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Thursday, January 6, 2005

10:00-5:00  AAAS Workshop on Genetics  
Panelists: Jon Beckwith, Harvard Medical School  
Matt McGue, University of Minnesota  
Erik Parens, The Hastings Center  

Hardly a month goes by without a media report that researchers have discovered "a gene for" some complex human behavior or trait. One month it's "intelligence," the next it's "language" or "dyslexia" or "novelty seeking" or "shyness" or "homosexuality." But what does it really mean to say there is a link between genes and behavior? This workshop will be an introduction to the basic scientific ideas, distinctions, and methods of behavioral genetic research. It will consider both the contributions and limitations of behavioral genetics research. It will also explore the extent to which behavioral genetics raises ethical and social questions of fundamental concern, such as the meaning of free will and how to think about equality and justice. Two resources will be available in advance of the workshop either to order for $10 in print form: Behavioral Genetics: An Introduction and "Genetic Differences and Human Identities," from the Hastings Center Report or download without cost from the AAAS website (http://www.aaas.org/spp/bgenes/publications.shtml).

Moderator: Audrey Chapman, AAAS Program of Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion

12:30-8:30  Registration/Conference Desk Open  
1:00-7:00  SCE Board Meeting  
1:30-5:00  Tour of Miami's African-American and Caribbean Communities  

1:30-8:00  The University of Chicago Writers Group  

7:45-9:45pm  Answering the Reporter's Call: Being a Reliable News Source  
Panelists: Kim Lawton, PBS Religion & Ethics Newsweekly, Managing Editor  
James Davis, South Florida Sun-Sentinel, Religion Editor  
Alexandra Alter, Miami Herald, Religion Writer  
William May, Southern Methodist University  

Scholars are getting more calls for news interviews as journalists consistently contact sources from the American Academy of Religion's web site, Religionsource. The popular website, funded by a grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts, allows journalists to instantly search a comprehensive database for scholars' contact information. More than 5,000 scholars in 1,400 topic areas of expertise are included in Religionsource. In this workshop, you'll learn how journalists work and how to handle journalists' questions. Reporters and scholars are on the panel in this interactive session.

Moderator: Kyle Cole, Associate Director, Religionsource, American Academy of Religion
9:00–10:30  Concurrent Session I

William J. Danaher, University of the South  
"Lost in Translation: Beauty, Virtue and Benevolence in Jonathan Edwards' The Nature of True Virtue"

Commentators generally view The Nature of True Virtue (1765) as a summary of Edwards' claims concerning beauty, virtue, and benevolence. In contrast, I contend that True Virtue is better understood as an exercise in apologetics, such that Edwards develops arguments from commonplace beliefs to engage Scottish moral sense philosophers, in particular Francis Hutcheson. So constrained, Edwards translates his theological and moral vision into extra-theological terms, which results not in the illumination of this vision, but its eclipse. In addition to contributing to the study of Edwards, this interpretation bears implications for constructive attempts in contemporary ethics that proceed along similar lines.

Convener: Judith W. Kay, University of Puget Sound

Karey A. Harwood, North Carolina State University  

Qualitative data gathered through a study of RESOLVE, an organization that supports the infertile, suggests that using assisted reproductive technologies enables individuals to create meaning out of their experience of infertility, despite or perhaps because of the fact that using ART is arduous, expensive, hazardous to one's health and often, ultimately, futile in achieving its goal. Using ART also seems to encourage a re-examination of self and attitudes toward parenthood and children. These reflections lead many to challenge assumptions about control, choice, and consumerism, offering an example of resistance that is nevertheless short of a full critique of the infertility industry.

Convener: Andrea Vicini, S.J., S. Luigi, Napoli, Italy

Mary L. Hirschfeld, University of Notre Dame  
"Standard Living and Economic Virtue: Toward a More Complete Account of Human Freedom"

Neoclassical economics is instrumental in character, focusing on the efficient realization of the sovereign desires of consumers. The emphasis on instrumental reasoning leaves little room for consideration of economic virtue. Yet, since Rerum Novarum, the tradition of Catholic social teaching has sought to understand modern economic problems through the lens of virtue. This paper explores the neglected work of consumer economist Hazel Kyrk (1886-1957) whose theory of consumption, which is centered on the standard of living, breaks with neoclassical economic reasoning in a way that makes it possible to introduce the language of virtue into economic discourse.

Convener: Daniel Finn, Saint John's University (MN)

Jos Kole, Faculty of Theology, Utrecht University (The Netherlands)  

Two issues are objects of intense public debate in Dutch society at the moment. The first issue concerns the (un)desirability of multiculturalism and the presumed failing integration of many former immigrants into Dutch society. The second issue concerns the supposed erosion of public morality. While the role of religion is contested in both debates, leading Dutch churches have been remarkably silent on both issues. This paper states that this is wrong, explains briefly why and examines a proposal for the churches' input in both debates: they should take an anti-liberal stance and advocate a moral and religious pluralism.

Convener: Werner Wolbert, University of Salzburg
Bill McDonough, College of St. Catherine
"Etty Hillesum, Virtue as 'Passionate Rationality,' and the Christian Tradition of Acquired and Infused Moral Virtues"

This paper investigates what the Christian virtue tradition has to learn from Dutch Jew Etty Hillesum [b.1914-d.1943; murdered at Auschwitz]. The paper does two things. It outlines how Hillesum embodies recent feminist ethical concern that a virtue ethic "rest on an adequate anthropology, one that celebrates passionate rationality." (Ryan, "Virtue," Dictionary of Feminist Theologies [196]). And it finds in Hillesum an interpreter of the Christian tradition's insistence that virtue is something both humanly acquired and divinely infused. Ending her diary with the words "the whole key is in acknowledging my pauses" Hillesum re-articulates the barrenness of all merely human (Pelagian) virtue.

Convener: Diana Fritz Cates, University of Iowa

Brett T. Wilmot, Villanova University
"Engaging Democracy's 'Cultured Despisers': A Critical Consideration of Some Recent Approaches"

J. Judd Owen and Jeffrey Stout help us to recognize that we are now postliberal in important ways and that this requires revisiting the secularist presumptions of liberalism. Owen responds to the antifoundationalism of Richard Rorty and Stanley Fish, while Stout challenges the "new traditionalism" of Stanley Hauerwas, John Milbank, and Alasdair MacIntyre. I will argue that Owen's liberal apologetics and Stout's empirical pragmatism represent incomplete efforts to defend democracy against its "cultured despisers," and I will defend Franklin I. Gamwell's compound conception of justice as a way to characterize democratic neutrality with respect to an indeterminate plurality of religions.

Convener: David True, Wilson College

Panel: Adoption and the Common Good
Panelists: Maura A. Ryan, University of Notre Dame
           Sarah-Vaughan Brakman, Villanova University
           Darlene Fozard Weaver, Villanova University
           Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College

Contemporary American adoption practices receive insufficient ethical analysis. Various types of adoption entail unique moral problems and prospects, yet each crucially concerns intersections between individual flourishing and the common good. Ryan negotiates these with respect to insurance coverage for infertility treatments, weighing claims of existing children against the right to bear children. Brakman focuses on domestic adoption, particularly its depiction as "second choice" in reproductive ethics. Weaver analyzes embryo adoption in terms of the common good, versus typical frameworks of gestational motherhood and embryo "rescue." Cahill explores international adoption, including the issue of economic disparity between birthparents and adoptive parents.

Convener: Mary Roche, Boston College

Working Group: Jewish-Christian-Islamic Ethics Group
The first meeting of the working group will be devoted to discussion of Tariq Ramadan's Western Muslims and the Future of Islam (Oxford, 2003.) Participants are asked to read the book in preparation for the discussion, which will begin with a short presentation by Prof. Irene Oh of the University of Miami.

Convener: John Kelsay, Florida State University
Interest Group: Environmental Ethics and Theology

The Environmental Ethics and Theology Interest Group is pleased to present as its 2005 guest speaker Dr. James Huchingson, Professor of Religious Studies at Florida International University. Dr. Huchingson will present on recent developments in balancing environmental conservation with economics in the Everglades. In the last 20 years, the Everglades have served as a premier case study in the complexities of balancing human and non-human environmental needs. In addition to the presentation, the Interest Group is offering an informal outing and tour of the Everglades on Thursday morning, January 6th. The tour will depart the hotel in the pre-dawn hours and conclude before noon. For more information, please contact Don Braxton at braxton@juniata.edu.

Convener: Donald M. Braxton, Juniata College

SJE session

Catherine J. Lasser, Jewish Theological Seminary
"Reconsidering the relationship between theory and practice: Generating a New Approach to Ethics"

Different approaches to theory and practice have an impact on an understanding of ethics. In the western philosophical tradition, theory has been considered to be singular for any one social domain, and practices have been considered situation specific for any one individual. A talmudic text, Sanhedrin 86b-88b on the rebellious elder, posits that there are multiple theories for any one social domain, and that practice reflects social cohesion. As a result, one must posit the existence of mediating processes. In the research to be presented here, this text will be discussed and its implications for an understanding of ethics considered.

Convener: Dov Nelkin, Solomon Schechter High School of New York

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:30 Concurrent Session II

Scott Bader-Saye, University of Scranton
"Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear"

The presidential campaign of 2004 was nothing if not a fear-fest. Traditional campaign issues yielded the floor to more primal matters: fear and security. The mom-block du jour, "security moms," sought their share of electoral action alongside "soccer moms" and "waitress moms." Fear surrounds us—not only in politics but in marketing, news programming, and popular culture. So, what does all this fear do to our moral lives? This paper will discuss the implications of fear (and its twin offspring, the "ethic of safety" and the "doctrine of preemption") for Christian practices such as hospitality, charity, and peacemaking.

Convener: Mark Douglas, Columbia Theological Seminary

Kathryn Lilla Cox, Fordham University
"Opening our Moral Imagination: Metaphor and Feminist Ethics"

Ethical theory often focuses on rules, norms, and principles. This focus frequently overlooks the imaginative component of moral reasoning, for example, metaphors. An insufficient basis for moral reasoning results.

I will detail George Lakoff and Mark Johnson's work on metaphor and moral imagination, showing how many unrecognized metaphors already provide interpretive paradigms for ethical discourse. Noncritical use of particular unrecognized metaphors often hinders "our moral imagination," thereby impoverishing moral theory. Next, I will argue that by acknowledging and incorporating affectivity into normative theory, Margaret Farley and others have begun to reshape the metaphorical structure of moral discourse. Subsequently, they create new possibilities for addressing today's ethical questions. Finally, I explore emerging metaphors and their enriching potential for moral theory.

Convener: Marilyn Martone, St. John's University (NY)
Jennifer A. Herdt, University of Notre Dame
"Virtue's Semblance: Erasmus and Luther on Pagan Virtue and the Christian Life"

Recent reflection on Christian virtue, emphasizing the communal practices by which character is formed, has offered an important corrective to individualism and the problematic modern focus on a hidden realm of intention. But we must also understand why early modern thinkers were so preoccupied with the problem of the semblance of virtue. When hypocrisy was regarded as the chief vice, it was true virtue to be what one seemed to be. Both Erasmus and Luther take up this issue, though in divergent ways, mapping Augustine's critique of pagan virtue onto a broader critique of apparent goodness. Can we learn from them something about how to respond when practices fail to shape character?

Convener: Charles Pinches, University of Scranton

Carla Ingrando, Denison University
"The Moral Problem of Economic Inequality"

Economic inequality increased considerably in the United States in the 1980s and 1990s. Recent data indicate that the gap between rich and poor continues to grow. Drawing on the resources of the Roman Catholic tradition, I explore the questions: How is economic inequality construed as a moral problem? What can the Catholic tradition suggest in terms of concrete public policies for lessening economic inequality? I draw particularly on the moral norms of solidarity and contributive justice to help clarify the moral dimensions of the problem of economic inequality and to advance policy proposals aimed at lessening inequalities.

Convener: James Bailey, Duquesne University

Jan M. Jans, Tilburg Faculty of Theology (The Netherlands)
"The Belgian 'Act on Euthanasia'-An Ethical Analysis and Appraisal"

While other European countries such as the United Kingdom and Germany are currently struggling to formulate an adequate legal framework for "medical-ethical decisions at the end of life", the Netherlands and Belgium have had legislation on "euthanasia" since 2002. To understand the Belgian Act and the efforts (since September 2004) by Parliament to review it, knowledge of the advice issued by the Belgian Advisory Committee on Bioethics and the initiative to incorporate a "palliative filter" in the legislation, are of paramount importance. From this, some insights can be gained for any medical-ethical approach with regard to end of life decisions.

Convener: Robert P. Jones, Southwest Missouri State University

Paul Lewis, Mercer University
"Evolutionary Theories and the Prospects for Peacemaking"

Since few Christian ethicists have incorporated evolutionary theories into their constructive work, this paper explores the limits and possibilities of using evolutionary accounts of human nature in Christian ethical discourse. It proceeds in three major steps. The first establishes that a thoroughgoing Christian theology must take nature seriously as something good, created, cared for, redeemed by and ultimately restored by God. The second step draws together insights into human nature that are informed by a variety of evolutionary theorists. The final step examines how these insights can both assist and complicate efforts to think about and promote peace.

Convener: Mark Graham, Villanova University
Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University
"Liberating Eros: Confession, Human Agency, and Desire"

This paper will make two claims: first, the freedom of the will cannot be properly understood without attention to eros or human desire. The relation between freedom of the will and desire must not be seen as an opposition. The freedom of the will is not realized over and against the determinism of desire, but, rather, depends on the transformation of the landscape of the multiple, conflicting desires that constitute human existence. To this end of enabling human agency through the transformation of desire, and this is the second claim, confession is the condition for the possibility for the transformation of desire.

Convener: Raymond Kemp Anderson, Wilson College

Panel: "I am Personally Opposed, but...": Renewed Pressures Facing Catholic Politicians
Panelists: Norman Faramelli, Boston University
Eric Marcelo Genilo, S.J., Weston Jesuit School of Theology
Kristin Heyer, Loyola Marymount University
Thomas Massaro, S.J., Weston Jesuit School of Theology

Since the January 2003 publication of a Vatican document "Doctrinal Note on Some Questions Regarding the Participation of Catholics in Public Life," Catholic officeholders have felt anew certain pressures traditionally associated with the intersection of politics and faith convictions. In the charged current atmosphere, American Catholic politicians are enduring litmus tests and even threats of excommunication as they seek to act on conscience regarding controversial issues. After the first two panelists contextualize the issues facing American Catholics, the third panelist describes parallel developments in the Philippines. Our final speaker draws on extensive experience working with the Episcopal Church on similar sensitive matters.

Convener: Thomas Massaro, S.J., Weston Jesuit School of Theology

Interest Group: Ethical Issues in Higher Education and Christian Ethics and the Professions
"Ethics and the Teaching Responsibilities of Faculty"
Speaker: David H. Smith, Indiana University

This presentation is a set of reflections looking back over 35 years of teaching. It offers a rationale for the teaching of ethics followed by a discussion of some of the distinctive pitfalls of our field. We will consider student-faculty relations and discuss both course evaluations and the problems of student intimidation by faculty. Also, attention will be given to the importance of commitment to an institution.

There will also be the distribution of the annual bibliography of recent resources on ethical issues in Higher Education.

Conveners: John Wilcox, Manhattan College
Daniel McGee, Baylor University

Interest Group: Covenantal Ethics
"Covenant and Sexual Ethics"

Professor Diane Yeager will begin our discussion by pointing to several vexed areas in the domain of sexual ethics and inquire whether (and, if yes to whether, then how) covenantal themes may help to illumine and guide denominational discussions of these issues. Since arguments about what churches should teach concerning sexual behavior almost always open up questions about the relation of church teachings to social changes that are thought by many to be happening somewhere outside the church communities, the question of the value of covenantal ethics for the assessment of and management of change will no doubt be a feature of this discussion.

Conveners: Douglas Schuurman, St. Olaf College
Douglas Ottati, Union-PSCE
Jeffrey Burack, University of California, Berkeley
"A Jewish Perspective on Genetic Enhancement"

In the face of new genetic technologies, secular bioethics has struggled unsuccessfully to ground a distinction between treatment and enhancement on the proper goals of medicine, or the discriminatory valorization of specific human characteristics. Michael Sandel instead describes "non-religious" grounds for preserving "an appreciation of the gifted character of human powers and achievements" and resisting the impulse fully to master our biology. Following Benjamin Freedman, Sandel's apparently arbitrary constellation of moral grounds is supported by a Jewish emphasis on duty, manifest specifically as concern for our relationships with and responsibilities toward ourselves, the created world, and one another.

Convener: Toby Schonfeld, University of Nebraska Medical Center

12:45-1:45  JRE Editorial Board
12:45-1:45  Student Caucus

The Student Caucus will host a lunch session on Surviving the First year of Teaching to Make It in the Academy. Junior and Senior faculty will share their insights on getting the job, contracts, settling into teaching and researching, and making the transition to "Professor." Come, gather in roundtable discussion with your professor of choice, to ask questions and get real experience answers. A short business meeting will follow the discussions. We will nominate a new student representative during the business meeting. All students are invited and encouraged to attend whether or not you choose to purchase lunch!

Convener: Gabriel Salguero, Union Theological Seminary
Kate Ott, Union Theological Seminary

2:00-3:30  Concurrent Session III

Maria Antonaccio, Bucknell University
"Asceticism, Ethics, and Contemporary Culture"

Recently, there has been an explosion of research on asceticism among historians, social theorists, and scholars of comparative religions. Yet the relation between asceticism and ethics remains theoretically underdeveloped. This paper explores the ethical meaning of asceticism as an activity of formation in religious communities and other cultural systems. Its aim is threefold: 1) to clarify the social and cultural dimensions of asceticism, beyond its role in personal formation; 2) to employ the dynamics of asceticism as a diagnostic tool for understanding aspects of contemporary culture; 3) to locate asceticism as a dimension within moral theory in order to clarify trends in contemporary ethics.

Convener: Susan Ross, Loyola University of Chicago

Helmut David Baer, Texas Lutheran University
Joseph E. Capizzi, The Catholic University of America
"Just War Theory and the Problem of International Politics: The Permission and Restrictions Implied by Legitimate Authority and Just Intention"

Just war theorists claim to offer moral guidance when thinking about war; yet so far they have said little about the status of international political institutions. This paper seeks to address the question of international politics from the perspective of just war theory by focusing on the relationship between the criteria of legitimate authority and just intention. Just intention is the central and governing criterion of the just war theory. It grants to sovereign states the right to wage war, but also pushes beyond national chauvinism toward the construction of international frameworks for the regulation of conflict, thereby implying a dialectical relationship between sovereign states and international law and institutions.

Convener: David Schultz, F.S.C., LaSalle University
Nancy Berlinger, The Hastings Center
"Toward Genetic Competency in Pastoral Care: Pedagogy, Practice, Ethics"

This paper will describe the intersection of pastoral care with genetic testing and genetic disease, and will explore questions relevant to promoting genetic competency as a professional norm in Christian ministries, with particular attention to congregational ministry. It will include proposals for incorporating genetic competency into theological education, and will discuss how attention to the intersection of genetics and pastoral care may make an intellectual contribution to religious discourse on "genetics" by normalizing the discussion of genetic issues relevant to the care of the sick.

Convener: Patricia Powers, Loyola University Chicago

James E. Gilman, Mary Baldwin College
"Whose God, Which Justice? Equal Fairness or Equal Mercy"

Thesis: equal mercy (Eucharistic justice) is a conception of justice more faithful to the Christian tradition than is equal fairness (Liberal justice). I show (1) that Christianity's Eucharistic experience favors justice as equal mercy. Just as God in Christ delivers to the world justice as mercy, so those practicing Eucharistic gratitude should favor justice as equal mercy. (2) I suggest ways Liberal justice and Eucharistic justice are related. For example, whereas the Christian community must demand of the world justice as equal fairness, it must demand of itself justice as equal mercy. (3) I explore the implications justice as mercy has for perennial issues, such as peace and war and affirmative action.

Convener: Edward LeRoy Long, Jr., Drew University

Cheryl Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University Divinity School
"Jezebel Unveiled: The Theological Grace of Human Sexualities; the Grotesque of Sexual Misconduct"

Sex traumatizes, delights, and titillates us. There is much miseducation around human sexuality, particularly in Western Society, which parallels the stereotypes and miseducation surrounding the biblical Jezebel. Countless professors, mentors, clergy, and politicians have slept with their secretaries, apprentices, students, and parishioners. Regardless of who initiates or fulfills such madness, such arrangements are neither consensual nor ethical, when the one person has power over the other. This paper is an interdisciplinary analysis of the beauty of human sexuality, the ethical breaching of sexual boundaries, and the warped sensibilities of power, especially in the United States, from a Womanist perspective.

Convener: Mara Zukowski, Felician College

Kevin T. Lowery, Olivet Nazarene University
"Moral Purity and Moral Progress: The Tension between Assurance and Perfection in Kant and Wesley"

The quest for perfection can undermine one's sense of assurance, since it requires some dissatisfaction with one's present state. For Kant, assurance is based on our continual moral progress, but divine assistance is required to overcome our radically evil nature. Still, we must merit this assistance, and this seemingly precludes the type of moral purity Kant asserts. Wesley offers a more robust resolution by upholding justification by faith and by recognizing love as the chief moral motive. Once we have assurance that our sins are forgiven, we respond by loving God in return, and this motivates us to pursue perfection.

Convener: Ed Zukowski, Mount St. Vincent College
Ulrik Nissen, University of Aarhus  
"Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Ethics of Plenitude"  

The question on the sources of public morality is an increasingly important issue, often debated from presuppositions of antagonism, as e.g. secular and religious worldviews are seen as opposed to each other. The present paper argues that we may find a model of differentiation and unity between various worldviews at the same time in an understanding of plenitude inspired by Dietrich Bonhoeffer and John Milbank. Based upon an analysis of key concepts in Bonhoeffer and Milbank, the paper endorses a notion of plenitude of human reality serving as the ontological basis of ethics.

Convener: Jack Crossley, Jr., University of Southern California

Interest Group: Pedagogy  
"Strategies for Economic Justice Education in Seminaries"

The Pedagogy Interest Group addresses the teaching of ethics at both the practical and theoretical levels with the aim of sharing ideas that can help SCE members become more effective and engaging teachers. This year's theme is "Strategies for Economic Justice Education." Kim Bobo from the National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice and Dick Hoehn from Bread for the World will present the results of their inquiries into current practice in seminaries, describe their efforts to introduce the arts of public engagement into seminary curricula, and draw out the implications of their work for religious involvement in the public square. Comparisons will be drawn to parallel efforts in undergraduate and masters religion programs. Discussion will include a focus on ways to develop similar initiatives at your own seminary or university.

Conveners: Brian Stiltner, Sacred Heart University  
Melissa Snarr, Emory University

Interest Groups: Liturgy and Ethics/ Scripture and Ethics  
"Through Worship to Ethics: Taking Stock of the Hauerwas and Wells' The Blackwell Companion to Christian Ethics"

Panelists:  
Sam Wells, Author  
David McCarthy, Mount St. Mary's  
Brad Kallenberg, University of Dayton  
Sondra Wheeler, Wesley Theological Seminary

We continue our conversation with various key disciplines and powerful perspectives influencing the intersection of liturgy and ethics. We turn this year to consider one of the most influential perspectives in this area exemplified in the new The Blackwell Companion to Christian Ethics. The structure of the book follows the structure of worship, and the near forty authors go through liturgical loci on the way to moral considerations. Panel conversation and discussion will feature co-editor Sam Wells whose visit is being co-sponsored by the Scripture and Ethics Interest Group. Our members are encouraged to attend their Friday evening session and likewise, they are invited to attend ours.

Conveners: Therese Lysaught, University of Dayton  
Christian Scharen, Yale Divinity School

SJE Session  
Tam K. Parker, The University of the South  
"Retrieving the Defiled: Duty and Obedience as Moral Categories after the Shoah"

In atrocity, duty and obedience have been implicated as causative agents and as justifications by perpetrators and bystanders alike. I will outline a Jewish understanding of duty and obedience that challenges the moral defilement of these moral categories. Levinasian duty is Sinaitic in that one is ruled by an exterior law. In witnessing the degradation of another, I am elected to the duty of redressing that degradation. Obedience to that command may require risky expenditures of my power on behalf of those without. Duty and obedience, in the service of those below, may avoid being the servants of false gods.

Convener: Rabbi David Teutsch, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
Friday, January 7, 2005

3:30-9:30pm

3:30-4:00 Break
Jasmine-Hibiscus A/B

4:00-5:00 SCE Presidential Address
President: John Langan, S.J., Georgetown University
"Hope in and for the United States"
Flagler-Monroe

5:00-6:30 SCE Presidential Reception
Jasmine-Hibiscus A/B Promenade

5:30-8:30 Kabbalat Shabbat services and Shabbat dinner
(pre-registration required for dinner)
Orchid BC

8:00-9:30 Interest Groups

Interest Group: Christian Ethics and Literature/Literary Theory
"Flannery O'Connor's Fiction and Religious Ethics"
Speakers: Susan Srigley, Nipissing University
Ralph Wood, Baylor University
Brickell North

How does approaching the fiction of Flannery O'Connor from the perspective of religious ethics illuminate her literary choices? How does taking her literary art seriously as a form of moral argument illuminate her religious ethics? At this session, we welcome Susan Srigley (Assistant Professor of Religions and Cultures, Nipissing University) and Ralph Wood (University Professor of Theology and Literature, Baylor University) to discuss the provocative relationship between O'Connor's art, religion, and ethics. Srigley (Flannery O'Connor's Sacramental Art, University of Notre Dame Press, December 2004) and Wood (Flannery O'Connor and the Christ-Haunted South, William B. Eerdmans, April 2004) will lead off with brief presentations from their own recent scholarship. An open conversation will follow.

Moderator: Travis Kroecker, McMaster University
Conveners: Emily Arndt, Converse College
Gerald P. McKenny, University of Notre Dame
Todd David Whitmore, University of Notre Dame

Interest Group: Comparative Religious Ethics
Brickell Center

The Comparative Religious Ethics Interest Group will discuss a pre-circulated paper by Scott Davis (University of Richmond) entitled "Comparative Ethics and the Crucible of War." Following the lead of philosopher Herbert Fingarette and anthropologists Mary Douglas and Clifford Geertz, Davis proposes that a close reading of texts in their historical contexts is more likely to open up the comparative possibilities of "local knowledge" than the systematic application of comparative ethical method can provide. By looking at the contrasting approaches to understanding the morality of war in the Western tradition, Davis offers a mirror for the possibilities open to students of war and morality in other cultures. For copies of this paper, please direct requests to Scott Davis at: sdavis@richmond.edu.

Convener: Sumner B. Twiss, Florida State University

Interest Group: Health Care Ethics
Brickell South

The Health Care Ethics Interest Group meets each year to discuss ethical concerns in the general area of health care. Previous topics include access to health care, assisted suicide, and the approach taken by different faith traditions to theological reflection on health care issues. The group is open to anyone interested in any of these areas. Formal papers are not presented in the interest group, and the group encourages a significant amount of verbal and materials exchange among attendees.

Conveners: Jan C. Heller, Providence Health System
John Kilner, The Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity
Interest Group: Restorative Justice

The Restorative Justice Interest Group offers a forum for Christian Ethicists to explore and reflect on initiatives to secure reconciliation in the face of deep social conflict and violence in communities around the world. The 2005 meeting features (1) research reports by members; (2) comments by Don Shriver on his book *Honest Patriots: Loving a Country Enough to Remember its Misdeeds* (Forthcoming February 2005); and (3) discussion on the relation of Restorative Justice, Mediation and Law in light of the published results of the 2003 National Symposium on "Restorative Justice, Mediation and the Practice of Law" held at Hamline University.

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

Interest Group: Ethics and Political Economy

This Interest Group meets annually to broaden and deepen our understanding of the interaction of ethics and economics. Our normal procedure is to invite an outside scholar or practitioner (usually an economist from the local area of the SCE meeting) to speak on an agreed-upon topic and then to proceed with discussion of attendant descriptive and normative issues. This allows us to focus on a timely question and to engage with an economist or other expert whom most of us would otherwise know only through the written word.

Convener: Douglas A. Hicks, Jepson School of Leadership Studies, University of Richmond

Interest Groups: Scripture and Ethics
Liturgy and Ethics

The Scripture and Ethics Interest group is sponsoring a joint session with the Liturgy and Ethics group whose members are invited to join us. It will feature Sam Wells exploring with us his work on "performances" of scripture as the work of the church, both in the sense of liturgy and that of faithful proclamation/interpretation/witness. The session will take off from Wells' work on "Improvisation and the Drama of the Christian Life". Members should also note the joint panel discussion on *The Blackwell's Companion to Christian Ethics* sponsored by Liturgy and Ethics on Friday afternoon.

Conveners: John Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Sondra Wheeler, Wesley Theological Seminary

Interest Group: Church and Academy
Speaker: J. Phillip Wogaman, Wesley Theological Seminary

The Rev. Dr. J. Philip Wogaman will start this year's discussion by sharing from portions of his most recent book, which reflects on his experience as a Christian ethicist in the ministry. This interest group provides a setting for critical reflection on how to nurture connections between the life of the mind emphasized in the academy and the life of the spirit emphasized in the congregation. The hope is to encourage mutual accountability and dialog between both institutions/audiences.

Conveners: Paul A. Lewis, Mercer University
Roger J. Gench, New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington DC

Interest Group: Moral and Religious Psychology

The focus of this year's session will be a presentation by Sidney Callahan on the ethics of memory, a topic that is especially timely given the recent development of memory enhancing and memory suppressing drugs. The purpose of the Moral and Religious Psychology Interest Group is to assist members of the SCE in research and teaching in the field of moral and religious psychology.

Convener: James P. Gubbins, Salem State College
7:00-8:15  SCE Breakfast with an Author
Buffet opens at 6:45; Discussion 7:15-8:15
(Pre-registration is required.)

Facilitator: James Bailey, Duquesne University

Facilitator: Anthony LoPresti, Salve Regina University

Facilitator: Dick Benson, C.M., St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, CA

Facilitator: Christopher C. Roberts, King's College London

Facilitator: Patricia Jung, Loyola University Chicago

Facilitator: Andrea Vicini, S.J., S. Luigi, Napoli, Italy

Facilitator: David Haddorff, St. John's University (NY)

Facilitator: Nelson Belizario, O.Cam., St Simon Stock Parish, Bronx NY

DeCrane, Susanne M., *Aquinas, Feminism and the Common Good* (Georgetown University Press, March 2004)
Facilitator: Patricia Lamoureux, St. Mary's Seminary and University

Facilitator: Gloria Albrecht, University of Detroit Mercy

Facilitator: Donna Yarri, Alvernia College

Harvey, Jennifer, co-editor, *Disrupting White Supremacy from Within: White People on What WE Need to Do* (Pilgrim Press, October 2004)
Facilitator: Aana Marie Vigen, Loyola University Chicago
Facilitator: Robin Steinke, Gettysburg Seminary

Facilitator: Kenneth R. Himes, O.F.M., Boston College

Facilitator: Laura Stivers, Pfeiffer University

Facilitator: Peter A. Sulyok, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Mackler, Aaron L., *Introduction to Jewish and Catholic Bioethics: A Comparative Analysis*  
(Georgetown University Press, November 2003)  
Facilitator: Paul Jersild, Lutheran Theo. Southern Seminary

Facilitator: David DeCosse, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University

Facilitator: Mary Roche, Boston College

Facilitator: Robert P. Jones, Southwest Missouri State University

Facilitator: Judith A. Merkle, Niagara University

Facilitator: Patricia Powers, Loyola University Chicago

Facilitator: Darryl Trimiew, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

Facilitator: Paul Lewis, Mercer University

Facilitator: Stephen Casey, University of Scranton

Facilitator: Ellen Marshall, Claremont School of Theology
7:00-10:00am   Saturday, January 8, 2005

Facilitator: Warren Copeland, Wittenberg University

Facilitator: Tarris Rosell, Midwest Bioethics Center, Central Baptist Theological Seminary

Facilitator: Carnegie Samuel Calian, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

7:00-8:15   SJE Breakfast with an Author
            *Orchid A*
            Buffet opens at 6:45; Discussion 7:15-8:15
            (Pre-registration is required.)


8:00-5:00   Registration/Conference Desk Open   *Jasmine-Hibiscus A/B*

8:00am-5:30pm   Exhibits Open   *Jasmine-Hibiscus A/B*

8:30-10:00   Concurrent Session IV

Kelly Brotzman, Boston College
"Christian Ethics and International Adoption"

International adoption has grown rapidly in recent years. Many see this as patently good, but it raises significant moral questions for Christians. For example, does international adoption commodify needy children? Does it culturally "whitewash" them? Does it lead to neglect of adoption-available children domestically? Does it further erode the "traditional family”? Is it tainted by extreme inequalities between countries? While these questions flag important areas of vigilance for individuals and institutions, I argue that Christian ethical principles such as equal regard, dignity, justice, subsidiarity, the preferential option for the poor, compassion, and agapic love can not only condone international adoption as permissible but also recommend it as a particularly faithful expression of Christian discipleship.

Convener: David Oki Ahearn, LaGrange College

David A. Clairmont, University of Chicago
"Bonaventure on Moral Motivation: Meditative Trajectories and the Case of Voluntary Poverty"

This paper explores the theme of moral motivation in Bonaventure's writings on evangelical poverty. The reading of moral motivation that emerges depicts two meditative trajectories intersecting. One trajectory advances the purification of desires and isolation from distractions to approximate Francis of Assisi's imitation of Christ. A second trajectory dwells on the Trinitarian activity of God in the sacramental life of the community and in personal contemplation of God's immanence in symbolic and liturgical forms. Bonaventure thereby offers an account of moral motivation that embraces the individual and psychological, as well as the historical and institutional, aspects of moral exemplarity.

Convener: Alex Mikulich, Saint Joseph College
John P. Crossley, Jr., University of Southern California
"The Religious Ethics Implicit in Schleiermacher's Doctrine of Creation"

There is a religious ethics implicit in Schleiermacher's doctrine of creation based on the universal feeling of absolute dependence, prior to its being informed by any historical tradition. The "highest good" which fundamentally characterizes his religious ethics is found at the intersection of God and the World. The "original perfection of man" and the "original perfection of the world" come together when human life in the world is fully informed by the feeling of absolute dependence. Although Schleiermacher did not develop his religious ethics as he did his philosophical and Christian ethics, his religious ethics should be of interest to ethicists in many religious traditions.

Convener: James M. Childs, Trinity Lutheran Seminary

Travis Kroeker, McMaster University
"Whither Messianic Ethics? Paul as Postmodern Political Theorist"

In recent years several important philosophical studies on the character of Pauline messianism have been published in Europe, most notably books by Jacob Taubes, Alain Badiou, and Giorgio Agamben. In contrast to Weber's "secularization thesis" which interprets Paul's eschatological messianism as one of indifference toward worldly conditions, these authors interpret Paul's messianism as a radical challenge to conventional politics of human and especially national sovereignty. My paper will bring these perspectives into conversation with recent discussions in Christian and Jewish political theology that engage Paul—notably John Howard Yoder and Daniel Boyarin—in order to raise critically the question of how messianic ethics may or may not be of relevance to contemporary political theory, particularly in reformulating the meaning of "secularity."

Convener: Michael Cartwright, University of Indianapolis

Robin W. Lovin, Southern Methodist University
"The Public and the Political: The Forums of Our Common Life"

This paper asks how an account of public discourse shaped by Bonhoeffer's "divine mandates" might assist people of faith to participate honestly and effectively in political life. Instead of a simple division of all discourse into that which is public and political and that which is in some undifferentiated way "private," this approach sees a public forum in each of the major loci of human activity - politics, church, culture, work, family, etc. None of these can be completely private. Each is public in its distinctive way. It is these broader public discussions, taken together, that shape "public" reasons in politics.

Convener: James Calvin Davis, Middlebury College

C. Melissa Snarr, Vanderbilt University Divinity School
"A New Discipline? Beverly Harrison and 'Malestream' Ethical Discourse"

For many interpreters of Christian ethics, Beverly Harrison's work signals a break from mainstream, or "malestream" ethicists. While Harrison certainly originates an important shift in Christian ethics, scholars need to recognize not only her breaks but also her continuity with the history of Christian ethics (e.g. her critical appropriation of H. Richard Niebuhr's theological anthropology and social-historical method). I contend that dominant male academic discourse can more easily exclude Harrison—and other feminists—from the conversation if her "themes do not comport" (see Hauerwas' 1998 JRE article) than if we see the connections with traditional "theological and ethical frames."

Convener: Kathy Lilla Cox, Fordham University
USA global dominance at the end of the Cold War has created resistance in various parts of the world, leading to the "war against terrorism." This situation circumscribes all just peacebuilding initiatives. John Howard Yoder's "politics of Jesus," developed after World War II, can be instructive. Yoder was involved in a debate between Reinhold Niebuhr and Karl Barth about a faithful Christian response when the USA and the USSR emerged as superpowers and became embroiled in the Cold War. I engage Yoder's thought in that context and draw out proposals for Christian social action today.

Convener: James Gilman, Mary Baldwin College

Working Group: African and African-American

Conveners: Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University
Cheryl Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University Divinity School
Scott Williamson, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Interest Group: Christian Ethics and the Enlightenment
"Christian Love and Civility: Jonathan Edwards and Francis Hutcheson on Benevolence"

In 2005, we will be joined by William T. Cavanaugh of the University of St. Thomas, who will lead us in an informal discussion of chapter 1 of his recent book *Theopolitical Imagination* (T&T Clark, 2002). We will consider the interrelationships Cavanaugh provocatively traces among Enlightenment arguments for the privatization of religion, religious toleration, and justifications for state monopolies on the use of force. The Christian Ethics and the Enlightenment Interest Group exists in order to reassess Enlightenment moral thought and its key categories (i.e., reason, sentiment, rights, autonomy, toleration) in relation to other discourses of the period and in conversation with contemporary Christian ethics. All are welcome.

Convener: Jennifer Herdt, University of Notre Dame
Gerald McKenny, University of Notre Dame

10:15-11:15 SCE Plenary
Robert Adams, Oxford University
"Altruism and Excellence"

The lecture defends two claims whose mutual congruence is not obvious: that altruistic benevolence is a virtue, and that a virtue must be an excellent quality, not just a useful one.

11:00-12:30 SJE Optional Shabbat morning service

11:15-12:30 SCE Women's Caucus

All women in the Society are welcome to join in a continuing conversation on work-family balance. There will be no formal presentations, but we will have lunch together and discuss proposals for a mentoring program and a guide for younger scholars with dependents. Senior women in the field are particularly encouraged to come and share stories of how they balanced commitments to work and family.

Convener: Julie Hanlon Rubio, St. Louis University
Rebekah Miles, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University
Saturday, January 8, 2005

12:30-2:00  SJE Lunch (pre-registration required)  Orchid D
12:45-2:15  SCE Annual Business Meeting  Flagler-Monroe
2:15-2:30  Break  Jasmine-Hibiscus A/B
2:30-4:00  Concurrent Session V

Jesse Couenhoven, Villanova University
"A Blessed Necessity": The Late Augustine on Freedom and Responsibility"

Augustine's late views about freedom and moral responsibility are often maligned. In this paper I provide a novel reading and defense of his position, arguing that while his views are incomplete in places, his picture of the will as the loving and judging faculty of the mind, compatibilist account of responsibility as tied to what we willingly do or desire—on which necessity can be compatible with responsibility, since God both necessarily and responsibly wills the good—and association of freedom with virtue, are not only richer than his critics have given him credit for, but genuinely deep and insightful.

Convener: Steven O'Hala, St. Vincent De Paul Seminary

Gerrit G. De Kruijf, University of Leiden, The Netherlands
"Affirming Weber's Characterization of the Protestant Ethic Today"

Weber's characterization of Protestant ethics as a world-denying innerworldly asceticism is of a historical-sociological nature. I want to take it up as a viable systematic concept for Christian ethics today. Instead of (challenged by Nietzsche) concentrating on the issue of world-affirmation, Christian ethics should counter the reproach that its belief in 'another world' necessarily implies escapism. Belief in God's redemptive action makes earthly life of 'relative' importance only in this sense: the moral life is 'related' to the coming Kingdom of God. It is its anticipation. It is the affirmation of life (Taylor's rendering of 'innerworldly asceticism') within the framework of 'world-denial'.

Convener: Joseph Bush, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

William P. George, Dominican University
"Restoring Conscience to International Law"

Comparing Grotius and Vitoria with current international law reveals a shift from a three-dimensional (individual, social, and theological) to a two-dimensional (individual and social) understanding of conscience. Furthermore, conscience was earlier seen as a basis for adhering to and developing international law; now, it is the subject of law's protection. "Public conscience" supposedly develops international law, but this notion is legally problematic and theologically thin.

Drawing on Bernard Lonergan, I begin to develop an understanding of conscience that retrieves its three-dimensional character while remaining attuned to the dynamic, pluralistic, and complex character of international law today.

Convener: Brian Berry, College of Notre Dame of Maryland
Paul Martens, University of Notre Dame  
"Yoder's Yiddish Experiment: How the Late John Howard Yoder Reasoned about Sacraments and the Jewish-Christian Schism"

This paper examines two themes – the sacraments and the break between Judaism and Christianity – that permeate Yoder's later thought. It examines Yoder's performance of his self-described task in *For the Nations*: to exposit the gospel in a "variant of the common idiom." In conclusion, the paper suggests that theological and Christocentric terms are no longer central to the articulation of Yoder's social ethics. Rather, Yoder's idiosyncratic use the notions of paradigm and sociological "phenomena" signal a shift from his earlier writings that provide him with the tools for describing social ethics and for grounding Christianity historically in Rabbinic Judaism.

Convener: John Shelley, Furman University

Margaret Pfeil, University of Notre Dame  
"Ethics by Liturgy's Light: Romero's Ethical Interpretation of the Feast of the Transfiguration"

Oscar Romero published a pastoral letter on the Feast of the Transfiguration each of the three years that he served as archbishop of San Salvador. Together with some of his homilies, these texts reveal the connection that he perceived between the theological meaning of the Transfiguration and "the political dimension of the faith from the perspective of the option for the poor." Romero discovered in the theophany on Mt. Tabor a call to *askesis* as a constitutive dimension of Christian discipleship. Ascetic practices contribute to interior purification as part of a larger process of moral conversion leading to social transformation.

Convener: Christian Scharen, Yale Divinity School

Panel: Author meets Critics: *Children, Ethics, and Modern Medicine*  
Panelists: Paul Lauritzen, John Carroll University  
Margaret Mohrmann, University of Virginia  
Sumner B. Twiss, Florida State University  
Respondent: Richard B. Miller, Indiana University

*Children, Ethics, and Modern Medicine* is a foundational work in pediatric medical ethics. Drawing on the philosophy of John Rawls, Miller coordinates theoretical arguments with material drawn from his ethnographic fieldwork in pediatric medical settings. The book argues for a 'duty to care' for children and the presumptive claims that families have to privacy. Miller sharpens these ideas in relation to practical cases that include discussions of religious, ethical, and cultural tensions involving parental decisions to prolong treatment; refuse treatment; or demand unconventional treatment. The book concludes by developing a basis for liberal social criticism of the family. Session will include three critical responses followed by the author's reply and a general discussion with the audience.

Convener: Gerald McKenny, University of Notre Dame

Interest Group: Christian Ethics and International Affairs  
"The U.S. and the Global Issues"

All members who are interested in or working on US Foreign Policy and International Affairs are invited to join. With a possible guest speaker we will be exploring foreign policy issues that new US Administration is facing.

Convener: Shaun Casey, Wesley Theological Seminary  
Harold Oh, University of Charleston
Saturday, January 8, 2005               2:30-5:45pm

Interest Groups:  Families and the Social Order/ Lesbian and Gay Issues/ Ethics and Sexuality
"Gay Marriage?: Impossible? Another Exception? A New Paradigm?" Orchid B/C
Panelists:  Ed Vacek, S.J., Weston School of Theology
William Mattison, III, Mount St. Mary's
Lois Daly, Siena College

Three panelists will speak to different aspects of the gay marriage debate to open up space for 45 minutes of open
discussion on this timely issue. Ed Vacek will speak on "The Roman Catholic Tradition." Bill Mattison will address
"Gay Marriage and the State's Involvement in the 'Marriage Business.'" Lois Daly will focus on "Children's Rights."

Moderator:  Cristina Traina, Northwestern University
Convener:    Julie Hanlon Rubio, St. Louis University

4:00-4:15  Break  Jasmine-Hibiscus A/B

4:15-5:45  Panel Sessions  Flagler

"Meeting Our Responsibilities to the Aging"
Panelists:  William May, Southern Methodist University: "Aging: From Fate to Calling"
Stephen Sapp, University of Miami: "The Moral Significance of Public Policy on Aging"
Janene Idziak, Loras College: "Bioethical Issues"

"The Religion and Identity of the Miami Cuban Community"
Panelists:  Guillermo J. Grenier, Florida International University: "The Changing Dynamics of the
Miami Cuban Community"
Sarah J. Mahler, Florida International University: "Transnational Religious Ties between Cuba and the U.S."
L. Ernesto Pichardo, Church of The Lukumi: "The Ethics and Morality of Santería"
Miguel A. De La Torre, Hope College: "Remembering and Dismembering Elián"

Grenier is the Director of the Florida Center for Labor Research and Studies, has written several books on labor and
ethnic issues, and conducts yearly surveys on Cuban-American attitudes. He will explore the diversity existing among
Miami Cubans. Mahler, served as the principal investigator for a U.S. Institute for Peace study. She will discuss how
transnational religious practices help bridge the divides between Cuba and Miami. Pichardo, served 34 years as an
ordained priest of Santería, and was co-founder of the Church of The Lukumi whose practices led to the 1992 U.S.
Supreme Court decision concerning the constitutionality of animal sacrifice. He will present the ethical/moral
foundations of the faith. De La Torre has written several books concerning ethics and the Exilic Cuban community. He
will examine the fusing and confusing which took place during the Elián González saga.

Moderator:  Miguel A. De La Torre, Hope College

4:15-5:45  SJE Session  Orchid A
Paul Root Wolpe, University of Pennsylvania
"Bioethics Case Analysis"

We will consider the issues raised by a bioethics case in light of Jewish texts that we will read together, and of values
and norms that emerge from Jewish tradition. We will then explore whether we agree about how we would act
regarding the case. Finally we will consider the methodological issues that the case and our discussion of it raise.

Convener:  Rabbi Aaron Mackler, Duquesne University

5:45  Wine/Cheese Reception at the Blackwell Publishing tables  Jasmine-Hibiscus A/B
7:00-9:00  Economics Writers Group  
**Orchid D**

7:30-9:00  **SJE Plenary**  
*Brickell North, Center, South*  
Michael Walzer, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University  
"Morality and Universality in Jewish Thought"  
Respondents:  Aaron Mackler, Duquesne University  
William Schweiker, University of Chicago  

Convener: Louis Newman, Carleton College

9:00-10:00  **SJE Presidential Reception**  
*Orchid A, B, C*
6:45-10:30am

6:45-8:30  SCE Board Meeting
          Breakfast at 6:45; Meeting 7:00-8:30  Orchid C

7:45-8:45  Ecumenical Worship Service  Flagler/Monroe

8:30-12:00 Registration/Conference Desk Open  Jasmine-Hibiscus A/B

8:30-12:00 Exhibits Open  Jasmine-Hibiscus A/B

9:00-10:30  SJE Business meeting  Orchid A

9:00-10:30  Concurrent Session VI  Brickell North

John R. Bowlin, University of Tulsa
"Tolerance Among the Fathers"

My paper is designed to address some of the conceptual and historiographical confusions that surround recent scholarship on tolerance. Along the way three varieties of pre-modern religious tolerance will be considered; one that emerges in the apologetic writings of Justin Martyr and Athenagoras, another in the efforts of Tertullian and Lactantius, and a third in the political theology of Augustine. We will find that, strictly speaking, only Lactantius defends an account of tolerance in both concept and practice, and that only Augustine hints at the differences that divide tolerance, a natural virtue, from forbearance, its gracious twin.

Convener: Diane Yeager, Georgetown University

Russell B. Connors, Jr., The College of St. Catherine
"Christian Moral Discernment: A Look to the Arts"

Three essential "ingredients" of Christian moral discernment are virtue, the affections, and analogical reasoning. The goal of this discernment is the recognition of ways our lives can "rhyme" with the life of Christ. The paper proposes that the quality of such discernment depends on the degree of faithful creativity to the normative pattern of the Gospel of Christ and, simultaneously, the degree of faithful creativity to the exigencies of moral moment at hand. Analysis of a similar form of this twofold expression of faithful creativity as practiced in the performative arts sheds light on faithful creativity in Christian moral discernment.

Convener: Patrick McCormick, Gongaza University

Wyndy Corbin, Ashland Theological Seminary
"Trust and Obey: The Danger of Obedience as Duty in Evangelical Ethics"

This essay explores the ways in which obedience to authority functions as a moral norm in evangelical ethics, with the potential of constraining and even endangering the multi-faceted nature of Christian morality. Consideration is given to two particular sources of moral authority in evangelicalism, obedience to the Bible and leaders. The primary aim of this essay is to expand an understanding of Christian morality that takes seriously the narrative dimensions of Christian ethics, conscience formation, moral agency, and skills in moral discernment.

Convener: David Gushee, Union University
Leslie E. Gerber, Appalachian State University  
"What Child is this? Christian Parental Virtues and ADHD"  
*Brickell Prefunction*

While Christian parents of ADHD sufferers are not in principle differently challenged than those with children on the Autism-Asperger-Tourette's continuum, their situation has (torturously) unique features—e.g., the widespread conviction that ADHD is not a real mental illness. In addition to exercising—at a far higher level of difficulty—such familiar parental virtues as patience, constancy, and courage, ADHD parents must also learn to (prayerfully) "re-imagine" or "re-frame" their "scattered" children. The result of this achievement will be: 1) disengagement from cultural narratives of "success"; 2) becoming "human Steadicsms" as these "shape-shifters" struggle with identities; and 3) ceasing to "time" ADHDers according to standard accounts of personality development—using instead more authentically Christian chronographs of achievement and maturity.

Convener: Mary Jo Iozzio, Barry University

Linda Hogan, Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin  
Enda McDonagh, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth  
Stanley Hauerwas, The Divinity School, Duke University  
"The Case for the Abolition of War in the Twenty First Century"  
*Tuttle North*

This paper asks whether Christians have the resources and the commitment to make the theological-ethical case for the ending of war as an instrument of international and national policy in an authentically Christian, intellectually coherent and practically feasible way. Historical precedent for such shifts in mindsets and practices, as occurred with abolition of slavery, give grounds for hope as do the witness pacifists. This paper argues for a shift in the centre of gravity of theological debate by bringing these elements centre stage and by orienting our vision to the future to the continuing in-breaking of the Reign of God.

Convener: Christopher Vogt, St. John's University (NY)

Lewis S. Mudge, Graduate Theological Union  
"Practicing Parallel Hermeneutics: The Search for a Covenantal Humanism"  
*Tuttle South*

The notion of a global covenantal humanism that neither presupposes moral universals nor succumbs to seemingly unsurpassable pluralism may find support in a practice of "parallel hermeneutics." Such a practice among scripture interpreters of different faiths means preserving these faiths' identities while striving for mutual methodological transparency, open acknowledgment of difficulties, and shared responsibility for outcomes. Useful models for such a practice may be derived from the works of Farid Esack, Peter Ochs, and William Schweiker. Conceptual affinities between Esack's situationism, Ochs's "abductive reasoning", and Schweiker's "hermeneutical realism" helpfully link these models and illuminate their potential for an interreligious ethic.

Convener: Thomas Nairn, O.F.M., Catholic Theological Union

Panel: "Understanding Human Nature in Comparative Ethics: 'Western' and 'Chinese'"  
*Orchid C/D*

Panelists: Kang, Phe Seng, Hong Kong Baptist University  
Yang, Hui-Lin, Peking University, Beijing  
Bao, Limin, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou

In a series of dialogues between Western Christian and East Asian philosophers on business and economic ethics, as China prepared to join the WTO (for which neither Confucian nor Maoist thought seemed to prepare them), issues of the understanding of human nature emerged as a central question. Moreover, a growing sense of collegial fellowship emerged among the Chinese scholars, many of which wish to be in conversation with the SCE. In this session, three noted Chinese scholars will speak to the issues as they see them, and respond to questions and comments from those present.

Convener: Max L. Stackhouse, Princeton Theological Seminary
The Junior Faculty Network Working Group provides a forum for topics of special interest to junior/pre-tenure faculty. Themes will vary from year to year, but may include such topics as professional strategies, research interests, publishing (out of) the dissertation, and other topics of interest to junior faculty. This group will also provide a venue for networking and a platform from which inter-institutional collaboration might proceed. This year, discussion will center on approaches to the Introduction to Christian/Religious Ethics course. To focus discussion, we will have sample syllabi available ahead of time from four pedagogical contexts: seminary, large state school, private liberal arts school, and a religiously-affiliated school.

Convener: Kelly Brotzman, Boston College
Robert P. Jones, Southwest Missouri State University

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:30 Concurrent Session VII

Erik Owens, University of Chicago Divinity School
"Religious Freedom and Civic Education in American Public Schools: The Supreme Court's New Conception of Citizenship?"

This paper argues that recent U.S. Supreme Court cases that set the legal parameters for public funding of religious schools also contribute to a new understanding of citizenship that places religious freedom at its center. Although the opinions in three pivotal cases-Mitchell v. Helms (2000), Zelman v Simmons-Harris (2002), and Locke v. Davey (2004) -fail to employ a consistent constitutional justification for broadening the government's accommodation of religion, they nevertheless effectively increase citizens’ responsibility for protecting religious freedom. Educating citizens about the rights and responsibilities of religious freedom must therefore become a civic priority.

Convener: James R. Thobaben, Asbury Theological Seminary
Bridget Burke Ravizza, St. Norbert College
"Catholic Tradition and the Human Rights of Women"

Pope John Paul II has long championed human rights language and has condemned violence and discrimination against women. At the same time, the Pope and his representatives are often at odds with feminist groups seeking rights for women internationally. This paper analyzes the Vatican's criticism of the rights language used by certain feminist groups, examining when and why the Vatican is critical and whether the criticism is convincing and helpful. Overall, the paper argues that more can be done to counteract polarization and build consensus and to enable the Vatican to contribute with real moral force to the international conversation regarding women's human rights.

Convener: James T. Bretzke, S.J., University of San Francisco
Marcia Y. Riggs, Columbia Theological Seminary
"Ethics as Cross-Cultured Encounter: A Theory and Practice for People of Faith in the Twenty-First Century"

Twenty-first century Christians, evermore aware of the violence created by intraChristian theological diversity and interreligious pluralism, need to understand its sources more deeply. In this paper, I propose an emergent ethical theory and practice, religious ethical mediation, that helps people of faith (1) to understand current religion-culture-conflict dynamics and (2) to practice being faithful while transforming conflicts that emerge in the midst of theological diversity and religious pluralism. The theory and practice of religious ethical mediation proposes an ethics of cross-cultural encounter that enables the transformation of cultures of violence into cultures of moral courage.

Convener: Jack Hill, Texas Christian University
Robert Van der Waag, Duquesne University
"Hernando de Soto and Securing Property Rights: A Model to Advance Free Economies?"

In the encyclical letter *Centesimus Annus*, Pope John Paul II supported the advancement of free economies. Hernando de Soto, President of the Institute for Liberty and Democracy, argues that the inability of governments to protect property rights remains the primary roadblock toward the expansion of these kinds of economies in developing nations. This paper examines de Soto's strategy to protect property rights, explores whether his plan to secure these rights provides the means to sustain free economies in line with the principles set forth by Catholic social teaching, and considers whether de Soto's policy supports the Catholic Church's commitment to defend a preferential option for the poor.

Convener: Rick Axtell, Centre College

David VanDrunen, Westminster Seminary California
"The Use of Natural Law in Early Calvinist Resistance Theory"

Recent scholarly reexamination of Calvin and Calvinism has produced greater appreciation for their continuity on natural law. A related but unexplored question concerns the practical use of natural law among the sixteenth century Calvinist resistance theorists. Despite long-recognized differences among six key authors (three English Marian exiles, three Huguenots), they similarly coordinate natural law and biblical morality, appeal to non-Christian classical authors, identify natural law with the Decalogue and conscience, and analogize political life to various elements of the natural world. I conclude that their concrete use of natural law displays deep continuity with their Reformation-medieval predecessors and scholastic successors.

Convener: Timothy A. Beach-Verhey, Davidson College

Interest Group: Ethics and Catholic Theology
"Beyond the Subculture: Recent Changes in the American Catholic Church, and Their Impact on Catholic Moral Theology"
Panelists: David McCarthy, Mount St. Mary's University
Julie Rubio, Saint Louis University
Angela Senander, Washington Theological Union

Recent scholarship on changes in the American Catholic Church in the late twentieth century (e.g., Bill Portier, Peter Steinfels and Andrew Greeley) consistently acknowledges that the driving force behind much of this change is the dissolution of the "Catholic subculture." Our discussion will address two questions. First, how accurate is the "dissolution of the subculture" thesis in describing recent changes in the Church? Second, what impact does or should this thesis have on how Catholics do moral theology, particularly at institutions of higher education? Panelists will all address the subculture thesis as found in Portier's article, "Here Come the Evangelical Catholics," available at http://communio-icr.com/articles/PDF/portier31-1.pdf.

Convener: William Mattison III, Mount Saint Mary's University
John Berkman, Catholic University of America

Interest Group: Anglican Theological Ethics
"Beyond Kenneth Kirk's Thought"

David Smith will offer a short retrospective on the thought of Kenneth Kirk, stressing the great value of THE VISION OF GOD for contemporary work in Christian theological ethics. Kirk had distinctive views on the relationship between egoism and altruism, the role of worship in ethics, and the value of moral rules. We'll end up talking about those issues more than having a detailed or quasi-exegetical discussion of Kirk's work. An informal response will help get things started.

Convener: Stephen Holmgren, Diocese of Louisiana
Jeffrey Greenman, Tyndale Seminary
SJE Session: Orchid A
David Teutsch, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
"The Impact of Jewish Ethics on the Jewish Community: Issues of Methodology and Dissemination" (Discussion)

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Christian Ethics and the Professions  
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Environmental Ethics and Theology  
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Ethical Issues in Higher Education  
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Ethics and Catholic Theology  
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Ethics and Political Economy  
**Tuttle North**  
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