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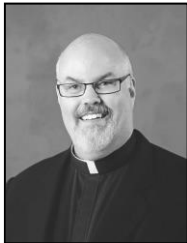
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Letter from SCE President, David Gushee....

Welcome to Portland! How wonderful to gather again with colleagues new and old. This is a year in which we are focusing on the past, present, and future of our discipline. I want us to wrap our arms and minds around our discipline as a whole, and all of its practitioners, especially those who are on the margins on account of their social location, employment status, and newness to the guild. I also want us to think about the relative fragility of our field and the need to advocate for each other even when we do not share the same commitments.

Therefore: My presidential address will offer an attempt to map our field and assess its prospects for the future. This has proven to be a daunting task and is offered as a first step.

Our first plenary session will involve papers from each of our three **Working Groups**: African/African-American, Asian/Asian-American, and Latino/a, all invited to describe the "state of the question" in their research and to provide a bibliography of the most important works in their area. Each group has taken a different approach to this opportunity, and the resulting plenary session should be rich.

Our second plenary session will recognize three excellent "**first books**" by SCE members, published within the last three years. Our winning books were written by Mark Brocker, Sarah Moses, and Daniel Scheid. I selected these three books from a slate of 36 that qualified and came my way through nominations this year – that entire list will also be made available at this meeting.

The Society of Jewish Ethics will host the final plenary session, featuring Julie Cooper (<https://katz.sas.upenn.edu/fellowship-program/fellow/julie-cooper>). We are glad to again be meeting in partnership with the SJE as well as the Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics.

The Thursday night SCE Forum is being organized and led by SCE members who have contingent faculty appointments, a growing part of our SCE membership and a group of colleagues facing unique challenges – and representing the dramatic changes that are occurring in academia, away from full-time tenured positions to a variety of other alternatives. In that sense, among others, they represent the future of our discipline, and not only ours.

This meeting also features an invitation-based students' and senior scholars' reception on Thursday afternoon, at the request of the Student Caucus.

So perhaps you can see the theme: we are attending in this meeting especially to our "margins," which means, in many ways, *our future*: contingent scholars, scholars of color, and students.

On the business side, the most important item, besides voting for officers, is a bylaw change related to student representation on the board. We will also hear updates on a variety of other matters related to the current and future administration of the SCE.

Thank you for coming! I hope the 2018 conference is stimulating and enjoyable for all SCE members and their guests.

Grace and peace to you,

David P. Gushee
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Letter from SJE President, Aaron Gross....

Dear colleagues,

With great pleasure, I welcome you to the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Society of Jewish Ethics.

Our meeting comes to us at an especially challenging time in and beyond the United States. Spaces for serious ethical discussion are few. Many of us have felt, with good cause, hopeless. Yet precisely because it is a time when a sense of hopelessness is justified, precisely because it is a time when giving up on the project of Jewish ethics seems more reasonable than ever, it is also a time when true hope is possible. And it is times like these when scholarship on ethics can be most powerful.



It is a time of arguably the most important anti-racist movement of this generation, the Black Lives Matter movement, a time when the horizons of our ethical concern are being challenged to extend to animals beyond our own species, and a time when ethics and theory have given us powerful insights not simply into the connection between different forms of injustice, but into the very knot that laces together all forms of exploitative violence.

It is a very good time to come together in the unique space that we at SJE and our fellow societies create each January—a space that includes not only some of the most stimulating and relevant scholarship happening today, but opportunities for fellowship and dialogue with our co-religionists.

This year the SJE has six full sessions in addition to a roundtable discussion, a workshop featuring member works in progress, a book session, and a not-to-be-missed plenary on "Jewish Political Ethics Inside and Outside the State" by Tel Aviv University's Dr. Julie Cooper. As always, we also have informal optional Shabbat services and a vegetarian Shabbat dinner and lunch open to all who sign up.

Please take the time to introduce yourself to society members whom you haven't met, to welcome new faces, and, if I haven't had the pleasure of meeting you before, I hope we'll soon correct that.

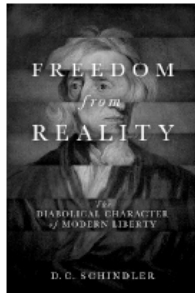
Welcome, and I look forward to our time together.

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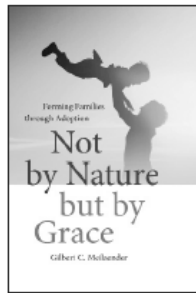
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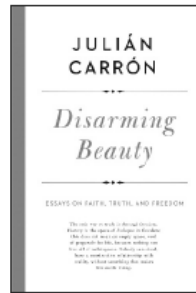
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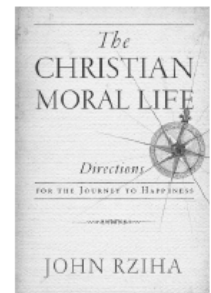
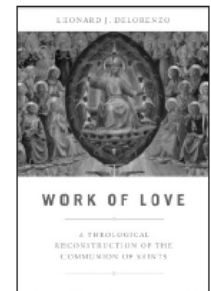
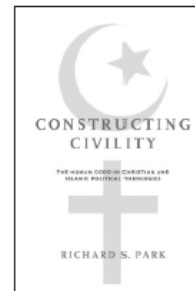
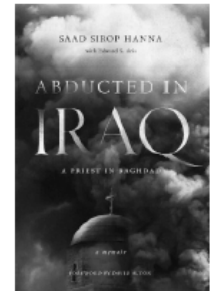
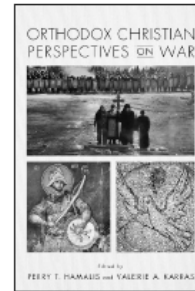
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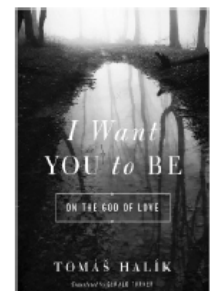
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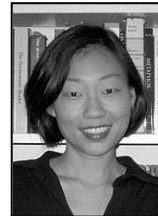
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Letter from SSME President, Sohail Hashmi....

Greetings to all SSME members and friends in the SCE and SJE!

Welcome to the ninth annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics. I know we all look forward to meeting old and new colleagues and to discussing important developments in the study of religious ethics. The joint meeting of our three societies provides unparalleled opportunities for fellowship and learning.



SSME panels once again deal with a wide range of topics in Islamic ethics, from Islamic theology and law to politics to social and medical ethics. I hope you will join us for lively conversations at these panels and at our informal SSME dinner on Saturday night.

This conference marks the end of the tenure of the current Board of Directors and the beginning of the two-year term of the new Board. Good luck and thank you for your service! We look forward to continuing the growth of SSME as it completes its first decade.

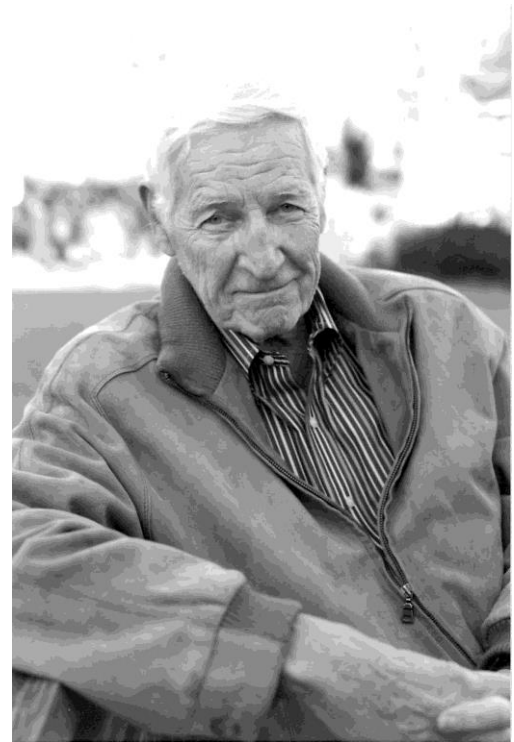
With best wishes for a productive and pleasant conference,

Sohail Hashmi, President

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2018 Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award of the Society of Christian Ethics is given to recognize one member per year for creative and lasting contributions to the field of Christian ethics. The Award recognizes outstanding, sustained, and substantive contributions of the recipient that have advanced the field of Christian ethics, taking into consideration the following factors: the quality and quantity of the recipient's publications, scholarship that defines the issues Christian ethicists must address, influence within the field of Christian ethics as manifested in the work of the recipient's students, and influence of the recipient's scholarship in promoting the importance and relevance of Christian ethics for audiences beyond the discipline itself and beyond the academy.



The Society of Christian Ethics is happy to announce John Raines, an international scholar who has focused on teaching, political action and creative administration, as this year's recipient of the award. A public intellectual, Raines, over the years, has through rigorous scholarship and community engagement contributed to the formation of the discourse of social ethics, here in the United States and abroad. He is recognized for his participation in the establishment of comparative religious studies program at the Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta in Indonesia, which continues to be a significant voice inside a Muslim majority nation for progressive religious thought and action. Additionally, he is known for his involvement with *The Citizens Commission to Investigate the FBI* (March 1971) which broke into an FBI office in Media, Pennsylvania, leading to the first ever establishment of Congressional Oversight Committees (both House and Senate) to supervise the practices of our nation's intelligence gathering activities (FBI, CIA, NSA). In the classroom and in the community, Raines, a prolific author, has courageously wed scholarship to political action, impacting how the ethicists should view academic activities and the wider world which academic work subjects to critically scrutiny. For his many contributions to the field of ethics, and the next generation of scholars, the Society proudly presents him with The Lifetime Achievement Award.

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2018	John Raines
2017	Charles Curran
2016	Margaret Farley
2015	Peter Paris
2014	Daniel Maguire
2013	Beverly W. Harrison
2011	James Gustafson

In Memoriam



Miroslav Mirko Kis passed away at his home in Berrien Springs, Michigan, on February 23, 2016, at the age of 73. He served at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University, for 31 years, most recently as Professor of Christian Ethics and Chair of the Department of Theology and Christian Philosophy. His legacy lives on in the students he taught and mentored and with whom he shared the concept that ethics was best summarized in his favorite text: Micah 6:8. He leaves to mourn his wife, Brenda Bond Kis, and two adult sons, Andrej and Adam, their families, and numerous friends and former students.



June Elizabeth O'Connor, died March 13, 2017. Professor Emerita of Religious Studies at University of California Riverside, she had a distinguished career as evidenced by her many awards, including Professor of the Year, Distinguished Teaching Award and Faculty Distinguished Service Award. She brought her creative vision and organizational skills to the SCE as Chair of the Committee for the Twenty-First Century for which the Society owes her a great debt of gratitude. As President of the Society, June initiated the International Scholars Initiative, precursor to the Global Scholars Program, and raised the initial funds for the program. She had a wide array of academic interests from interreligious dialogue, comparative religious ethics and feminist ethics to popular culture, the topic of her 2004 Presidential Address. She was a participant in the Muslim-Catholic dialogue in southern California and for more than a decade authored "Dear June," an ethics advice column in the *Catholic Digest*.



John Raines, 84, died November 12, 2017. Born in Minneapolis, he came from a family of clerics. He graduated from Carleton College and earned a masters in divinity and a doctorate in theology from Union Theological Seminary in New York. John was ordained a minister in the United Methodist Church but soon after became active with the 1961 Freedom Riders, organized a campaign by banks to disinvest in South Africa because of apartheid, and participated in exposing that the FBI had illegally spied on civil rights leaders and antiwar protesters in the 60s and 70s. He taught at Temple University in the religion department, motivating and challenging students. He is survived by his wife Bonnie, four children, seven grandchildren, and a brother.



Charles Harlan Reynolds died on January 25, 2017. Charlie was highly gregarious and a close friend of many members of the SCE; all members of the Society, even those who did not know Charlie personally, are professionally indebted to his influence as an extraordinary educational administrator and, yes, entrepreneur in the religious ethics. See Stanley Hauerwas's eloquent memorial in the June issue of the JRE.

A graduate of Birmingham Southern College, Southern Methodist University, and Harvard, Charlie raised the profile of our discipline when in 1973 he founded, financed, and defined *The Journal of Religious Ethics* in conversation with philosophical ethics. He was a good humored and provocative colleague for many, a chair of the religious studies department at the University of Tennessee for 21 years, and a leader in the Society of Christian Ethics for over three decades—serving as President in 1996.

SCE members will miss Charlie's professional and personal presence. His four surviving children, their spouses, and his five grandchildren will miss Charlie's devotion.



Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Westberg, Professor of Ethics and Moral Theology at Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Wisconsin, died in a boating accident on October 18, 2017. He was 68. After a period in parish ministry in the Anglican Church of Canada, Dan completed the D.Phil. at Oxford under Oliver O'Donovan. His revised dissertation was published as "Right Practical Reason: Action, Aristotle and Prudence in Aquinas" (OUP, 1994). He taught at the University of Virginia between 1990-1998, and then at Nashotah House from 2000 until his death. The fruit of his teaching toward an evangelical-Thomist synthesis in Anglican moral theology was expressed in "Renewing Moral Theology: Christian Ethics as Action, Character and Grace" (IVP, 2015).

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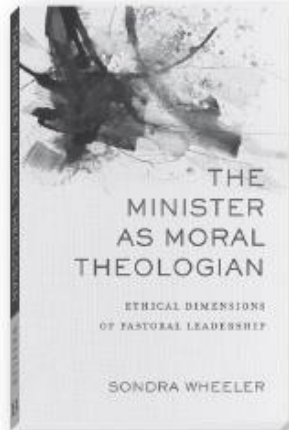
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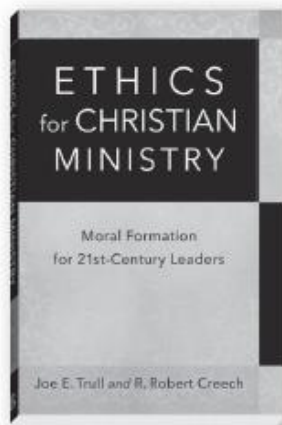
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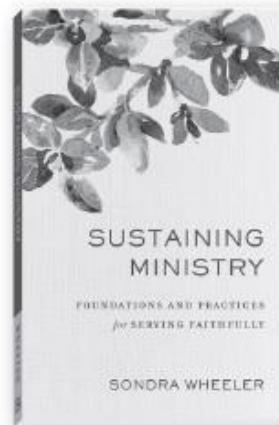
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raissa de Rande, Princeton University "Of Creation, Customs, and Human Flourishing: First and Second Nature in Shāh Walī Allāh's (d. 1762) <i>Hujjat Allāh al-Bāligha</i>" • Roshan Iqbal, Agnes Scott College "Ontology and Legal Ethics" 	
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	• Sarah Eltantawi, The Evergreen College "Medieval Medicine and the 'Postponed' Sexual Body in a Twenty-First Century Courtroom in Nigeria: Reinventing the State of Ihsān (Marriage)"	
	• Dominic Longo, University of St. Thomas "Retrieving Islamic Erotology: Al-Suyūṭī's <i>Al-Wishāḥ fī fawā'id al-nikāḥ</i> "	
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6:00pm	SCE Finance Committee	<i>Madison</i>
7:00pm	SCE Board Social At Altabira City Tavern <i>Sponsored by Wipf and Stock</i>	<i>Offsite</i>
7:15-10:00pm	Lutheran Ethicists	<i>Jackson</i>

Thursday**7:30am-6pm**

7:30am-10:00pm	Conference Desk Open	<i>Lobby/Hamilton</i>
8:00am-6:00pm	Lutheran Ethicists Breaks, Meals	<i>Jackson Roosevelt</i>
12:00-6:00pm	Tour: Eloheh Farm: Native American Spirituality & Environmental Ethics This pre-trip visit to Eloheh Farm will focus on the intersection of Native American spirituality and the land. The farm's founders, Edith and Randy Woodley, will give participants a tour of the farm and also lead a session on earth and spirituality and environmental activism. The cost for the pre-trip will be \$35 which will include lunch and transportation to and from the farm. For more information contact: Melissa Browning, browning_md@mercer.edu (770-568-7318)	<i>Offsite</i>
8:00am-5:00pm	SCE Board Meeting Breakfast at 8:00am; Meeting 8:30am-5:00pm Board Lunch/Dinner	<i>Mts. Hood/St. Helens Mt. Bachelor</i>
11:00am	Tour: Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, Japanese American History Museum, Japanese American Historical Plaza (Meet in Lobby)	<i>Offsite</i>
2:00-6:00pm	The University of Chicago Writers	<i>Portland</i>
5:00-6:00pm	Students and Senior Scholars Reception	<i>Morrison</i>
6:00-9:00pm	Exhibits Open	<i>Multnomah/Holladay</i>
6:00-7:00pm	JRE Symposium on Religious Ethics Presenters: Richard B. Miller, University of Chicago John R. Bowlin, Princeton Theological Seminary Moderator: Margaret Mohrmann, University of Virginia	<i>Sellwood</i>
	Professor Mohrmann will interview Professors Bowlin and Miller about the role their recent books (Miller's <i>Friends and Other Strangers</i> and Bowlin's <i>Tolerance Among the Virtues</i>) can play in challenging our current assumptions about the state of the field of religious ethics and in enhancing the range of methods that scholars working in that field can use. A reception will follow.	

6:30-8:00pm Wesleyan/Methodist Ethicists*Jackson*

Our meeting will begin by sharing a simple meal and proceed to discussion of two papers from the Colloquy on Church Unity, convened in March 2017 by the United Methodist General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and the Association of United Methodist Theological Schools. A formal response will initiate group discussion of ecclesiology and the meaning of church unity in the midst of moral disagreement. While all are welcome, copies of the papers will be emailed to the group in advance; those not on the mailing list may request copies by emailing Bradley Burroughs at bbburroughs@united.edu.

Conveners: Bradley B. Burroughs, United Theological Seminary
Sondra Wheeler, Wesley Theological Seminary

7:00-9:00pm SCE Preconference Forum*Weidler/Halsey*

"The Contingent Crisis and its Effects on Academia"

Panelists/Facilitators: Kerry B. Danner, Georgetown University
Debra Erickson Sulai, Bloomsburg University
Matthew Gaudet, University of San Francisco
Karen Peterson-Iyer, Santa Clara University
Lincoln Rice, Marquette University
Darrin Snyder Belousek, Ohio Northern University

The Caucus for Contingent Faculty Concerns will host a panel presentation and roundtable discussion on the increasing use of contingent faculty in the American university system. Today, contingent positions comprise over 70% of college faculty in the United States. This is a radical departure from the tenured and permanent faculty model of a generation ago and prompts significant moral questions for both this society and academia writ large. This event will consider the moral effects of mass contingency on scholarship, the faculty community, the university business model, the academic career path, and gender (in)equality in the university.

Convener: David Gushee, Mercer University

7:00am-6:00pm Conference Desk Open*Lobby/Hamilton***7:15-8:45am Breakfast with an Author***Cascade Ballroom*

Buffet opens at 7:15; Discussion 7:45-8:45 (Pre-registration/payment is required.)

Bowlin, John R., *Tolerance Among the Virtues* (Princeton University Press, 2016)

Facilitator: Derek Alan Woodard-Lehman, University of Otago

Bush, Jr., Joseph E., *Practical Theology in Church and Society* (Cascade, 2017)

Facilitator:

De La Torre, Miguel A., *The Immigration Crises: Toward an Ethics of Place* (Cascade Press: Wipf and Stock, 2016)

Facilitator: Joshua Wopata, University of Dayton

Hart, John (Ed.), *Wiley Blackwell Companion to Religion and Ecology* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2017)

Facilitator: Dannis M. Matteson, Loyola University Chicago

Kyte, Richard L., *Ethical Business: Cultivating the Good in Organizational Culture* (Anselm Academic, 2016)

Facilitator: David Messner, Emory University

Littlejohn, W. Bradford, *The Peril and Promise of Christian Liberty: Richard Hooker, the Puritans, and Protestant Political Theology* (Wm Eerdmans Press, 2017)

Facilitator: Ryan Juskus, Duke University

Matz, Brian, *Introducing Protestant Social Ethics: Foundations in Scripture, History and Practice* (Baker Academic, 2017)

Facilitator: Devin O'Rourke, University of Chicago Divinity School

Miller, Richard B., *Friends and Other Strangers: Studies in Religion, Culture, and Ethics* (Columbia University Press, 2016)

Facilitator: Jon Kara Shields, University of Notre Dame

~~Porter, Jean~~, *Justice as a Virtue: A Thomistic Perspective* (Wm B. Eerdmans Press, 2016)

Facilitator: Jason Heron, University of Dayton

Simmons, Frederick V. (Ed.), *Love and Christian Ethics: Tradition, Theory, and Society* (Georgetown University Press, 2016)

Facilitator: Michael Le Chevallier, University of Chicago

Tuininga, Matthew, *Calvin's Political Theology and the Public Engagement of the Church: Christ's Two Kingdoms* (Cambridge University Press, 2017)Facilitator: ~~Charles Camosy~~, Fordham University**7:30am** SCE Nominations Committee*Lincoln***7:45-8:45am** *The Journal of Jewish Ethics* Board Meeting*Madison*

8:00am-7:15pm Exhibits Open*Multnomah/Holladay***9:00-10:30am SCE Presidential Plenary I***Exhibit Hall*

"Working Groups Report on the 'State of the Question' in Their Scholarship"

African/African-American Working Group: ~~Eboni K. Marshall Turman~~ and Reggie Williams

Asian/Asian-American Working Group: Ki Joo (KC) Choi

Latino/a: Rubén Rosario Rodríguez, ~~MT Dávila~~, Teresa Delgado, and Victor Carmona

Convener: David P. Gushee, Mercer University

10:30-11:00am Q&A on the SCE Proposed Bylaws Changes*Madison*

At the Saturday business meeting, SCE members will be asked to consider a proposal from the Board of Directors that the bylaws be changed to place voting student members on the Board and also to include a student member on the Nominating Committee. Do you have questions about these proposed changes that you would like to resolve before you vote? Our tightly scheduled business meeting does not allow much time for discussion, so this Q&A session has been added to the program to provide information about how these changes have come to be proposed, what they will mean, why a majority of Board members support them, and what policies will govern their implementation. Feel free to come at any time and leave at any time.

Conveners: Leonard Curry, Vanderbilt University
Cristina Traina Northwestern University
Todd Whitmore, University of Notre Dame
Diane Yeager, Georgetown University

10:30-11:00am Break*Multnomah/Holladay***11:00am-12:30pm Concurrent Session I**

Sarah A. Azaransky, Union Theological Seminary

Weidler

"The Harlem 9: Public Education and the Limits of American Democracy"

The "Harlem Nine" were parents who protested substandard and segregated public education. In 1958, the New York City's Board of Education charged the parents with illegally keeping their children from school. Though the historical moniker describes parents, this paper will focus on the children who refused to attend substandard schools. Drawing from archival testimony, interviews, and letters, this paper highlights children's analysis of power and inequality and their articulations of vulnerability and struggle. This paper seeks to contribute to a growing concern among ethicists to include children in our assessments of moral agents undertaking social change.

Convener: Matthew R. Jantzen, Duke University Divinity School

David Decosimo, Boston University

Alaska/Idaho

"Tasks and Temptations: A New Interpretation of Christians Ethics"

Four theological "tasks" help constitute Christian ethics. Four corresponding "temptations" haunt it. These tasks are to: do justice to God's grace and our need for it; envision practices of formation; prophetically resist injustice; and charitably discover truth and goodness in every sort of community. The temptations represent ways of pursuing one task to the scorn of another and distortion of the task at hand. Recognizing relations and distinctions among tasks and temptations enables us to understand our tradition, resist temptations, and pursue all four tasks. I elucidate this new interpretation of Christian ethics and offer two snapshots of uniting the tasks – Keri Day and Aquinas.

Convener: Lawrence Stratton, Waynesburg University

Session moved to Sunday, 9am – weather related

Craig Iffland, University of Notre Dame
 "The Morality of Precision Bombing"

Broadway

In this paper, I argue that the United States' interpretation of the principle of non-combatant immunity systematically expands the scope of permissible damage to civilians in wartime. My evidence is drawn from the Department of Defense's *Law of War Manual*, *The Drone Papers*, the military's legal assessment of the Kunduz hospital airstrike, and a personal interview with Christopher Woods, whose organization (*Airwars*) tracks civilian deaths caused by aerial bombardment in Iraq, Syria, and Libya. Drawing upon John Ford's classic article on obliteration bombing, I outline various rules implied by the principle of noncombatant immunity that apply to so-called "precision" bombing.

Convener: ~~Mara Kelly Zukowski, Felician University~~ Abbylynn Helgevold

Grace Yia-Hei Kao, Claremont School of Theology
 "Defending Gestational Surrogacy on Feminist Christian Grounds"

Sellwood

Would Christian ethical reflection on gestational surrogacy change if informed by cross-cultural, longitudinal studies on the psychology of surrogates, surrogate-born children, and intended parents and not primarily on essentialist assumptions about pregnancy and parenthood or the minority of high-profile disaster cases ("baby M," "baby Gammy")?

After first assuming the moral permissibility of IVF, I explore fears of exploitation, commodification, the introduction of third parties, and the "metaphysics of pregnancy" that surrogacy raises. I ultimately invoke the "reproductive justice" framework and other theo-ethical norms (*viz.*, mutual trust, covenant, self-gift) to defend certain kinds of gestational surrogacy arrangements. Where appropriate, I also draw upon my experience of having been a surrogate without concluding that only unpaid contracts could pass ethical muster.

Convener: Kathryn Lilla Cox, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University

David Chiwon Kwon, Boston College

Jackson

"Never-ending Violence: The Merits and Limits of Jean Bethke Elshtain's Augustinian Conception of Just War Thinking"

Jean Bethke Elshtain offers a stimulating vision of Augustine's theological ideas in her own theory of just war. Expanding on Augustine, Elshtain develops her theological anthropology, political realism, and just war tradition as she begins to understand human nature, drawn from the theological discourse of sin and *imago dei*. In this presentation, I will discuss how this theological direction leads us to consider human dignity and equal regard – seeking Christian hope and responsibility in the context of tragic war and the finitude of human nature – within Elshtain's conception of just war thinking. This discussion includes why I think her theory needs to be re-examined and further developed in light of the new and complex realities of the 21st century.

Convener: William George, Dominican University

~~Eboni K. Marshall Turman, Yale University Divinity School~~

~~*Roosevelt*~~

~~"Of Men and [Mountain] Tops: Black Women and the Ethics and Aesthetics of Invisibility in the Movement for Black Lives"~~

~~What does the assertion of "manhood" as a politics of hope for black freedom accomplish? This paper engages the "I Am a Man" placards of the 1968 Memphis Sanitation Strike to posit a sexual aesthetic of black women's invisibility in the Black Freedom movement, and the intersecting continuity of anti-blackness and patriarchy. Anti-black sexism predetermines the accessibility of the [mountain]top in the ethical and political imagination of black church and society. Consideration of the "this ain't yo mama's civil rights movement" image of the BLM movement links past and present iconographic gestures to explore the aesthetic nuances of bottoming black women.~~

~~Convener: Sunder John Boopalan, Episcopal Divinity School~~

~~Cancelled due to weather.~~

Joshua Mauldin, Center of Theological Inquiry

Ross Island

"Modern Politics and Theological Origins: Martha Nussbaum, Jeremy Waldron, and Samuel Moyn"

This paper considers three ways contemporary theorists account for the theological origins of modern political norms. Part (1) examines Martha Nussbaum's book *Liberty of Conscience* as an example of the 'freestanding' model, in which modern political norms are understood as defensible independent of theological origins. Part (2) interprets Jeremy Waldron's book *God, Locke, and Equality* as an example of the foundationalist model, while Part (3) considers Samuel Moyn's *Christian Human Rights* as an example of the genealogist option. Attention to these philosophical options helps clarify the assumptions Christian ethicists make when mining the tradition for sources of modern political norms.

Convener: Devin O'Rourke, University of Chicago Divinity School

Matthew R. Petrussek, Loyola Marymount University

Morrison

"Ethics and Advocacy: Clarifying the Difference in a Time of Indignation"

What is the difference between doing ethics and doing advocacy, and does maintaining the difference matter? This paper draws on the thought of William Schweiker to identify and defend a fundamental distinction between the task of ethics and the task of advocacy, particularly on methodological grounds: ethics is truth-generating/identifying while advocacy is truth-applying; or, put differently, ethics argues *to* the givens while advocacy argues *from* the givens, where "givens" means foundational moral truth claims. Preserving a difference between the two is in the interest of both, and ultimately helps prevent moral argumentation from degenerating into expressions of mutual indignation.

Convener: Michael Le Chevallier, University of Chicago

Frederick V. Simmons, Center of Theological Inquiry

Jefferson/Adams

"The Stewardship Model of Christian Environmental Ethics: Retrospect and Prospect"

Fifty years ago recognition of an environmental crisis prompted many Christians to extol stewardship. A generation later prominent Christian environmental ethicists rejected stewardship and Christians have largely abandoned it since. I reassess stewardship and offer a qualified defense of it, arguing that human beings have moral responsibility for much of the environment and that adequate environmental ethics require more than one model. I conclude that within Christian ethics the prospects are bleak for stewardship as a term but bright for the model's claim that human beings' distinctive capabilities and relationship to God impose moral responsibilities for the environments we manage.

Convener: Ryan Juskus, Duke University

Panelists: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College

Oregon

Eli S. McCarthy, Georgetown University

Gerald Schlabach, University of St. Thomas

"Developing a Just Peace Approach for Transforming Conflicts and Violence"

While just war approaches receive ample attention, the just peace approach is still underdeveloped and underappreciated. There are ecumenical and interfaith expressions of just peace along with recent developments, such as the 2016 Rome conference. Gerald Schlabach will link just peace and the Gospels, survey ecumenical work, and anticipate some of the challenges to elicit wide reception as an approach which includes governance. Lisa Sowle Cahill will present on how a just peace approach fits with the trajectory of Catholic social teaching and her suggested next steps for official development. Eli McCarthy will present on a virtue-based just peace approach.

Convener: Marcus Mescher, Xavier University

Scripture and Ethics Interest Group
 Robin W. Lovin, Center of Theological Inquiry
 "Transformations in Interpretation and Ethics"

Washington

References to scripture figure prominently in Christian thought from the beginning, but new methods of interpretation have transformed our ways of reading the Bible, even during the six decades of the Society of Christian Ethics. To open a discussion of the future of scripture and Christian ethics, I will review some important methods that have influenced Christian ethics, including historical criticism, liberation hermeneutics, reception history, and social anthropology, asking what Christian ethics has sought to learn from Biblical interpretation and inviting reflection on how these methods may shape our discipline in the future.

Ted A. Smith, Emory University

"Remembering Korah: Divine Violence, Earthly Authority, and Unsanctioned Praise"

This paper considers questions raised by biblical texts that attribute violence to God. It works through multiple readings of one such text: the story of the destruction of Korah. The Sistine Chapel presents the text as a warning to those who would resist divinely legitimated authority, linking Botticelli's depiction of the death of Korah with Perugino's depiction of Jesus giving the keys to Peter. Walter Benjamin offers a very different reading, making the story an emblem of a "divine violence" that undoes the systemic violence of social orders. This paper learns from both readings to think through a third: the Book of Psalms invites readers to join the songs of the Korites without offering divine sanction for their cause.

Conveners: Craig Hovey, Ashland University
 Kyong-Jin Lee, Fuller Theological Seminary

SJE: Human, Animal, Nature: Ethics of and Beyond the Human Being

Halsey

Dustin Atlas, University of Dayton

"Buber and the Ethics of Singular Perfection"

The basic claim of this paper is that Martin Buber's later writings provide us with the means to develop his ethical thinking beyond the anthropocentrism that haunts his dialogical work, and take account of (some) of our relationships to non-human animals. By focusing on the philosophy of relation that I claim undergirds his dialogical works, we can broaden the reach of his project to engage scholarship in environmental ethics. In this paper, Hans Jonas will act as a primary (if eccentric) representative of this field.

Mira Wasserman, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College

"Noahide Law, Ethics, and Narrative"

Can the particularistic orientation of talmudic literature generate an ethics that is universalist? Recently, Christine Hayes challenged David Novak's characterization of the Noahide commandments as a rabbinic doctrine of natural law, making the problem of the Talmud's particularism even more acute. I argue that the talmudic discussion of Noahide law (b. Sanhedrin 56a-57b) can generate a universalist ethics when it is read within the horizon of narrative rather than as legal doctrine. The talmudic discussion offers a glimpse of robust intra-rabbinic debates about why and how law enters the world, and about what it means to be human.

Respondent: Lisa Portilla, Emory University

Convener: Rebecca Epstein-Levi, Washington University, St. Louis

SSME:*Hawthorne*

David Seidenberg, Smith College

~~"Abu'l Barakat's Science and Its Potential Ethical Outcomes and Implications"~~

~~Abu'l Barakat al-Baghdadi's (d. 1164) most important book, al-Mu'tabar, focuses on the issues of physics and metaphysics and develops a psychology of the soul, but it assiduously avoids ethics. The more obvious place to look for ethical reflection is in early works like his commentary on Ecclesiastes, written before he converted from Judaism late in life. This paper attempts to isolate ethical principles from al-Baghdadi's early work, moves to examine al-Mu'tabar in light of ethical principles that could correlate with his metaphysics, and then looks at ethics in later Illuminationists like Suhrawardi and Ibn Kammuna, who were influenced by Abu'l Barakat.~~

Chris PreJean, University of California Los Angeles

~~"Praying Together: The Institution of Istisqā' in Iraq (9th Century Baghdad)"~~

~~Little attention has been paid to the institution of Muslims going out to pray for rain (istisqā') in the Abbasid period, and even less on dhimmīs participating with them. This paper argues that Aḥmad b. Ḥanbal permitted Muslims and dhimmīs to pray together on the basis of established economic partnerships. It places the institution of istisqā' in Weberian categories of religion and magic, and then looks for an economic cause for the rationalization of praying together, eventually contrasting its cause with a broader Islamic religious ethic. Lastly, it poses new questions about how scholarship can discuss communal identities in terms of economic categories instead of religious ones.~~

~~Convener: Kathryn Kueny, Fordham University Jamie Schillinger~~

Changes due to weather**12:30-2:00pm** Lunch**12:45-2:00pm** **Student Caucus** (Pre-registration needed for lunch.)*Mt. Bachelor*

Conveners: Leonard Curry, Vanderbilt University Divinity School
Sara Wilhelm Garbers, Loyola University Chicago

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

Speakers: Elizabeth Bucar, Northeastern University
Tisha M. Rajendra, Loyola University Chicago
Angela D. Sims, Saint Paul School of Theology

Join us for a panel and discussion on the topic of "Navigating the Tenure Track: What No One Tells You." Speakers will reflect on their experiences on the tenure track and share what they wish they had known as they were working towards tenure.

Conveners: Elizabeth Sweeny Block, Saint Louis University
Courtney Fitzsimmons, Whitman College

12:45-1:45pm SJE Board Meeting*Lincoln***12:45-2:00pm** *JRE* Editorial Board*3 Sisters***12:45-2:00pm** Professional Conduct Committee*Grant*

2:00-3:30pm Concurrent Session II
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Kathryn Blanchard, Alma College

*Jefferson/Adams***"Virtuous Abortion: Intelligibility, Intuition, and Intersectionality"**

Half a century of Christian reasoning in the context of legal abortion has failed to build consensus about whether and when a virtuous person might choose abortion. Perhaps this stalemate is a result of *how* we reason. Modern neuroscience suggests that the human reasoning process, no matter how sophisticated, is subordinate to intuition, which in turn is shaped significantly by genetics and group loyalty. A better understanding of human moral psychology calls us to question whatever certainties we hold most dear about abortion, exploring instead the intersecting conditions that make abortion intelligible.

Convener: Sandra Sullivan Dunbar, Loyola University Chicago

John P. Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

*Halsey***"Spiritual Freedom and Political Freedom: Contributions from Orthodoxy"**

Recent Orthodox political thought has insisted that "freedom in the Lord," while not dependent on external circumstances, has profound implications for the church's relation to society and the state. This paper describes and evaluates three major options: 1) a church that cooperates with the state (traditional *symphonia*), 2) a church that stands "above" political programs and parties, and 3) a church that commits itself to civil society and democratic political institutions. Each approach enriches contemporary Christian social ethics and establishes the essential place of Orthodox political thought – and its internal debates – alongside Catholic and Protestant options.

Convener: P. Travis Kroeker, McMaster University

Bradley B. Burroughs, United Theological Seminary

*Weidler***"The 'Evils' of Christian Ethics: Diagnosis and Resistance"**

Adapting MacIntyre's description of a "tradition," this paper narrates the discipline of Christian ethics as a historically extended argument about the evils Christians are to combat and how to do so. It focuses upon influential contributions made by thinkers representing the social gospel, Christian realism, feminism, and womanism, analyzing conceptual strands carried forth and those left behind; in particular, it emphasizes the continuing refinement of "social evil" as an analytical category and the introduction of "self-negation" as a key manifestation of evil. The conclusion deploys this analysis to identify resources for resisting the contemporary evil of rising xenophobia.

Convener: Dallas J. Gingles, Southern Methodist University

Kerry B. Danner, Georgetown University

*Washington***"The Methodological Contributions of William Spohn and the Perennial Role of the Imagination"**

William Spohn's methodological contributions included clarifying the relationship between hermeneutics, Scripture and ethics and constructing an expansive account of how spiritual practices can form the imagination and foster character. Interdisciplinary research done since his death supports and challenges his contributions. Linda Zagzebski's work on exemplarhood helps and hinders an understanding of Jesus as exemplar, and Christian Miller's findings support some of Spohn's approach to virtue but challenge his focus on character. Cognitive linguistics helps map where humanist and Christian interpretation intersect and what might be more clearly understood as a Christian imagination—a topic that remains vital to the field.

Convener: Angela Carpenter, Hope College

Kristin Heyer, Boston College
Linda Hogan, Trinity College Dublin

Oregon

"Beyond the Northern Paradigm: Catholic Theological Ethics in Global Perspective"

Notwithstanding the commitment to include historically underrepresented communities, Christian ethics continues to be dominated by the voices, concerns and methodologies of scholars from the northern hemisphere.

In the spirit of 'looking around and looking forward' this paper analyses the field through the lens of the *Catholic Theological Ethics in a World Church* (CTEWC) network, whose mission is to interconnect within a world church not dominated by a northern paradigm. It highlights the inflection points where the absence of a sustained, critical mass of voices from the global south impacts the field and considers the likely re-prioritizations that will flow from the systemic inclusion of the multiple, diverse voices of majority world scholars. Whereas its point of departure is of Catholic ethics, its analysis will proceed with an eye to the ecumenical implications.

Convener: Thomas Massaro, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University

~~Matthew R. Jantzen, Duke University Divinity School~~ ~~—————~~ ~~Sellwood~~

~~"Discerning the Spirit: James Cone, Divine Action, and the Struggle for Justice"~~

~~Through an engagement with the early writings of James Cone, this paper outlines an account of divine action meant to assist Christians in discerning God's relationship to contemporary movements for political, economic, and racial justice. It reconstructs the theological rationale underlying Cone's verdict that Black Power is "God's new way of acting in America," arguing that Cone's conclusion does not represent an ideological baptism of a political movement as itself divine, but rather a contingent judgment about how the Holy Spirit makes Jesus Christ present in history between Christ's ascension and parousia.~~

~~—————~~ ~~Convener: Kara Slade, Duke Divinity School~~

~~Cancelled due to weather~~

Kyle Lambelet, Emory University

Ross Island

"Just Peacemaking: Practices, Norms and Ends After Twenty-Five Years"

In 1993 Christian ethicists gathered at the SCE "to develop a just peacemaking theory to supplement (not supplant) the traditional paradigms of just war theory and pacifism." This paper evaluates the project's success twenty-five years on. While just peacemaking theory has born important fruit, I argue that its normative account of justice and peace are too thin to offer adequate guidance in complex cases. In order to develop just peacemaking theory we need to retrieve resources from earlier debates about just war and pacifism, specifically a thicker eschatological account that acknowledges the challenge of bringing justice and peace together.

Convener: Joshua R. Snyder, Laboure College

Virginia W. Landgraf, American Theological Library Association

Hawthorne

"Karl Barth, Reinhold Niebuhr, and Jacques Ellul on Resisting Totalitarianism, Yesterday and Today"

The paper schematizes Reinhold Niebuhr's, Karl Barth's, and Jacques Ellul's responses to the Cold War into a typology of Christian responses to demonic totalitarian powers: engaging counter-power, nonviolent action, and refusing power. Factors contributing to their positions included their assessments of the nature of power, the potential of violence to rebound upon its perpetrators, the legitimacy of the state, and the overall strength of institutions. The paper then assesses these factors today in the face of authoritarian nationalist movements and plans by the current U.S. administration to dismantle the state's regulatory functions while increasing its capacity to punish and exclude.

Convener: David Allen Barr, University of Chicago Divinity School

Andrew R. H. Thompson, The School of Theology, The University of the South
 "Novel Ecosystems and Dark Ecotheology"

Morrison

This paper responds to the annual meeting theme of change and next steps in ethical inquiry by suggesting new directions for environmental theology in light of contemporary ecological insights about the Anthropocene epoch and, more specifically, novel ecosystems. The paper will argue that novel ecosystems, which challenge our conceptions of what is "natural" and what is "human," require a turn to a "dark ecotheology": an environmental theology that is both epistemically dark in that it accepts the limits of knowledge and the role of mystery, and morally dark in that it accepts the inevitability of suffering and disvalue in nature.

Convener: Willa Swenson-Lengyel, University of Chicago

Panelists: Sumner B. Twiss, Florida State University
 Elizabeth Bucar, Northeastern University
 Simeon Ilesanmi, Wake Forest University
 Jung H. Lee, Northeastern University
 Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University

Jackson

"The Legacy of Christian Ethics in Comparative Religious Ethics"

This panel brings together reflections on the genealogy of comparative religious ethics vis-à-vis Christian ethics and considers the impact that the latter has had on the former, particularly in terms of the practice of comparative religious ethics. We will consider how comparative religious ethics has been formed and shaped by the methodological ideals of Christian ethics and how this discursive transmission has proceeded through processes of continuity and fragmentation. Beyond a critical appraisal of the genealogy of comparative religious ethics, the panel will consider the normative consequences of the legacy of Christian ethics in the context of globalization and colonialism.

Convener: Jung H. Lee, Northeastern University

SJE: Interpreting Human Suffering: Biblical, Rabbinic, Modern
 Keenan Davis, Emory University

Roosevelt

"Suffering, Useless and Useful: Reading Berakhot 5a-b through a Levinasian Lens"

Levinas's notion of "useless suffering" provides a powerful lens through which to analyze the theological and ethical complexities of Berakhot 5a-b. With his exploration of the radical difference between "suffering in the other" and "suffering in me," Levinas can guide us in thinking through the Talmudic cases that seem to depict suffering as quite useful, particularly those termed "afflictions of love." Reading the sugya in conversation with the thought of Levinas can also shed practical light on the roles, responsibilities, and expectations that we might have of those suffering and of those who encounter suffering others, such as physicians and others in the health professions.

Alex Green, SUNY Buffalo

"Levi Gersonides on Job's Ethical Error"

The Book of Job attempts to answer the problem of how a God who is omniscient, omnipotent and good can allow evil to happen to a righteous person, Job. Maimonides' solution is that Job attained moral perfection, but lacked intellectual perfection. Gersonides challenges this: Job may have achieved intellectual perfection in the natural sciences, but he lacked knowledge of astronomy and astrology. This deficiency led him to not fully understand the random effects of the stars on human life, an ethical mistake. Job misses an important part of ethics: cultivating the proper virtues that are necessary for preserving one's physical self against the decrees of the stars as a means to achieve *eudaimonia*.

Respondent: Claire Sufirin, Northwestern University

Convener: Amanda Mbuvi, High Point University

SSME:

Broadway

Raissa de Rande, Princeton University

"Of Creation, Customs, and Human Flourishing: First and Second Nature in Shāh Walī Allāh's (d. 1762) *Hujjat Allāh al-Bāligha*"

This paper examines how legal reformer Shāh Walī Allāh (d. 1762) weds the *qur'anic* notion of a single, created human nature (*fiṭra*) to the idea that the differing practices of a community can become second nature to its members. Such particular customs participate in the larger system of divine requital and are in fact the main avenue for the development of the necessary virtues. Consulting the *Hujjat Allāh al-Bāligha* as well as the Shāh's larger corpus, I arrive at the conclusion that Walī Allāh's use of *fiṭra* holds traditional theological assertions and the reality of present contingencies together, and maybe even in service of each other.

~~Roshan Iqbal, Agnes Scott College~~~~"Ontology and Legal Ethics"~~

~~The contention of this paper is that we need to probe, assess, as well as re-think the role of ontology in the interpretation of *mut'a* marriage. Rethinking the role of ontology will contribute to the ongoing discussion on the understanding of female sexuality in Islamic legal scholarship. Consideration is given to both Shi'a scholars (Tabataba'i and Mutahhari) and scientific scholarship (Adams, Diamond, Bertolini, etc.).~~

Convener: Jamie Schillinger, St. Olaf College

3:30-4:00pm Break

Multnomah/Holladay

4:00-5:30pm Concurrent Session III

William A. Barbieri, The Catholic University of America

Roosevelt

"Thick Description: Human Dignity Through the Lens of Visual Ethics"

Visual ethics, an emergent inquiry into how aspects of seeing and visibility inform the moral life, offers a novel vantage from which to understand those dimensions of human dignity historically associated with bearing, posture, appearance and comportment. Visual studies and aesthetics can help illuminate how images of dignity and its violation or degradation have contributed in distinctive ways to the propagation of human dignity as a powerful ethical, political, and legal norm. Drawing primarily on examples from photojournalism and painting, I undertake to make some distinctions regarding how these respective genres enable us to "descrie" dignity and its subversion.

Convener: Joshua Mauldin, Center of Theological Inquiry

Matthew Elia, Duke University

Broadway

"Ethics in the Afterlife of Slavery: Whiteness, Augustine, and the Problem of the Master"

The recent renaissance of Augustinian ethics remains mostly silent about the central place of slavery in Augustine's thought. While Augustinians appear confident his insights can be excised from his legitimation of the institution, two facts challenge that assumption: first, slavery constitutes not simply one moral issue among others for Augustine, but an organizing conceptual metaphor; second, the contemporary scene to which Augustinians apply his thought *is itself the afterlife of a slave society*. Thus, to bear faithful witness in a racialized world, Augustinians must grapple with slavery as Augustine's key conceptual metaphor, one which animates his thought and subtly reproduces the moral vantage of the master.

Convener: Reggie L. Williams, McCormick Theological Seminary

Debra Erickson Sulai, Bloomsburg University

*Hawthorne***"Christian Ethics: On the Margins?"**

Our ability to do Christian ethics is profoundly influenced by our religious, political, and institutional contexts. What does this mean for the future and the publics we aspire to serve? Can we revive a mid-twentieth century "Niebuhrian moment" or, as Rod Dreher contends, must we take the Benedict Option? As we navigate what Ross Douhat has called a "Nation of heretics," we also face employment constraints, family obligations, institutional expectations, and tension between academic conventions and broader conversations, in which scholars are often marginal figures. In short, this paper considers the vocation of Christian ethics: in this time and place, who or what ought we to do and be?

Convener: Kate Ward, Marquette University

Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University

*Jefferson/Adams***"Oh Say Can You See?: Womanist Ethics, Sub-rosa Morality, and the Normative Gaze in a Trumped Era"**

This paper employs a womanist ethical analysis of sub-rosa morality as ethical discourse guiding the U.S. context in the era of Trump. To illustrate the viability of womanist ethics for the broader utility of Christian social ethics, this paper will: (1) explore the development of womanist thought as a continuation of the liberation ethics project; (2) indicate the intersectional agenda of womanism for a more thoroughgoing ethical discourse; and, (3) suggest future directions for our field by linking such explorations to present crises confronting the millennial generation and the defining ethos of our present hour.

Convener: Christopher Carter, University of San Diego

Perry T. Hamalis, North Central College

*Washington***"A Future for 'Humility' in Christian Ethics? Insights from Child Theology and the Orthodox Tradition"**

Humility has held a prominent place within Christianity, one grounded in the example and explicit teachings of Jesus. Recently, however, Christian feminists and other concerned scholars have unmasked several ways that humility has been detrimentally interpreted and applied, precluding human flourishing instead of promoting it. Looking ahead, should humility hold a prominent place within Christian Ethics? Drawing upon Child Theology and Orthodox Christianity, I offer an understanding of humility that avoids many of the predominant interpretations' pitfalls, one that centers on humility as "acknowledging one's need for others," and argue for restoring this virtue's valued place within Christian Ethics.

Convener: ~~Autumn Alcott Ridenour, Merrimack College~~ Lisa Fullam

Brett McCarty, Duke Divinity School

*Weidler***"Medicine as Just War?: The Legacy of James Childress in Christian Ethics"**

When encounters between patients and healthcare practitioners are assumed to be inherently antagonistic, bioethics seeks to place safeguards around combative relationships. The work of James Childress exemplifies this kind of just war ethics for medicine, and his legacy in bioethics is illuminated when connected with his contributions to just war theory. Given that just war theory and bioethics are challenged by modern developments in total warfare and totalizing medicine, the paper argues that Childress's legacy in Christian ethics depends upon the possibility of making military metaphors secondary to moral descriptions of peaceableness in both politics and medicine.

Convener: Conor M. Kelly, Marquette University

Matthew Puffer, Valparaiso University

*Sellwood***"Three Rival Interpretations of Bonhoeffer's Ethics: Divine Commands, Moral Law, and Borderline Situations"**

Tracing the development of Bonhoeffer's moral reasoning across his *Ethics* manuscripts, I argue that Bonhoeffer himself identified and sought to reform key problematic elements in the ethic commonly attributed to him by three representative interpretations -- elements for which his ethics have been rightly criticized. My paper argues for an interpretive approach to Bonhoeffer's *Ethics* that leverages evident developments in Bonhoeffer's moral reasoning in order simultaneously to affirm features of three rival interpretations while also challenging the dominant narrative in which all three participate.

Convener: ~~Stewart Herman, Christensen Center on Vocation, Augsburg College~~ Dallas Gingles

Nathaniel Van Yperen, Gustavus Adolphus College

Ross Island

"Nature Elicits Piety: Assessing James Gustafson's Legacy for Christian Ecological Ethics"

This paper explores James Gustafson's legacy through two critical questions that arise from his work: 1) Since Gustafson's theology of nature renders the category of natural evil incoherent, what challenges emerge for theological anthropology in Christian ecological ethics? 2) Can Gustafson's senses of dependence and gratitude help us refigure our sense of accountability in ecological challenges that often exceed the limits of personal experience? The paper concludes with a constructive adaptation of Gustafson's theocentrism to the debate over the reintroduction and protection of wolves in the American West.

Convener: Paul A. Lewis, Mercer University

Derek Alan Woodard-Lehman, University of Otago

Morrison

"Barmen, Belhar, and Beyond: Confessing Faith and Freedom When Black Lives Matter"

The Confessions of Barmen and Belhar are landmarks of Christian witness that both confess the faith and critique the powers. Much has been written about their theology. Much less has been written about the theology of confession itself. Karl Barth, principal author of Barmen, says quite a lot about both the content and the practice of confession. Drawing on his theology of confession, this paper draws out the implications for the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s adoption of Barmen (1967) and Belhar (2016). It argues that the PC(USA) must not merely look back to these historic struggles. To confess this faith, it must confess its own sin of white supremacy and join the present struggle.

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

Asian and Asian American Working Group

Alaska/Idaho

Hoon Choi, Bellarmine University

James W. McCarty III, Seattle University

"Hybridity as Solidarity: An Asian American Christian Ethic of Resistance to 'Internment'"

Inspired by the 75th anniversary the US Executive Order 9066, our paper will unpack the historical, theological, and political meanings associated with the Japanese American internment during World War II. We will argue that political and ideological "internment" is still part of the US context. We will draw on historical memory projects related to Japanese Internment, such as the Minidoka Pilgrimage, as forms of resistance to contemporary racialization and marginalization of Muslims in America. Such a critical comparison aims to foster a cross-racial solidarity that draw on the hybridity of Asian Americans and creatively respond to contemporary injustices.

Convener: Christina Astorga, University of Portland

Liturgy and Ethics Interest Group

Oregon

Panelists: William T. Cavanaugh, DePaul University

~~Jennifer Herdt, Yale Divinity School~~

James K.A. Smith, Calvin College

"Examining 'Cultural Liturgies': A Conversation with James K.A. Smith, Jennifer Herdt, and William T. Cavanaugh"

This panel presentation assesses James K.A. Smith's recently completed *Cultural Liturgies* project, his landmark attempt to reformulate a cultural and political theology that is truly Reformed and evangelical. Because Smith's project is structured by analyses of distorting secular liturgies and normative Christian liturgy, panelists will probe the juncture of liturgy and ethics. William Cavanaugh will engage Smith's Reformed liturgical political theology from the perspective of his own Catholic liturgical political theology; Jennifer Herdt will interrogate the entire trilogy in light of its turn to Augustine in volume three. Smith will offer a response to Cavanaugh and Herdt.

Conveners: Brent Laytham, St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute, St. Mary's University and Seminary
Debra Dean Murphy, West Virginia Wesleyan College

SJE: Jewish Political Ethics Inside and Outside the State

Jackson

Shaul Magid, Indiana University Bloomington

"Zionism as the Anti-Christ: The Political Theology of R. Yoel Teitelbaum, the Satmar Rebbe"

It is well-known that after the establishment of the state of Israel, Yoel Teitelbaum became the most prominent spokesperson for ultra-Orthodox anti-Zionism. Few, however, have carefully scrutinized his voluminous writings on the subject. In this lecture I argue that Teitelbaum was actually a pre-millennial messianist and had a well-developed political theology that placed Zionism as the final test for Jews to overcome in order for messiah to arrive. Zionism was, for him, an anti-Christ. I distinguish between his two major works on the subject: *Vayoel Moshe*, a halakhic work written in the 1950s and *'Al Ha-Geulah ve 'al ha-Temura* (On Redemption and Exchange) written in response to the Six-Day War.

Daniel May, Princeton University

"The Jewish Question as the Human Question: The Political Ethics of Isaiah Berlin and Leo Strauss"

Isaiah Berlin and Leo Strauss are generally thought to offer opposing approaches to the collapse of European liberalism. Despite their many differences, however, both shared a life-long preoccupation with "the Jewish question" and Zionism. An attention to the shared concerns that drove their respective intellectual projects illuminates surprising resonance between the two thinkers, in particular regarding their approach towards the appropriate relationship of philosophy to political action and political ethics. In this paper, I will explore this shared terrain, in order to suggest some ways that their respective philosophical frameworks continue to shape and trouble American Jewish political thought.

Respondent: Randi Rashkover, George Mason University

Convener: Julie Cooper, Tel Aviv University

SSME:

Halsey

Safaruk Chowdhury, School of Oriental and African Studies, London

~~"The Destiny of My Dog: Possible Animal Theodicies in Islamic Thought"~~

~~In exploring possible Islamic accounts of animal theodicy, three areas are explored: (i) a contextualization of animal pain and suffering in relation to the theistic Problem of Evil, with reference to Qur'anic notions of the divine; ii) major theodicies proposed by Muslim thinkers within the classical period of Islamic philosophical theology with an analysis of their key doctrines and their suitability for explaining and justifying non-human animal pain and suffering and (iii) tentative proposals of possible alternative theodicies that utilize the overarching values and precepts within the Qur'an and Hadith data towards non-human animals with support from philosophical arguments.~~

Kathryn Kueny, Fordham University **moved to Saturday 11am**

"(A)mending the Body: The Ethics of Body Alterations in Medieval Muslim Discourses on 'Cosmetics'"

Why did medieval Muslim scholars permit men to wear prosthetic noses, but prohibited women from donning artificial hair? These examples reveal the arbitrary nature of the tradition's wholesale prohibition against cosmetic alterations of God's creations, and its tacit approval of selected practices that modified those creations. Such inconsistencies arose from the highly subjective criteria scholars used to classify some procedures as therapeutic (permitted), and others as deceptive (prohibited). This paper argues when cosmetically modified bodies reflected normative expectations about gender, health, piety, and nature, scholars lauded the changes as "therapeutic." When altered bodies strayed from their presumptions, they condemned them.

Convener: Shannon Dunn, Gonzaga University

4:24pm

Shabbat Candle Lighting

On your own

5:45-6:00pm

Lifetime Achievement Award

Exhibit Hall

Recipient: John C. Raines

Presenter: Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver

6:00-7:00pm

SCE Presidential Address

Exhibit Hall

President: David Gushee

7:00-7:45pm

SCE Presidential Reception

Multnomah/Holladay

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

7:45-9:15pm **Shabbat Dinner** *Mt Hood*
 SJE Presidential Greetings: Aaron Gross, University of San Diego
 (Pre-registration required for dinner. Meal is kosher vegetarian.)

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

African/African American Interest Group *Sellwood*
 Panelists: Terrence Johnson, Georgetown University
 Bryan Massingale, Fordham University
 AnneMarie Mingo, Penn State University

"Chaos or Community? The Black Church 50 Years After the Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr."

Fifty years following the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., this panel considers the continued assault on black life in relationship to the ethics of resistance and hope born from black Christian traditions. Given the pervasive realities of anti-blackness and anti-black violence that have plagued the first quarter of the 21st century, the panel will respond to questions concerning the relevance of the Black Church in the face of white nationalist ideology and practice. Is the Black Church sufficient given such moral evil? What role ought the Black Church play in the moral formation of Black people?

Convener: ~~Eboni K. Marshall Turman, Yale University~~

Christian Ethics in Historical Context Interest Group *Weidler*
 "Complicity, Perplexity, and Moral Tragedy"
 Presenters: Adam Eitel, Yale University
 Darlene Weaver, Duquesne University
 Respondent: Jesse Couenhoven, Villanova University

Are there situations in which it is impossible for an agent to act rightly, and even her best practical options implicate her in some wrong? Or are there ethical or theological reasons to believe that it must always be possible to choose some course of action which is right and good? These ancient questions are not of mere antiquarian concern. Indeed, our increasing sense of connection to communal harms grants them a sense of practical urgency. Drawing from historical and contemporary sources, this panel seeks to grapple with the possibility of moral tragedy and its implications for our daily lives.

Conveners: Jesse Couenhoven, Villanova University
~~James Swan Tuite~~

Covenantal Ethics Interest Group *Broadway*
 "Tradition, Assimilation, and Revision"
 Panelists: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College
 Douglas Ottati, Davidson College
 Frederick V. Simmons, Center of Theological Inquiry

Our aim is to explore multiple ways traditions of Christian ethics respond to new knowledge and other historical developments by referencing themes in covenantal ethics. Douglas Ottati plans to reflect on how astrobiology might affect reformed understandings of the covenant of grace; Frederick Simmons will consider the implications of ecology for Augustinian interpretations of God's creation and human beings' moral relationships to it; Lisa Cahill will reflect on a theme to be determined. In sum, we hope to promote a sense for the importance of understanding the changes that theological traditions undergo.

Conveners: David True, Wilson College
~~Tim Verhey, St. Andrews University~~

Ethics and Catholic Theology Interest Group
Peace and War Interest Group

Oregon

"Active Nonviolence in the Catholic Church: the State of the Question in Light of the Recent Initiatives by Pope Francis and the Vatican Conference of April 2016"

Panelists: Marie Dennis, co-president of Pax Christi International
Eli S. McCarthy, Georgetown University
Margaret Pfeil, University of Notre Dame
Tobias Winright, St. Louis University

This session focuses on the Vatican Conference of Active Nonviolence in April 2016, which brought together theologians, practitioners, and Catholic and other Christian leaders from around the world. It generated an appeal to Pope Francis, asking him to write an encyclical on nonviolence and to develop a new moral framework for engaging conflict and violence. This session begins by recounting the conference and its significance by two of its organizers, Marie Dennis and Eli McCarthy; continues by exploring theological and ethical issues it raises as articulated by Margaret Pfeil and Tobias Winright; and concludes with a conversation with the audience.

Conveners: Michael Baxter, Regis University
John Berkman, Regis College
Daniel B. Cosacchi, Fairfield University

Ethics and Law Interest Group

Alaska/Idaho

"Theology, Ethics, and Law: Past, Present, and Future"

Panelists: Cathleen Kaveny, Boston College
~~Jean Porter, University of Notre Dame~~
Darryl Trimiew, Atlanta Divinity Center

In 2018, the Ethics and Law Interest Group will address "Theology, Ethics, and Law: Past, Present, and Future" in conjunction with the general conference theme of "Christian Ethics: Retrospect & Prospect." Three former SCE presidents—Jean Porter, Darryl Trimiew, Cathleen Kaveny—will share reflections on a broad range of issues, themes, and trajectories followed by discussion with the audience.

Convener: Jonathan Rothchild, Loyola Marymount University

Future Scholars Interest Group

Washington

"The State of the Question" (or "Christian Ethics: Retrospect and Prospect")

Ryan Juskus, Duke University

"Christian Ethics and Overwhelming Problems: Assessing the Methodologies of Willis Jenkins and Luke Bretherton"

When meaningful action seems futile in the face of overwhelming problems and scholarly ethics seems disconnected from communities of practice, who is modeling a path for Christian ethicists? Who is simultaneously developing a robust account of meaningful action *and* re-mapping the relationship between scholars and practitioners? I identify in recent works by Willis Jenkins and Luke Bretherton methodologies that prioritize attending to communities of practice as sites of constructive ethics in the face of overwhelming problems. While their distinct trajectories in Christian ethics converge on similar methodologies, their differences bear on matters of Trinitarian theology, pragmatism, ecclesiology, and pluralism.

Dannis M. Matteson, Loyola University Chicago

"The Theopoet(h)ics of Dorothee Sölle: Confronting 'Christofascism' Today"

As America has witnessed in 2017, the destructive menace of extreme capitalism has formed a nexus of annihilation, slaughtering in its wake black, brown, economically underprivileged, LGBTQ, and non-human life. To confront this reality and to offer a constructive theo-ethical direction, this paper retrieves Dorothee Sölle's analysis of "Christofascism," a term she uses to describe how Christianity is used as a tool to fan the flame of capitalist ideology. This paper further highlights Sölle's methodological triad of doing theology as simultaneously public, praxic, and poetic. Sölle's commitment to the practical implementation of theology and ethics is underscored as vital for confronting the hyper-capitalist trajectory upon which our nation careens today.

Andrew J. Stone Porter, Vanderbilt University

"Queer Natural Law: Harmonious Order Beyond Stability"

The natural law tradition has often been marshalled to endorse cis-hetero-patriarchal and white supremacist violence; for this reason, it has not been held in high esteem by feminist, queer and other liberation-minded Christian ethicists. However, insofar as it posits a divine order in which human beings may partially share, the tradition is potentially humanistic and creation-affirming. I draw on contemporary sources including Vincent Lloyd's *Black Natural Law* to suggest that "queer natural law" challenges the traditional definition of "the natural order" in terms of *stability*, and instead envisions order as *harmony* in which humans may participate by listening with care.

Respondent: Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver

Conveners: Leonard Curry, Vanderbilt University

Sara Wilhelm Garbers, Loyola University Chicago

Health Care Ethics Interest Group

Jefferson/Adams

"Ethics and Physician Aid in Dying"

Oregon's "Death with Dignity Act" became effective October, 1997. The location of SCE's 2018 annual conference provides an opportunity to take up this subject in the U.S. state having the longest experience with physician-assisted suicide (PAS). The Health Care Ethics Interest Group will devote time to an in-depth conversation about PAS. Discussion initiators are Christina Astorga, Professor and Department Chair in the Theology Department, University of Portland; Kimbell Kornu, a physician at the Albert Gnaegi Center for Health Care Ethics, St. Louis University; and Joseph Kotva, co-convenor of our interest group and principal at EndSight Consulting.

Conveners: Joseph Kotva, Jr., EndSight Consulting

Gerald R. Winslow, Loma Linda University

LGBT and Queer Studies in Ethics Interest Group*Halsey***"Intersections and Assemblages: Work, Reproduction, and Queerness"****Speaker:** Jeremy Posadas, Austin College

The LGBT and Queer Studies in Ethics Interest Group will explore the connections between and possibilities emerging from ethical reflection on work, reproduction, and queerness. Jeremy Posadas (Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Austin College) will present "Queerly Reproductive Justice: Normative Gravity for an Ethics of Work." This paper, which proposes an anti-work ethics of work, a queering of the reproductive justice framework, and a norming of the former to the latter, will be followed by responses from panelists and an open discussion with attendees.

Convener: Nikki Young, Bucknell University**Technology Ethics Interest Group***Roosevelt***"How Do We Teach—and What Can We Learn About—the Ethics of Technology In a STEM Driven World?"****Speakers:** Jana M. Bennett, University of Dayton

Paul C. Heidebrecht, Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo

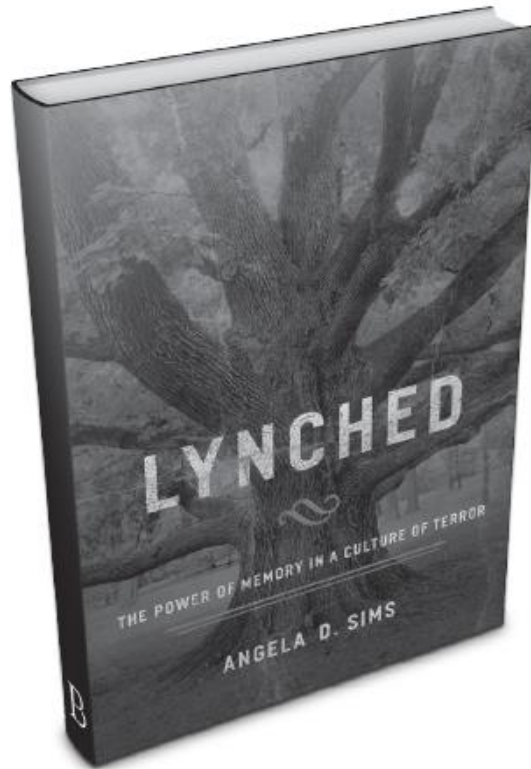
Brad J. Kallenberg, University of Dayton

STEM disciplines are on the ascendency in higher education, while liberal arts is on the defensive, enrollments in humanities are declining, and theology has lost its "queen of the sciences" status. Such trends have implications for how we teach ethics in the university setting, the broader formation of our students, and for the discipline of Christian ethics itself. In this session, we'll look critically and constructively at this context, considering approaches Christian ethicists can take with STEM students to foster ethical thinking beyond professional ethics, what students in the humanities need to know about technology to think ethically today, and what Christian Ethics can learn from engineering ethics.

Convener: James Caccamo, Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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and embodied
protest against the
erasure of memory,
against the cost of
forgetting”

—M. SHAWN COPELAND, *Boston College*



Angela D. Sims

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- 7:15-8:45am** **Breakfast with an Author** *Cascade Ballroom*
 Buffet opens at 7:15; Discussion 7:45-8:45
 (Pre-registration/payment is required. Meal is not kosher.)
- Burgess, John P., *Holy Rus': The Rebirth of Orthodoxy in the New Russia* (Yale University Press, 2017)
 Facilitator: Dallas J. Gingles, Southern Methodist University
- De La Torre, Miguel A., *Liberating Sexuality: Justice Between the Sheets* (Chalice Press, 2016)
 Facilitator: Karen Ross, Loyola University Chicago
- Fitzgerald, John J., *The Seductiveness of Virtue: Abraham Joshua Heschel and John Paul II on Morality and Personal Fulfillment* (Bloomsbury: T & T Clark, 2016)
 Facilitator: Christine Fletcher, Benedictine University
- Floyd-Thomas, Stacey M., Juan Floyd-Thomas, and Mark Toulouse, *The Altars Where We Worship: The Religious Significance of Popular Culture* (Westminster John Knox, 2016)
 Facilitator: Michael Ray Fisher, Vanderbilt University
- Jung, Patricia Beattie, *Sex on Earth as It Is in Heaven: A Christian Eschatology of Desire* (SUNY Press, 2017)
 Facilitator: Marcus Mescher, Xavier University
- Lewis, Paul A., *Wisdom Calls: The Moral Story of the Hebrew Bible* (Nurturing Faith, 2017)
 Facilitator: M. Theresa Lysaught, Loyola University Chicago
- Merkle, Judith A., *Beyond Our Lights and Shadows: Charism and Institution in the Church* (Bloomsbury, 2016)
 Facilitator: ~~Sunder John Boopalan, Episcopal Divinity School~~
- Overmyer, Sheryl, *Two Guides for the Journey: Thomas Aquinas and William Langland on the Virtues* (Cascade, 2016)
 Facilitator: Romanus Cessario, St. John's Seminary
- Sims, Angela D., *Lynched: The Power of Memory in a Culture of Terror* (Baylor University Press, 2017)
 Facilitator: Leonard Curry, Vanderbilt University
- 7:15-8:45am** **Caucus for Contingent Faculty Concerns** *Mt. Hood*
 (Pre-registration needed for breakfast.)
 Conveners: Matthew Gaudet, University of San Francisco
 Lincoln Rice, Marquette University
- 7:45am** **SCE Latino/a Working and Interest Groups Business Meeting** *Portland*
 Please make every effort to attend as we will plan the 2019 annual meeting.

- 8:15am-6:00pm Exhibits Open** *Multnomah/Holladay*
- 8:15am-6:00pm Conference Desk Open** *Hamilton*
- 8:30-10:30am Shabbat Services (with Torah Reading)** *Mt. St. Helens*
 D'var Torah: Rabbi Lila Kagedan
 Service is in Hebrew; all are welcome. (Please bring your own *siddur*.)
- 9:00-10:30am Plenary: Best First Books** *Exhibit Hall*
 Brocker, Mark. *Coming Home to Earth*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2016.
 Moses, Sarah M. *Ethics and the Elderly: The Challenge of Long-Term Care*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2015.
 Scheid, Daniel P. *The Cosmic Common Good: Religious Grounds for Ecological Ethics*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2016.
 Convener: David P. Gushee, Mercer University
- 10:30-11:00am Break** *Multnomah/Holladay*
- 11am-12:30pm SCE Annual Business Meeting** *Exhibit Hall*
- 11am-12:30pm SJE Book Session** *Halsey*
 Authors: Sarah Imhoff, University of Indiana Bloomington
Masculinity and the Making of American Judaism (Indiana University Press)
 Rhiannon Graybill, Rhodes College
Are We Not Men?: Unstable Masculinity in the Hebrew Prophets (Oxford University Press)
 Convener: Elias Sacks, University of Colorado
- 11am-12:30pm SSME Future Publication Session** *Hawthorne*
 Sohail Hashmi, Mt. Holyoke College
 Jamie Schillinger, St. Olaf College
 This session discusses an upcoming special issue of the journal *Religions* titled "Muslim Ethics in the Global Medina." We anticipate papers exploring a wide range of current Muslim ethical debates in medical ethics, animal rights, human rights, military ethics, and environmental ethics. The special issue is devoted to highlighting the interconnections between Muslim and international ethical discourses.
 Kathryn Kueny presented paper instead
- 12:30pm SCE Nominations Committee** *Lincoln*
- 12:30-2:00pm SJE: Shabbat Lunch** *Mt. Hood*
 (Pre-registration required for the kosher vegetarian meal.)
- 12:30-2:00pm Lunch**

12:30-2:00pm Women's Caucus*3 Sisters/Mt. Bachelor**(Pre-registration required for lunch.)*

Given the state of sexual harassment issues in our current context, we find it fitting to discuss the ethical implications of current conversations around victimhood, sexual misconduct, disclosure, and power. With a panel of about four members of the SCE, we will think together about (1) ways to cultivate brave and safe spaces for conversation; (2) policy changes for professional organizations and institutions, (3) best practices for responding to trauma.

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

2:00-3:30pm Plenary (SJE)*Exhibit Hall*

Julie Cooper, Tel Aviv University

"Politics without Sovereignty? Exile, State, and Territory in Jewish Thought"

Sovereignty remains one of the most contested political issues of our time. I will join these controversies by recovering debates among modern Jewish nationalists about the respective merits of sovereign and non-sovereign modes of political community. These debates constitute one of the richest nodes of theoretical reflection on sovereignty in modern Jewish thought and, arguably, within modern political thought more generally. By revisiting this historical episode, I hope to contribute to modern Jewish thought and to contemporary democratic theory. Toward this end, I will argue that Jewish texts from the early twentieth century offer a theoretical framework which is more compelling than currently prevailing idioms for the critique of sovereignty.

Respondent: Luke Bretherton, Duke Divinity School

Convener: Emily A. Filler, Earlham College

2:00-3:30pm Meeting of current Working Group conveners with leadership*Madison***3:30-4:00pm Break***Multnomah/Holladay***4:00-5:30pm Concurrent Session IV**

Scott Bader-Saye, Seminary of the Southwest

*Jefferson/Adams***"The Transgender Body's Grace"**

Both in church and culture, discussion of sexual orientation has far outpaced discussion of gender identity, leaving the church with limited resources to respond to "bathroom bills" or to walk faithfully with transgender persons in its midst. This paper draws on the work of Sarah Coakley and Rowan Williams to argue for understanding gender transition as bodily *askesis* ordered to the body's grace. In contrast to voices such as John Milbank and Oliver O'Donovan, the paper offers a constructive, non-voluntarist theological proposal for transgender affirmation in the service of sacramental desire and sanctification beyond gender.

Convener: Stewart D. Clem, University of Notre Dame

John Crowley-Buck, Loyola University Chicago

*Jackson***"Cosmopolitan Ethics: Reviving Moral Discourse in the Time of Trump"**

This paper will focus on the concept of cosmopolitanism as (1) a renewed framework for global ethical deliberation today, and (2) an alternative approach for specifically Christian ethics beyond notions of the 'common good.' Starting with Kant's conceptualization of the cosmopolitan ideal, this paper will move beyond Kant and explore some of the different cosmopolitanisms operative in contemporary ethical discourse. In the end, this paper will argue that adopting the cosmopolitan standpoint offers ethicists an opportunity to shift the scene of address of moral deliberation from a notion of the 'common good' to the framework of the 'kingdom of ends.'

Convener: Daniel B. Cosacchi, Fairfield University

Lorraine V. Cuddeback, University of Notre Dame

Halsey

"Dismodern Life: Disability, Intersectionality, and Christian Ethics"

As a discipline, Christian ethics has broadly accepted the role that intersectionality plays as a component of social ethics. This paper evaluates recent developments within critical disability theory that builds on and furthers the work of intersectional theorists, and argues that these developments offer two constructive challenges for Christian ethics as a field: (1) disability theory demands attention to how bodies shape and limit the kinds of knowledge we have; and (2) Christian ethics must learn how normalcy operates within the field itself to exclude certain voices and kinds of knowledge.

Convener: Brett McCarty, Duke University

David Lantigua, University of Notre Dame

Alaska/Idaho

"Liberal Domination, Individual Rights, and the Theological Option for the Poor in History"

The methodological turn toward the option for the poor discloses the ideological deployment of individual rights in colonial contexts justifying the dispossession of non-European peoples. Latin American theologians provide critical resources for demythologizing the legal pretensions of individual rights in liberalism's neocolonial present and historical past, beginning with Hugo Grotius and John Locke. Rather than discarding rights language, the theological option for the poor establishes a criterion of authenticity that contributes to its prophetic renewal. Specifically, the theme of integral liberation outlines the material, social, and transcendent dimensions of justice for the dispossessed as an ecclesial alternative to liberal individualism.

Convener: David Henreckson, Dordt College

Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University

Roosevelt

"Renewing the Social Contract: Morality and Economic Theory for a Post-industrial World"

Trump's election signals more than a radical divide in the US regarding the role and function of government; it reflects a deep moral problem threatening the foundation of democracy. When we lack the ability to articulate even the most basic, coherent moral and political vision for the common good, the very idea of the social contract is at risk. Arguing that contemporary misreadings of Smith's concept of "self-interest" led to serious corruption of contemporary economic theory that undermines our social contract, I then outline pathways for rebuilding the moral foundation for a post-industrial economic theory that emphasizes renewing our social contract.

Convener: Christina McRorie, Creighton University

Joe Pettit, Morgan State University

Hawthorne

"A Defense of Boring Political Virtues"

In this paper, I defend five political virtues - Incrementalism, Focus, Restraint, Diligence, and Persistence. These virtues, I contend, are often ignored precisely because they are boring. They do not help galvanize political commitment and emotion. Yet, these virtues are essential for any political movement to achieve substantive change. I defend these virtues from two directions. First, I draw on my experience working for public policy change at the local and state level in Illinois. Second, I note the absence of these virtues in recent proposals for political change.

Convener: Joel Zimbelman, California State University, Chico

Matthew Tuininga, Calvin Theological Seminary

Weidler

"Puritan Prejudice: The New England's White Theology"

Shortly after the Massachusetts Bay colony was proclaimed a "city on a hill" in 1630, the New England Puritans massacred Pequot Natives in 1637 and began importing African slaves in 1638. This paper explores the ways in which the Puritans appealed to traditional Reformed doctrines of covenant, law, Israel, providence, spirituality, missions, and social hierarchy to secure theological justification for their complicity in genocide, slavery, and warmongering. Its orientation is sympathetic (i.e., toward a Reformed theological perspective), yet critical, seeking to wrestle with the legacy of a theological tradition that remains influential today.

Convener: Koos Vorster, Northwest University, South Africa

Jason A. Wyman, Jr., Manhattan College

Sellwood

"Envisioning Progressive Christian Agonism"

Politics and social justice for the left have largely been separated from Christianity, and religion in general, in the US. This paper argues for an "agonistic" Christianity on the left. That is, Christianity that is passionately politically involved in a public forum for causes of social justice and equity. Agonistic Christianity draws upon the political theory of agonistic pluralism as developed by Chantal Mouffe and others, as contrasted with a public sphere bereft of religious entanglements as advocated by many theorists in a tradition with roots in John Rawls' A Theory of Justice. Promises and risks of an "agonistic Christianity" of the left will also be explored.

Convener: ~~Peter K. Fay, Boston College~~ Lawrence Stratton

Edward F. Zukowski, Mount St. Vincent College, New York

Ross Island

"The Unbearable Fuzziness of 'Responsibility'"

"Responsibility" is a notoriously equivocal term. Catholic tradition has considered a person morally responsible only if acting voluntarily, i.e., knowing what they're doing and doing it freely. There have been recent developments in theology, philosophy, and science (especially neuroscience) - beyond the traditional claims of determinism - that seem to challenge the voluntariness necessary for the "responsibility" which makes one culpable or "blameworthy." After reviewing these developments, I argue that voluntariness might be more broadly defined than traditionally conceived and that blameworthiness should be understood and handled pastorally within a soteriological context.

Convener: William McDonough, St. Catherine University

Caucus for Contingent Faculty Concerns

Washington

"The Ethics of Contingent Faculty: Concerns from Two Theology Department Chairs"

Panelists: Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, Bellarmine University

Jason King, St. Vincent College

Respondent: Kerry B. Danner, Georgetown University

The panel features the sharing of ethical concerns of two theology department chairs on the issue of contingent faculty with a response from Kerry Danner, a contingent scholar. Jason King will argue that Catholic universities have adopted the business model of the industrial revolution in hiring professors, with resources concentrated in higher level managers and laborers treated as replaceable functionaries. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty will explore the situation in which chairs of departments are faced with a difficult choice between defining their own role as a faculty advocate or fulfilling expectations that they act as a mid-level manager.

Conveners: David P. Gushee, Mercer University
Matthew Gaudet, University of San Francisco
Lincoln Rice, Marquette University

"Liberty and Hospitality for All? Assessing Christian Responses to the Refugee Crisis" *Oregon*

Panelists: Shannon Dunn, Gonzaga University

Aline Kalbian, Florida State University

Rosemary Kellison, University of West Georgia

Some of the most important moral concepts and values to which both advocates and opponents of welcoming refugees into the United States have appealed have long and diverse histories in both Christian traditions and in the American tradition of democratic virtue. The panelists critically examine the use of concepts like religious liberty, neighbor love, hospitality, and empathy in this debate. Using feminist methodologies, they focus on how critical attention to the concrete realities of personhood, including relative power and vulnerability, leads to new ways of understanding these values and thus the larger debate in which they are implicated.

Convener: Molly Greening, Loyola University Chicago

SJE: Laws in Ethics, Ethics in Law

Broadway

Deborah Barer, Towson University

"Ethics and Halakhah: Reframing the Question"

This paper explores recent debates about Jewish ethics, Jewish law and the Talmudic idea of *lifnim mi-shurat ha-din*. Based on a close reading of several sugyot, it argues that the phrase *lifnim mi-shurat ha-din* (lit. "within the line of the law") marks cases in which rabbis rely on their discretionary judgment, rather than on explicit rules or principles, to determine the best course of action. Building upon this new understanding of *lifnim mi-shurat ha-din*, it examines how a focus on decision-making might productively reframe discussions of Jewish law, ethics and normativity.

Jason Rubenstein, Hadar

"What Are Mitzvot? Insights from the Ethics of Care"

An often-unspoken assumption is that law and/or classical Western ethics are adequate frameworks for conceptualizing Jewish normativity. But when applied to the Jewish tradition, the law/ethics framework come up short, unable to make sense of important passages and ideas. Tracing the usage of the word *mitzvah* in the Bible and Rabbinic literature, we'll develop the idea that Jewish normativity has important and underappreciated points of contact with feminist care ethics. This realization has the power to reframe which subjects, reasons, and values can and should be valorized in Torah study and Jewish life.

Respondent: Jeffrey Rubenstein, New York University

Convener: Shira Billet, Princeton University

SSME: The Sexual Body in Islamic Thought and Practice

Morrison

Sarah Eltantawi, The Evergreen College

"Medieval Medicine and the 'Postponed' Sexual Body in a Twenty-First Century Courtroom in Nigeria:

Reinventing the State of Ihsān (Marriage)"

This paper examines how the legal concept of *ihsān*, or the state of being *muhsan(a)*, (having contracted a legal marriage), was understood and interpreted in a twenty-first century courtroom in Northern Nigeria, by discussing how the body of one peasant woman, Amina Lawal, served as the battle ground on which the contours of post-modern (post-1999) shari'ah in Nigeria has been shaped. Through this example, I illustrate the components that make up what I argue is an instantiation of a fractured and reductionist example of "post-colonial/post-modern" shari'ah in the contemporary Muslim-majority world.

Dominic Longo, University of St. Thomas

"Retrieving Islamic Erotology: Al-Suyūṭī's *Al-Wishāḥ fī fawā'id al-nikāḥ*"

This paper analyzes Al-Suyūṭī's erotological compendium, *al-Wishāḥ fī fawā'id al-nikāḥ*, with a hermeneutic of retrieval to advance the construction of contemporary sexual theologies that uphold the dignity of human beings in all their sexual diversity. My analysis shows that al-Suyūṭī regards with dignity the human person as a sexual being. He demonstrates a positive evaluation of pleasure, a straightforward recognition of sexual diversity, and a matter-of-fact attitude about sexual topics. Al-Suyūṭī's erotology points us to the erotic as a source of profound knowledge about ourselves and God.

Convener: Aasim I. Padela, University of Chicago

4:00-5:30pm International Scholarly Relations Committee

Lincoln

5:45-7:00pm Catholic Eucharist

Oregon

5:33pm *Havdalah*

On your own

6:00-7:45pm **CreatureKind Reception**

Offsite

Anyone with interests in animals are welcome to attend the reception at 2116 NE 18th Avenue, Portland. Details at <http://tinyurl.com/creaturekind2018>.

6:00pm **SSME Business Meeting** *Washington*
All members are invited.

7:30pm **SSME Dinner** *Offsite*

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

African/African American Working Group *Washington*
"Breaking *Fake* News: Alternative Facts, Contested Claims, and the Role of the Black Christian Ethicist"

Panelists: Melanie C. Jones, Brite Divinity School
~~Frank Leon Roberts, New York University~~
Asante Todd, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

The inauguration of the 45th president has highlighted a significant gap in our national Christian moral analysis. Media displays dissonant forms of analysis: one that emphasizes family values and "America first" as it seeks to recover space to re-assert itself against perceived anti-Christian government overreach; the other, a praxis-oriented approach that demands attention to everyday experiences and lived realities. This session highlights embodied life as the site of Christian faithfulness. Rendering bodies visible avoids the pitfalls of abstractions that offer alternative facts as truths, Christianity as competing opinions, and descriptions of harmful "others" that get translated into destructive executive orders.

Convener: Reggie Williams, McCormick Theological Seminary

Anglican Theological Ethics Interest Group *Halsey*
"Anglican Contributions to the Future of Christian Ethics"

Panelists: Jeff Greenman, Regent College, on Dan Westberg
Scott Bader-Saye, Seminary of the Southwest, on Sarah Coakley
Luke Bretherton, Duke Divinity School, on John Neville Figgis
Sarah M. Moses, University of Mississippi, on Rowan Williams

How might Anglicans contribute to the future of Christian ethics? What in the Anglican moral tradition has potential for significant retrieval? Each panelist will speak on a particular Anglican figure that she or he judges significant to the future of Christian ethics; general discussion will follow. (In light of the recent tragic death of Dan Westberg, we will begin with an account of his life and contributions.)

Convener: Victor Lee Austin, Episcopal Diocese of Dallas

Evangelical Ethics Interest Group *Oregon*
"Fruitful Interconnections between Evangelical Ethics and Roman Catholic Ethics"

Panelists: Dana Dillon, Providence College
Brian Matz, Fontbonne University

In keeping with SCE's theme this year, we will take a retrospective look at evangelicals' dependence on the work of Catholic scholars in the field of ethics, particularly social ethics. The diffuse nature of Protestantism has caused its ethics to have been largely overlooked by comparison to the more visible production of Catholic social teaching. Moreover, Protestantism's stress on the fallenness of nature has led to a disregard for the moral relevance of nature. However, closer examination of Protestant documents reveals more similarities with the Catholic tradition than expected. This offers opportunities to further explore the prospects of cooperation between evangelicals and Catholics.

Conveners: Christine Pohl, Asbury Theological Seminary
Mary Veeneman, North Park University

Families and the Social Order Interest Group

Sellwood

"Children, the Market, Youth Cultures, and Moral Formation"

Presenter: ~~Mary M. Doyle Roche, College of the Holy Cross~~

This session aims to "look back and look around" at Christian reflection on ethical issues impacting children and youth with a view toward the future prospects for visions of moral formation for relationships of solidarity that account well for young people, especially those who experience marginalization.

Moderator: ~~Kari Shane Davis Zimmerman, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University~~

Convener: Marcus Mescher, Xavier University

Monetary Policy Interest Group

Jackson

Panelists: Ilsup Ahn, North Park University

"Comparative Studies on Student Debt Policies: Australia, Germany, and the U.S."

Leonard Curry, Vanderbilt University

"Consuming Fire: Student Indebtedness, Punishment, and the Roots of Evil"

Sara Wilhelm Garbers, Loyola University Chicago

"The Ethics of Student Debt and the Obligations of Universities"

Over the past decade, student debt in the U.S. has increased more than threefold and two-thirds of student loan balance are now held by borrowers older than thirty. The purpose of this session is threefold: first, to investigate the structural background of the exponential growth of student debt; second, to explore relevant ethical principles that should be implemented in the U.S. public policy on student loans; third, to compare the U.S. legal codes of student debt with those of other nations such as Australia and Germany. The session will also formulate a practical-constructive policy change suggested to law makers.

Convener: Ilsup Ahn, North Park University

Moral Theory and Christian Ethics Interest Group

Jefferson/Adams

"The Place of Theology in Ethics"

Panelists: Hille Haker, Loyola University Chicago

Douglas Ottati, Davidson College

What is the proper relationship between ethics and theology, as in interpretations of God and of God's relations to the world? This panel will explore the relationship between theology and ethics through an examination of past approaches and current responses. Hille Haker from Loyola University Chicago and Douglas Ottati from Davidson College will review different traditional approaches to this question and offer suggestions about the proper relationship between ethics and theology. The speakers will respond to the following themes: 1) biblical genres and ethical argumentation 2) theory, praxis and theological ethics 3) normative judgments and contradictions between "reason" and "faith".

Convener: William Schweiker, University of Chicago

Protestant Perspectives on Natural Law Interest Group

Broadway

David VanDrunen, Westminster Seminary California

"From History to Theory to Practice: Reflections on a Reappropriation of Reformed Natural Law"

Respondent: ~~Jennifer Herdt, Yale Divinity School~~

In this paper, I reflect upon my larger project of recovering natural law in Reformed Christianity and refining it as a contribution to the broader natural-law tradition. In *Natural Law and the Two Kingdoms* (2010), I argued that natural law had an important, if somewhat unremarkable, place in Reformed thought, contrary to twentieth-century prejudice. In *Divine Covenants and Moral Order* (2014), I proposed a biblical theology of natural law, anchored in the Noahic covenant. Finally, in *Political Theology and Natural Law* (forthcoming), I explore perennial issues of political and legal thought through the lens of a Reformed natural-law theory.

Convener: Neil Arner, University of Notre Dame

SCE, SJE: Pedagogy Interest Group*Roosevelt*

"Can Ethics be Taught Online? A Panel Discussion"

Panelists: Elizabeth (Betsy) Barre, Rice University

Victor McCracken, Abilene Christian University (SCE)

Jennifer Thompson, California State University, Northridge (SJE)

This panel brings together Society of Jewish Ethics, Society of Christian Ethics, and the Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics members for a discussion of teaching ethics in an online-only format. The goal of this panel is to generate productive discussion among teachers of ethics about the pedagogical challenges of teaching ethics online, and to share any solutions and resources they've found particularly helpful.

Convener: Victor McCracken, Abilene Christian University

SJE: Workshop: Research in Progress*Hawthorne*

Matthew Goldstone, Jewish Theological Seminary

In this paper I examine the tension between the desire to correct others and the aspiration to cultivate a humble self in rabbinic and monastic sources. Analyzing two texts from each tradition, one promoting humility over rebuke and the other extolling rebuke, I demonstrate how these corpora both engaged in a similar discourse. I argue that the parallels point to a shared debate over the proper form of the ethical self while the differences reflect disparate conceptions of community.

Benjamin Ricciardi, Northwestern University

The question of whether one can really will to do evil becomes especially acute with Kant. On Kant's account, morality and freedom of the will are actually the same thing. Unethical acts, since they are heteronomous, are not really free at all. Yet if this is so, how can one be responsible for any unethical action, if no unethical action is free? It would seem to be no different than holding someone responsible for something done with their body by force. I suggest that Joseph Soloveitchik gives us a Jewish Kantian alternative to Kant's own, Christian solution to this problem.

Respondent: Michael Gottsegen, St. Olaf College

SJE: Roundtable: Gender in Jewish Institutions: Activism, Academic, Congregation*Weidler*

Panelists: Adrienne Krone, Allegheny College

Lila Kagedan, New York Medical College and Walnut St. Synagogue

Laurie Zoloth, University of Chicago Divinity School

Convener: Aryeh Cohen, American Jewish University

9:30-11:30pm**University of Chicago Reception***Mts. Hood/St. Helens*

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7:30am-12:30pm	Conference Desk Open	<i>Hamilton</i>
7:45-8:45am	SJE Business Meeting <i>Open to all SJE Members</i>	<i>Halsey</i>
8:00-8:45am	Ecumenical Worship Service	<i>Morrison</i>
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9:00-10:30am Concurrent Session V
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Neil Arner, University of Notre Dame *Alaska*

~~William Werpehowski, Georgetown University~~

"Achieving and Extending the Ecumenical Common Ground of Scripture"

This paper—itself an ecumenical collaboration—documents the commonalities among the uses of Scripture by Christian ethicists throughout the duration of the SCE. We first document how Catholics have relied on Scripture for constructing manualist, liberationist, virtue, natural law, and feminist forms of ethics. Then we review how Protestants have utilized Scripture to craft theocentric, pacifist, ecclesial, and political forms of ethics. We next compare these Catholic and Protestant methods, emphasizing areas of ecumenical convergence concerning Scripture's plenary authority, countercultural witness, ecclesial interpretation, and political implications. Lastly, we use our retrospective analysis to offer prospective reflections on the future of the guild.

Convener: Elisabeth Kincaid, University of Notre Dame

Patrick M. Clark, University of Scranton *Adams*

"Hero, Sage, or Saint? Why Paradigms of Exemplarity Matter for Virtue Ethics"

Exemplarist moral theory proposes that the intelligibility of virtues depends upon pre-theoretical encounters with concrete embodiments of excellence. I aim to refine this approach by examining the paradigms that communities typically employ to identify and describe exemplars. Linda Zagzebski proposes "the hero," "the saint," and "the sage" as the most common paradigms of exemplarity, but offers little explanation of the impact of each upon the development of virtue concepts. I argue that the inevitable prioritization of a given paradigm plays a decisive role in the trajectory of ethical reasoning, and that within the Christian community encounters with sanctity should determine the identification of virtues rather than the reverse.

Convener: ~~Michael Wahl, Boston College~~ Brian Matz

Dallas J. Gingles, Southern Methodist University *Jefferson*

"The New Narrativists: Ethics and the Limits of Ethnography"

Michael Banner's *The Ethics of Everyday Life* and Richard Miller's *Friends and Other Strangers* are important and influential examples of a recent turn to cultural anthropology in the field of religious ethics. Both argue that ethicists need to attend more closely to cultural anthropology, and both do so in the hope of crafting an ethics of ordinary life. This paper examines their proposals, attending especially to the implications for normative ethics within the cultural turn, and argues that the turn to ethnography can supplement, but not replace, normative ethics.

Convener: Bharat Ranganathan, University of Notre Dame

Janna L. Hunter-Bowman, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
 "Theologies of Nonviolent Peacebuilding: Retrospect and Prospect"

Roosevelt

This presentation explores the viability of theologies of nonviolent peacebuilding. John Howard Yoder's messianic theology was once the default model in Christian ethics, but absent a partnered gradual eschatology it fails to account for the experience of transformative communities under duress that should vindicate his theology and provides little guidance to actual peacebuilders. Featured communities shine light on absences in his work that are disturbingly relevant to his abhorrent treatment of women. I draw on participant observation in Colombia, philosopher Giorgio Agamben, and New Testament scholar Brigitte Kahl to provide a more robust and practical political theology of nonviolent peacebuilding.

Convener: ~~Ryan Newson, Campbell University~~ Laura Alexander

M. Therese Lysaught, Institute of Pastoral Studies, Loyola University Chicago
 Michael McCarthy, Loyola University Chicago

Idaho

"A Catholic Social Praxis for US Health Care: Revisioning Catholic Bioethics Via Catholic Social Doctrine"

Catholic health care has long been a key place where the Church embodies its social doctrine (CSD). However, the methodology of Catholic bioethics relies on an approach rooted in the pre-Vatican II manualist tradition, which focuses primarily on individual decision-making regarding clinical issues related to the beginning and end of life. Building on the limited literature that engages the intersection of Catholic bioethics and CSD, this presentation maps outlines the contours of a new methodology for Catholic bioethics, informed by the places where Catholic health care intersects with the diverse societal injustices embodied in the patients it encounters and CSD.

Convener: Derek Hostetter, University of Dayton

Justin Nickel, Princeton Theological Seminary

Broadway

"I Cannot Get It into My Heart So Strongly: Luther's Moral Psychology Revisited"

According to a common interpretation, Martin Luther holds that pride is humanity's basic sin. His moral psychology focuses on one problem: overestimated human ability and agency. In this paper, I argue against this reading. Specifically, I contend that unbelief, which can take the form of either pride or despair, is the animating issue in Luther's moral psychology. Through a reading of numerous sermons and biblical commentaries, I show that Luther is a more subtle moral psychologist than the common interpretation allows. In addition to issues of exegetical faithfulness, my reading also has important consequences for contemporary feminist dialogue with Luther.

Convener: Edward F. Zukowski, College of Mount St Vincent

Tisha M. Rajendra, Loyola University Chicago

Washington

"Burdened Solidarity: The Virtue of Solidarity in Diaspora"

This paper compares the presentation of solidarity in Christian ethics with the practices of solidarity as described in recent novels about immigrant and refugee experiences. The practice of solidarity in diaspora communities illuminates two aspects of solidarity. 1) The virtue of solidarity occurs in the context of our identities. 2) Solidarity can be a "burdened virtue" that does not necessarily lead to flourishing.

The paper insists that this contextual presentation of solidarity illuminates hidden risks of solidarity. Solidarity can be "dangerous" in that it can both risk own flourishing and impede our ability to fully attend to the suffering of others.

Convener: Kathryn Blanchard, Alma College

Jonathan Rothchild, Loyola Marymount University

Halsey

"Not (Neuro)Typical: A Theological and Ethical Engagement with Autism"

My argument proceeds in four steps that consider autism retrospectively and prospectively. First, I analyze theological and ethical accounts of disability and the ways in which autism does and does not fall into certain conceptual categories. Second, I explore current interdisciplinary efforts to research and treat autism. Third, I address relationality and subjectivity, where I confront stigma and reductionistic concepts such as Slavoj Žižek's autistic subject. Fourth, I draw on a range of thinkers to develop a constructive proposal for solidarity with autistic persons as part of a wider inclusive community constituted by idiosyncratic persons with unique talents and dependencies.

Convener: Terrence Johnson, Georgetown University

Joseph Strife, Union Theological Seminary -read by Maria Kenney

Ross Island

"Christian Social Ethics and the End of Urban Ministry: Race, Geography, and the Church"

"Urban ministry" is a troubled term, often connoting opposition between wealthy suburban or commuter congregations and inner-city communities bound by poverty and racial segregation. Yet urban ministry has also been a productive site of reflection about poverty, welfare, and racial justice. Today the "urban ministry" narrative is less helpful than ever, as the neoliberal remaking of urban spaces (e.g. gentrification) creates new institutional contexts for Christian Social Ethics. This presentation will move from a critical exploration of the history of urban ministry to a constructive examination of the ways this tradition might address present institutional and geographic realities.

Convener: Maria Kenney, Asbury Theological Seminary

Panel

Sellwood

"New Perspectives on Religion and Public Reason"

Alda Balthrop-Lewis, Australian Catholic University

"Thoreau's Public Rhetoric: *Walden* as Reasoning With the 'Townsmen'"

Anna F. Bialek, Washington University in St. Louis

"Public Reason and Wordless Prayer, or, Is Kenoticism Quietism?"

Shira Billet, Princeton University

"The Talmud on Trial: Philosophy and Jewish Public Reason in Nineteenth-Century Germany"

Sarah Zager, Yale University

"When Will Translation be Possible?: Translation and Public Reason in Modern Jewish Thought"

This panel broadens discussions of religion in public discourse through historical examples that have contemporary relevance. Alda Balthrop-Lewis argues that Thoreau's *Walden* was as concerned with public rhetoric as it was with Thoreau's private practices. Anna Bialek argues that Anna Mercedes and Sarah Coakley present two distinct versions of the relation between religious practices and political strategy that are instructive for discourse on public reason and religion. Sarah Zager argues that a paradoxical approach to translation utilized by Jewish philosophers can be used to productively critique Habermasian models of "translatability" and public reason. Shira Billet argues that Hermann Cohen's expert testimony in a nineteenth-century public trial of the Talmud has contemporary relevance for discussions of marginalized religions in public discourse.

Convener: Jana M. Bennett, University of Dayton

Latino/a Working and Interest Group

Hawthorne

"Manana: Emerging Latinx Voices in the Academy"

Lucila Crena, University of Virginia

"The Oppressed/Oppressor Self in the Struggle for Liberation"

Elena Foulis, The Ohio State University and Glenn Martinez, The Ohio State University

"Living into Latinx Communities through Hospitality Practice: A Christian Ethical Approach to Community Service Learning"

Gustavo Maya, Princeton University

"People Power and Cesar Chavez"

Néstor A. Gómez Morales, University of Denver/Illiff School of Theology

"Rethinking the Social Ethic of U.S. Latino/a Pentecostalism"

Raúl Zagarra, The University of Chicago

"Revisiting the Aesthetics and Ethics of Faith: On the Mañana of Liberation Theology"

Supporting the Society's commitment to underrepresented communities, the Latino/a Working and Interest Groups are sponsoring a panel dedicated to the work of graduate students, junior faculty, and independent scholars. Establishing a presence in the academy remains a challenge for Latinx ethicists whose concerns, methodologies, and traditions remain outside the mainstream. The panel's new and emerging voices underscore the increasingly Latinx presence in the church while also drawing attention to the contexts which give rise to their scholarly work. A senior scholar will then offer a brief response to all the panelists, highlighting the continuities and disruptions that these scholars' work presents to the field.

Convener: Jeremy V. Cruz, St. John's University, New York

SJE: The Meaning and End of Work: Jewish Perspectives on the 21st Century Economy *Jackson*

Sam Brody, University of Kansas

"Contemporary Jewish Economic Thought between 'Business Ethics' and 'Social Justice'"

This paper will survey recent Jewish economic literature in English and make some preliminary observations. Confining itself to works that self-consciously present themselves as articulating Jewish values and approaches to economic issues, it explores the way in which contemporary disciplinary boundaries have led these works to classify themselves primarily according to two rubrics: "Business Ethics" and "Social Justice." These categories roughly map onto the range of mainstream political-economic opinion, a fact that authors must strive against in their endeavor to present what they view as authentic Jewish teaching. The paper will analyze and compare several recent examples from each category.

Zalman Rothschild, Harvard Law

"The Law of the Land is the Law -- Or Not: Hasidism's Opposition to Teaching Secular Studies"

This lecture provides an analysis of Hasidism's opposition to secular knowledge, which, despite state compulsory education laws, results in a near total lack of secular studies in Hasidic schools. Hasidism disdains secularism and all knowledge that is not "holy," i.e., whatever is not the Torah or its commentary. According to Hasidic teachings, not only is secular knowledge useless, but it is seen as harmful to an authentic Jewish life and, according to some, originates from, and therefore itself is, "evil."

Respondent: Emily A. Filler, Earlham College

Convener: Martin Kavka, Florida State University

SSME:*Weidler*

Ayman Shabana, Georgetown University in Qatar

"Between Law and Science: Role of Biomedical Technology in the Reform of Personal Status Legislation in the Muslim World"

This presentation examines how various applications of biomedical technology have been used to introduce changes in personal status legislation and sharia-based structures in the Muslim world. Famous examples include determination of the maximum period of a viable pregnancy and minimum age of marriage. This paper argues that proper integration of biomedical technologies is a function of a process of negotiation with religious and cultural norms, and it explores this integration in light of illustrative normative discussions of premarital testing and sex selection.

Aasim I. Padela, University of Chicago

"Dire Necessity and Life Threat: The Disconnected Perspectives of Muslim Physicians and Islamic Jurists on Bioethical Issues"

In this talk I will present data from a national survey of American Muslim physicians examining predictors of physician recommendation for abortion, tubal ligation, and utilization of porcine-based vaccines. I will juxtapose these data with opinions from Muslim medical organizations and from jurists on these same ethical questions scenarios to demonstrate how jurists and physicians ground the licitness of these procedures on related but different notions of "life-threat" and "dire necessity." I will also reflect on how jurists and physicians might set out a framework for interdependency in creating Islamic bioethical responsa.

Convener: Karen Lebacqz, Graduate Theological Union

10:30-11:00am Break*Multnomah/Holladay***11:00am-12:30pm Concurrent Session VI**

Christina A. Astorga, University of Portland

Jackson

Rene Sanchez, University of Portland

"Resisting the Logic of the Empire: Prophetic Lament and the Filipino Notion of 'Lakas' (Power)"

The logic of the empire subjects people to a totalizing system, through the principle of unity through uniformity. It ontologically numbs individuals and communities from questioning large aspects of their lives. Prophetic lament, in its three characteristics—memorable, contextual, and embodied—counters the logic of the empire. The Filipino notion of "lakas" at the base of the non-violent Filipino revolution of 1986, converges and diverges with prophetic lament. Paradox is at the heart of both, in the tension of justice and compassion, but the Filipino "lakas" draws from the power of subversive joy rather than from the power of lament.

Convener: Jan Jans, Tilburg University

Joshua L. Daniel, University of Chicago

*Halsey***"Pity, Comedy and Embodiment: The Ethical Significance of a Possible Christian Poetics"**

By way of an interpretation of Peter DeVries' novel *Blood of the Lamb*, this paper articulates a possible Christian poetics in conversation with Aristotle's *Poetics*. I argue that Christian ethicists can profitably follow Aristotle in understanding mimetic excellence as the incitement of imaginative participation, but must depart from the aristocratic conditions he institutes for the incitement of pity. Through DeVries' novel, and with the help of Robert Jenson's theology of embodiment, I aim to show how pity and humor may be mutually incited in the audience or reader, in order to serve the proper recognition of human vulnerability.

Convener: Victor Carmona, University of San Diego

Sarah E. Fredericks, University of Chicago Divinity School
 "Climate Forgiveness"

Weidler

Christian ethicists rarely study forgiveness about climate change, possibly because it is just another sin that God may forgive. Yet forgiveness between humans may be critical to avoiding paralysis after people realize the horror of their actions and enabling cooperative responses to climate change among its perpetrators and victims. Climate change challenges traditional ideas and practices of forgiveness because it involves unintentional, ongoing acts of diffuse collectives that harm other diffuse collectives across space and time. Developing concepts of collective agency and responsibility enable a reconceptualization of forgiving and being forgiven for an era of climate change.

Convener: Daniel P. Scheid, Duquesne University

Ross E. Halbach, University of Aberdeen
 "The Church's Search for a Christian Ethic of Race: Past, Present, and Future"

Roosevelt

This paper surveys past and present theological methods for addressing race in order to seek a way forward. Retrospectively, the works of James Cone and Miroslav Volf are explored to demonstrate the historical divide in theological race studies between condemnation and resolution. Secondly, the present approaches of Willie Jennings, J. Kameron Carter, and Brian Bantum are shown to maneuver between this same divide. In response, the paper proposes that a Christian ethic of race is not about answers but about working within the full depth of the church's racial predicament without capitulating to this predicament or becoming completely immobilized in the process.

Convener: Sara Wilhelm Garbers, Loyola University Chicago

Karen Lebacqz, Graduate Theological Union
 "Patients, Persons, and Principles: The Enduring Legacy of Paul Ramsey"

Hawthorne

In the 1970's, Paul Ramsey was a major figure in the field of bioethics. From his short but iconic *Fabricated Man* to his long and dense *Ethics at the Edges of Life*, but perhaps most notably in *The Patient as Person*, Ramsey made claims and established methods that have shaped subsequent arguments in bioethics. He threw down the gauntlet on topics such as abortion, euthanasia, "playing God," and conducting research on children. This essay will address several of his substantive and methodological contributions so as to answer the question, "Should we continue to read this 'dead white guy'?"

Convener: Michael McCarthy, Loyola University Chicago

Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University
 "Sex and Theosis"

Alaska

This paper will argue for a theology of sex grounded in a theological anthropology that affirms the human capacity for *theosis*—or union with God. It will begin with a brief amplification of *theosis* as a learning how to love, especially drawing on the theology of virtue in Maximus the Confessor. I will then discuss marriage as an asceticism aimed at learning how to love—*theosis*. It is here that I will first attempt to elaborate what I mean by a theology of sex in light of *theosis*. I will then turn my attention to same-sex relations and argue that Christian objections to same-sex relations is reducible to an objection to same-sex genital acts.

Convener: ~~Whitney R-E Bond, Chicago Theological Seminary~~ Nelson Belizario

Jesse Perillo, DePaul University
 "Being Broken and Being Silent: the radical and Just Response of Silence"

Ross Island

Through engaging a range of modern figures from Christian ethics and theology who detail extreme accounts of suffering in their work, this paper will contend that a deeper appreciation of extreme descriptions of human vulnerability demands a reevaluation of what forms consciousness-raising takes and the role of silence in that process. Some silences can change into domination, but taking to heart these extreme descriptions of vulnerability and damage may require consideration of a practice of a renewing or a creative silence and attentiveness that does not express itself in forms generally suitable for classic social or political engagement and advancement.

Convener: Thomas O'Brien, DePaul University

Susan A. Ross, Loyola University Chicago

Idaho

"Catholic Women Religious as Aesthetic and Moral Educators"

This paper will examine the particular contributions of three communities (Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sinsinawa Dominicans, Religious of the Sacred Heart) for the ways in which they incorporated concerns for the moral formation of their students together with a focus on beauty. These communities provided a basic "Catholic moral education" and also aimed to develop persons who saw their responsibility as building a better world that was not only good but also beautiful. Given recent attention to the relationship between ethics and aesthetics, I will show how women religious make a significant contribution to this field.

Convener: Megan McCabe, Gonzaga University

Christopher W. Steck, Georgetown University

Broadway

"'Liquefying Christ:' Grounding Care for Creation in Both Hands of the Father"

Some theological appropriations of evolutionary thought view the work of Christ largely as the evolutionary fulfillment to which all creation is oriented and align the work of the Spirit with an evolutionary teleology. Against these tendencies to soften the distinction between creation and redemption, I appeal to the work of Hans Urs von Balthasar to develop a theological interpretation of Christian environmental care that is grounded in the distinctive labors of Christ and the Spirit. Through the Spirit, care for creation becomes a participation in God's redemptive embrace of all creation in Christ.

Convener: Lisa Powell, St. Ambrose University

Panelists: Christina McRorie, Creighton University

Sellwood

Kristopher Norris, Wesley Theological Seminary

Bharat Ranganathan, University of Notre Dame

"Between Christian Ethics and Religious Ethics: *Rethinking* How Graduate Students Should Be Trained"

In "Between Christian Ethics and Religious Ethics: How Should Graduate Students Be Trained?," Stanley Hauerwas voiced a series of concerns about the aims and presuppositions of "religious ethics." This panel revisits these, aiming to generate conversation about whether, why, and how Christian ethicists should pay attention to (and/or do) religious ethics. The panelists will discuss whether cooperation across religious boundaries compromises basic theological commitments, the resources the natural law tradition offers for engaging in comparative reflection, and how Anabaptist and democratic practices of moral reasoning provide a model for religious ethics that does not presume or aspire to objectivity.

Convener: Derek Alan Woodard-Lehman, University of Otago

Environmental Theology and Ethics Interest Group

Washington

Field Work and Ethics Interest Group

Climate Justice Interest Group

Panelists: Larry L. Rasmussen, Union Theological Seminary in New York

Randy Woodley, George Fox Seminary

Jacob Lebel, Our Children's Trust Lawsuit

Respondent: Aana Marie Vigen, Loyola University Chicago

"Climate Change and Duties to Future Generations"

This panel has been organized by three SCE interest groups (Environmental Theology and Ethics; Field Work; and Ethics and Climate Justice) to: (1) Learn more about a landmark federal lawsuit filed by [Our Children's Trust](#) that argues the federal government has violated the youngest generation's constitutional rights to life, liberty, and property, while also failing to protect essential public trust resources; (2) Discuss specific priorities and strategies to respond to current ecological and political climate realities; and (3) Share theo-ethical insights that will help us reflect on our moral obligations to future generations as teachers and public scholars.

Convener: Andy Smith, Penn State Great Valley

SJE: Charity and Responsibility: Classical and Contemporary Approaches*Morrison*

Gregg Gardner, University of British Columbia

"Heavenly Riches and Motivations to Give to the Poor in Early Rabbinic Judaism"

This paper examines the role of wealth and money in the earliest discussions of care for the poor in rabbinic Judaism. It focuses on how early rabbinic texts (Mishnah, Tosefta, and Tannaitic Midrashim) promise financial and material rewards (such as "treasures" and "profits") for giving charity. Rather than appealing to altruism, the rabbis encourage their audience to capitalize on opportunities to increase one's otherworldly holdings – a kind of personal investment strategy. More broadly, this paper will demonstrate how wealth influenced the shape, texture, and direction of what would become rabbinic Judaism's foundational laws on poverty relief.

Elliot Ratzman, Lawrence University

"The Limits and Logistics of Infinite Responsibility: Global Tzedaka after Peter Singer"

Since the 70s, ethicists have argued for radical responsibility for distant suffering strangers. Once again the international community faces devastating refugee crises. This paper revisits these arguments for "distance responsibility" from within Jewish ethical discourse. Some have argued that Jewish ethics makes a "precedence for proximity" for the local "Jewish poor." In response, I consider the example and practices of 20th century transnational philanthropy for war refugees and at-risk Jewish communities and recent mobilization against genocide in Darfur. I suggest that communal privilege and the need to reproduce communal resources are indispensable elements to work into moral calculations and practical strategies.

Respondent: Gail Labovitz, American Jewish University

Convener: Joshua Schwartz, New York University

11am

GUP and Editors Meeting

*Grant***1:00-2:30pm**The *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* Editorial Board*Mts. Hood/St. Helens***1:00pm**

Tour: Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, Japanese American History Museum, Japanese American Historical Plaza
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Administrative Experience: Chair of undergraduate studies and chair of the theology program at Benedictine University Mesa. Co-convener of the moral theology group for the Catholic Theological Society of America (2013-2016). Co-convener of Latino(a) Christian Ethicists group, The Society of Christian Ethics (2009-2015, sole convener from December 2011 to 2013).
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Maureen O'Connell



- Ph.D.:** Boston College, 2005 (Theological Ethics)
Position(s): Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Religion and Theology at La Salle University in Philadelphia (2013-present); Associate Professor of Theology at Fordham University (2011-2012); Assistant Professor of Theology at Fordham University (2005-2011).
Publications: *If These Walls Could Talk: Community Muralism and the Beauty of Justice* (Liturgical Press, 2012); *Compassion: Loving Our Neighbor in an Age of Globalization* (Orbis Books, 2009); Books – Co-Editor with Laurie Cassidy, *She Who Imagines: Feminist Theological Ethics* (Liturgical, 2012) and *Religion, Economics, and Culture in Conflict and Conversion* (Orbis Books, 2011); Book Chapters: "Taking on the Smell of the Sheep: Racial Justice in the Missionary Key of Evangelii Gaudium" in *Pope Francis and the Future of Catholicism: Evangelii Gaudium and the Papal Agenda*, ed. Gerard Mannion (Cambridge University Press, 2017); "Religious Ethics in the 21st Century: Spheres of Relationship," in *Religious Ethics in the 21st Century*, ed. Paul Myhre. (Anselm Academic, 2012); Articles: "After White Supremacy: The Viability of Virtue Ethics for Racial Justice," *Journal of Moral Theology*, 3.1 (2014); "The Dance of Open Minds and Hearts: Aesthetic Solidarity as Antidote to an Anemic Solidarity," *Political Theology* (2014); Invited Guest Editor of *ARTS Magazine*, Spring 2015. Invited guest editor
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Participation: Solo paper presenter (1999, 2002, 2015); Joint paper presenter (2007); Published in the *Journal* (2009); Co-convenor of the Pedagogy Interest Group (2000–2006); Breakfast with an Author (2001, 2009); Editorial board of the *Journal* (2004–2007); Wrote book reviews for the *Journal* (3 times); Referee for the *Annual/Journal* (over 15 times since 1998); Session convenor and breakfast facilitator (4 times); Annual meeting attendance (all but 3 times since 1997).
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Position(s): Hubert Maeder Endowed Associate Professor of Health Care Ethics (2014-) and Associate Professor of Theological Ethics, Saint Louis University (2010-); Assistant Professor of Theological Ethics, Saint Louis University (2005-2010); Assistant Professor of Theology, Walsh University (2003-2005); Assistant Professor of Religion, Simpson College (1998-2003)
Publications: *Just and Unjust Policing: Law Enforcement Ethics* (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, under contract); *Trigger Warning: Catholics and Guns* (Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, under contract); Editor, *T&T Clark Companion to Christian Ethics* (London: Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, under contract); Co-editor with Laurie Johnston, *Can War Be Just in the 21st Century? Ethicists Engage the Tradition* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2015); Co-editor with Jame Schaefer, *Environmental Justice and Climate Change: Assessing Benedict XVI's Ecological Vision for the Catholic Church in the United States* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2013); Co-editor with Margaret Pfeil, *Violence, Transformation, and the Sacred: "They Shall Be Called Children of God,"* College Theology Society Annual Volume 57 (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2012); Editor, *Green Discipleship: Catholic Theological Ethics and the Environment* (Winona, MN: Anselm Academic Press, 2011); Co-author with Mark Allman, *After the Smoke Clears: The Just War Tradition and Post War Justice* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2010).
Participation: Co-editor of the *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* (2013-2017); Papers presented (1998, 2006, 2008, 2012); Published in the *Annual/Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* (1998, 2006, 2012); Editorial board member of the *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* (2006-2009, 2012); Panel participant (1999, 2007, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017); Convenor for sessions (1999, 2000, 2003, 2009), Co-convenor for the War and Peace Interest Group (2011-2014); Breakfast with an author (2000, 2001, 2002); Annual Meeting attendance since 1997 (missed 2 times)
Administrative Experience: Director, Catholic, Jesuit Studies Program at Saint Louis University (2011-2013); Director, Ethics Across the Curriculum Program at Saint Louis University (2008-2011); Interim Director of Institute for Justice and Peace at Walsh University (2004-2005).
Other: 2016- Co-chair of North American Regional Committee of Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church (2016-); Member of National Board of People of Faith Against the Death Penalty (2016-); Member of National Board of Directors of the College Theology Society (2011-2014); Associate Editor, *Healthcare Ethics USA* (2015-); Member of Editorial Board, *Enquiries in Theological Ethics* series, T&T Clark, U.K. (2015-); Contributing Writer, *Sojourners* magazine (2014-); Book Review Editor, *Political Theology* (2011-2013); Adjunct Ethics Instructor, Saint Louis County & Municipal Police Academy (2007-2009); Reserve Police Officer and Adjunct Ethics Instructor, Des Moines Police Department (2000-2002); Correctional Officer, Pinellas County Sheriff's Department (1984-1988)

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- Ph.D.:** Emory University, 2011 (Christian Ethics)
- Position(s):** Associate Professor of Women's and Gender Studies & Religion at Bucknell University (2011-currently)
- Publications:** **Books** - *Black Queer Ethics, Family, and Philosophical Imagination* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2016); *In Tongues of Mortals and Angels: A De-constructive Theology of God-Talk in Acts and Paul* (with Eric Barreto and Jake Myers) (*in press* at Fortress Press, Winter 2018); **Articles** - "Imagining Queer Life After Death" *GLQ: A Journal of Gay and Lesbian Studies* (In Press, October 2017); "Queer Studies and Religion: Methodologies of Freedom" *Scholar and Feminist Online* 14.2 (2017); (with Shannon J. Miller) "Asé and Amen, Sister!: Black Feminist Scholars Engage in Interdisciplinary, Dialogical, Transformative Ethical Praxis" *Journal of Religious Ethics* 43.2 (2015): 288-315; "'Uses of the Erotic' for Teaching Queer Studies" *WSQ: Enchantment* 40.3&4 (2012): 301-305; "Queering 'The Human Situation'" *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 28.1 (2012): 126-131. **Book Chapters** - "Religion." In *Gender: Love. Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbooks*, edited by Jennifer C. Nash (Macmillan Reference USA, 2017); (with Robyn Henderson-Espinoza) "Women of Color Liberative Ethics." In *Ethics: A Liberative Approach*, edited by Miguel de la Torre (Fortress Press, 2013)
- Participation:** Attendance at annual meetings since 2011; editorial board member of the *JSCE* (2012-2016); Co-convener of the LGBT and Queer Studies in Ethics Interest Group (2012 - currently); panelist for Interrupting White Privilege Group (2012); co-Convener of the Women's Caucus (2014-currently)
- Administrative Experience:** Committee member of the LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee in the AAR (2013-currently); steering committee co-chair of the Queer Studies in Religion Group in the American Academy of Religion (2013-currently); Editorial board member of the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (2015-currently); contributing member of the Workgroup on Constructive Theology (2016-currently)

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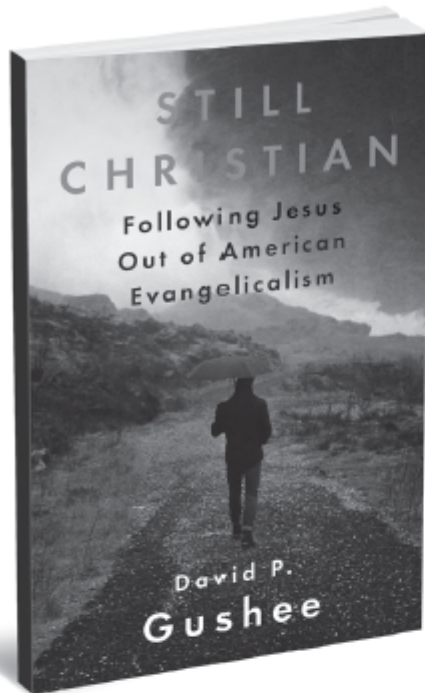
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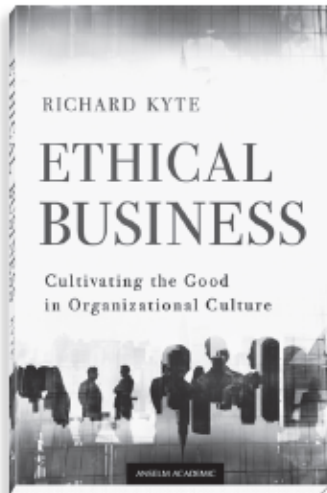
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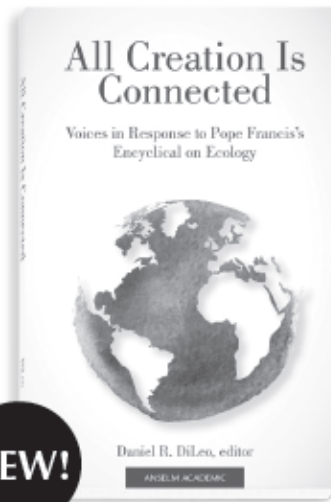
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Ordained in 1985, Brocker has served since 2005 as lead pastor of St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Beaverton, Oregon.

Brocker received his B. A. in Philosophy from Pacific Lutheran University in 1979, his M. Div. from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in 1985, and his Ph. D. in Theology from the University of Chicago Divinity School in 1996. His dissertation is entitled "The Community of God, Jesus Christ, and Responsibility: The Responsible Person and the Responsible Community in the Ethics of Dietrich Bonhoeffer."

In addition to his pastoral responsibilities Mark has offered occasional courses in theology and ethics for Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary since 1998 and taught ethics for ten years at the former Northwest House of Theological Studies in Salem, Oregon. Mark served on the Executive Committee of the Board of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) and chaired EMO's Environmental Ministries Committee from 2009-2012. He returned to the EMO Board in 2015 and chairs EMO's Theological Education and Dialogue Committee. He served as volume editor for *Conspiracy and Imprisonment: 1940-1945*, volume 16 of *Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works* (DBWE), and co-editor for *Ecumenical, Academic and Pastoral Work: 1931-1932*, DBWE 11, and *Theological Education at Finkenwalde: 1935-1937*, DBWE 14. In 2016 Brocker served as the President of the International Bonhoeffer Society—English Language Section. His book *Coming Home to Earth* was published by Wipf and Stock of Eugene in 2016.

Mark and his wife Donna have six children and four grandchildren. The youngest three children—Hailey, Luke, and Mary--were war orphans from West Africa. Mark's favorite leisure activities include reading, watching sports, hiking, cross country skiing, and fly-fishing.

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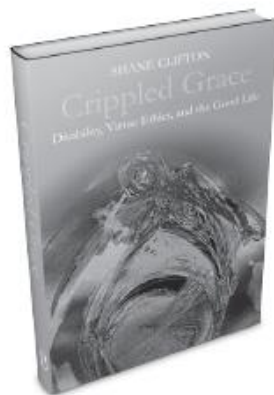
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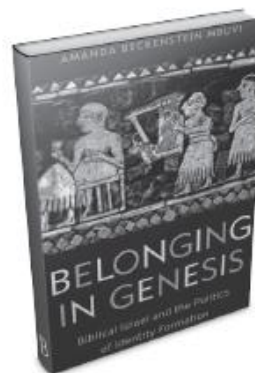
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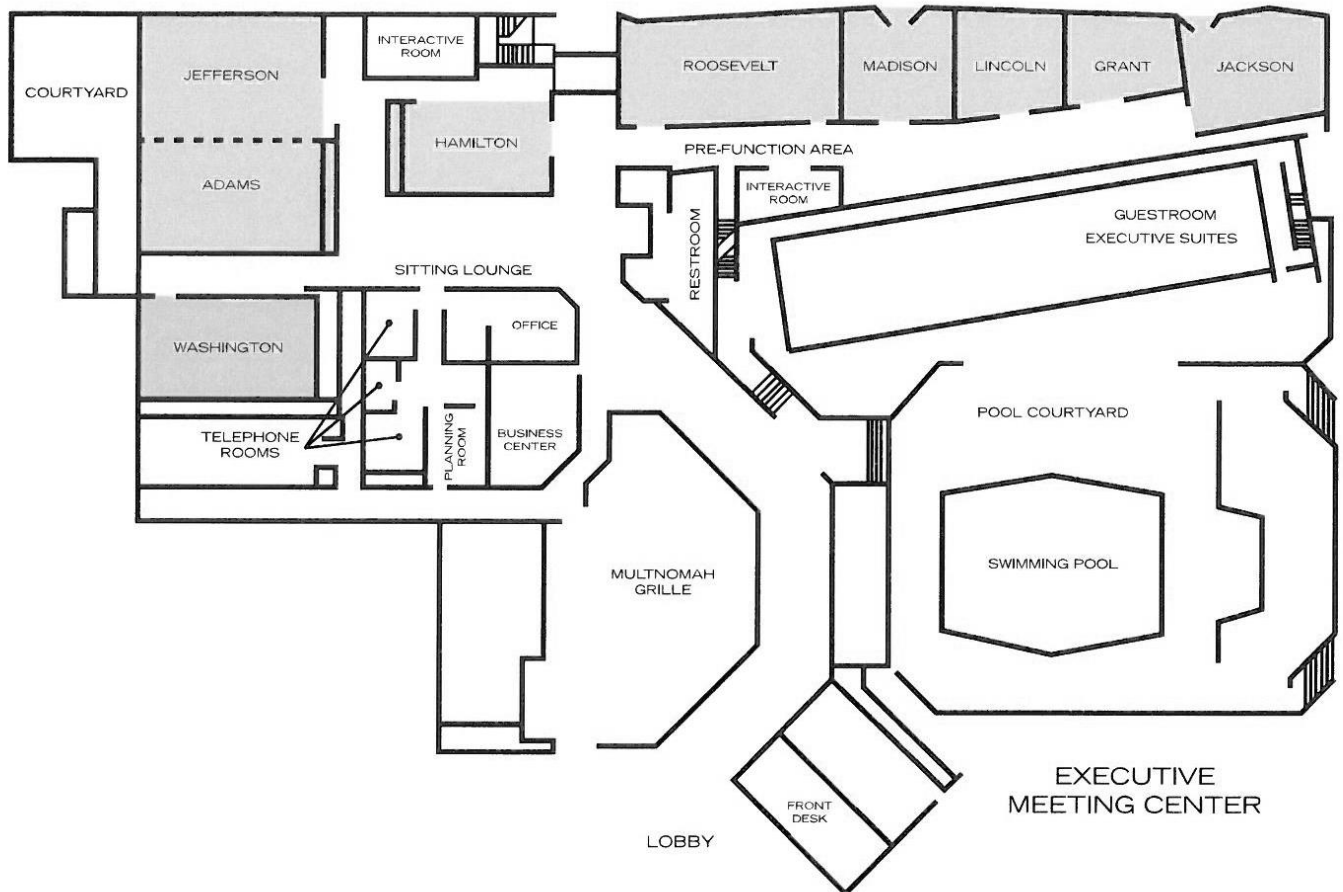
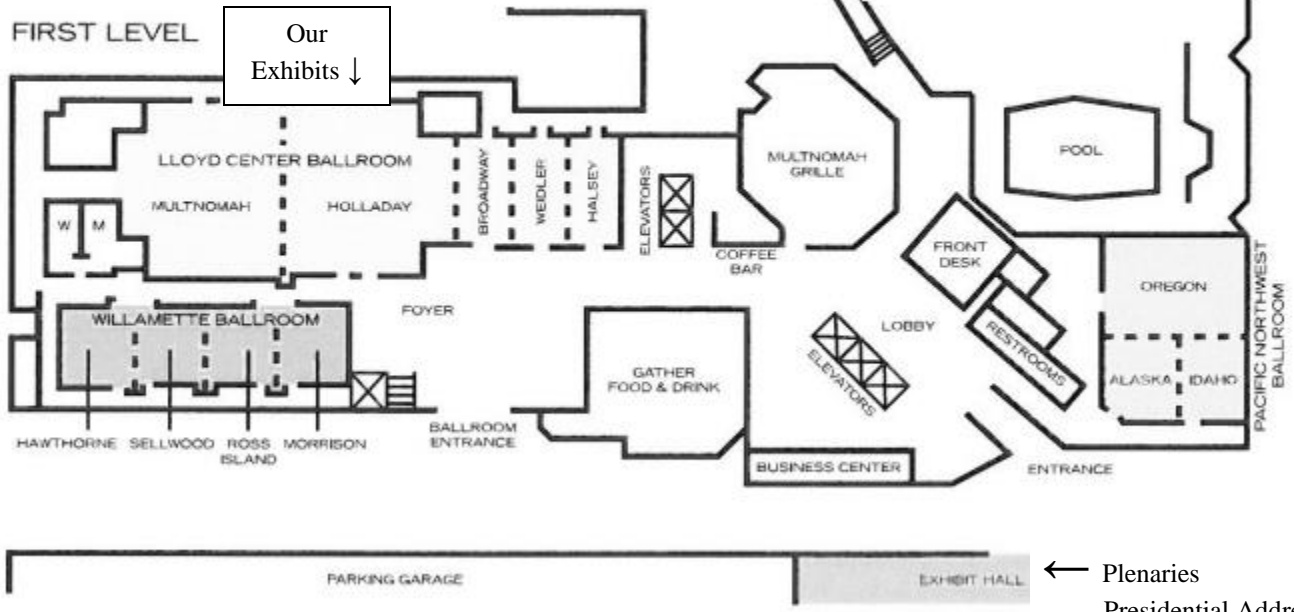
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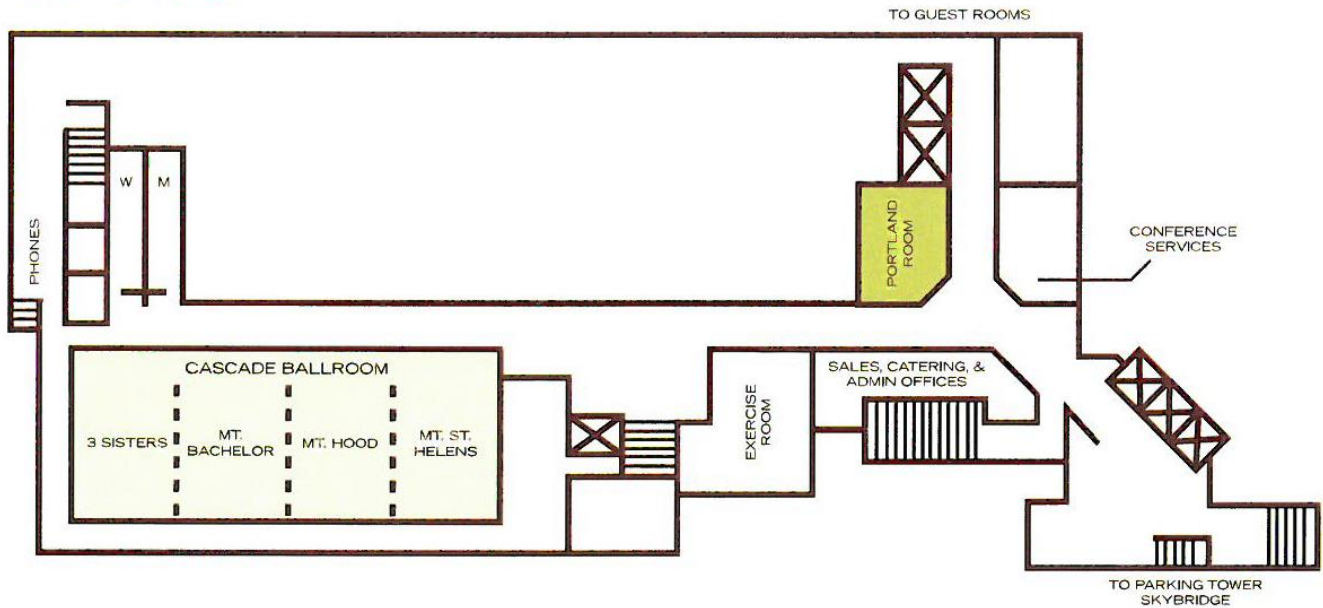
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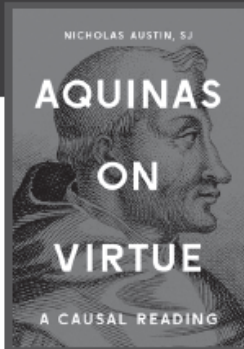
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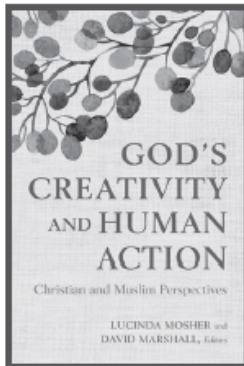
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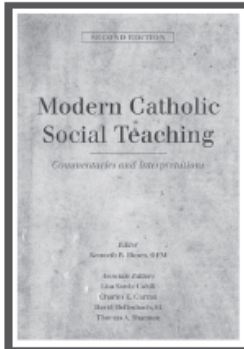


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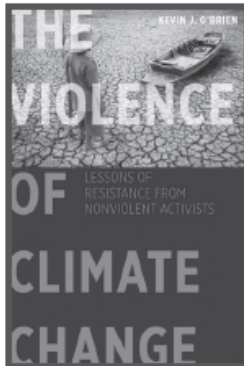
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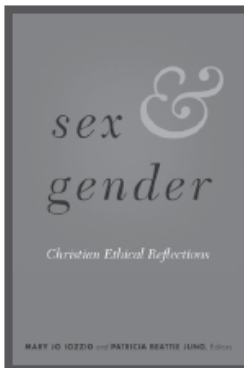


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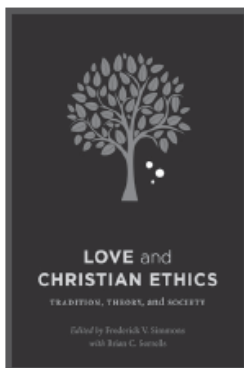
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