng's global ethic, due to its quasi-Kantian method, reduces thick religious descriptions into minimal moral codes (ignoring the structural dynamics of globalization, reifying grassroots religious movements), King's ethics, because of its historical *glocal* nature, overcomes this problem by integrating the global and the local, the religious and the civic on the basis of four synthetic components: vision (the world house), principles (human rights), virtue (love, justice, etc.), and transformative political method (nonviolence).

Convener: James Bretzke, S.J., Boston College

Stephen Martin, Immaculata University

*Atlanta*

"I'm Standing Over Here Now': *On the Waterfront* and the (Continuing) Transformation of Christian Social Ethics"

*On the Waterfront* (1954) treats conscience, sinful social structures and soteriology in the context of real-life exploitation of NYC dockworkers. Using H.R. Niebuhr's models of Christian moral engagement, I argue that the attempts of Fr. Barry to convince the dockworkers to testify against their corrupt union presage the transition from "Christ Above Culture" to "Christ as Transformer of Culture" in Vatican II and beyond. Further, the journey of the Terry Malloy character illustrates a more contemporary development in Christian ethics which incorporates a feminist emphasis on healing and empowerment in the struggle against sin instead of primarily judgment and forgiveness.

Convener: Helen Schroepfer, West Chester University

John Perry, University of Oxford

*Comiskey*

"Gentile Christians and Torah: Between Scriptural Ethics and Natural Law in the Early Christian Community"

New Testament accounts of Gentiles and Torah-observance have recently taken on special importance. Most notably, both sides in the Anglican-Episcopal debate about homosexuality invoke them in support of their position. Using this as a starting point, I explore the roots of Christian ethics in Jewish Halakah. When the church welcomed non-Jews without requiring Torah-observance, what grounds were available for judging them morally upright? Was it an independent norm like natural law? Or a subset of Torah such as the Noahide Laws? This has implications for the Anglican homosexuality debate and, more generally, for the universality and public intelligibility of Christian ethics. It may also—as in the first-century—suggest ways of presenting Christian ethics to a religiously pluralistic society.

Convener: Elizabeth Agnew Cochran, Duquesne University

Angela D. Sims, Saint Paul School of Theology

*Wrigley*

"Nooses in Public Spaces: A Womanist Critique of Lynching – A 21st Century Ethical Dilemma"

Lynching, a moral problem that provides insight into America's past and present, is more than a "rope and faggot." Lynching was always intended as a metaphor to understand race relations in the United States. How, then, might we interpret the proliferation of nooses in various American locales in 2006 and 2007? In this paper, I examine whether responses to a cultural symbol – the noose – can result in ethical possibilities that contribute to the common good.

Convener: Wilton Bunch, Samford University

Sandra Sullivan-Dunbar, University of Chicago

*Gold Coast*

"Christian Love, Material Needs, and Dependent Care: A Feminist Critique of the Debate on Agape and 'Special Relations'"

The recent debate about agape and "special relations" has come to an uneasy truce with Stephen Pope's observation that all participants acknowledge room for both disinterested universal regard and particular, preferential relationships within the Christian moral life. I argue that universal regard must be instantiated through the fulfillment of basic needs. I draw on feminist sociology and political theory addressing the contemporary organization of dependent care relations (relations between caregivers and children, persons with disabilities, and frail elderly persons) to challenge the notion that universal regard and particular relations are mutually exclusive, competing elements of the Christian moral life.

Convener: Joan Henriksen Hellyer, Mayo Clinic

"Pragmatism and the Prospects for a Common Morality"

*Water Tower*

Panelists: Kevin Jung, Wake Forest University  
David Little, Harvard University

Respondent: G. Scott Davis, University of Richmond

Both Little and Jung caution against the growing influence of pragmatism in religious ethics. Little argues that the disjunction between truth and justification by some pragmatists cannot successfully be sustained for a number of conceptual problems. A common morality cannot be just a happenstance of moral consensus in a society but must rest on justifiable moral claims grounded in requisite truth-conditions. Focusing on the distinction between representationalism and inferentialism, Jung's paper critiques a form of conceptual pragmatism that privileges inference over reference. While socially articulated inferential reasoning helps make concepts and propositional contents intelligible, practical reasoning must also consider the connection between sapience and sentience as a basis of moral evaluation.

Convener: William Schweiker, University of Chicago

Interest Group: Scripture and Ethics

*Toronto*

"Biblical Themes for a New Vision of Economic Life"

Speakers: D. Stephen Long, Marquette University  
Kathryn Tanner, University of Chicago Divinity School

Stephen Long and Kathryn Tanner have done ground-breaking work relating biblical themes of covenant and justice to theological reflection on economic life. Each argues that the biblical witness to God's grace provides a fuller expression of flourishing than do the ideologies hidden in many contemporary defenses of capitalist, free market economics, and that economic language can illuminate basic church practices such as the Eucharist. After both presenters offer a twenty-minute summary of their position, the remainder of the session will be corporate conversation with them about the methodological and theological issues at stake in Christian economic ethics.

Conveners: John Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary  
D. Brent Laytham, North Park Theological Seminary

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

*Regency Ballroom AB*

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

Working Group: Muslim - Christian - Jewish Ethics

*Picasso*

The group session will feature a panel on Muslim conceptions of political leadership, in particular with respect to the U.S. context. Presenters will be Sohail Hashmi (Mt. Holyoke College), Liyakat Takim (University of Denver) and Hamid Mavani (Claremont School of Theology). Following the panel, there will be a business meeting devoted to discussion of a possible Society of Muslim Ethics.

Convener: John Kelsay, Florida State University

Grace Bae, University of Southern California & Fuller Theological Seminary *New Orleans*

"An Ethical Analysis of the Immigration Crisis in America Today: Issues for the Christian, the Citizen, and the Church Leader"

It is undeniable that immigration has been and will continue to be an issue that Americans will deal with in their daily lives for decades to come. Yet, there seems to be wide disagreement about what issues are important and what solutions are not only desirable but also feasible. This paper conducts an ethical analysis of current immigration issues. It identifies various problems, values, and obligations that cause the ethical dilemmas that face the average Christian living in the United States. It uses evidence and theology to examine and distinguish between cultural trends versus popular myths to help bring to light what makes immigration an important and controversial issue.

Convener: Kristin E. Heyer, Loyola Marymount University

Matthew Bersagel Braley, Emory University

Wrigley

"More than Just Health: Towards A Christian Ethic of Decent Care in an HIV-Infected World"

Among global health institutions a "turn to religion" has become commonplace in the twenty-first century, especially as a strategy in the global response to the HIV pandemic. However, the limits and possibilities of this turn are better understood through a *return* to the ethical commitments animating religion and health partnerships in the 1970s. Drawing on the historical relationship between the World Council of Churches' Christian Medical Commission and the primary health care movement, this paper points toward a Christian ethic of mutual transformation useful for assessing contemporary proposals (e.g., the WHO's *decent care* framework) for "navigating the intersection" between religion and global health.

Convener: Ted A. Smith, Vanderbilt Divinity School

Julia A. Fleming, Creighton University

San Francisco

"Comforting Victims and Governing for the Common Good: A Lesson from the Historical Development of Double Effect"

In 1664, Juan Caramuel published his *Theologia Praeterintentionalis*, a treatment of the criteria for evaluating actions with effects that "are certainly foreseen, but nevertheless happen beyond and even against [one's] will." This volume, an important alternative development in the history of double effect, includes casuistry to demonstrate the utility of the intentional/non-intentional distinction for resolving practical dilemmas. Caramuel invokes double effect as a remedy for both the powerful and the powerless. His work reminds us that Christian ethics must be pastorally vigilant in its analysis of concrete circumstances, and grounded in the faith that God's mercy outstrips human limitations.

Convener: William C. McDonough, College of St. Catherine

Kathryn Reyes Hamrlik, Loyola University Chicago

Gold Coast

"The Principle of Subsidiarity and Catholic Ecclesiology"

Since the 2002 uncovering of the Catholic priest sexual abuse scandal, movements have called for ecclesial models that allow for greater participation and empowerment among the laity, moving away from overly-centralized church structures that can serve as breeding grounds for the abuse of power. Can the Catholic social teaching principle of subsidiarity, which calls governments and the private sector toward more participatory and empowering roles at the local level, be applied on an ecclesial level? This paper argues that not only is subsidiarity compatible *theologically* with the church, but it is also necessary *pragmatically* in today's current crisis of governance and participation within the church body.

Convener: Raymond Roberts, The Presbyterian Church, Westfield, NJ

Deonna D. Neal, University of Notre Dame

Atlanta

"The United States Military Warrior Creeds and the Christian Soldier"

At the end of the 20th century, the U.S. Military experienced an "identity crisis." In response to the post-Cold War culture, senior military leaders encouraged the development of a "warrior ethos" by introducing "warrior creeds." This paper argues that some of the moral imperatives depicted in these creeds make totalizing spiritual and political claims upon military members and reflect an unrepentant nationalism. Such claims can be challenged by the Just War tradition, which insists upon a chastened view of political authority and charity toward one's enemies, thus resulting in a more modest description of military identity and its consequent virtues.

Convener: David Clairmont, University of Notre Dame

Irene Oh, University of Miami

Buckingham

"The Politics of Motherhood: Maternal Ethics and Political Identity"

Although religions prominently portray mothers as vessels for the birth of religious leaders or as sources of unconditional love, motherhood ought also to be understood as a process of complex moral transformation. Drawing upon historical examples including the 2008 U.S. Presidential elections, autobiographical accounts, and secondary literature on mothers, I show how the dominant image of mothers as nurturers who lack ethical complexity can be subverted through feminist interpretations of religious texts. Experiences of motherhood may provide valid moral grounds for public civic engagement; however, maternal identity ought not to become the sole means for political legitimacy.

Convener: James Calvin Davis, Middlebury College

Robert W. Van der Waag, Georgetown University

*Comiskey*

"Property Rights as Rites of Passage: Legal Ownership and Identity in Catholic Social Teaching and Sharia Law"

A consensus exists today that for people to participate in the economic well-being of society they must have legitimate and secure property rights. The belief that property rights are indispensable for a just economic order is widely shared in both Catholic social teaching (CST) and Islamic Sharia law. First, the paper will provide a comparison between CST and Islamic Sharia law regarding this right. Second, it will explore how each tradition can contribute to civil society by helping those in poverty create formal ways for them to document their property through legally acceptable tools such as title deeds and permits.

Convener: Kathryn D. Blanchard, Alma College

"The Nature of the Beast: The Character and Moral Significance of Hatred in Comparative Perspective"

Panelists: Diana Fritz Cates, University of Iowa

*Toronto*

Joel Gereboff, Arizona State University

Keith Green, East Tennessee State University

Maria Heim, Amherst College

The members of this panel will probe the ways in which hatred is conceptualized and evaluated within various philosophical and religious traditions. The panelists will also consider the impact that the religious-ethical study of hatred could have on efforts to understand and alleviate various forms of bigotry and malicious violence. Keith Green will delve into the Aristotelian/Peripatetic and Stoic traditions; Diana Cates will analyze the thought of Thomas Aquinas; Maria Heim will examine Theravada Buddhism, with a focus on the writings of Buddhaghosa; and Joel Gereboff will explore rabbinic, kabbalist, and contemporary Jewish moral literature.

Moderator: Jonathan Schofer, Harvard Divinity School

"Wolterstorff's Justice and Christian Ethics"

*Water Tower*

Panelists: Victor Anderson, Vanderbilt University

Nigel Biggar, University of Oxford

Jean Porter, University of Notre Dame

Respondent: Nicholas Wolterstorff, Yale University

Philosopher Nicholas Wolterstorff has long been a fruitful dialog partner for Christian ethicists and theologians, with his wide-ranging studies on epistemology, religion and politics, aesthetics, education, biblical authority, and social justice. Recently, he played an important role in published debates between Stanley Hauerwas and Jeffrey Stout about Christianity, liberalism, and democracy. His latest work, *Justice: Rights and Wrongs*, defends the centrality of rights as fundamental to any true account of justice. Justice-as-rights, he argues, is grounded in Scripture, predates the Enlightenment, and is the natural 'first language' for Christian ethics. This better accounts for the claims made by the oppressed and marginalized on each of us as individuals and on society as a whole. The panel explores this conception of justice and its relation to Christian ethics, to which Wolterstorff will offer his own response.

Conveners: Robin Lovin, Southern Methodist University

John Perry, University of Oxford

SJE: Greg Dober, Duquesne University

*Haymarket***"Human Experimentation, Halakhah and the Jewish Tradition"**

Despite secular ethical research laws and codes being created from the aftermath of the Holocaust, it appears that very little commentary is written about the relationship of human experimentation, Halachah and the Jewish tradition. Halachah and traditional Jewish concepts regarding medicine, physician and patient appears valid in formulating a response to human experimentation, researcher and subject. This presentation will review such concepts in research as informed consent, risk and harm, obligation to seek treatments from research, placebos and volunteering for therapeutic and non-therapeutic clinical trials and how they relate to Halachah and the Jewish tradition. We will present conflicting opinions on the use of research data obtained from the Holocaust and attempt to produce our own analogous determination on the use of this type of data in research.

SCE Respondent: Audrey Chapman, University of Connecticut Health Center

Convener: Aaron Mackler, Duquesne University's Center for Healthcare Ethics

**12:30-2:00pm*****The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics Editorial Board*** *Soldier Field*

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### Muslim - Christian - Jewish Ethics

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*Comiskey*

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*Buckingham*

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*Gold Coast*

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*Water Tower*

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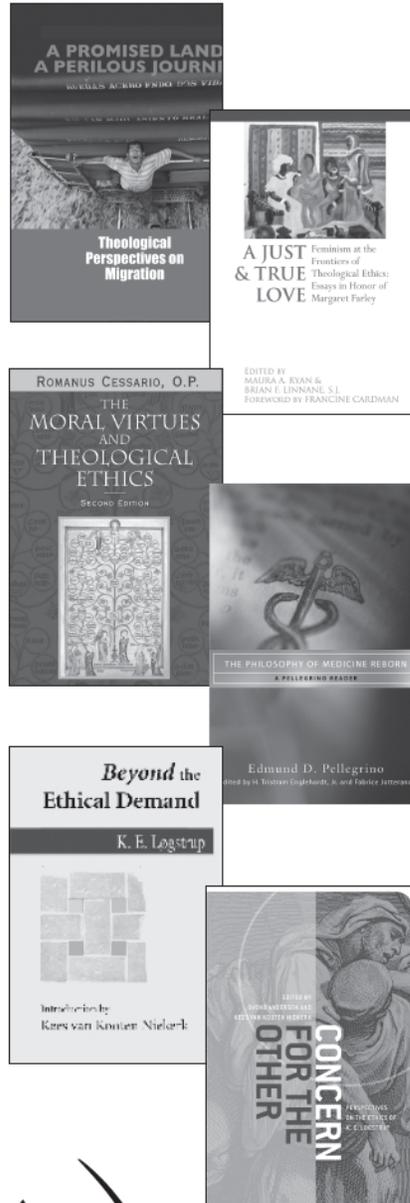
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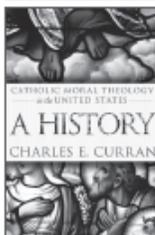
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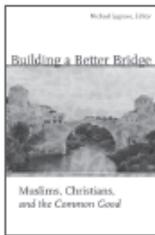
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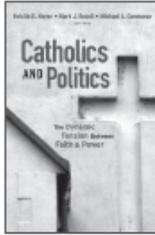
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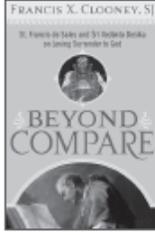
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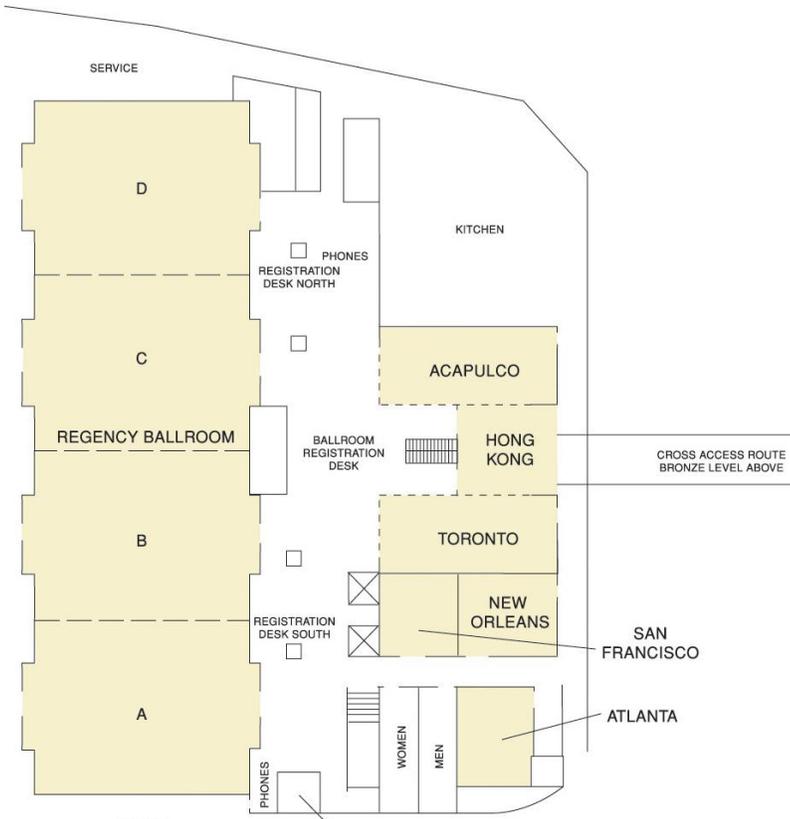


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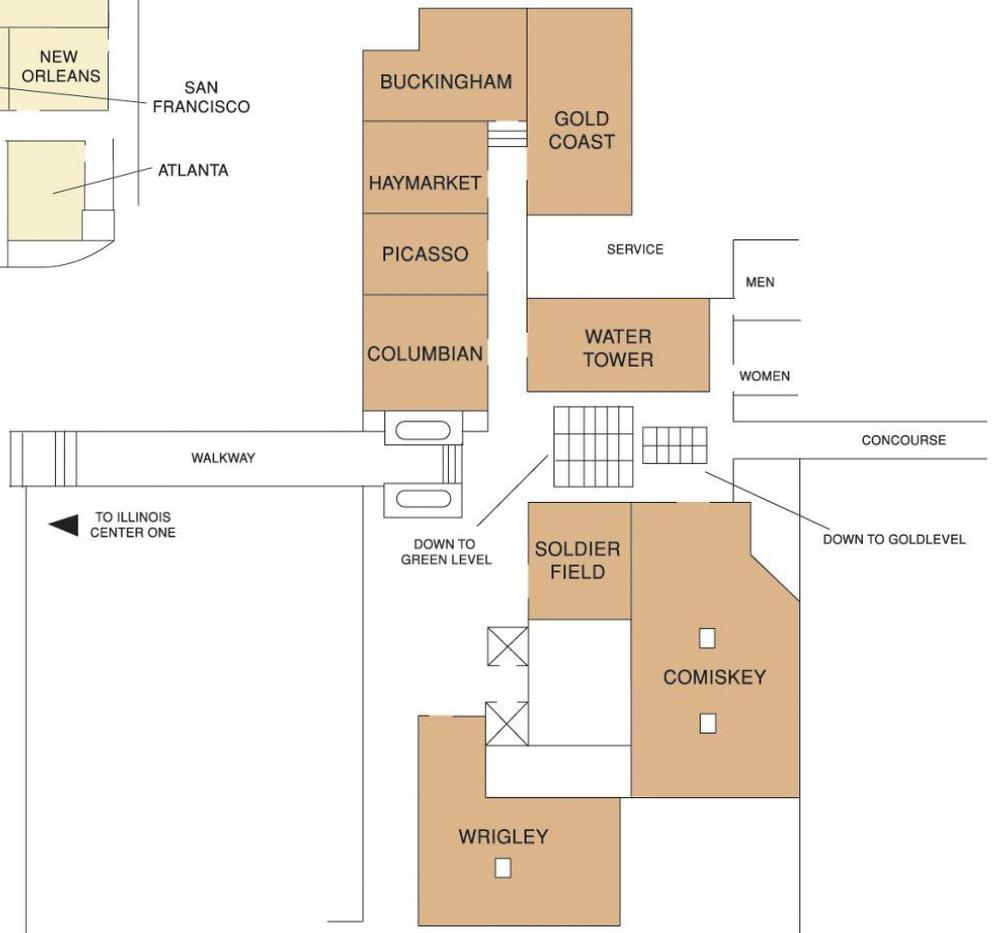


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