

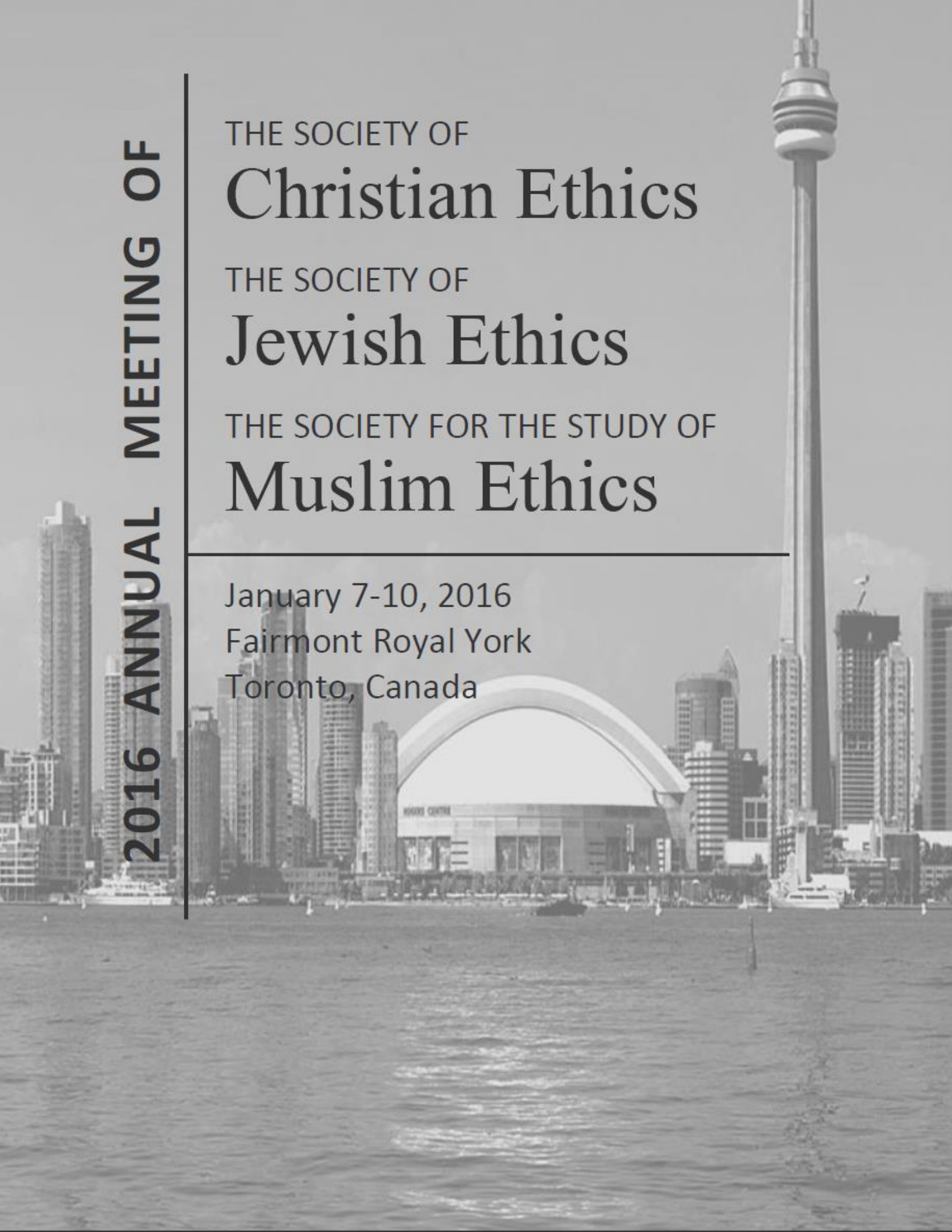
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Letter from SCE President, William Schweiker....

Welcome to Toronto, Canada! The annual meeting of the SCE always provides an opportunity for catching up with old friends and for making new ones, for pursuing questions of longstanding importance and opening discussions about new and urgent topics that confront our work in ethics. This year will be no exception.



I want to extend a special welcome to new and recent members! The SCE has always been a place where ethicists at all stages of their careers and who work in a wide variety of institutional settings can meet and talk together informally. Don't hesitate to introduce yourselves to one another! I would also like to ask every seasoned member of the SCE to reach out to at least one or two new members and help make them welcome in our Society. The SCE should take pride in being a place to make friends and colleagues across our confessional, institutional, linguistic, religious, and geographical differences.

The thematic emphasis this year is "Humanity and the Global Future." The program committee has successfully performed the difficult task of selecting from a large number of excellent proposals in order to put together a very engaging program. Our plenary speakers and their respondents will help us consider two very important and timely matters: Professor Hans Joas, a renowned sociologist of religion, will explore the "The Danger of Self-Sacralization." Professor Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela's address is entitled "Remorse and Forgiveness in the Aftermath of Mass Trauma and Violence: Towards the Horizon of an Ethics of Care." Together these plenary addresses engage some of the most fundamental questions as we think ethically about a humane global future. The papers in the concurrent sessions not only consider other important contemporary issues at the intersection of religion, ethics, globalization, and humanism, but also delve deeply into historical sources and questions. And of course, the papers selected from outside the thematic emphasis. Likewise, the papers offered by the program of SJE and SSME will surely prompt other interesting conversations.

Thank you for coming! I hope the 2016 conference is stimulating and enjoyable for all SCE members and their guests.

All the best,

William Schweiker
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Letter from SJE President, Geoffrey Claussen....

Dear colleagues,

I am thrilled to welcome you to the 2016 meeting of the Society of Jewish Ethics. Our program committee chairs, Dr. Alyssa Henning and Dr. Elias Sacks, have developed an exciting program filled with outstanding presentations by and discussions among leading scholars on a range of important issues.

Rabbi Dr. Rachel Adler of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion joins us as this year's SJE plenary speaker. Rabbi Dr. Adler will address the three societies on Sunday morning, January 10th, speaking on the theme of "Women as Human Beings in the Global Future."



Our program begins on Thursday evening with a panel on the topic of assisted suicide, in which members of the SJE, SCE, and SSME (Rabbi Dr. David Novak, Dr. John Berkman, and Dr. Anver Emon) will consider the February 2015 Canadian Supreme Court decision that struck down laws banning assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Other sessions on the SJE program consider themes including: teaching the ethical approaches of classical biblical commentaries; sexual coercion and sexual health; divine command theory in Jewish and Christian ethics; narratives of rabbinic reconciliation and maternal sacrifice; Jewish and Christian perspectives on covenantal ethics and Emmanuel Levinas; passion and Jewish ethics; martyrdom and political violence; animal ethics; imminent death and infertility; perspectives on Martin Buber, Hermann Cohen, and twentieth-century Jewish ethics; and an emerging proposal for an SJE/SCE/SSME "conference sabbatical" in 2022.

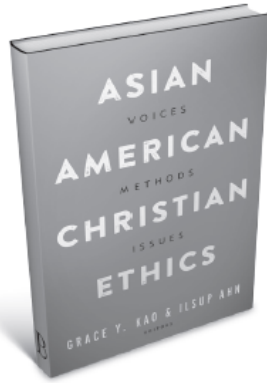
We also will celebrate Shabbat together through informal optional services both Friday evening and Saturday morning, and at Shabbat dinner and lunch. Please come to these, and enjoy the opportunity to eat, celebrate, sing, socialize, and network.

Please also join us for lunch and the SJE business meeting on Sunday. We will discuss the operations of our organization, brainstorm future directions, and welcome ideas for the 2017 meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

May this conference be stimulating and enjoyable for you all! Thank you for coming.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey Claussen
SJE President

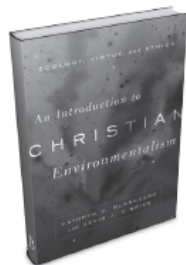


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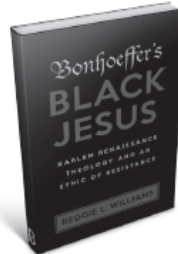
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Letter from SSME President, Kecia Ali....

Dear SSME Members and Friends,

I am delighted to welcome you to the seventh annual meeting of the SSME. We are fortunate to have the chance to come together in a committed, intimate scholarly community to discuss our work in the study of religious ethics. Our small size gives us the advantage of sustained connection and conversation over the course of the weekend both during and outside of formal sessions.



Our sessions this year offer compelling presentations, from the textual to the lived, from the classical to the modern, on topics including the ethics of law, gender, biomedicine, political justice, and moral epistemology. I hope you will join us for lively conversations at these panels as well as our informal SSME dinner on Friday night at 7 pm. I also hope you will attend Ingrid Mattson's lecture, Friday at 4 pm, entitled "Corruption on Earth: The Islamic Ethics of Land Use."

One thing we are doing a bit differently this year is attending more closely to issues of access. We are designating space for wheelchairs in our conference rooms, allocating spaces in the front row for those with low vision and low hearing, and asking presenters to follow best practices for accessible presentations. If you have suggestion or comments about these or other accessibility practices, I invite you to contact me.

Our board meeting will be held at Saturday, 7:30-9 am in the Boardroom. SSME members are welcome to attend, to learn more about our processes and procedures.

Sincerely,

Kecia Ali, SSME President

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January 5-8, 2017
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New Orleans, Louisiana

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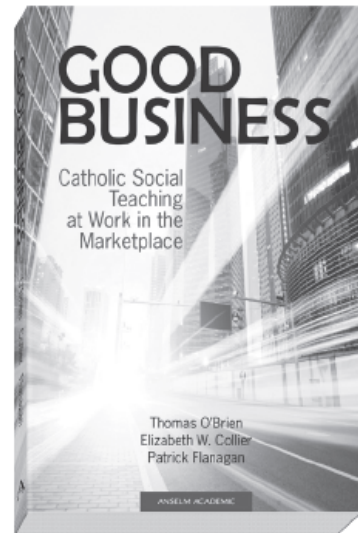
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The Society of Christian Ethics is happy to announce Margaret A. Farley, who served as the 1993 President of the Society, as this year's recipient of the award. More than forty years a beloved teacher and mentor at Yale University Divinity School, Margaret Farley has had a singular impact on the field of Christian ethics. The author or editor of eight books and more than 100 essays, she has explored central questions in Christian ethics, such as freedom of choice, commitment, respect for persons, autonomy, relationality and justice, sexuality, and death and dying, often framing the issues in an entirely new way. Her book, *Just Love: A Framework for Christian Sexual Ethics*, was awarded the 2008 Grawemeyer Award for the best book in religion. A pioneer in feminist theological ethics, her work is both deeply Catholic and broadly ecumenical, characterized by rigorous analysis always grounded in the concrete realities of human moral experience. For her many contributions to the field of ethics, the Society is proud to present her with The Lifetime Achievement Award.



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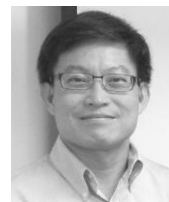
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In Memoriam

Yiu Sing Lúcas Chan, S.J. died the morning of May 19, 2015 of an apparent heart attack at Marquette University where he was an Assistant Professor of Moral Theology. Born in 1968, he was ordained in 2006 as a priest of the Chinese Province of the Society of Jesus. He defended his dissertation at Boston College in 2010. He wrote *The Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes: Biblical Studies and Ethics for Real Life* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2012; Dharmaram Publications, 2015) and *Biblical Ethics in the Twenty-first Century: Developments, Emerging Consensus, and Future Directions* (Paulist Press). He held fellowships at Yale University, Georgetown University, and Trinity College, Dublin and teaching positions in Cambodia, Ireland, Macau, the US, and his native Hong Kong.



James Wiley Fowler III, 75, living with Alzheimer's disease, died October 16, 2015. Jim was a pioneering scholar in practical theology and ethics, building on cognitive development theory and extensive empirical research as he identified six stages of faith through which we move as we seek meaning in our lives. His book *Stages of Faith: The Psychology of Human Development and the Quest for Meaning*, was formative of a field in which research and scholarship continue to evolve internationally. Jim taught at Harvard Divinity School and Boston College, before joining the faculty of Emory's Candler School of Theology in 1977. He was an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. At Emory he directed the Center for Research on Faith and Moral Development, before joining the Center for Ethics as Director in 1994. Jim wrote or edited 11 books and numerous book chapters and articles. In 2003, he was presented with a *Festschrift* to which fifteen scholars contributed, *Developing a Public Faith: New Directions in Practical Theology*.



James B. Nelson, an author and scholar of Christian ethics in the United Church of Christ, died October 15, 2015 in Tucson, Arizona, at age 85. Nelson took part in the civil rights and anti-war movements in the 1960s and championed LGBT rights beginning in the 1970s. Nelson was born in Windom, Minnesota, and earned degrees from Macalester College in St. Paul and Yale University. He was ordained in the UCC and served as a pastor in Connecticut and South Dakota before joining the faculty of United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in Minnesota in 1963. He taught there for 35 years. Nelson wrote 12 books and had one in progress at the time of his death.



Professor Emeritus **Samuel K. Roberts** died unexpectedly February 24, 2015. He was on the faculty of Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education as professor of theology and ethics 2001-2015. Prior to Union, he was at Virginia Union University 1985-2001, Union in New York and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Roberts's areas of interest were methodological approaches to ethics, theological ethics, public theology, church and state issues, Christian virtue ethics and the theological ethics of Martin Luther King, Jr. An ordained American Baptist minister, he is the author of several books including *African American Christian Ethics* and *In the Path of Virtue: The African American Moral Tradition*.



Jacquelyn Michelle Tooley, died May 26, 2015 after a two-year struggle with melanoma. She taught in the Religion Department at Belmont University 1995 to 2003 and at Berea College 2003 to 2015. Michelle's teaching, scholarship, and personal life demonstrated commitments to exploring the connectedness of local actions and global issues, to providing opportunities for others to explore those connections with her, and to empowering others to take on leadership and advocacy roles that they may never have imagined possible. Michelle educated students and the wider community about peace-building, migration, and human rights, by incorporating service-learning and collaborations with social change organizations into her courses and research. Her scholarly publications, including a book titled *Voices of the Voiceless: Women, Justice, and Human Rights in Guatemala*, focus on Christian ethics and the intersections of belief and social action, particularly through the experiences of marginalized people. Much of Michelle's work had a global focus and reach.



In Memoriam

Rabbi Dr. **Bonna Devora Haberman** taught at Harvard, Brandeis and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and was the author of *Israeli Feminism Liberating Judaism: Blood and Ink* and *Rereading Israel: The Spirit of the Matter*. She was a founder of the group Women of the Wall, founder and director of Brandeis University's Mistabra Institute for Jewish Textual Activism, and co-director of YTheater, an Israeli-Palestinian community theater project in Jerusalem. As an SJE member, she recently presented a paper at the 2014 SJE annual meeting in Seattle, titled "Toward CEDAW without reservations — Beyond the Wall of Jewish Orthodoxy."



Rabbi Dr. **Byron Sherwin** was Distinguished Service Professor and Director of Doctoral Studies at the Spertus Institute of Jewish Learning and Leadership. Dr. Sherwin was the author of many articles and books, including *Jewish Ethics for the Twenty-First Century: Living in the Image of God* (1999) and *Golems Among Us: How a Jewish Legend Can Help Us Navigate the Biotech Century* (2004). He was awarded a presidential medal, the Officer's Order of Merit, in 1995 by the Republic of Poland and its president Lech Walesa for his work in improving Polish-Jewish and Catholic-Jewish relations in Poland and the United States.



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	• Benjamin Ricciardi: "Hermann Cohen on Compassion: A Cognitivist Take on the Peculiarly Religious Emotion"		
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Wednesday**1-10pm**

1:00-8:00pm	Conference Desk Open	<i>Canadian Foyer</i>
4:00-6:00pm	SCE Finance Committee	<i>Boardroom</i>
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Thursday**8am- 6:45pm**

8:00am-6:00pm	Lutheran Ethicists	<i>Algonquin/Territories</i>
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9:00am-9:00pm	Conference Desk Open	<i>Canadian Foyer</i>
9:00am-5:00pm	SCE Board Meeting (Lunch in York)	<i>Library</i>
2:00-6:00pm	The University of Chicago Writers	<i>Boardroom</i>
4:00-9:00pm	Exhibits Open	<i>Canadian</i>
6:30-8:00pm	Baptist Ethicists	<i>Tudor 8</i>
7:00-8:30pm	Jewish Bioethics Keynote	<i>Alberta</i>

"Searching for a Universal Ethic on Suicide: Natural Law Perspectives from Abrahamic Traditions and Canada's Debate on Assisted Suicide"

Panelists: John Berkman, Regis College
 Anver Emon, University of Toronto
 David Novak, University of Toronto

On February 6th, 2015, the Canadian Supreme Court (SCC) unanimously struck down laws banning assisted suicide and euthanasia. This panel will focus on a key underlying issue, reflecting on the choice of suicide itself from natural law (NL) perspectives. Speaking from their respective Jewish, Islamic and Christian traditions, each panelist will explain what makes suicide problematic in relation to the NL and the epistemic status of such claims, analyze the relation between NL and civil law on suicide, account for erroneous NL claims from their tradition's history, and speculate on the possibilities of development in NL thinking on suicide.

Convener: Jonathan K. Crane, Emory University

7:00-9:00pm "Got Ethics?: A Pre-conference for Envisioning and Evaluating the Future of Our Guild and Discipline"

Territories

Reception following sponsored by Emmanuel College

Michael Bourgeois, Emmanuel College

Marilyn Legge, Emmanuel College

Welcoming Remarks

Gloria Albrecht, University of Detroit Mercy

"Is There A Common Good Anymore?: A Candid Look at the Opposing Wills of Race, Religion and Gender at Work"

Agnes Chiu, Fuller Theological Seminary

"Forging and Fumbling Our Way Through: Professionally Developing Our Future Selves"

Miguel De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology/University of Denver

"WTF, What Gives And Who Cares?: The Hopelessness of Our Discipline And Future"

Gary Dorrien, Union Theological Seminary/Columbia University

"Hindsight for Hinds' Feet - How History Has Shaped Us"

Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University

"Ordering Our Steps, Engendering Ethics, and Race-Ing Forward: The Promise and Peril of Organizations and Human Development"

In light of the SCE's 21st Century and 2020 Initiatives, several ad hoc committees and working groups have examined to the fate and future of both the society and the field of Christian Ethics. The "Got Ethics?" pre-conference workshop is an effort to make good on the hard work of those initiatives and the good intentions of the SCE board. We will revisit the implications that a diverse demographic and discipline as well as the developing global context may pose for the future of our scholarship and society.

Conveners: William Schweiker, University of Chicago
Cristina Traina, Northwestern University



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8:00-10:00pm **PCUSA Social Ethics Network**

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

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

Barbieri Jr., William A. (Ed), *At the Limits of the Secular: Reflections on Faith and Public Life* (William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2014)

Facilitator: Mark Douglas, Columbia Theological Seminary

Belser, Julia Watts, *Power, Ethics, and Ecology in Jewish Late Antiquity: Rabbinic Responses to Drought and Disaster* (Cambridge, 2015)

Facilitator: Yonatan Brafman, Jewish Theological Seminary

Berkman, John R., William C. Mattison III (Eds), *Searching For A Universal Ethic* (William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2014)

Facilitator: Romanus Cessario, St. John's Seminary, Massachusetts

Biggar, Nigel John, *Between Kin and Cosmopolis: An Ethic of the Nation* (Wipf & Stock, U.S.A.; James Clarke, UK, 2014)

Facilitator: John D. Alexander, St. Stephen's Church, Providence, Rhode Island

Bretherton, Luke, *Resurrecting Democracy: Faith, Citizenship and the Politics of a Common Life* (Cambridge University Press, 2015)

Facilitator: Andrew Forsyth, Yale University

Chapman, G. Clarke, *Universal Health Care as a Human Right: The Argument of Dietrich Bonhoeffer* (Edwin Mellen Press, 2014)

Facilitator: Brian Matz, Fontbonne University

De La Torre, Miguel A., *Doing Christian Ethics from the Margins* (Orbis Books, 2014)

Facilitator: Kate Ward, Boston College

Dorff, Elliot N., Laurie Zoloth (Eds), *Jews and Genes: The Genetic Future in Contemporary Jewish Thought* (Jewish Publication Society, 2015)

Facilitator: Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University

Finn, Daniel K. (Ed), *Distant Markets, Distant Harms: Economic Complicity and Christian Ethics* (Oxford University Press, 2014)

Facilitator: Sandra Sullivan-Dunbar, Loyola University Chicago

Hollowell, Adam Edward, *Power and Purpose: Paul Ramsey and Contemporary Christian Political Theology* (William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2015)

Facilitator: Brett McCarty, Duke University Divinity School

Kalbiam, Aline Haddad, *Sex, Violence & Justice: Contraception and the Catholic Church* (Georgetown University Press, 2014)

Facilitator: Jan Jans, Tilburg University

Moses, Sarah M., *Ethics and the Elderly, The Challenge of Long-Term Care* (Orbis Books, 2015)

Facilitator: Joshua R. Snyder, Saint Anselm College

Nolan, Kirk J., *Reformed Virtue After Barth* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2014)

Facilitator: Lawrence M. Stratton, Waynesburg University

O'Brien, Kevin J., Kathryn D. Blanchard, *An Introduction to Christian Environmentalism: Ecology, Virtue, and Ethics* (Baylor University Press, 2014)

Facilitator: Nancy Menning, Ithaca College

Odozor, Paulinus I., *Morality Truly Christian, Truly African: Foundational, Methodological, and Theological Considerations* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2014)

Facilitator: David Clairmont, University of Notre Dame

Paeth, Scott Ronald, *The Niebuhr Brothers for Armchair Theologians* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2013)

Facilitator: Sara Lynn Wilhelm Garbers, Loyola University Chicago

Salzman, Todd A., Michael G. Lawler, Eileen Burke-Sullivan, *The Church in the Modern World: Gaudium et spes Then and Now* (Liturgical Press, 2014)

Facilitator: Kenneth Weare, University of San Francisco/St. Rita Catholic Church

Strain, Charles R., Elizabeth Collier (Eds), *Religious and Ethical Perspectives on Global Migration* (Lexington Books, 2014)

Facilitator: Andrew Dunning, St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Denver

Twiss, Sumner B., Marian G. Simion, Rodney L. Petersen (Eds), *Religion and Public Policy: Human Rights, Conflict, and Ethics* (Cambridge University Press, 2015)

Facilitator: Bharat Ranganathan, University of Notre Dame

Westberg, Daniel A., *Renewing Moral Theology: Christian Ethics as Action, Character and Grace* (InterVarsity Press Academic, 2015)

Facilitator: Jordan Hylden, Duke University Divinity School

8:00am-7:15pm Exhibits Open

Canadian

9:00-10:30am Concurrent Session I

Maria Antonaccio, Bucknell University

*Ontario***"Rethinking Finitude: Mapping the Cultural Meanings of Sustainability"**

This paper approaches sustainability discourse as a prism through which to interpret the moral and cultural anxieties of living in an era of climate change. I contend that sustainability theory represents a debate over the meaning and value of limits (or of finitude more broadly) in human moral self-understanding. I present a typology of five models of sustainability to probe this issue. The typology demonstrates that what counts as a limit is fungible and highly contested across different socio-cultural domains, and that previous notions of limit (e.g., as defined by ideas of nature or nature's God) may no longer be effectual.

Convener: Gotlind Ulshoefer, University of Tuebingen

Elizabeth L. Antus, John Carroll University

*Algonquin***"Depressive Suicide: Paradox of Agency and Passivity, Provocation for an Ethics of Response"**

Christians have traditionally condemned a person's taking of her own life as a sinful rupturing of her relationships with God, self, and community. However, these condemnations do not help illuminate proper Christian responses to suicides that occur because of major depression. Here, a psychic desperation compromises a person's responsibility such that she paradoxically makes the choice to die while suffering passively because of mental illness. Christian ethicists must grapple with this distorted freedom and revise standard demarcations of ethical agency in such cases. They must also envision the proper response of care from the Christian community toward such vulnerable persons.

Convener: Sara Lynn Wilhelm Garbers, Loyola University Chicago

Neil Arner, University of Notre Dame

*Confederation 3***"Prospects for an Ecumenical Ethics: Signs of Common Moral Witness"**

One facet of "the global future" of Christian ethics concerns the prospects for an ecumenical ethics affirmed by a wide variety of Christians from diverse locales. I first review previous scholarship that compares Roman Catholic and Protestant perspectives on ethics. Then I show how some perennial disagreements have been mitigated by theological writing and moral advocacy in recent decades. Catholics and Protestants are manifesting shared respect for Scripture, nature, and history as moral resources. The commitments of some Christians around the world are also converging in practical matters related to mission, liberation, ecology, and humility.

Convener: Kate Ward, Boston College

John D. Carlson, Arizona State University

*Confederation 5***"Two Theological Traditions of Justice and their Implications for Christian Ethics and Global Political Life"**

Contemporary religious thought presumes justice is reducible to human rights given the commitment to human dignity found in rights discourse. But do other accounts of justice carry comparable commitments to human dignity? This paper explores two conceptions of justice in the debate between Nicholas Wolterstorff and Oliver O'Donovan. Contra both thinkers, I claim the commitment to human dignity can be retrieved from pre-modern "right order" conceptions of justice. I then show that, beyond this debate within Christian ethics, justice as right order provides frameworks and insights not available to rights-based accounts. The response to the Carlie Hebdo attacks affords such an illustration.

Convener: Werner Wolbert, University of Salzburg

Joshua L. Daniel, North Central College

*Tudor 8***"Patience, Social Acceleration, and the Practice of Pregnancy"**

Much contemporary Christian ethics has embraced time as the medium of moral life, evinced by the importance accorded to patience as a fundamental virtue. I critically evaluate appeals to patience by addressing social acceleration, the devastation of our experience of time due to technological advancement and the increased tempos of social change and pace of life. I argue that pregnancy is a neglected but compelling site for learning the patience that enables us to resist social acceleration and restores our sense of time as tensed between tradition and expectation. Entailed is a reevaluation of pregnancy and nature within Christian ethics.

Convener: Matthew R. Petrussek, Loyola Marymount University

Kerry Danner, Georgetown University

British Columbia

"Courage and Risk in the Face of Climate Change: Lessons from African-American Cooperative Economic Practices"

I draw on African-American cooperative economic practices in the pre-civil rights to give shape to new forms of solidarity in the face of climate change. These practices model collective courage and pragmatism, building on extended kinship relationships and shared vulnerabilities and strengths. In short, courage and risk are necessary for contemporary collective conversion in our daily living. Humility allows us to be courageous as we acknowledge our fear of the unknown, and, in turn, to risk together tentatively answering the many questions regarding effective and just policies and practices to curb climate change.

Convener: Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University

Christopher J. Dowdy, Paul Quinn College

Quebec

"Let us Love Laughter, Sometimes: Louis C.K.'s Whiteness, Hashtag Activism, and Augustine's Disorderly Spectacles"

Identifying a link between Augustine's *Confessions* and progressive critiques of humor from Suey Park, Lauren Chief Elk, and other "hashtag activists," in this paper I examine the comedian Louis CK's performance of white shamefulness for laughs. I argue that, in the right circumstances, laughter at the pain of conviction marks delight's transmogrification into judgment. Augustine's insight about the discerning love of sorrow finds its liberative twin in the measured turn to self-deprecatory laughter. In light of the despair-inducing challenges human beings face globally, joking about horrors emerges as a risky but crucial aspect of social transformation.

Convener: Bharat Ranganathan, University of Notre Dame

Nathaniel Van Yperen, Gustavus Adolphus College

Tudor 7

"The Fierce Urgency of Now: The Ecological Legacy of King's Social Ethics"

This paper offers a constructive, ecological extension of Martin Luther King Jr.'s social ethics through an original analysis a phrase drawn from the work of Henry David Thoreau's classic, *Walden*: "improved means to an unimproved end." King argued that this Thoreauvian theme "summarized" modern life and, in particular, he employed this idea to address the systemic, interconnected forces of racism, materialism, and militarism. Addressing the conference theme of humanity and the global future, this paper argues that King's work is fertile ground for the cultivation of an ecological ethic capable of resisting the logic of commodification of the West.

Convener: Kevin J. O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University

Working Group: Asian and Asian American

Manitoba

"What Can We Learn from Asian American Christian Ethics?"

Panelists: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College

MT Davila, Andover Newton Theological School

Gary Dorrien, Union Theological Seminary/Columbia University

Grace Yia-Hei Kao, Claremont School of Theology

Peter J. Paris, Princeton Theological Seminary

The Asian and Asian American Working Group was formed in 2008 and its members have been collaboratively exploring the connections between identity, ethics, and theology in their work. Twelve members have since published the first book on the subfield of study they inaugurated: *Asian American Christian Ethics: Voices, Methods, Issues* (Baylor University Press, 2015). We seek an expanded critical conversation and mutual assessment of our work, whereby the academy both challenges and is challenged by the book's impact. The AAWG warmly invites everyone to attend; all/most of the book's contributors will also be present to field questions as they arise.

Convener: Ilsup Ahn, North Park University

Interest Group: Families and the Social Order*Territories***"Families, Family Ethics, and the Global Future: Reflections on the Ordinary Synod"**

Panelists: Christina Astorga, University of Portland
 Jana Bennett, Dayton University
 James Bretzke, S.J., Boston College
 Andrew Kim, Walsh University

In the wake of the Ordinary Synod on Marriage and Family in October 2015, as well as the Extraordinary Synod in 2014, the Families and the Social Order interest group welcomes four panelists to its concurrent session for an important conversation in the area of family ethics. James Bretzke, S.J., Christina Astorga, Andrew Kim, and Jana Bennett will reflect on the actions taken by the Catholic bishops from a variety of perspectives that include the significance of any changes to pastoral and juridical practice, as well as points of resonance and dissonance with the lived experience of families.

Conveners: Jason King, Saint Vincent's College
 Kari-Shane Davis Zimmerman, College of St. Benedict/Saint John's University

SJE: Pedagogy and Classical Jewish Texts*Alberta*

Eric Lawee, Bar Ilan University

"Ethical Themes in Classical Jewish Biblical Commentaries: Challenges and Opportunities in the University Classroom"

Respondent: Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University

My paper's aim is twofold: to open a window on ethical themes as they arise in medieval Jewish biblical commentaries and to exemplify how such works can serve as a resource for introducing ethics into the university classroom. My "data" comes from a course titled "Medieval Jewish Biblical Exegesis: Challenges and Opportunities." The paper illustrates how moral themes arise in the commentaries in ways that shaped ethical sensibilities. It also raises pedagogical issues, including a decision to avoid some of the most vexing moral conundrums addressed by the commentators in light of the course's audience and the fraught theologico-political setting in which the course is taught.

Convener: Alyssa Henning, Luther College

SSME:*Confederation 6*

David Decosimo, Boston University

"Political Freedom as an Islamic Value"

The esteemed Islamicist Michael Cook has recently argued that political freedom is "not an Islamic value" but is, instead, in tension with Islam. This paper contends that Cook is mistaken. I move in three steps. First, I show that Cook overestimates and wrongly conceives what is required for a community to count as holding some value. Then, I show that the "liberal" notion of freedom that he rightly claims is absent is but one conception of freedom: he fails to consider the possible presence of an alternate "republican" conception. Finally, taking some of the very evidence Cook cites, I show that this republican conception figures in Islamic thought and practice.

Sarrah Tlili, University of Florida

"Creation's Devotion to God as Foundation for Environmental Ethics"

In this presentation I wish to discuss the notion of creation's sacredness and highlight its ecological impact particularly in Islam. To do this, I will first elaborate on the so-called myths of primitive ecological wisdom and the parallel myth of monotheism's incompatibility with environmental ethics. Second, I will highlight some of the problems found in the premises that have traditionally been proposed as foundations for environmental ethics in Abrahamic traditions, such as the notions of stewardship and nature's creaturely status. Finally, I will defend the theme of creation's devotion to God as the most adequate foundation for monotheistic environmental ethics.

Convener: Jamie Schillinger, St. Olaf College

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

11:00am-12:30pm Concurrent Session II

Sarah A. Azaransky, Union Theological Seminary

*Confederation 6***"Impossible and Inadequate: What North American Christian Social Ethics Can Learn from Postcolonial Theory"**

Postcolonial theory ought to inform how we do Christian social ethics in North America. The paper engages postcolonial critiques of the "impossibility of taking on world-saving projects" (Spivak). It also examines postcolonial theorists' move to localize European thinking—thus, the roots of modern theology and philosophy—and, in so doing, to recognize European thinking as both "indispensable and inadequate" (Chakrabarty) to justice-oriented work. The paper proposes a historical case that anticipates such critiques: the moral reflections of black American Christian intellectuals and activists who, from the 1930s to the 1950s, allied with independence movement leaders around the world.

Convener: Luke Bretherton, Duke University

Michelle Clifton-Soderstrom, North Park Theological Seminary

*Manitoba***"Plain Sense, Common Sense or Faithful Dissent? Evangelical Ethics and Same-Sex Marriage"**

Scholars vary on the meaning of the prohibitive passages and conclusions surrounding same-sex marriage. Yet, evangelicals continue to rely on plain sense readings of Scripture without examining the common sense assumptions surrounding marriage. Such fixed positions truncate sacred text and the community as sites of renewal. This paper urges evangelicals not to "close the book" and to utilize theological roots such as ongoing interpretation, theological diversity, and friendship to critique their moral witness and expand the discussion. It concludes that faithful dissent is a necessary habit toward being open to the Spirit's work in the world.

Convener: David Gushee, Mercer University

Katie Grimes, Villanova University

*Quebec***"Elusive Intentions: Just War Theory and the Fragmented Nation-State"**

Although contemporary wars are waged by densely bureaucratic nation-states comprised of isolated agencies driven by sometimes contrasting aims and intentions, just war theory assumes a more monarchical context in which the intentions of war-makers can easily be divined. Even if we could know for sure that heads of state always tell the truth when they express their reasons for acquiescing to war, we still would not what his country intends. In addition to continuing to debate what qualifies as a just intention, scholars ought to pay more attention to the difficulties of identifying a particular country's intention for waging war.

Convener: Raymond Ward, Cabrini College

Joseph J. Kotva, EndSight Consulting LLC

*British Columbia***"Sympathy for Brittany Maynard Is Not an Argument: Public Policy and Christian Virtue Ethics Critiques of Physician Assisted Suicide"**

Brittany Maynard – a 29-year-old woman with an inoperable brain tumor – thrust Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS) back into the public consciousness when her op-ed advocating PAS went "viral." PAS pundits called Ms. Maynard's op-ed and assisted suicide "ground changing" and "heroic." But pro-PAS arguments ignore Ms. Maynard's atypical situation, conflate arguments for suicide with PAS, pass over worrisome developments in other countries, utilize flawed analogies, and fail to account for moral formation. PAS is bad public policy and wrong-headed Christian Ethics.

Convener: Brett McCarty, Duke University Divinity School

"Human Dignity After Augustine"

Ontario

Panelists: Matthew Puffer, Villanova University
 Graedon Zorzi, Yale University

Respondent Jennifer Herdt, Yale University

In this panel we explore Augustine's thought for resources in navigating impasses in contemporary discussions about human dignity. For the half century that human rights has served as a global lingua franca, interpretations of the *imago dei* and human personhood have informed accounts of human dignity. Offering arguably the most canonical and contested account of the *imago dei* and the human in the Christian tradition, Augustine's moral vision does not readily map onto the uses to which human dignity is put today. Instead, Augustine's thought provides salutary stimuli to reassess invocations of human dignity in legal, medical, and environmental ethics.

Convener: Jesse Couenhoven, Villanova University

David S. Robinson, University of Edinburgh

Tudor 8

"Confessing Race: Bonhoeffer's Ecclesiology and the Global 'Color Line'"

In a 1939 essay, Dietrich Bonhoeffer comments on a "destructive rift" in the American church between white and black Christs, drawing on W.E.B. Du Bois' image of the "color line" to lament the social farce that common worship has become. I argue that this critique of racial segregation requires the enduring influence of German idealism, though acknowledging recent work on how Harlem Renaissance writers trouble Bonhoeffer's early nationalist views. Illuminating how Bonhoeffer adapts Hegel to think community, as did Du Bois before him, I explore his challenge to an ethic of resistance that begins with the particular.

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

Daniel P. Scheid, Duquesne University

Tudor 7

"God at Play in Creation: Resources for Christian Ecological Ethics in Hindu *Lila* (Play) and *Bhoga* (Pleasure)"

To enrich Christian ecological commitments to the intrinsic goodness of all creatures, this paper places Thomas Aquinas' theology of creation in dialogue with that of Hindu Srivaisnava theologian Vedanta Desika.

Both envision a horizontal and egalitarian order in the universe, yet in two key ways Desika expands Aquinas' conception that creatures glorify God as they fulfill their natural inclinations.

First, for Desika the universe is *lila vibhuti*, a realm where God plays amidst and through all creatures. Second, the activity of created beings constitutes God's *bhoga* (pleasure). I then detect themes of play and pleasure in contemporary Christian eco-theology.

Convener: Lois Daly, Siena College

C. Melissa Snarr, Vanderbilt Divinity School

Confederation 5

"Re-memembering the Poor: Interfaith Collaboration for an Anti-Imperial Gospel"

For Christians engaged in interfaith work, Galatians 2 can serve as a provocative anti-imperialist call to unite across abiding doctrinal difference by "remembering the poor." This hermeneutic, in turn, invites a class analysis of dominant forms of interfaith engagement, especially as recent immigrants/refugees represent the growing edge of religious diversity and working poverty in the United States. Drawing on fieldwork and national data, this paper argues that interfaith organizing models—more so than much of interfaith dialogue and service—regularly attend to the needs and agency of religiously diverse, vulnerable workers. Through explicitly political formation, interfaith organizing also offers an essential disruption to the religion of neoliberalism.

Convener: Matthew Jantzen, Duke University

Andrea Vicini, S.J., Boston College School of Theology and Ministry
 "The Societal Implications of Astrobiology: The Role of Emotions"

Alberta

Using astrobiology as a concrete example, the paper examines and discusses the relevance of emotions in influencing and shaping personal and societal responses to emerging findings, future research, and expected discoveries in this developing scientific field. In the case of researchers, scholars, believers, and citizens, emotions deserve attentive ethical analysis because they are a relevant component of any discernment and moral decision making. Christian theological ethics provides a needed, integrated, and comprehensive vision that studies emotions by situating them within a holistic view of the person—anthropologically and socially—by avoiding any exclusive focus (i.e., rigidly anthropological or exclusively constructivist).

Convener: Judith Merkle, Niagara University

SCE/SJE:

Elliot N. Dorff, American Jewish University (SCE/SJE)
 Richard Mouw, Fuller Theological Seminary (SCE)

Territories

"Divine Command Theory in Jewish and Christian Ethics"

In what ways, and to what extent, can/should Jewish and Christian ethics be conceived as divine commands? How does one know what God commands? Can God's moral commands, or our perception of God's commands, change over time? What is the role of ethics beyond the law in Judaism? How do divine commands interact with Spirit in Christianity?

Our dialogue will be based on these two books: Richard J. Mouw, *The God Who Commands: A Study of Divine Command Ethics*, and Elliot N. Dorff, *For the Love of God and People: A Philosophy of Jewish Law*.

Convener: John Fitzgerald, St. John's University, New York

SJE: Sexual Ethics and Rabbinic Thought

Confederation 3

Rebecca Levi, University of Virginia

"Let's Talk About Sex: Navigating Power and Expertise in Ritual and Sexual Health"

In this paper, I take steps toward establishing a Jewish ethic of medical expertise that is responsive to power disparities, using sexual health ethics as a case study. I argue that tannaitic purity discourse offers a model for thinking about ethical issues surrounding STI transmission, and can also be helpful in thinking about power, authority, and expertise within that context. The particular social character of purity discourse can provide a model for disseminating public health norms in a community without shaming members of that community; at the same time, the role of rabbis as experts can help us unpack questions about the nature of expertise and its relationship to authority.

Aviva Richman, New York University

"Sexual Coercion and Consent and the Development of Legal Subjectivity in Rabbinic Literature"

This paper addresses rabbinic formulations of sexual coercion and consent through study of a Talmudic passage that attempts to correlate sexual coercion and pain (bKet 39a), read alongside a Talmudic passage in personal injury law regarding whether a person may consent to pain (bBQ 93a). Engaging recent studies on subjectivity in rabbinic law and literature, I discuss how the rabbinic discourse of sexual consent relates to questions of female sexual agency and provides a gendered lens on the conception the legal subject. This case-study of highly redacted Talmudic passages allows for analysis of the relationship between critical-textual studies and sexual ethics.

Convener: Molly Farneth, Haverford College

SSME: Panel on *Divine Command Ethics in Islam*, pp. 18-23*Algonquin*

Omar Farahat, Columbia University

"Islamic Muslim Epistemological Debates and the Possibility of Divine Command Ethics"

The purpose of this paper is to re-examine the Ash'arī-Mu'tazilī debates on the sources of normative judgments in some influential works from the eleventh century CE. I argue that the central concern underlying those debates is not a general inclination towards scripture as opposed to reason, but an epistemological disagreement concerning the role of revelation-based information in the practical reasoning. I demonstrate that this disagreement parallels contemporary debates between natural-reason and divine-command theorists. Following from this observation, I will attempt to highlight the ways in which Ash'arī skepticism can contribute to the current growing interest in divine command ethics.

Loumia Ferhat, The John Hopkins University

"The Theory of Abrogation: The Result of a Misunderstanding?"

The theory of abrogation deserves nowadays more attention than ever. As current debates on the Qur'an revolve mostly around the jihad, the theory of abrogation is used both by Muslim extremists to justify atrocious acts and by anti-Muslim trying to prove the inherent violence of the Qur'an. Yet, its use is anything but consensual. The argument of my paper is to highlight the tension between the theory of abrogation that necessarily introduces a temporal aspect and the eternalist stance: One cannot adopt this intellectual tool without drawing its consequences. When belligerent Muslims chose to single out some verses in the name of naskh, they introduce a temporality and invites us, despite themselves, to keep contextualizing our reading of the Qur'an.

Convener and Discussant: John Hare, Yale University

11:00am-12:30pm GUP and Editors Meeting*Boardroom***12:30-2:00pm** Lunch**12:45-1:45pm** SJE Board Meeting*Boardroom***12:45-2:00pm** JRE Editorial Board*Library***12:45-2:00pm** Student Caucus (Pre-registration needed for lunch.)*Salon B*

Conveners: Melanie Jones, Chicago Theological Seminary
Brett McCarty, Duke University Divinity School

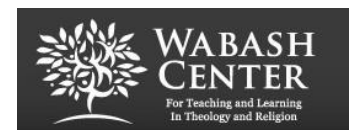
12:45-2:00pm Junior Faculty Caucus (Pre-registration needed for lunch.)*York*

Co-Sponsored by the Wabash Center

Speaker: Eboni Marshall Turman, Duke Divinity School

Join us to discuss teaching and learning, with a focus on the topic of difficult conversations in the classroom. This focus will include mention of how cultural differences impact these conversations and the insight we can draw from international voices. Rev. Eboni Marshall Turman Ph.D. from Duke University will be our facilitator. The Wabash Center has generously offered to co-sponsor this event.

Conveners: Elise Edwards, Baylor University
Eli McCarthy, Georgetown University



12:45-2:00pm Contingent Faculty Caucus*Saskatchewan*

Our session this year will focus on table-group discussions around key concerns raised by our membership. We encourage you to attend and contribute from your experience to help us shape future initiatives. Everyone concerned about contingent faculty employment, careers off the tenure track, or future prospects for employment of graduate students is welcome. Lunch is brown bag.

Conveners: Debra Erickson, Independent Scholar
Lincoln Rice, Marquette University

12:45pm Historical Tour of the Fairmont Royal York*Hotel Lobby*

(Pre-registration requested.)

2:00-3:30pm SCE Plenary*Concert Hall*

Hans Joas, Humboldt University Berlin/The University of Chicago

"The Danger of Self-Sacralization"

Respondent: Hille Haker, Loyola University Chicago

In my writings on the history of human rights, the Axial Age and the genesis of values I have treated the experience of self-transcendence and the attribution of sacredness as a fundamental anthropological phenomenon. But this fundamental fact of ideal formation has a flip side: The sacralization of particular meanings is originally always also the sacralization of a collectivity. This I call the danger of self-sacralization. In this talk I will offer a brief historically oriented sociological sketch of the tensions between "religion" and "politics" in light of this assumption, discuss H. Richard Niebuhr's relevance for this area of study, and illustrate my thesis with regard to some contemporary cases where the danger of self-sacralization is particularly urgent.

Convener: William Schweiker, University of Chicago

3:30-4:00pm Break*Canadian***4:00-5:30pm Concurrent Session III**

William A. Barbieri Jr, The Catholic University of America

British Columbia

"Historicity and Axiomatics: The Ethics of Dignity in an Ecological Age"

Can dignity—a central value in a Christian environmental outlook often criticized as overly anthropocentric—be understood constructively so as to affirm the intrinsic value of non-human nature? In contrast to traditional views of dignity as inborn, achieved, or accorded, I explore an alternative genealogy stretching back through Francis Bacon and certain Scholastics to classical logic, where dignitas translated the Greek term *axia*, the term for an object the worth of which is taken to be given or self-evident (axiomatic). This conception of dignity as manifest goodness, I argue, is important for the ongoing development of a responsible ecological ethics.

Convener: Kevin Schemenauer, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology

Gregoire Catta, S.J., CERAS/Centre Sevres, Paris

Confederation 3

"Francisco de Vitoria's Moral Cosmopolitanism and Contemporary Catholic Social Teaching"

While upholding the legitimacy of local governments Vitoria offers a stimulating vision of moral cosmopolitanism that forecasts the cosmopolitanism implicit in contemporary Catholic social teaching. After clarifying the distinction between *moral* cosmopolitanism and *political* cosmopolitanism, this paper retrieves Vitoria's cosmopolitan vision in his efforts to defend "the rights of the Indians." Then an argument is made that this vision can barely be seen as supporting a form of *political* cosmopolitanism. The last part suggests that this balance between local sovereignty and international law can serve as a model to apprehend the variety of positions regarding cosmopolitanism to be found in contemporary Catholic Social Teaching.

Convener: Joshua R. Snyder, Saint Anselm College

Guido de Graaff, SE Institute for Theological Education, London and Canterbury, UK *Confederation 6*
 "Equal Members of a Global Family: Theological Reflections on Human Dignity in Conversation with
 Jeremy Waldron"

Jeremy Waldron's recent account of human dignity (2015 Gifford Lectures) carefully navigates between defining dignity in purely qualitative terms, and emptying it of any qualitative content altogether. His alternative is subtly teleological, maintaining humanity's basic unity in the face of profound difference. This paper will develop Waldron's argument in a more explicitly theological register: first by suggesting, with Robert Spaemann, that human dignity is best understood in terms of *family* membership, expressed typically when members act on each other's behalf; and secondly, by tracing back these dynamics to their origin in the ultimate vicarious act – God's calling creatures into existence.

Convener: Andrew Forsyth, Yale University

Debra Erickson, Independent Scholar *Confederation 5*
 "The University and the Human Future: Meritocracy or Aristocracy?"

This paper argues that the idea of the university entails a vision of the good life that is Aristotelian and aristocratic. The 20th-century expansion of college from the elites to a mass-market (democratic and meritocratic) product represented a key shift in how we think about education and generated a potentially unresolvable tension, hampering efforts at reform.

Using this ethical frame, the paper will examine several contemporary phenomena in higher education (e.g. MOOCs, administrative bloat, corporatization of tertiary education) and consider how theological anthropology might help universities find a way through these philosophical and practical challenges to support greater human flourishing.

Convener: Charles Lockwood, Oberlin College

Nichole M. Flores, University of Virginia *Manitoba*
 "Beyond Consumptive Solidarity: An Aesthetic Response to Human Trafficking"

A disturbing economic reality confronts consumers today: thousands of farm workers enslaved in U.S. agricultural fields, forced to work without pay amid deplorable conditions and under the constant threat of violence. If structural economic injustices perpetuate modern day agricultural slavery, then it is necessary to promote consumer practices that resist these abusive dynamics. But a consumption-oriented strategy does not necessarily restore either personal agency or communal relations damaged by agricultural trafficking. This essay proposes a framework for aesthetic solidarity that cultivates affective bonds necessary for building communities of resistance characterized by agency, reciprocity, and equality.

Convener: Marcus Mescher, Xavier University

Brett McCarty, Duke University Divinity School *Quebec*
 "Constructing the Medicalized Body: Examining Three Paradigmatic Spaces within the Modern Hospital"

Through illness and suffering, our bodies become strangers to us, and this estrangement often occurs within the modern hospital, an institution with great power to name and narrate bodies. By extending Elaine Scarry's analysis of the torture chamber to the hospital, this paper examines the constructions of the body within the ICU, the surgical ward, and labor and delivery, where the body can be constructed, respectively, as object, enemy, and friend. Drawing from Eugene Rogers's *After the Spirit*, the paper closes with an account of how patients and practitioners can participate in the Holy Spirit's work of befriending flesh.

Convener: Paul Scherz, Catholic University of America

Jermaine M. McDonald, Symposium Ethics *Ontario*
 "Ferguson and Baltimore According to Dr. King: How Competing Interpretations of King's Legacy Frame
 the Public Discourse on #BlackLivesMatter"

Police and protestors clashed in the aftermath of fatal police violence against unarmed Black men in Ferguson and Baltimore. Commentators on all sides of the public discourse about these events invoked the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. to ground their opinions of the violent encounters themselves as well as the public protests that ensued in response. I explore the competing invocations, reflecting on what about Dr. King captures our public imagination, what gets omitted, and what is at stake in the debate. Finally, I address how King's legacy better speaks to the American state than to its justice-seeking protestors.

Convener: Melanie C. Jones, Chicago Theological Seminary

Nathaniel Wood, Orthodox Christian Studies Center, Fordham University
 "Personalism, *Theosis*, and Human Rights in Russian Orthodoxy"

Algonquin

Modern Orthodox theology understands the human person in light of *theosis*, or deification. Recent statements from the Russian Orthodox Church have suggested a fundamental tension between the resulting Orthodox personalism and the secular individualism of Western liberal rights discourse. However, the historical roots of Orthodox personalism in pre-revolutionary Russia were bound up with a political defense of the "absolute significance" of the person that had much in common in liberal conceptions of human rights. This paper examines the development of theocentric personalism in 19th and early-20th-century Russian theology to defend a personalist approach to rights broadly compatible with liberalism.

Convener: Laurie Johnston, Emmanuel College

Stewart W. Herman, Concordia College-Moorhead
 Diane Yeager, Georgetown University

Tudor 7

"The Virtue of 'Selling Out': Compromise as a Moral Transaction"

While the character of individual agents remains important, we argue that a focus on transactions between agents illuminates the development and maintenance of virtue, providing a way to address complaints that virtue theory focuses too much on self-cultivation and individual achievement. In addition, some actions of agents—compromising, trusting, or forgiving—are intrinsically transactional and can only succeed morally if both agents "live up to" the requirements of the transaction. Compromise offers a vivid example. From the point of view of the principled stand-alone agent, compromise looks like a moral failure, but as a transactional event, compromise becomes (as in recognition theory) a virtuous activity.

Convener: Jordan Hylden, Duke University Divinity School

SCE/SJE:

Territories

Interest Group: Covenantal Ethics

"Emmanuel Levinas and Covenantal Ethics: A Jewish-Christian Discussion"

Panelists: Robert Gibbs, University of Toronto (SJE)
 Kevin Jung, Wake Forest Divinity School (SCE)
 Martin Kavka, Florida State University (SJE)
 Timothy Verhey, St Andrews University (SCE)

Michael Faggenblat's *A Covenant of Creatures: Levinas's Philosophy of Judaism* (Stanford University Press, 2010) argues that the image of covenant is central to Emmanuel Levinas's philosophical ethics. This year, the Covenantal Ethics Interest Group will have a panel discussion of Faggenblat's book, co-sponsored by the Society of Jewish Ethics, as a way of opening up a dialogue about covenant as a significant moral image across different faith traditions and between religious and philosophical ethics.

Convener: David True, Wilson College

Interest Group: Climate Justice

Alberta

The Climate Justice Interest Group will meet in a session hosted by the **Society of Jewish Ethics** to explore a "conference sabbatical" for 2022 in light of anthropogenic climate change and the fossil fuel economy that undergirds the meeting of scholarly bodies such as our own. Building on Laurie Zoloth's 2014 Presidential Address at the American Academy of Religion, this substantive and discussion-oriented session will describe the conference sabbatical proposal (approved by SJE Board and under consideration by SCE and SSME Boards), survey what other scholarly bodies have done, and brainstorm possibilities. Members of the SJE, SCE, and SSME are warmly invited to attend.

Conveners: Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
 Christiana Z. Peppard, Fordham University

SSME:*Tudor 8*

Ingrid Mattson, Huron University College, University of Western Ontario
 "Corruption on Earth: The Islamic Ethics of Land Use"

Disagreement over land ownership and land-usage rights are a significant and increasing cause of conflict across the world. Climate change and a voracious demand for energy and consumer goods has accelerated the demand for land. Most governments rely on a principle akin to "public interest" to justify seizing or using land to facilitate such projects, while the public often protests that their interests are ignored. In this context, it is urgent that Muslims develop a coherent and principled ethics of land ownership and use that is relevant to the reality of the world today.

Convener: Kecia Ali, Boston University

4:40pm Shabbat Candle Lighting *On your own*

5:45-6:00pm **Lifetime Achievement Award** *Concert Hall*
Recipient: Margaret Farley
 Presenter: Maura Ryan, University of Notre Dame

6:00-6:45pm **SCE Presidential Address** *Concert Hall*
 President: William Schweiker

6:45-7:45pm **SCE Presidential Reception** *Canadian*

7:00-7:45pm **Kabbalat Shabbat Services** *York*
 (Please bring your own *siddur*.)
 Service is in Hebrew; all are welcome.

7:00-8:30pm **SSME Dinner**
Location TBD

7:45-9:15pm **Shabbat Dinner** *Library*
 SJE Presidential Greetings: Geoffrey Claussen, Elon University
 (Pre-registration required for dinner. Meal is kosher vegetarian.)

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

Working Group: African/African American *Tudor 8*
 "Being Black, Teaching Black"

Panelists: Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University
 Bryan Massingale, Marquette University

The classroom presents unique challenges for faculty of color. African and African American scholars constantly negotiate racial and power politics within predominantly white institutions and among students. This panel explores challenges, strategies, and successes of black scholars who have wrestled with these issues. Panelists discuss questions such as: How does blackness or cultural specificity matter in the classroom? In what ways has racism, if ever, impacted your teaching? What tactics, strategies and practices do you use to resist racism? How do factors such as gender and sexuality interact with, offset, or even enhance racial dynamics?

Convener: Reggie Williams, McCormick Theological Seminary

8:00-9:30pm Interest Groups I

Interest Group: Christian Ethics In Historical Context

Confederation 6

"Augustinian Accounts of Evil: Rejections and Retrievals"

Panelists: Jesse Couenhoven, Villanova University (SCE)
Andrew Flescher, Stony Brook University (SJE)

Augustinian accounts of evil remain widely influential but are widely criticized. It is sometimes suggested that religious thought ought to be more "positive" and focus less on the bad and the wrong. Yet concepts of sin and evil seem essential to the religious and the moral imagination. This panel will consider how modern ways of thinking and talking about evil take steps both forwards and backwards from historic ways of thinking and talking about evil. Our focus will be on possible contemporary applications and retrievals of Augustinian accounts of evil, including the privation theory.

Conveners: Jesse Couenhoven, Villanova University
James Swan Tuite, Overland College

Interest Group: Environmental Ethics and Theology

Manitoba

Interest Group: Ethics and Political Economy

Interest Group: Monetary Policy

"Monetary Reform: Crucial for a Viable Human Future"

Speaker: Honourable Paul T. Hellyer, former Minister of Defence and Deputy Prime Minister

Respondent: Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University

At the heart of the power of financial and corporate elites—which exercise increasing control over governments, bringing impoverishment to many and devastation to our environment, while a few become greatly enriched—is control over the power to create money out of nothing. Shifting this power to democratic public control is essential in order to provide financial resources enabling the human community to overcome the social and environmental problems which endanger our future. Ethicists could play a key role in promoting awareness of this potent, but little-recognized option. Our speaker will be the Honourable Paul T. Hellyer, former Member of the Parliament of Canada including service as Minister of Defence, and recently, author of *The Money Mafia*.

Convener: George H. Crowell, University of Windsor (Monetary Policy)

Interest Group: Ethics and Catholic Theology

Ontario"Theological And Ethical Reflections On *Laudato Si'*"Panelists: David Cloutier, Mount St. Mary's University
Jessica Wrobleski, Wheeling Jesuit University

This interest group session consists of two presentations and a discussion on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*.

David Cloutier will give an overview of *Laudato Si'*, focusing on its links with John Paul II's *Laborum exercens*, sexual ethics, and the importance of recovering a "grammar of creation." Jessica Wrobleski will reflect on how the encyclical relates to ecological challenges in West Virginia (e.g., industrial accidents and strip mining) and how Catholics there are addressing these issues.

A discussion will follow on the encyclical's ethical-theological significance, practical applications, and ideas for and experiences of teaching it.

Conveners: Michael Baxter, Regis University, Denver
John Berkman, Regis College, Toronto

Interest Group: Ethics and Law Interest Group

Conferation 3

Speaker: Robin Lovin, Center of Theological Inquiry

Robin Lovin, Senior Fellow for Theology at the Center of Theological Inquiry, will lead a discussion on religion and law. The history of religious conflict has led liberal political thought to frame the problem of religion and law as 'How much religious freedom can we allow?' A contemporary understanding of the role of religion in both personal identity and social cohesion asks instead, 'How much religious freedom do we require?' Professor Lovin will address these questions and the implications for further work in law and religious ethics. Other participants in the Inquiry and audience members will join the discussion.

Conveners: Cathleen Kaveny, Boston College
Jonathan Rothchild, Loyola Marymount University

Interest Group: Ethics and Sexualities

Quebec

"Freedom as Discrimination? Religious Ethics, Sexual Orientation and Democratic Equality"

Speakers: MT Davila, Andover Newton Theological School
Marvin M. Ellison, Union Theological Seminary
Janet Jakobsen, Barnard College
Jennifer S. Leath, Iliff School of Theology
Darryl Roberts, Emory University

The adoption of religious freedom legislation by several states early in 2015 revived public conversation about the moral legitimacy of discriminatory practices that are religiously grounded. The Supreme Court's ruling in June legalizing same-sex marriage further raised the specter of marriage equality as a menacing incursion on the religious freedom of those who condemn homosexuality for religious reasons. Does a religious basis make discrimination morally legitimate? Is religious freedom the freedom to discriminate? Panelists will discuss the ethical issues at stake in various framings of these issues, particularly as they intersect with and diverge from race, class, gender, and nation.

Conveners: Teresa Delgado, Iona College
Yvonne Zimmerman, Methodist Theological School, Ohio

Interest Group: Fieldwork and Christian Ethics

Algonquin

"Cases from the Field: Difficulties and Dilemmas of Ethnographic Research"

The Fieldwork and Christian Ethics group will feature discussion of specific issues and cases that arise in the doing of fieldwork, from the safety of research subjects to negotiating boundaries with subjects, and much else. Please bring a case or issue that has arisen for you in the doing of your fieldwork.

Convener: Todd Whitmore, University of Notre Dame

Interest Group: Future Scholars

Salon B

"Future Scholars on Humanity and the Global Future"

The Future Scholars Interest Group seeks to provide a space for doctoral students to present their research to the SCE and receive feedback from accomplished scholars in their professional guild. To that end, we have selected student scholars to present on interesting intersections within the topic of humanity and the global future, with a response to their work by Dr. Eboni Marshall Turman, Assistant Research Professor of Theological Ethics and Black Church Studies and Director of the Office of Black Church Studies at Duke University Divinity School.

Megan McCabe, Boston College: "The Significance of Edward Schillebeeckx's "Negative Contrast Experience" for Social Transformation"

Edward Schillebeeckx argues that ethics ought to be primarily a response to suffering, the attack on the *humanum*. The *humanum* cannot be positively defined, but is most accessible through the negative contrast experience, in which people respond, pre-reflectively, to suffering in protest. This experience is a form of revelation, made possible by the eschatological promise of the fullness of the *humanum*. Rejecting the applicability of universal positive norms, he argues that full humanization is promoted through the recognition of the negative boundaries of what constitutes a livable humanity. Thus, we arrive at contextually conditioned norms that foster human flourishing.

Willa C. Swenson-Lengyel, University of Chicago Divinity School: "Facing the Future Anew: The Human Being as Hoper"

Given the future marked by uncertainty and environmental crisis, we must now confront the question: what *is* the importance of hope to human living, particularly to our moral life? And, can it be undermined? I argue that answering these questions requires turning to theological anthropology, from which one sees that the human—able to act into an envisioned future, and yet aware of its limited finitude—is *necessarily* a hoper. This reveals hope's centrality and weakness: it is a precondition of human living *and* susceptible to harm. As such, how do we maintain hope in situations that are potentially hopeless?

Sara Williams, Emory University: "Performing Kairos: Sabeel's *Contemporary Way of the Cross* as Agent of Theo-Political Transformation"

This paper examines the *Contemporary Way of the Cross*, a performance of the Stations of the Cross by American Christian pilgrims at various Jerusalem sites of political contestation. I argue this practice offers an example of the power of liturgical performance to reshape theo-political dispositions. To support this claim, I draw on narratives of pilgrims who proclaim a "conversion" to the Palestinian cause through the *Contemporary Way of the Cross*, as well as a discourse analysis of the liturgical guide. From this analysis I contend that it is the *kairos* urgency of this shared theological performance that undergirds its transformative power.

Respondent: Eboni Marshall Turman, Duke University Divinity School

Conveners: Melanie Jones, Chicago Theological Seminary
Brett McCarty, Duke University Divinity School

Interest Group: Health Care Ethics

Confederation 5

Our discussion will focus on Canada's publicly funded health care system. Professor Carolyn Tuohy, a Senior Fellow at the University of Toronto's School of Public Policy and Governance, will serve as our discussion starter. She has written three books and numerous articles on the Canadian system and is a recognized scholar comparing Canadian, U.S., and European systems. She will provide an overview of the Canadian system and offer insight into its origins and values. Most of our time will involve conversation with our discussion leader, including attention to a comparison of ethical foundations for the U.S. and Canadian systems.

Conveners: Joseph Kotva, EndSight Consulting LLC
Gerald Winslow, Loma Linda University Health

Interest Group: Moral Theory and Christian Ethics
 "Constructivism in Ethics"

Territories

Speakers: Molly Farneth, Haverford College
 Paul Weithman, University of Notre Dame

The term "constructivism" has become a part of the familiar lexicon in philosophical ethics, but it has seldom been a topic of focused discussion among religious ethicists. The purpose of this year's meeting is to explore the place of constructivism in religious ethics and to evaluate its philosophical and religious significance. To this end, Molly Farneth (Haverford) and Paul Weithman (Notre Dame) will offer their own account of constructivism.

Conveners: Kevin Jung, Wake Forest University Divinity School
 Per Sundman, Uppsala University, Sweden

Interest Group: Pedagogy

Tudor 7

"Let Justice Roll Down: Social Justice Pedagogy in the Church, University, and Seminary"

Panelists: Miguel De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology
 Vic McCracken, Abilene Christian University
 AnneMarie Mingo, Pennsylvania State University
 Laura Stivers, Dominican University of California

Contributors to the recently published book, *Christian Faith and Social Justice: Five Views*, will participate in a panel discussion about the book and the broader topic of social justice pedagogy, attending to best practices for teaching about social justice in different educational settings. Participants will discuss both in-class pedagogy and paracurricular practices that cultivate student commitment to social justice work.

Conveners: Elizabeth Barre, Rice University (SSME)
 Vic McCracken, Abilene Christian University

Interest Group: Technology Ethics

Alberta

"George Grant's Contribution"

Panelists: Harris Athanasiadis, St Mark's Presbyterian Church, Toronto
 Graham Baker, McMaster University
 Travis Kroeker, McMaster University
 Brent Waters, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

This panel assesses the contribution of Canadian philosopher George Grant (1918-1988) to our understanding of Christian technology ethics. Grant addresses the problem of trying to elucidate the roots of our modern predicament, which he understood to be inextricably linked with technological development. Grant argues for an account of technology that acknowledges it has irrevocably shaped the moral vision of the West. The panelists examine both Grant's attempt to name "the terrifying darkness" of our technoculture as well as his efforts to chart a path through it by focusing on a reverent and loving meditation on the mystery of Cross.

Conveners: James Caccamo, St. Joseph's University
 Patrick Flanagan, St. John's University, New York

Interest Group: War and Peace

British Columbia

Documentary: "Scarred Lands and Wounded Lives"

The Peace and War interest group will hold a screening of the one-hour documentary "Scarred Lands and Wounded Lives" on the topic of war and environmental impacts. The film will be followed by a discussion about environmental justice and ethics in light of recent events, particularly the publication of *Laudato Si'*, and the December 2015 treaty negotiations in Paris. Several members of the interest group who have been doing research on the connections between theological ethics, war, and the environment will be present to take part in the discussion.

Conveners: Laurie Johnston, Emmanuel College
 Eli McCarthy, Georgetown University

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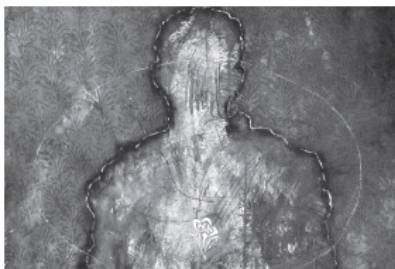
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D'var Torah: Ira Stone, Mussar Leadership Program

Service is in Hebrew; all are welcome. (Please bring your own *siddur*.)

9:00-10:30am Concurrent Session IV

Peter D. Browning, Drury University

Confederation 5

"The Global Obesity Epidemic: Shifting the Focus from Individuals to the Food Industry"

This paper defends the thesis that the global "obesity epidemic" should not be the occasion for charging higher-than-average weight individuals with the vices of "gluttony" and "sloth." The meaning and use of the term "obesity" should be questioned. The historical Biblical and theological traditions associated with these "vices" cannot be applied fairly given the contemporary food culture of abundance. Moreover, the food industry itself exhibits dimensions of "gluttony" and "sloth" which must be addressed. Using a liberationist discourse, the essay redirects moral critique from individuals to powerful economic forces in the contemporary global food production and distribution network.

Convener: Kathryn D. Blanchard, Alma College

Matthew Robert Jantzen, Duke University Divinity School

Confederation 6

"The Providential Politics of Whiteness: The Future of Global Humanity in Kant, Hegel, and European Christianity"

This paper will explore Immanuel Kant and G. W. F. Hegel's problematic attempts to envision the global future of humanity through the lens of divine providence. For Kant and Hegel, a reconfigured doctrine of providence provided the basic conceptual framework within which they theorized the place of Europe in a future globalized political and economic system. I argue that by identifying the goal of history with the universalization of European political and economic orders, both thinkers severed the connection between providence and its roots in Israel and Jesus and theologically reinscribed the doctrine within a racial imagination of global humanity.

Convener: John Crowley-Buck, Loyola University Chicago

Aline Kalbian, Florida State University

Ontario

"Vulnerability and Protection in an Ethic of Hospitality: Insights from Public Health"

Hospitable practices protect the stranger from danger, yet they can render both the guest and host vulnerable to physical and psychic violence. I argue that it is this tension between vulnerability and protection makes hospitality a productive concept in the global context. After surveying recent theological and philosophical treatments of the subject, I propose that the recent turn in public health ethics to the concepts of relational autonomy and social justice in the context of serious dangers offers us a useful example of how to utilize the tension between protection and vulnerability productively.

Convener: Emily Reimer-Barry, University of San Diego

W. Bradford Littlejohn, The Davenant Institute

Alberta

"Addicted to Novelty: New Media and the Vice of Curiosity in a Digital Age"

With the proliferation of new technologies that pose obvious ethical dangers, it is easy to overlook the effects of those that seem more benign, like the internet. Yet studies are mounting that suggest that new media, especially social media and smartphones, may alter our brains in profound (and sometimes profoundly disturbing) ways. In this paper I survey some of these effects, and suggest that despite their novelty, they can be well-diagnosed under the medieval category of the vice of "curiosity." I also argue that the grammar of "vice" may be particularly useful for ethicists addressing the risks of new technology.

Convener: Mara Kelly-Zukowski, Felician College

Betsy Perabo, Western Illinois University

British Columbia

"The Christ-Loving Military: War, Empire, and Political Theology in Russia"

The idea that Russia's best warriors are motivated and guided by their love of Christ recurs in Orthodox thought throughout the late imperial period, as a 1997 anthology, *Kristoliubivoe Voinstvo [The Christ-Loving Military]*, demonstrates. After presenting Russian-language sources from chaplains, soldiers, and Orthodox thinkers in that era, the anthology's editor describes the post-Soviet "renaissance" of the Christ-loving military. Before 1917, this concept was sometimes linked to the notion of Russia as a "Christian empire," and this linkage persists today. However, prerevolutionary Orthodox political theology also contains other, more nuanced approaches to war, religion, and empire.

Convener: Matthew Shadle, Marymount University

Nelson M.E.B. Reveley, University of Virginia

Tudor 8

"Flourishing in the Marketplace"

What is the role of consumer goods in human flourishing? This paper reviews the argument for human wellbeing via the market system espoused by Michael Novak and juxtaposes it with the sociological analysis of Colin Campbell to describe ways that consumption serves as an alluring way of life for many today. Then, drawing from the work of Robert Adams, this paper critically frames market goods as finite goods, whose origin and purpose are rooted in God's infinite goodness, to analyze ways that these goods can – and cannot – be enfolded into "being for" the Good and its "resemblances" in creation.

Convener: Christina McRorie, University of Virginia

Jonathan B. Rothchild, Loyola Marymount University

Manitoba

"Judging Humans: Theological Humanism, Hermeneutics, and Judicial Humanism"

I pursue a critical conversation between varieties of humanism, jurisprudence, and hermeneutical theory regarding practices of interpretation and modes of decision-making. I argue that humanism's appropriation of a range of resources to portray and interpret our full humanity should inform judicial interpretation of the law. I compare current theological and secular humanists regarding humanistic imagination and moral reasoning. I constructively explore connections between judicial review, theological symbols, and the humanities. These connections help establish what I call judicial humanism, which provides a hermeneutically compelling way for judges to adjudicate between individual rights, legal ambiguities, justice, and the rule of law.

Convener: David Cunningham, Hope College

Frederick V. Simmons, The Center of Theological Inquiry

Confederation 3

"Re-Evaluating the Role of Cosmology in Christian Environmental Ethics"

In this essay I evaluate a pair of recent challenges to Christian environmental ethics' common reliance on cosmology. Although I concur with these critics that cosmology per se does not provide much concrete moral counsel, I counter that it can elicit moral sentiments, direct ethical attention, and contextualize values. Similarly, while I agree that Christians should not always start—much less end—their environmental ethics with cosmology, I contend that when combined with their other normative commitments, cosmological considerations can aid Christians' interpretation of applied moral questions and strengthen their resolve to address them.

Convener: Mark Douglas, Columbia Theological Seminary

Elisabeth T. Vasko, Duquesne University

Territories

"Mad Mothers, Bad Mothers: Maternal Mental Health and the Need for a New Ethic of Care"

Mental illness has largely been ignored within Christian theo-ethical discourse. Given the prevalence of mental illness and its disproportionately high impact on marginalized persons and communities, the interface of mental illness with theological anthropology and Christian ethics must seriously be considered. This paper is an effort to address these issues with respect to maternity and depression. Drawing insights from womanist, feminist, queer, and dis/ability studies, the paper unpacks the costs of postpartum depression in a US context and sketches out an ethic of care wherein mental health and parenting are viewed as holistic communal processes.

Convener: Elise Edwards, Baylor University

Interest Group: LGBT and Queer Studies in Ethics

Tudor 7

"Theological and Practical Contours for Doing LGBT and Queer Studies in Ethics"

Panelists: Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University (SJE)
 Letitia Campbell, Emory University (SCE)
 Marvin Ellison, Union Theological Seminary (SCE)
 Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University (SCE)
 Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College (SCE)
 Yvonne Zimmerman, Methodist Theological School in Ohio (SCE)

During this session, we will consider the role of queer theories, black feminisms, indigenous theories, and other marginalized voices in constructing and evaluating social ethics. What do these theoretical frameworks teach about specific issues/movements (#blacklivesmatter, immigration, dis/ability, death penalty, abortion, human trafficking, etc)? How do LGBTIQ-identified subjectivities help us think about pressing social concerns? Panelists will offer short presentations that focus on 1) queer and other "identity-driven" theories as lenses for understanding ethical praxis, 2) LGBTIQ subjectivity as an example of queer survival, and 3) negotiating the intersections of our bodies and experiences with existing normativities that effectively supplant queer notions of ethics.

Conveners: Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver
 Thelathia "Nikki" Young, Bucknell University

SSME:*Quebec*

Zahra Ayubi, Dartmouth College

"Gender and Authority in Muslim Biomedical Ethics of Neonatal Care"

Biomedical ethics questions regarding birth and death rites, mourning, and withdrawal of medical care for infants with serious developmental defects, who die within hours of birth, are relatively uncomplicated to answer from Islamic ethico-legal standpoints. However, course of action is complicated by questions of authority and the decision making process. I argue that recognition of maternal decision making power is critical in order to have an egalitarian Muslim biomedical ethics, given empirical evidence that once a fetus leaves a woman's body, patriarchal cultural expectations and gendered power differentials dominate discourse surrounding care of severely developmentally challenged neonates. Ethics of neonatal care serves as a valuable example for discussing the formation of egalitarian Muslim biomedical ethics broadly.

Liyakat Takim, University of McMaster

"Shi'ism in the Diaspora"

Most scholars have focused on the experience of Sunni Muslims in the West. They often postulate a monolithic Islam that expresses the 'normative Islam.' This paper will outline the salient features that characterize the Shi'i community in the diaspora. It will examine some of the challenges that the diaspora poses to the Shi'i community, these include issues such as assimilation and integration, self-expression and identification, the ethnic divide and civil engagement. It will also discuss some of the hermeneutical tools that the jurists have deployed in coming up with novel solutions to the challenges the community has encountered in the diaspora.

The paper will also argue that when facing new situations that cannot be located in the revelatory sources and do not have legal precedents, jurists can formulate judgments that will best protect the interests of the community while remaining faithful to the Islamic frame of reference.

Convener: Faisal al-Alamy, University of British Columbia

9:00-10:30am Meeting of current Working Group conveners with leadership *Boardroom***10:30-11:00am** **Break** *Canadian***11am-12:30pm** **SCE Annual Business Meeting** *Concert Hall***11am-12:30pm** **SJE: Ethics and Narrative** *Quebec*

Andrea Cooper, University of North Carolina

"Ethics and Maternal Sacrifice"

I examine Levinas's reading of ethical sacrifice, epitomized in the phenomenology of the maternal body, and consider current cultural echoes of his interpretation. Levinas's re-reading of the Aqedah and his philosophical emphasis on ethically substitutive maternity continues to resonate with popular narrative interventions. The independent video game "The Binding of Isaac" offers a contemporary twisted take on the episode, substituting a homicidal mother for the Abrahamic sacrificial father. Contemporary echoes of sacrifice and gender subvert traditional models of Greek and Hebraic paternal sacrifice, and demonstrate that the horizon of sacrifice, gender and ethical substitution continues to gain cultural relevance.

Joel Gereboff, Arizona State University

"Rabbinic Stories of Reconciliation: Successful and Failed"

The Babylonian Talmud contains numerous sayings, discussions and stories about issues relating to conflict, reconciliation, forgiveness and peace. My paper focuses on several narratives in the Talmud depicting interpersonal conflicts and analyzes them in terms of their positions on the challenges of overcoming conflicts, including not only the strategies for doing so, but also the nature of the desired outcome. In many ways these accounts provoke consideration of the connection between notions of appeasement, deference, forgiveness, reconciliation and peace.

Convener: Emily Filler, Earlham College

12:30-2:00pm **SJE: Shabbat Lunch** *Saskatchewan*
(Pre-registration required for the kosher vegetarian meal.)

12:30-2:00pm **Lunch**

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

"SCE Women's Caucus: Understanding the History, Envisioning the Future"

Panelists: Barbara Hilkert Andolsen, Fordham University
 Kate Ott, Drew University Theological School
 Carol Robb, San Francisco Theological Seminary/Graduate Theological Union

Moderator: Julie Hanlon Rubio, St. Louis University

From the first informal meetings to today's panel presentations and networking lunches, the history of the women's caucus is one of community and contribution within the SCE. When the first women starting attending SCE meetings, Beverly Harrison provided a gathering space for support and strategizing .The women's caucus along with other interest groups created the Scholarship and Family Care Best Practices documents and pushed for professional conduct policies to include sexual harassment and other discriminatory behaviors. There is still much work to be done. Come hear the history and help us envision the future of the Women's Caucus.

Conveners: Amy Levad, University of St. Thomas
 Nikki Young, Bucknell University

12:30pm **Fairmont Royal York Kitchen tour** *Hotel Lobby*
(Pre-registration requested.)

2:00-3:30pm **SCE Plenary** *Concert Hall*

Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela, University of the Free State, South Africa

"Remorse and Forgiveness in the Aftermath of Mass Trauma and Violence: Towards the Horizon of an Ethics of Care"

Respondent: Richard B. Miller, University of Chicago

This presentation discusses remorse and forgiveness after mass trauma in the context of the global trend of dialogue between victims/survivors and perpetrators in the aftermath of mass atrocity. The aim of the paper is threefold. Firstly, I will argue that the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of South Africa was a unique dialogic space that enabled the emergence of new subjectivities in the encounter between survivors and perpetrators. Secondly, the discussion will draw on the concepts of intersubjectivity and explore the ways in which empathy plays out in encounters between victims/survivors and perpetrators. A key element that will be discussed is the aspect of concern and care for the Other that is linked to the empathy-remorse-forgiveness cycle in the dialogue between victim and perpetrator. The final section of the paper will engage a cultural lens, drawing from the African concept of *Ubuntu* to examine remorse and its relationship to forgiveness. Contextually rich case study material from my research on forgiveness will provide illustrative examples for the discussion in the last section of the paper.

Convener: William Schweiker, University of Chicago

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

4:00-5:30pm Concurrent Session V

Alda Balthrop-Lewis, Princeton University

*Tudor 8***"Avoiding Solution Thinking in Environmental Ethics"**

Environmental ethics has been motivated since the 1960s largely by the question "how can we solve the environmental crisis?" I argue that ethicists should deemphasize this question, and I aim to show what ethics after solution thinking looks like. I draw on recent authors from three different fields (ethics, sociology, and english) who demonstrate a broader set of ethical concerns. These include the intractability of many concrete environmental problems, the seemingly incommensurable ethical values involved in those problems, and -- most controversially -- the constructive ethical consideration of human extinction. I argue that these authors offer new insights for an environmental ethics that can acknowledge and think deeply about wicked problems.

Convener: Laura Yordy, Bridgewater College

Lorraine V. Cuddeback, University of Notre Dame

*Salon B***"Fragments and Stories: Understanding Intellectual Disability through Trauma Theory"**

In discussing ethics and intellectual disability we need to recognize alternative modes of agency, expressed not through autonomy and control, but embedded in interpersonal relationships and social structures. Trauma theory can help illuminate some of the ethical challenges in this process through its re-conceptualizing of the fragmented self and agency in suffering. We need these thicker accounts of subjectivity, agency, and suffering in order to understand not only community obligations to people with disabilities, but also to make visible their own agency. In doing so, people with intellectual disabilities can be rightfully understood as subjects, rather than objects of care.

Convener: Dana L. Dillon, Providence College

Mary M. Doyle Roche, College of the Holy Cross

*Manitoba***"Crafting a Culture of Participation for Children: Play in Our Global Present and Future"**

Recent work on children's moral agency and participation in social life has focused on children's roles as workers and consumers and their rights to be protected in these contexts. Children's right to recreation has received less attention and could provide a lens through which to envision a more dynamic culture of participation for children that honors their dignity in the present as much as it values their potential future contributions as adults. This paper mines theological traditions to recover a vision of recreation as participation in the common good that challenges contemporary trends toward competition and consumption in children's play.

Convener: Judith W. Kay, University of Puget Sound

Dallas Gingles, Southern Methodist University

*Confederation 3***"Justifications and Judgments: Walzer, Bonhoeffer, and O'Donovan on Politics and the Limits of Ethics"**

Moral decision-making often requires us to decide and act without full justification for our actions; this is especially true within the realm of politics. I argue that, though they are an unlikely trio of thinkers, together Michael Walzer, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and Oliver O'Donovan provide the conceptual moral and political tools needed to address this problem. Emphasizing the importance of "judgment" in the work of these thinkers, I account for the reality of moral ambiguity in political acts while holding agents accountable to moral reality, by ordering penultimate justifications and judgments to ultimate eschatological judgment.

Convener: Christopher P. Vogt, St. John's University, New York

Christina G. McRorie, University of Virginia

Algonquin

"Capitalism, Economics, and the Need for Adaptation in Christian Ethics"

The first section of this paper makes the case that global capitalism now presents questions about responsibility and agency that cannot be adequately articulated or answered using established terms of moral analysis in Christian ethics. The second section argues that mainstream economics has exacerbated this challenge by incorrectly characterizing markets as amoral arenas governed by natural, scientific laws. The final section of this paper proposes that critical engagement with non-mainstream (heterodox) economic discourse may provide improved theoretical purchase on the complex nature of markets, and therefore may help Christian ethics adapt and respond creatively to our rapidly evolving socioeconomic context.

Convener: Scott Paeth, DePaul University

Anna Floerke Scheid, Duquesne University

Confederation 5

"The Future of the Just War Theory: A Consistent Ethic of Reconciliation"

Reconciliation is critical for *jus post bellum*, but considering reconciliation largely *after* warfare weakens its potential success. This paper stitches together just war theory (JWT) in a consistent ethic of reconciliation. *Jus ante bellum*, reconciliation may prevent warfare or retaliatory violence. *Jus ad bellum*, reconciliation strengthens "right intention" and "probability of success," restraining tendencies to demonize enemies and defining success partially as the capacity to reconcile. *Jus in bello*, reconciliation augments "proportionate means" requiring that force never exceed what is necessary to initiate dialogue. A consistent ethic of reconciliation strengthens the JWT as invaluable for restraining violence and building a just peace.

Convener: Romanus Cessario, St. John's Seminary, Massachusetts

Laura A. Stivers, Dominican University of California

Quebec

"Climate Change, Smart Growth, Racial Oppression, and White Privilege"

This paper will focus on smart growth as one avenue for addressing climate change. In particular will be a racial analysis of the frameworks environmental justice advocates use to caution against gentrification and those that preservationist environmentalists who oppose smart growth use. Addressing climate change through smart growth will not promote just communities nor be politically expedient without explicit attention to inequality and racial disparities, and most importantly, the conscious and unconscious attempts by white people to retain their privilege. A reparations paradigm attuned to structural racism is a necessary foundation for addressing climate change through smart growth.

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

"Political Theology in Post-Communist Orthodoxy"

Territories

Panelists: John P. Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Perry Hamalis, North Central College

Pantelis Kalaitzidis, Volos Academy for Theological Studies, Volos, Greece

Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University

Respondent: Stanley Hauerwas, Duke Divinity School

This panel will reflect on the recent political theologies in the Orthodox tradition that have emerged since and in light of the post-communist context in the traditional Orthodox countries. Each person would offer a brief comment on their work, together with reflection on the fluid and shifting relations between church, state and culture in the traditional Orthodox countries. To facilitate an ecumenical conversation on these issues, Stanley Hauerwas will offer a response.

Convener: Luke Bretherton, Duke University

Interest Group: Latino/a

Alberta

"Cosmopolitanism and Christian Ethics: Navigating the Complexities of Latino/a Identity across the Canadian-U.S. Border"

Panelists: Jeremy V. Cruz, St. John's University, New York
 Néstor Medina, Regent University
 David Pereyra, OCAD University
 Rene Sanchez, University of Portland

The Hispanic community's growing transnational presence embodies the cosmopolitan claim to a shared morality. Yet, Latino/a moral reasoning values ethnic particularity to articulate a rich tapestry of liberative and contextual ethics. Join us as four Hispanic panelists, two from Canada and two from the United States, critically engage cosmopolitanism from cultural, phenomenological, and human rights perspectives to navigate the complexities of Latino/a identities and experiences across North America and beyond.

Conveners: Victor Carmona, Oblate School of Theology
 Ruben Rosario Rodriguez, Saint Louis University

SJE: Passion and Jewish Ethics

British Columbia

Jeremy Phillip Brown, University of San Francisco/New York University

"Jewish Ethics of Dispassion: On the Virtue of Equanimity and its Mystical Basis in Kabbalah"

In order to assess G. Scholem's claim that the attitude of indifference to praise or blame in Jewish pietism and kabbalism is practically indistinguishable that of the Cynics and Stoics, the present paper delineates several instructive differences between medieval kabbalistic and ancient stoic teachings on the cultivation of a dispassionate temperament through the contemplation of divinity. Rather, the kabbalistic ethic of equanimity resembles another ancient Hellenistic school, namely pyrrhonism. This is evident in its adoption of a paradoxical method of affirmation and negation, which, in turn, facilitates the cultivation of a dispassionate temperament. For the kabbalists, this can be achieved by contemplating the tetragrammaton. This mystical objective, however, poses patent challenges to axiological approaches to ethics, and to strategies for establishing an affective basis—or outcome—for ethical behavior.

Michael Friedman, Georgetown University

"Ramchal's Paths of the Just and Jamgon Kongtrul's Great Path of Awakening, Comparing Two Roads to Spiritual Reorientation"

This paper brings comparative methodology to the study of mussar by reading Tibetan Buddhist "lojong" (mind training) practices described in Jamgon Kongtrul's *The Great Path of Awakening* against techniques of self-cultivation explored by the Ramchal in *Mesillat Yesharim*. Lojong practitioners attempt to whittle away at self-centeredness by harnessing negative situations as opportunities for sublimation and intentionally cultivating an other-centered consciousness. Through an immersive reading of Kongtrul and the Ramchal, this study explores how lojong and mussar rely on distinctive anthropologies, cosmologies, and soteriologies, yet retain much similarity, and how differences within these similarities shed greater light on both traditions.

Benjamin Ricciardi, Northwestern University

"Hermann Cohen on Compassion: A Cognitivist Take on the Peculiarly Religious Emotion"

One of the most salient features of Hermann Cohen's *Religion of Reason out of the Sources of Judaism* is its account of compassion as the peculiarly religious emotion, i.e., as that which allows religion to emerge from the shadow of ethics. One problem plaguing our understanding of it is that of what Cohen thinks that compassion is. I argue that Cohen is a cognitivist about emotions, very much in the tradition of Stoics and of Martha Nussbaum. This allows him to resolve simply the convoluted problem of emotion and ethical action in Kantian moral theory, and to distinguish conceptually between (mere) ethical feeling and religious feeling (i.e., compassion).

Convener: Sarah Zager, Yale University

SSME: Issues in Islamic Moral Epistemology and the Future of Tradition

Tudor 7

Mohammad Fadel, University of Toronto

"Reconciling the Idea of Progressive Islam with Historical Islam"

What is often called 'Progressive Islam' is principally a legal reform movement. Many of its justifications, however, raise important theological questions about the relationship of an idea of universal and progressive ethics to a theological commitment to historically particular revelation. My paper will attempt to outline some possible solutions, to some of the implicit theological claims of progressive Muslims with the traditional Islamic notion of the perfection of Islamic revelation, particularly as embodied in the Qur'anic verse, "Today, I completed for you your religion, and perfected for you My blessings, am satisfied with Islam as your religion."

Banafsheh Madaninejad, Southwestern University

"Ijtihad as Ethically Falsifiable in Iranian New Theology"

This paper analyzes the work of Abolqassem Fanaei (Shī'ī ex-mujtahid ethicist) who proposes that the interpretation of religious primary sources should be *ethically* falsifiable because a mujtahid should be able to trust his ethical intuition. Trusting his intellectual supposition (*zann 'aqlī*), Fanaei suggests that when presented with a choice between rationality and tradition, clerics should not automatically choose literal readings of primary sources. In the case of opposition (*ta'ārud*), preference should be given to the supposition with greater epistemological support. At the end of the day, our intellect must win because we intuitively know the difference between wrong and right.

Convener: Mohammad Khalil, Michigan State University

5:41pm*Havdallah**On your own***5:45-7:00pm****Catholic Eucharist***Ontario***8:00-9:30pm****Working Groups II****SCE/SJE/SSME:**

Tudor 7

Working Group: Latino/a

"Martyrdom and Political Violence: An Interfaith Dialogue"

Panelists: Aryeh Cohen, American Jewish University (SJE)

David P. Gushee, Mercer University (SCE)

Sohail H. Hashmi, Mount Holyoke College (SSME)

Rubén Rosario Rodríguez, Saint Louis University (SCE)

Santiago Slabodsky, Hofstra University, New York (SJE)

In exploring the theme of *Humanity and the Global Future*, with special emphasis given to the "deep connectivity among peoples as well as conflicts that riddle our shared world context," the Latino/a Working Group presents a panel in partnership with the Society of Jewish Ethics and the Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics that explores the retrieval of classical martyr narratives as resources for nonviolent resistance to political violence in the world today. Panelists will respond to Rubén Rosario Rodríguez's forthcoming book, *Faithful Witness: Reconstructing Theologies of Martyrdom*, and offer critical analysis and response from a diversity of cultural and religious perspectives.

Conveners:

Kecia Ali, Boston University

Victor Carmona, Oblate School of Theology

Geoffrey Claussen, Elon University

Ruben Rosario Rodriguez, St. Louis University

8:00-9:30pm Interest Groups II

Interest Group: African/African American

Confederation 3

"The Future and the Hermeneutics of Black Humanity"

Panelists: Eboni Marshall Turman, Duke University Divinity School
Reggie Williams, McCormick Theological Seminary

The hermeneutics of black humanity occupies a critical position in relationship to black existence. This panel considers the hermeneutics of black humanity with an eye to the future. It explores questions such as: How does the hermeneutics of black humanity relate to the self-understandings, collective understanding and/or political commitments of future black generations? What are the hermeneutics of blacks as we look toward the future, and what should they be? What role does theology play in this task? What roles and risks are offered by various methodologies?

Convener: Asante Todd, Austin Seminary

Interest Group: Anglican Theological Ethics

Tudor 8

"Discussion of Victor Lee Austin's *Up with Authority: Why we Need Authority to Flourish as Human Beings* (2010)"

In his recent publication, which was shortlisted for the 2013 Ramsey prize, Victor Austin explores the role of authority in human flourishing. He explores four kinds of authority (social, epistemic, political, ecclesial) and develops his own account in conversation with Yves R. Simon, Michael Polanyi, and Oliver O'Donovan. After a short presentation by Austin, we will discuss his perspective, exploring how it represents a development, and departure, from recent work in Anglican Theological Ethics.

Convener: William Danaher, Ecumenical Theological Seminary/Christ Church Cranbrook

Interest Group: Ethics and Political Economy

Confederation 5

Interest Group: Liturgy and Ethics

"From Flat to Full: Global Economics in Liturgical Perspective"

Presenter: Scott Waalkes, Malone University

Respondents: Meghan J. Clark, St. John's University, New York
Christopher Franks, High Point University

In his best-selling book *The World is Flat: A Brief History of the 21st Century* Thomas Friedman argued that global economics has made the world a "level playing field in terms of commerce, where all competitors have an equal opportunity." For Friedman, humanity faces an inevitable, irreversible, and subtly dystopian vision of a homogenized global future. Scott Waalkes, Professor of International Politics at Malone University and author of *The Fullness of Time in a Flat World: Globalization and the Liturgical Year* (Cascade Press, 2010) will address the moral, theological, and liturgical dimensions of Friedman's vision of globalized economics.

Conveners: James P. Bailey, Duquesne University (Ethics and Political Economy)
Brent Laytham, St. Mary's Seminary & University, Baltimore (Liturgy and Ethics)
M. Therese Lysaught, Loyola University Chicago (Liturgy and Ethics)

Interest Group: Evangelical Ethics

Salon B

"Morality Adrift: Teaching Ethics to Emerging Adults"

Presenters: David Lilley, University of Aberdeen

Wyndy Corbin Reuschling, Ashland Theological Seminary

Christian Smith's recent major study of the morality of young adults raises important questions and concerns for those of us who teach ethics. Using Smith's book, *Lost in Transition: The Dark Side of Emerging Adulthood* (Oxford, 2011), presenters will briefly address Smith's findings regarding: moral frameworks and incoherence, consumerism, intoxication and addiction, sexuality, and civic disengagement. The discussion will focus on the implications for how Christian ethics is taught and could be taught at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Prior to this session, all those interested are invited for an informal dinner at a Toronto restaurant nearby. We meet at the hotel lobby at 5:45 PM.

Conveners: Theo A. Boer, Protestant Theological University

Christine Pohl, Asbury Theological Seminary

Mary M. Veeneman, North Park University

Interest Group: Interrupting White Privilege

Alberta

"White Allies, White Privilege, and Antiracist Solidarity: Insights and Challenges from the Midst of a Movement"

Speaker: Nancy Wadsworth, University of Denver

"I am not interested in white allies. What we need are co-conspirators." — Feminista Jones. Over the last year, conversations about racism, violence, xenophobia, and white supremacy have remained steadily in the public eye. So, too, have discussions about the strategies that activists in the movement for black lives have used to press for political and social change. In this context, new (and newly public) discussions of whiteness, white privilege, and what it means to be an ally in movements for racial justice have begun to take shape. How are these discussions unfolding in our classrooms and on our campuses? How should they inform our scholarship and teaching? What is our role as ethicists and educators, and how can we support each other in that work? Please come ready to share experiences, questions, reflections, and resources.

Convener: Letitia Campbell, Emory University

Interest Group: Protestant Perspectives on the Natural Law

Manitoba

Speaker: Vincent Lloyd, Syracuse University

Respondent: Terrence Johnson, Georgetown University

This newly-formed group provides a forum for discussing how reflection on the natural law has been or should be regarded by those within Protestant traditions. These historical, critical, ecumenical, and normative conversations will offer intellectual focus to an area of emerging scholarly interest. Vincent Lloyd will lead this first session by sharing historical research that he has compiled for his forthcoming book entitled *Black Natural Law: Beyond Secularism and Multiculturalism*. After Lloyd analyzes the natural law theories of Frederick Douglass and Martin Luther King, Jr., Terrence Johnson will offer a response. Substantial time will be reserved for discussion with attendees.

Conveners: Neil Arner, University of Notre Dame

Paul Martens, Baylor University

Interest Group: Restorative Justice

British Columbia

"Restorative Justice: Between Movement and Public Policy"

Panelists: Stacey Colliver, Community Justice Initiatives
 Michelle Jackett, Conrad Grebel University College
 Hugh Kirkegaard, Correction Service of Canada
 Robin J. Wilson, McMaster University

Moderator: David Byrne, University of St. Micheal's College, Canada

Emerging from the work of Christians dissatisfied with the criminal justice system, by the 1990s restorative justice was incorporated into Canadian public policy to enable victims, offenders, and community together to address crime and violation. This panel will explore the unique contributions of Canadians to restorative justice through internationally recognized programs such as Circles of Support and Accountability (a reintegration program for federally sentenced sex offenders) and Stride (a reintegration program for federally sentenced women), investigating the relationship between public policy and ethics while offering a critical discussion of shared public responsibility with regards to the reintegration of offenders.

Conveners: Elizabeth Bounds, Emory University
 Amy Levad, University of St. Thomas

SCE/SJE/SSME:*Quebec*

Interest Group: Animal Ethics

Panelists: David Clough, University of Chester (SCE)
 Aaron S. Gross, University of San Diego (SJE)
 Sarra Tlili, University of Florida (SSME)

We invite all members of the SCE/SJE/SSME to our inaugural meeting. Three panelists, one from each of society, will showcase recent work in animal ethics by discussing the central aims and key findings of their recently published, groundbreaking monographs: (1) Sarra Tlili (SSME), *Animals in the Qu'ran* (Cambridge UP, 2012), (2) Aaron Gross (SJE), *The Question of the Animal and Religion* (Columbia UP, 2015), and (3) David Clough (SCE), *On Animals, vol. 1: Systematic Theology* (T&T Clark, 2012). A resource table featuring other books/articles of interest will be available. *The session will be preceded by a reception at 7pm sponsored by the CreatureKind project. For location details, go to BeCreatureKind on Twitter or FaceBook.*

Conveners: Charles C. Camosy, Fordham University
 Grace Y. Kao, Claremont School of Theology

SJE: Bioethics*Saskatchewan*

Yoelit Lipinsky, University of Toronto

"Hepsed & Bechi: Halakha, Bioethics and Post-Mortem Artificial Insemination"

This paper explores the complexities surrounding both secular and Jewish bioethics and post-mortem artificial insemination. Utilizing Torah and Talmud in compliment with bioethical discourse and Israeli policies, I opine that per-mortem insemination is allowable under halakhic parameters. Particularly, post-mortem insemination ought to be utilized as a modern substitution for Levirate marriage. Quite literally, it can and should be implemented halakhically so that a deceased husband's name is not 'written out of Israel.' Comparisons between Jewish thought and secular bioethics are showcased, particularly pertaining to issues of child welfare, inheritance and consent for sperm retrieval.

Jeffrey Rubenstein, New York University

"Can a Goses Survive for More than Three Days? The History and Definition of the Goses"

This paper presents a comprehensive history of the rabbinic concept of the goses, an individual whose death is imminent. It traces the sources of the prevalent opinion that defines a goses as someone who will inevitably die within three days and argues that this view was never universally accepted. This issue is of great ethical significance as traditional Jewish sources only permit the withholding of medical treatment from a goses, but advances in medical care have led to a narrowing of this category if defined in terms of three days. The awareness of alternative definitions of the goses would therefore allow for the withholding of treatment in more cases when treatment is futile.

Convener: Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University

Saturday

8-9:30pm

9:30pm

University of Chicago Reception

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- 6:45-8:45am** **SCE Board Meeting** (Commissioning and Committee Work) *Library/York*
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- 7:45-8:45am** ***The Journal for Jewish Ethics* Board Meeting** *Boardroom*
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8:30-11:15am **Exhibits Open** *Canadian*
- 9:00-10:30am** **SJE Plenary** *Concert Hall*

Rachel Adler, Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion

"Women as Human Beings in the Global Future"

Respondent: Anver Emon, University of Toronto

Gender essentialists regard gender as instinctual, and ahistorical. For gender constructivists, gender categories and presentations vary sociohistorically. Because they believe that human volition and social change continuously transform gender, constructivists require an ethics: How ought we to shape our future gender performances? Many religious texts represent women as deviations from a male norm, important instrumentally rather than inherently. This lack of moral imagination affects law, ethics, and theology. I offer three cases 1) rabbinic traditions about a female scholar, Beruriah; 2) a medieval controversy about whether Christ could have been incarnated as a woman; 3) the practice of honor killing in Middle-Eastern Islamic cultures. I will argue that moral imagination combined with rejecting the concept of gender normativity would furnish tools to address gender injustices in our present global culture.

Convener: Elias Sacks, University of Colorado Boulder

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

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

Gloria H. Albrecht, University of Detroit Mercy

Confederation 3

"Forget Your Right to Work: Detroit and the Demise of Workers' Rights"

A selective excavation of labor history (U.S. and global) and an analysis of recent worker experiences in Detroit's bankruptcy expose the conflict of rights that shapes this capitalist society. Masked by myths, forbidden memories, and selective values, the trumpeting of "human rights" in the U.S. today weakens workers' claims to rights, denying many "an existence worthy of human dignity" (UNUDHR). Thirty years ago, *Economic Justice for All* (USCC, 1986) called for a "New American Experiment" establishing *positive economic* human rights. Pure fantasy? The experiences of marginalized communities suggest possibilities for a future of human dignity grounded in economic security.

Convener: Ryan Cumming, ELCA World Hunger

Kristel Clayville, Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Alberta

"And To Dust You Shall Return: Green Burial as a Reinterpretation of Flourishing in the Christian Tradition"

This paper explores the concept of flourishing in the Christian tradition by focusing on burial and the environmental responses to it. Burial practices are a limit test of how we think about flourishing, especially with respect to memory, identity, interconnectedness, and temporality. I argue that the Christian turn toward green burial due to environmental concerns naturalizes the concept of flourishing and that it reanimates the question of the temporality of human action--mainly the effect that memorializing the dead has on future generations. Additionally, green burial's relationship to Jewish burial practices opens up historical and comparative dimensions to the conversation.

Convener: Edward Zukowski, College of Mount St. Vincent

Daniel Cosacchi, Loyola University Chicago

Confederation 5

"Reconciling All of Creation: Pope Francis, Catholic Social Thought and a Jubilee Year of Mercy"

On 8 December 2015, Pope Francis inaugurated a Jubilee Year of Mercy. This paper argues that his 2015 encyclical *Laudato si'* has laid the groundwork for the merciful practices of the Jubilee year that all Christians are called to practice. In particular, through a special care for the poor of the world – human and non-human creatures alike – we can bring about reconciliation with the planet. Finally, the paper will contend that merciful care for all of God's creation has a direct impact on our "throwaway culture," especially as it pertains to war-making.

Convener: Ryan Patrick McLaughlin, Siena College

Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology

Ontario

"Toward an Ethics based on Hopelessness"

This paper rejects Jesus and instead embraces Jesús. This Jesús is rooted in the Hispanic culture, moving away from hope toward an ethics based on a theology of hopelessness. The paper argues that hope is a middle-class privilege that prevents radical praxis that could lead toward a more just society. The paper will focus on a forsaken and betrayed Jesús who exists in solidarity with the disenfranchised who live in the midst of Holy Saturday, knowing only the brutality of Good Friday with faint anticipation of a resurrection Sunday. To stand in solidarity with the hopeless creates a critique of salvation history, and rethinks the concept of sin, arguing that much of the brutality committed by Christians can be traced to the predominant interpretation of the crucifixion.

Convener: Sandra Sullivan-Dunbar, Loyola University Chicago

Patrick Sean Flanagan, St. John's University, New York

Quebec

"Human Sexuality 2.0: A Virtuous Response to Cybersex"

This paper argues that the cultivation of chastity supported by other virtues from a Judeo-Christian perspective offers a more viable and sustainable way to contend with the constellation of challenges that computer users face while navigating the Web. First, I discuss the gravity and import of cybersex vis-à-vis human sexuality. Next, I offer an historical and theological appreciation of chastity, and suggest other complementary virtues in which the computer user can grow to support virtuous navigation. Finally, I demonstrate through a case study why it is an opportune historical moment to propose chastity and, in turn, a virtue ethics approach.

Convener: John J. Slovickovski, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown/Saint Francis University

Andrew Forsyth, Yale University

Algonquin

"Complicity without Causality? The Blameworthiness of Eating a 'Big Business' Banana"

There are human and ecological harms in bringing "big business" bananas to our fruit bowls. American banana-eaters, however, likely feel little responsibility for these harms, and possess minimal moral motivation to create change; for – in a globalizing marketplace – it's a stretch to say that they *cause* these harms, and causality, surely, is necessary for *complicity*. I argue otherwise. Christians are complicit without causality – and rightly *blamed* – when they benefit from, and symbolically associate with, wrongdoing. (In so arguing, I discuss: Cyprian's application of *symbolum* to the baptismal creed, the Eucharistic elements as symbols, and blame and sin as disordered relationship.)

Convener: Dallas Gingles, Southern Methodist University

James E. Helmer, Xavier University

Tudor 7

"Enhancing Moral Goodness? Christian Ethics and the Ethics of Moral Bioenhancement"

By building upon, yet significantly extending the recent theological discussion of the ethics of human enhancement, in this paper I argue, first, that insofar as they conceive of the exercise of personal autonomy as an essential aspect of human well-being, Christian ethicists should give serious (re)consideration to the possibility that a Christian virtue ethic can legitimately incorporate central elements of the dominant philosophical conception of moral bioenhancement into existing theological conceptualities, and second, that this synthesis allows for the practical endorsement of a select range of proposed pharmacological means of moral bioenhancement.

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

Douglas F. Ottati, Davidson College

Manitoba

"Love Your Enemies": The Teaching of Jesus and the Crusading Dynamic of Reactionary Violence"

Many today who bomb, torture, invade, and kidnap identify the divine and/or true morality with their own community and its cause, and then define their enemies as evil opponents of the ultimate. Jesus' intensification of loving the neighbor – backed by the idea of a merciful, indiscriminately gracious creator – forms the basis for a theistic humanism that critiques the reduction of God to the measure of our closed-society commitments and undercuts the crusading dynamic of reactionary violence.

Convener: James Calvin Davis, Middlebury College

SJE: Twentieth-Century Jewish Ethics

British Columbia

Shira Billet, Princeton University

"The Great Divide: Relationality and Collectivity in Twentieth-Century Jewish Ethics"

Jewish ethical theory, over the past century, has shifted from a model of considering ethical norms as universal imperatives grounded in both theoretical philosophy and Jewish texts toward a more "social" model of ethics. This paper suggests that twentieth-century Jewish philosophical ethics can be understood as a movement between two aspects of sociality: relationality and collectivity. I show that a dichotomy has emerged between Jewish ethical models that focus on (universalistic) interpersonal relationships and those that focus on (particularistic) Jewish collectivity. I suggest that there resources from the thought of Hermann Cohen can be usefully appropriated for thinking beyond this dichotomy.

Samuel Brody, University of Kansas

"Political Theology and the Ethical-Political Border: On Recent Interpretations of Martin Buber's Politics"

The paper will consider a number of the recent treatments of Martin Buber's politics that have stemmed from the increased interest in "political theology" in the 2000s and 2010s. A crucial disagreement seems to exist between Nitzan Lebovic and Paul Mendes-Flohr on the question of whether Buber changed his position on Schmittian-style political theology after having fled Nazi Germany for Mandate Palestine in 1938. Other scholars seem to fall on one side or the other of this divide. After presenting and clarifying the discussion of this question over the past decade, the paper will take interpretive and normative sides.

Yemima Hadad, University of Potsdam

"What Ought to Be Done? The Non-Categorical Imperative: Kav ha-Tichum"

In this talk I will examine Martin Buber's non-categorical imperative, namely Kav ha-Tichum or the Line of Demarcation, as an antithetical concept to Immanuel Kant's categorical imperative. Against the achievements of the Western Humanism, Buber poses the Jewish Humanism. Both imperatives answer the question: what ought I to do? However, whereas Kant formulates a universal and absolute duty, Martin Buber – inspired by the biblical prophets, Kabbalah and Hasidism – takes into consideration temporal and local differentials. Without allowing for cultural relativism to enter the equation, Buber calls for a gradual application of universal values that take into consideration the contingent dictations of the historical moment, with the unique challenges and missions it presents.

Convener: Paul Nahme, Brown University

SSME: Panel on *Managing Memory, (Re)Constructing Muslim Pasts: Ethical Questions*

Confederation 6

Aisha Geissinger, Carleton University

"'And Man Was Created Weak' (Q 4:28) Polygamy, Idealized Muslim Pasts, and Technologies of the (Western Female Convert) Self"

This paper examines discourses on polygamy written by western female converts which both present this practice as Islamically normative and argue that women can and must learn how to re-understand and reorient their sexual feelings so that they can wholeheartedly embrace it. These discourses are analyzed as Foucauldian technologies of the self and racially charged performances of Muslimness which construct gender categories and sexual subjectivities, as well as claims to interpretive authority over Islam's scripture and sacred past.

Laury Silvers, University of Toronto

"Academic Honesty and Dishonesty Read through a Feminist Ontology"

Aysha Hidayatullah writes in *Feminist Edges of the Qur'an* that Muslim feminists' attempts to read equality in the Qur'an fail because they are not honest about the historically androcentric language of the Qur'an, making related activism useless at dismantling unjust systems of power. Not necessarily so. At a Gender-Equal/LGBTQ mosque, historical readings leave some congregants feeling trapped in an unjust system, while "reclamations" of an imagined Islamic past offer ways out. Such readings in less radical spaces can do the same. I argue for an onto-ethical method of encountering the Qur'an to meet Hidayatullah's challenge that Muslim feminists find an honest way of dealing with the conundrum posed by androcentric language.

Mahdi Tourage, King's University College

"The Agha Khan Museum and the Crisis of Memory"

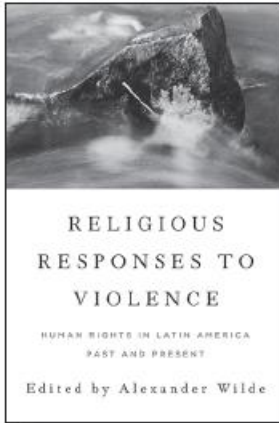
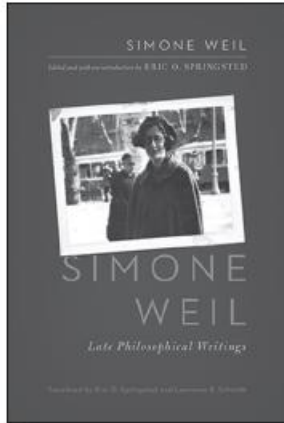
Toronto's recently opened Aga Khan Museum (AKM) is an impressive complex of exhibitions and galleries established along the continuum of European museum-building projects of the 19th century. Drawing on Derrida's concept of "archive," this paper contests memory as intrinsic to objects of the past. Memory is created according to how the past is "curated" through the archive's institutional implementation. I will conclude that in a world where Muslim minorities open a museum dedicated to the Muslim heritage at the same time that Muslim extremists destroy ancient museums and their artifacts, the predicament of Muslims is not so much a crisis of belief, but a crisis of memory. AKM is a simulacrum, one that is more "real" than the reality of the past, and one in which the sophisticated glories of the Muslims' past is fetishistically invoked and its deficits of belief remedied.

Convener: Robert Tappan, Towson State University

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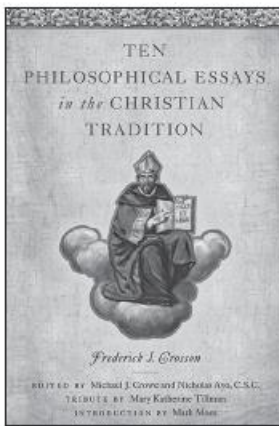
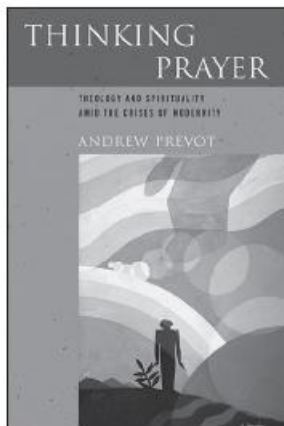
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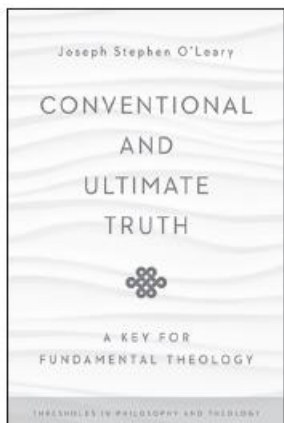
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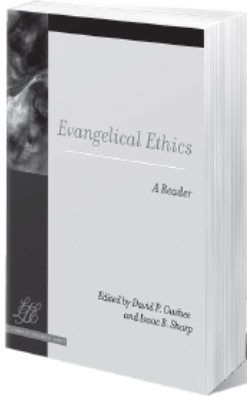
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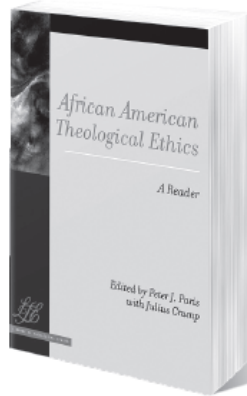
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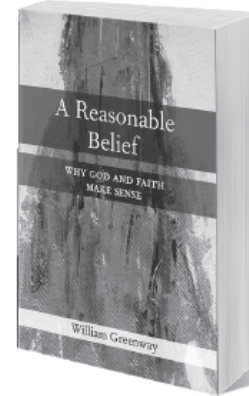
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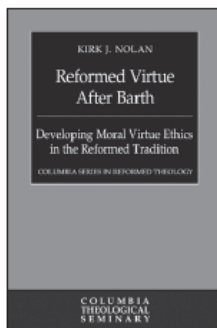
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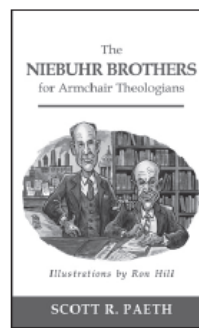
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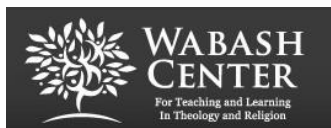


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- Publications (selected):** *Religious Pluralism and the Nigerian State* (Ohio University Press, 1997); Co-Editor, *Rule of Law and Rule of God* (Palgrave, 2015); Co-editor, *Religion and Power in Africa and the African Diaspora* (forthcoming), Numerous Journal Articles and Book Chapters.
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- Participation:** Joined 1993; attended in 1996, 2001, 2007-2011, 2013-2015; presented in a working group in 2007 and 2009, on a panel in 2009, and respondent to a panel for an interest group in 2010; on the ballot twice for the Board of Directors (2001, 2008); served on the Nomination Committee in 2011 and 2014.

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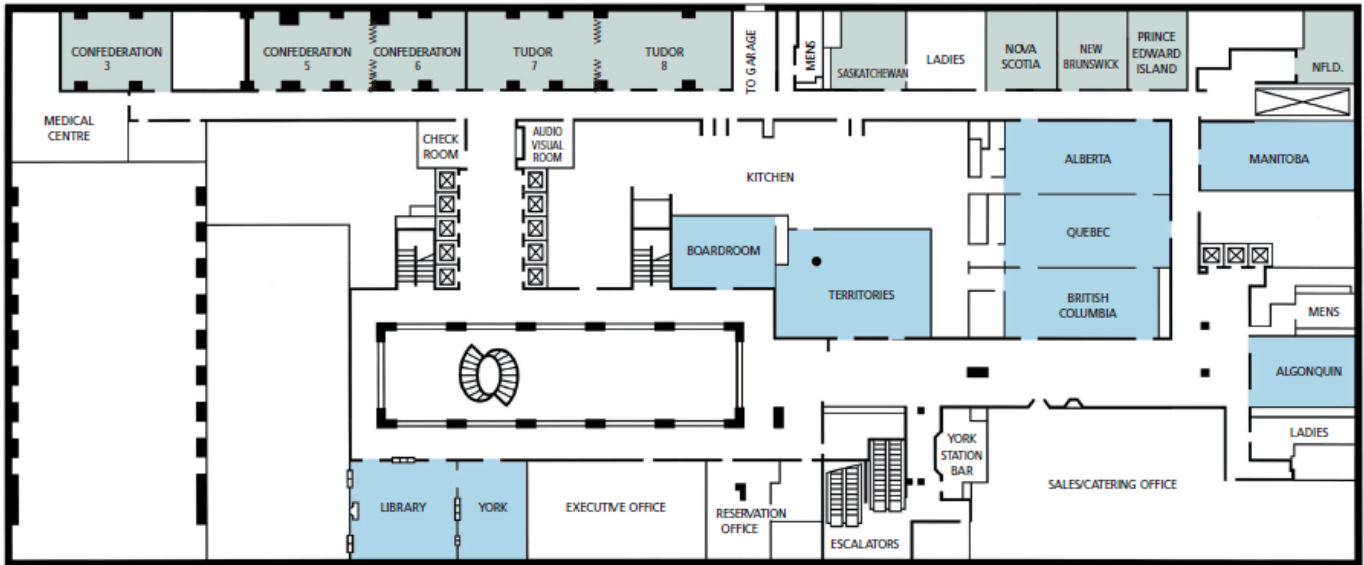
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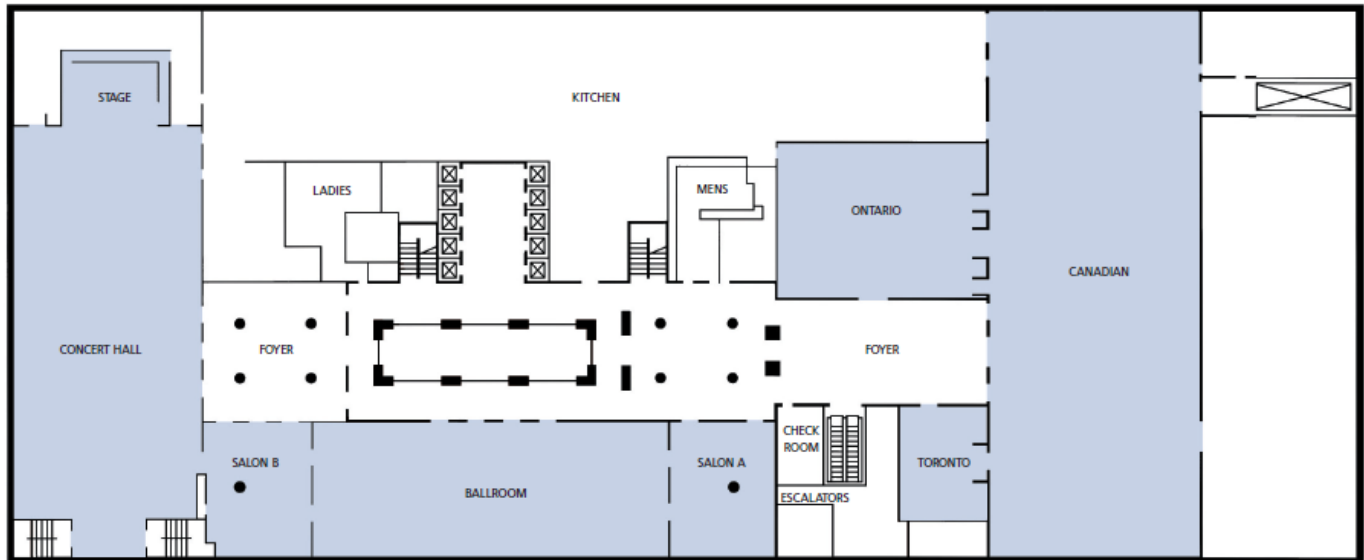
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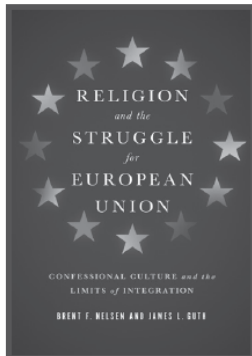
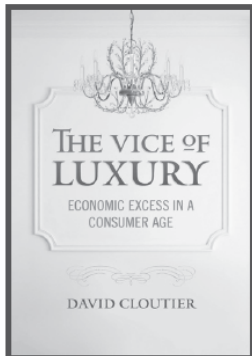
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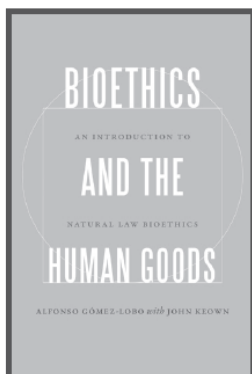
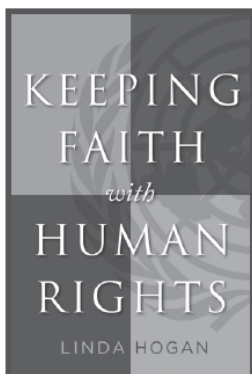


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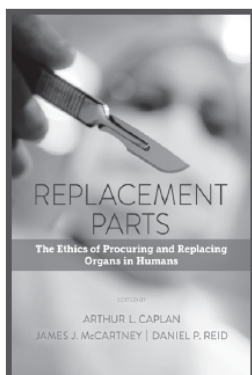
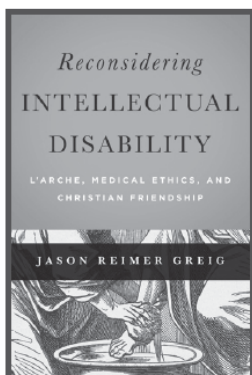


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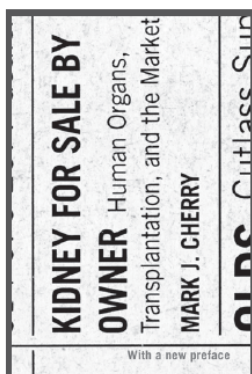
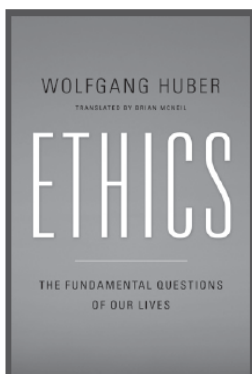


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