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Speaker: John Allen, *National Catholic Reporter*, Rome Bureau
"What Can We Expect from Pope Benedict XVI on Catholic Morality?"

John Allen is the *National Catholic Reporter* correspondent and CNN analyst who covers events at the Vatican. His insight is acclaimed by Catholics across the political spectrum. In his June 2004 Common Ground lecture at the Catholic University of America, well before the conclave of April 2005, Allen acknowledged that his 1999 book *Cardinal Ratzinger: The Vatican's Enforcer of the Faith* lacked balance in its portrayal of the life and career of the man who is now Pope Benedict XVI. He has described his recent book, *The Rise of Benedict XVI: The Inside Story of How the Pope Was Elected and Where He Will Take the Catholic Church* (Doubleday), as an attempt to more accurately characterize the new pope's thought and aims. In this session Allen will delineate key features of Pope Benedict XVI's worldview and prognosticate on what we might expect from his pontificate, with particular attention to moral theology.

Sponsored by the Ethics and Catholic Theology Interest Group, the International Speaker Fund, and the *New Wine, New Wineskins* symposium on Catholic moral theology.

Convener: William C. Mattison III, Mount St. Mary's University

8am-6:45pm Registration/Conference Desk Open*Regency AB***8:30am-8:15pm Exhibits Open***Regency AB***9:00-10:30 Concurrent Session I**

James T. Bretzke, S.J., University of San Francisco

*Phoenix East***"Killing or Letting Die? Interpreting Recent Catholic Magisterial Teaching on End-Of-Life Issues"**

"The Pope Has a Feeding Tube; Why Can't Terri?" placard highlighted the debate over "ordinary" and "extraordinary" means in end of life issues. This paper briefly reviews the Catholic tradition before turning to a careful reading of key documents by Pope John Paul II.

Attention is given to some differing positions within the official Magisterium itself, including the new head of the Congregation of the Faith, William Levada, different Bishops' Conferences, and some writings of Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), all of which show both a great range of nuance, as well as some critical internal tensions and inconsistencies.

Convener: Patricia Powers, Loyola University Chicago

Virginia W. Landgraf, American Theological Library Association, Chicago

*Remington AB***"Competing Narratives of Property Rights and Justice for the Poor: Towards a Non-Annihilationist Approach to Scarcity and Efficiency"**

Ulrich Duchrow and Franz Hinkelammert's arguments against neo-liberal economic globalization include a dismissal of their opponents' arguments structurally akin to the "tautological" "annihilation mentality" they criticize in John Locke. Juxtaposition of neo-liberal and socialist histories of property reveals that private property has increased overall living standards but allowed greater inequality. Neo-liberals and socialists see scarcity/fixedness and abundance/transformability in different areas (moral/technical, micro/macro). A more adequate theology acknowledges the ambivalence of apparent scarcity or abundance (from finitude/sin? God/pride?) and may declare "status confessionis" against idolatrous concepts of efficiency while allowing freedom in relative policy options.

Convener: George Frear Jr, St. Laurence University (Emeritus)

Charles R. Pinches, University of Scranton

*Phoenix West***"Stout, Hauerwas and the Story of America"**

While Jeffrey Stout and Stanley Hauerwas's argument over America helpfully opens questions regarding "tradition," both rush to identify America with "democracy," either pro or con. Wendell Berry suggests another path: American stories rising from land. Despite modern re-definitions, nation states remain identified with land. Land's meaning ties to memory, something Hauerwas has insightfully discussed, unfortunately confining it too narrowly to church, and raising Stout's justified suspicions. In fact, nations' memories are laced with incomplete theological notions (e.g., "sacrifice"), which they are tempted to complete on their own. Christians need to attend sympathetically and critically to these national memories; it is their patriotic duty.

Convener: Mark Ginter, St. Meinrad School of Theology

Jonathan Rothchild, Loyola Marymount University

*Curtis A***"Moral Consensus, The Rule of Law, and the Practice of Torture"**

The recent publication of *The Torture Papers: The Road to Abu Ghraib* raises critical moral and legal questions. There are three central sections of the paper: 1) an analysis of the *Papers'* memos and reports constituting the current administration's permissive framework for interrogation practices that circumvented Geneva's legally defined acts of torture; 2) an extended engagement with theological and legal interlocutors on the dimensions of torture and the rule of law; 3) a constructive proposal that advocates for the elimination of torture. I argue that the rule of law represents moral consensus and therefore disavows solely utilitarian justifications for torture.

Convener: Robert Van der Waag, Duquesne University

Todd Salzman, Creighton University

Russell

"New Natural Law Theory and Foundational Sexual Ethical Principles: A Critique and a Proposal"

The New Natural Law Theory (NNLT) argues against the morality of same sex-unions on the basis that homosexual acts are unnatural, unreasonable, and therefore immoral. In this paper, we explore and critique the foundational principles – biological and personal complementarity, their subcategories, and the interrelationship between them – that the NNLT uses to justify its claim, and propose alternative principles – orientation, personal, and genital-biological complementarity, with a distinct interrelationship – to argue that homosexual couples can engage in sexual acts that are natural, reasonable, and therefore moral. We believe that the NNLT's foundational principles reflect too narrow an understanding of the human person and human sexuality. Instead, we propose "holistic complementarity" as the fully human integration of orientation, personal, and genital-biological complementarity.

Convener: Kathryn M. Ott, Union Theological Seminary, NYC

Laura Stivers, Pfeiffer University

Curtis B

"A Sense of Place in a Globalized World: Holding Corporations Accountable to Particular Places"

This paper is an exploration of a progressive sense of place in light of the fast-pace world of economic globalization that has increased the meeting of different cultures and has displaced people from jobs and their homes. The paper will begin with a brief picture of displacement and the loss of place experienced by so many in this current era of global capitalism. The heart of the paper will focus on how to have a sense of place, both environmentally and socially, without romanticizing the notion of place and without justifying exclusion or oppression. The paper will conclude with an examination of communities putting a progressive sense of place into action by holding corporations accountable.

Convener: Jack Hill, Texas Christian University

D. M. Yeager, Georgetown University

Borein B

"Obligation, Fallibility, and Conscience"

The ELCA task force that submitted recommendations concerning policies governing church behavior toward same-sex couples has been criticized for relying on a faulty notion of conscience. To engage this criticism, I will first review the three facets of conscience (awareness of personal responsibility, the process of discernment that issues in convictions, and the event of acting in light of one's moral convictions); I will then explore five sources of erroneous conscience (limitation, rebellion, pride, sloth, and subversion) and inquire about appropriate responses to the conscientious judgments and acts of agents whose consciences are judged by others to be in error.

Convener: Mara Kelly-Zukowski, Felician College

Panel: "Justice In An Unjust World: The Conversation Continued"

Sundance

Panelists: Suzanne Holland, University of Puget Sound
Marta Vides, Ramapo College of New Jersey
Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University
Karen Lebacqz, Yale University

This panel honors the life work of Dr. Karen Lebacqz, former President of the SCE, and recently, Robert Gordon Sproul Professor of Theological Ethics, Pacific School of Religion. For Professor Lebacqz, the foundational question is: What does justice demand? Her work on questions of how justice is defined and realized in the world has framed the work of countless scholars on questions as diverse as social justice, feminist ethics, professional ethics, and bioethics. We, who are indebted to her work as foundational for our own, present this panel based on chapters from our forthcoming book *Justice in an Unjust World: The Conversation Continued*.

Moderator: Michael M Mendiola, Pacific School of Religion

Convener: Donna McKenzie, Fordham University

Interest Groups: Ethics and Sexuality, Gay and Lesbian Issues, and Families and the Social Order

Cowboy Artist's Room

We will hold a joint conversation on normative popular and theological visions of sex, gender, and marriage. James Childs, who was until September 2005 the Director for ELCA Studies on Sexuality, will briefly discuss the concerns and trends that surfaced nationwide in congregational and synodical discussions about possible ordination of partnered gay and lesbian candidates. Catherine Griffith will provide a short analysis of the social and theological roots of recent versions of the norm of gender complementarity in marriage. Marvin Ellison will respond and open discussion. We will close with a short discussion of possible future directions for the interest groups.

Conveners: William McDonough, College of St. Catherine (Gay and Lesbian Issues)
Cristina Traina, Northwestern University (Ethics and Sexuality)
Julie Hanlon Rubio, St. Louis University (Families and the Social Order)
Florence Caffrey Bourg, Academy of the Sacred Heart (Families and the Social Order)

SJE Session:

Gilbert

Jonathan Schofer, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin

"Part Animal, Part Angel: Embodiment and Classical Rabbinic Ethical Instruction"

This paper examines the significance of the body's physicality in classical rabbinic ethics and self-cultivation. I focus on the processes of consumption, excretion, and death, showing a wide range of ways that these functions are symbolized and given pedagogical significance. I argue that the most effective way to frame this material is through the rabbinic dualism of the person being part beastly and part angelic. The paper concludes with more general reflections concerning dualities in rabbinic thought, their relation to embodiment, and their importance for comparative as well as normative ethical inquiry.

SCE Respondent: Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia
Convener: Toby Schonfeld, University of Nebraska Medical Center

10:30-11:00 Break

Regency AB

11:00-12:30 Concurrent Session II

David M. Craig, Indiana University, Purdue University, Indianapolis

Phoenix East

"Desiring Change and Changing Desire: From Civil Rights to Same-sex Marriage"

Refusing to answer the question "What makes for good desire?" weakens liberal arguments today and misunderstands the history of democratic discourse. This paper presents the Civil Rights Movement as only partly about individual rights. Through public rites and liturgies, this Movement affirmed new ideals and structures of good desire. Similarly, proponents of same-sex marriage should replace their narrow definitions of marriage as "mutual consent" and affirm religious conceptions of marriage as a normative institution that forms participants. Democratic change requires justifications of new models of good desire, and religious reasons have a critical role to play.

Convener: Timothy O'Connell, Loyola University Chicago

Grace Y. Kao, Virginia Tech

Sundance

"'One Nation under God' or Taking the Lord's Name in Vain? Christian Reflections on the Pledge of Allegiance"

Are teacher-led recitations of The Pledge of Allegiance in public schools appropriate or even constitutional? This paper examines the arguments of the litigants in *Elk Grove v. Newdow* (2004), the three Supreme Court Justices who delivered opinions on the Pledge's constitutionality, and selected *amicus* briefs by Christian organizations or scholars of religion. It discusses the enduring strength but growing uncertainty of a coherent "civil religion" in America, disputes claims that the Pledge is either (merely) "ceremonial desim" or not "really religious," and concludes that the Pledge's current text is bad for both religious freedom and Christianity in the U.S.

Convener: Erik Owens, The Center on Religion and Democracy, University of Virginia

Ann Mongoven, Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health

Borein A

"Birth and Death as Moment or Process: Ethical Implications in Comparative Perspective (U.S.-Japan)"

This paper both explains and challenges caricatures that claim Western scientific culture tends to view birth and death as moments, whereas Japanese religious culture tends to view them as processes. The paper considers abortion and organ donation/transplantation as reciprocal birth/death issues, in comparative Japanese-American perspective, arguing that: both "moment" and "process" views are religious views; that both exist in tension in both cultural contexts; and that nonetheless different weightings influence culturally specific discourses.

Convener: Lawrence Stratton, Princeton Theological Seminary

Geoffrey Rees, University of Chicago

Phoenix West

"Original Sin in the Original Position: A Kierkegaardian Reading of Rawls's *A Theory of Justice*"

This paper uses Kierkegaard's *The Concept of Anxiety* to reinterpret the original position in Rawls's *A Theory of Justice*. Kierkegaard describes original sin in terms of anxiety that arises from the innocence that is ignorance in the original position of Adam and Eve. Where anxiety arises, sin follows. Where sin arises, the need for justice follows. Reading Rawls through Kierkegaard will show that the original position is theologically significant, because it identifies every individual with the fact of original sin. Rawls's theory consequently offers insight into the centrality of theological imagination of original sin to liberal theory of justice

Convener: John P. Crossley, University of Southern California

Ruth L. Smith, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Curtis A

"Differential Criteria and the Grammar of Sacrifice"

Current queries interrupt notions of sacrifice prevalent in modernisms of R. Niebuhr, Weber, and Burkert, whose criteria of sacrifice (Wittgenstein's features by which we say how we identify something) point to a moral-societal-religious grammar. The grammatical sense shifts differentially in criteria of sacrifice across contemporary discussions: Daly, Noddings, Fenn, Townes, T. West, and in current public questioning of military service. This indicates not only a surplus of routes regarding an imputedly scarce good but also changing moral-societal-religious configurations.

Convener: Philip Muntzel, King's College

Ted A. Smith, Vanderbilt University

Curtis B

"The Price of Respectable Equality: The Lynching at Oberlin and the Lived Religion of an Actually-Existing Democracy"

Debates about religion and democracy too often slip into abstraction. In his paper I give a thick description of the relationships between revival governments and the nation's first interracial and coeducational classrooms. Oberlin's lived religion of universal equality not only integrated education but also marked merchant-class respectability – and so legitimated inequality. Oberlin students and faculty resolved these tensions through mob violence. Remembering that violence blocks attempts to locate Oberlin in a narrative of progress or democratic tradition. But remembered eschatologically (Adorno, Benjamin), the broken promise of respectable equality hopes for a truly universal community and gives resources for piecemeal reform.

Convener: Christian Scharen, Yale Center for Faith and Culture, Yale Divinity School

Keith Soko, St. Ambrose University

Russell

"Interdependence and the Common Good: Buddhist and Catholic Contributions Toward Eco-Justice"

Current human rights abuses and environmental devastation necessitate more than ever the involvement of religious traditions in social justice policy formation. Corresponding to human rights is the ecological duty to other species and the environment. The Buddhist concepts of anatta (nonself) and paticca-samuppada (interdependence) and the Catholic concepts of stewardship and the common good are important correlates to each other and important components in eco-justice advocacy. In addition, as Paul Knitter has pointed out, love of neighbor involves dialogue with one's neighbor. This paper will also emphasize that the Catholic Church cannot afford to retreat from social justice concerns and interreligious dialogue.

Convener: James T. Bretzke, S.J., University of San Francisco

Panel: "When God's People Have HIV/Aids: Ethical Approaches"

Cowboy Artist's Room

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

"HIV/AIDS, Children and the Common Good"

Maria Cimperman, Oblate School of Theology

"HIV/AIDS, Relationality, Gender Inequality, and Poverty"

Darryl M. Trimiew, Medgar Evers College

"HIV/AIDS, Prevention Education and African Americans"

Mary Jo Iozzio, Barry University

"HIV/AIDS and Disregard for People with Disabilities and Elderly"

Donald Messer, Iliff School of Theology

"HIV/AIDS and the Silence of the Churches and Academy"

With well over 40 million persons worldwide infected by HIV/AIDS and millions more affected, vocal and engaging responses from our academies, churches, and communities are as necessary as ever. This panel provides one avenue for a sustained commitment to the relief of suffering created by the pandemic. Panelists will examine the ethical issues crucial to addressing HIV/AIDS from the following perspectives: children and the common good; relationality, gender inequality and poverty; prevention education and African Americans; the disregard for people with disabilities and the elderly; and the silence of the churches and academy.

Convener: William O'Neill,

Interest Group: Restorative Justice

Remington AB

"Confronting the Truth of Native American Experience: Restorative Justice, Truth Commissions and Cultural Conflict in an American Context"

A panel including Waziyatawin Angela Wilson, a Wahpetunwan Dakota from the Upper Sioux reservation in southwestern Minnesota, currently assistant professor of Indigenous history at Arizona State University, and a leader in conversations on how scholarship might play a role in recovering Native American culture, Gabrielle Tateyuskaskan, a poet, speaker and educator from Enemy Swim on the Sisseton-Wahpeton Reservation in South Dakota, and Edward Valandra, a Sicangu Lakota, currently assistant professor in the Native American Studies Department, University of California at Davis, will offer observations on the experience of the Indigenous Peoples of North America, especially, that of the Dakota Oyate, in the United States, for the purpose of asking whether, and how, a South African style Truth and Reconciliation Commission, or other collective acts of remembrance, might be initiated, and how the scholarly activity of members of the Society might be undertaken in support of such acts.

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

Donald W. Shriver, Jr., Union Theological Seminary (New York City)

Interest Group: Christian Ethics and the Enlightenment

Remington C

The Christian Ethics and Enlightenment Interest Group will discuss the implications for Christian ethics of Susan Neiman's *Evil in Modern Thought*. Neiman claims that it is not epistemology and the issues that accompany it but rather "the problem of evil" that "is the guiding force of modern thought." She also claims that the problem of evil is the point at which "ethics and metaphysics, epistemology and aesthetics meet, collide and throw up their hands." Neiman's book forces us to reassess much of what we think modern ethics is about and how and where it relates to and conflicts with Christian ethics. Philip Rossi, S.J., of Marquette University will lead us in a discussion of this provocative book. Those who are interested in reading in advance the paper on which Prof. Rossi's remarks will be based are encouraged to obtain a copy from him at philip.rossi@marquette.edu.

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

SJE Session: TBA

Gilbert

12:45-1:45 JRE Editorial Board

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Sohail Hashmi, Mount Holyoke College

"Cultivating a Liberal Islamic Ethos, Building an Islamic Civil Society"

SCE Respondent: John Kelsay, Florida State University

SJE Respondent: Dov Nelkin, Solomon Schechter High School, New York

Muslim states have been characterized as suffering from a "democratic deficit." A wide ranging debate has been taking place for many years on whether Islam is somehow to blame for the troubled history of liberal democracy in the Muslim world. This paper argues that if liberal democratic polities are to develop in Muslim countries, then nurturing civil society is a necessary first step. How can Islamic ethics help or hinder this process?

Convener: Jean Porter, University of Notre Dame

3:30-4:00 Break

Regency AB

4:00-5:30 Concurrent Session III

Kathryn D'Arcy Blanchard, Duke University

Curtis B

"The Gift of Contraception: Calvin, Barth, and a Lost Protestant Conversation"

While the debate over contraception remains alive in some Roman Catholic circles, most Protestants have long assumed it to be a non-issue. This has not always been the case; it was only in the 1930s that Protestant churches began to allow birth control for married couples. The forgotten conversation among Protestants represents a loss to contemporary Christian theology and ethics, in which the temptation to take certain freedoms for granted is great. Tracing the contraception debate as it evolved in the Reformed tradition allows for a deeper understanding of the distinctive shape of Christian freedom.

Convener: Christopher C. Roberts, Villanova University

Lois Malcolm, Luther Seminary

Russell C

"Theonomy and Democracy: A Case for Christian Humanism Reconsidered"

Beyond the contrast between secular and religious worldviews, some of the deepest conflicts in American life are intra-religious. Yet, these conflicts cannot be divorced from broader cultural, political, and economic patterns identified with liberal democracies and global capitalism. In a critical conversation with Stanley Hauerwas and Jeffrey Stout, I reconsider Paul Tillich's case for Christian humanism, focusing on his concept of theonomy (a biblical understanding of the "Kairos" that brings judgment, forgiveness, and healing to societies). I argue for the contemporary relevance of Tillich's nuanced distinctions for discerning and enacting theonomous power – and for criticizing its "demonizing" and "profaning" distortions.

Convener: Paul A. Lewis, Mercer University

Stephen Martin, Seton Hall University

Remington B

"Toward a New Macroeconomic Paradigm: Lonergan's Economics as Return to Normative Theory"

Paul Samuelson stated that, "in economics, it takes a theory to kill a theory; facts can only dent a theoretician's hide." While neoclassical, "value-free," economics has been criticized very credibly from many quarters, no equally credible alternative macroeconomics has emerged to take its place. My thesis is that Bernard Lonergan's recently published economic manuscripts (1930-1944/1999) can assist economists, ethicists, and political/liberation theology in two ways: by 1) providing a scientifically normative macroeconomic theory to guide individual and group decision-making; and 2) incorporating an economic agency, that in contrast to neoclassical economic anthropology, recognizes our ability to make normative economic decisions.

Convener: Ronald A. Mercier, S.J., Regis College, University of Toronto

Elizabeth Kultgen Nash, Graduate Theological Union

Curtis A

"Justice that Cares: A Care Ethic for People and the Land"

This paper demonstrates the connection between an ethic of human care, land care, and economic justice. Joan Tronto's version of the care ethic is broadened to include farmland as well as people using a case study involving urban sprawl in the San Joaquin Valley of California. Concepts of economic justice from the work of Walter Rauschenbusch, Reinhold Niebuhr, and the U.S. Catholic Bishops are used to ground the care ethic in well-known historic justice writing. The conclusions list moral criteria applied to the case study addressing the availability of affordable housing, land care, and the quality of community life.

Convener: Michael S. Hogue, University of Chicago Divinity School

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

Phoenix West

"Infused Virtue and Acquired Vice: Thomas Aquinas on the Infused Cardinal Virtues and the Effects of Acquired Vice"

Studies of Aquinas' virtue ethics often overlook his assertion that God infuses into the soul virtues analogous to the acquired cardinal virtues. This paper will note the biblical warrant for such a teaching and consider its contemporary relevance for moral theology. Particular attention will be given to how this doctrine can help us understand the action of grace in the lives of those who struggle with addictions and disordered inclinations. It will suggest how Aquinas' teaching points to the centrality of loving trust (living faith) in the moral life and offers hope to the weary.

Convener: Marianne Farina, C.S.C., Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley

Glen H. Stassen, Fuller Theological Seminary

Phoenix East

"Michael Walzer's Thick Contribution as Dialogue Partner for Christian Ethics"

Our high respect for Michael Walzer's philosophy has not yet mined its great promise for Christian ethics. He combines a thick, particularist community-faith ethic with a thin, transcultural Noachic ethic. He develops a method of intracultural and transcultural validation within postmodern context. His advocacy of democratic participation, pluralism, anti-domination, and realism in defining justice, within both Puritan and Jewish democratic traditions, broadens and deepens Cornel West and Jeffrey Stout's advocacy of democratic tradition. His interpretation of shared understandings of justice identifies societally specific, public content for covenant ethics. I propose a shared writing project on Walzer's promise for our ethics.

Convener: Robin J. Steinke, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg

Stephen A. Wilson, Hood College

Russell B

"Enlightenment, Evangelicalism, and Esperanto: Globalization Discourse in Leibniz's and Legge's Writings on China"

This paper seeks to reconstruct the way two Christian thinkers negotiated historical contexts influential for the contemporary discourse of globalization. Amid some hallmark foibles of Enlightenment orientalism, G. W. Leibniz promoted social virtues he took to be distinctively Chinese and advocated international cosmopolitanism through cross-cultural exchange.

While forwarding the rapid expansion of nineteenth-century Anglo-America's evangelical missions, pioneer sinologist James Legge gave Christian and Chinese virtues comparable stature within a broader moral Esperanto. Without holding up either model for unqualified emulation, their reconstruction helps to isolate the contemporary problems and prospects of cross-cultural adjudicative frameworks vis-à-vis religion and globalization.

Convener: Mark Allman, Mount Union College

Interest Group: Ethics and Catholic Theology Group
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Interest Group: Liturgy and Ethics

Borein A

"(De)forming the Body of Christ? Megachurch Worship and the Shape of Christian Living"

In 2006, the Liturgy and Ethics Interest Group will explore how contemporary megachurch worship practices form Christian persons and communities. Related questions are: Is the ordo necessarily salutary and the performance style of the megachurch deforming? Does megachurch worship reinforce dominant culture while the more traditional ordo resist dominant culture? Alternatively, does megachurch worship offer a critique of "traditional" liturgical norms? The panel will feature Christian Scharen discussing African-American megachurches in Atlanta, as well as David Cunningham, Mark Theissen Nation, and Aaron James. We are exploring attending Sunday morning worship at a Phoenix-area megachurch. (for example see: www.radiantchurch.com)

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

Working Group: Jewish – Christian – Islamic Ethics

*Russell A*Panelists: Jonathan Brockopp, Penn State
Irene Oh, University of Miami

This year's session will feature a panel of scholars who will respond to Sohail Hashmi's plenary session lecture. Each panelist will speak for approximately 5-10 minutes, after which there will be time for open discussion.

Convener: John Kelsay, Florida State University

SJE Session:

Gilbert

Jonathan Crane, University of Toronto

"Why Rights? Why Me?"

Even though Jews throughout the 20th Century contributed to human rights discourse, there was no single reason why they felt it appropriate that Jews can and should participate in these conversations in the first place. The broad range of reasons reflects tensions between the Judaic obligation-centered ordering of society and the more dominant rights-centered method on the one hand; and, on the other, the burning question of what it means to be Jewish and modern, as they depict Jewish self-perceptions as religious people, citizens and human beings. Ultimately, these rationalizations illustrate competing claims on modern Jewish identity and behavior.

SCE Respondent: William O'Neill, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley

Convener: David Teutsch, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College

5:45-6:45**SCE Presidential Address***Regency CD***6:45-8:15****SCE Presidential Reception***Regency AB, Foyer***7:00-9:00****Kabbalat Shabbat Services and Shabbat Dinner**
(pre-registration required for dinner)*Suite 312***8:00-9:30pm****Interest Groups**

Interest Group: Junior Faculty Network

Remington A

The Junior Faculty Network Working Group provides a forum for topics of special interest to junior/pre-tenure faculty and a platform for networking and inter-institutional collaboration. This year's topic, "The Fragmentation of Christian Ethics," emerged from our discussion of course syllabi at the 2005 meeting. We will discuss short, invited papers (distributed electronically in advance).

Convener:

Interest Group: Ethics and Political Economy

Gilbert

"Show Me the Migrant: Migration & Globalization in the Euro-Mediterranean and US/Mexico Border Regions"

The Ethics and Political Economy Interest Group welcomes Professor Kristin Koptiuch of Arizona State University who will provide for our reflection a comparative look at pertinent migration themes, concerns, challenges that echo across both the Euro-Mediterranean and U.S/Mexico border regions. In each, extension of regional integration and liberalization policies (with continued exclusion of provision for human migration), expanding globalization of the migratory system, deepening transnational linkages between migrant sending/receiving countries, intensification of human trafficking and efforts to "manage" migration, are all issues whose comparison could generate fresh perspectives and deeper comprehension of the patterns, processes, and ethics of immigration/globalization.

Conveners: James Bailey, Duquesne University

Douglas Hicks, University of Richmond

Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University

Interest Group: Comparative Religious Ethics*Remington B*

Frederick Bird, Bruce Grelle, June O'Connor, and Sumner Twiss will discuss their contributions to a project on "Globalization, Religion, and the Pursuit of Global Ethics." Questions addressed include: In what ways does "globalization" affect how we think about ethics? How have religions acted as resources and/or obstacles in the pursuit of global ethics? How is the current pursuit of "global ethics" different from the traditional search for moral universals? In what ways does globalization raise new ethical questions about efforts to evangelize and proselytize? In addition, Beth Davies will discuss her project, "Towards a *jus in bello* of Guerrilla Warfare."

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

Interest Group: Evangelical Ethics*Remington C*

This year's interest group session will include a presentation by one of the authors, an SCE member, of the recently published book, *Toward an Evangelical Public Policy*. Our conversation will include additional positions about the contested place and presence of evangelicals in the public square given the varieties of evangelical traditions and their particular socio-historical locations and theological and moral commitments.

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

Interest Group: Church and Academy*Russell A*

The Church and Academy Interest Group will this year focus on the topic of promoting moral discourse in denominational and congregational life. The Group will take as a test case the recent Resolution on Divestment from companies doing business with Israel adopted by the Presbyterian Church USA. Possible topics for discussion will include the cogency of the resolution, what denominational leaders need to learn from ethicists about crafting resolutions, what academics need to take into account in crafting such resolutions, and ideas for implementing productive discussion of resolutions in congregational life.

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

Interest Group: Health Care Ethics*Russell B*

Amy Laura Hall, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Theological Ethics at Duke University Divinity School, will lead a discussion on "Defining the Human in Bioethics." As scientists craft "humanzees" and pregnancystore.com offers fetal sex-tests, some critics of biotechnology seek to define the markers of humanness. These critics draw upon a common, moral sense about the borders of *the human* and a common, moral sense that there is a more natural prior in *human history*. After discussing the work of three such critics – McKibben, Fukuyama, and Kass – Professor Hall will outline three possible problems with such an approach.

Conveners: Jan C. Heller, Providence Health System, Seattle
John F. Kilner, Trinity International University

Interest Group: Covenantal Ethics*Russell C*

The Covenantal Ethics Interest Group will continue its discussions of biblical, historical, theological, ethical, and social dimensions of the covenantal theme. We continue to be concerned with the fruitfulness of the covenantal theme for social ethics and the ways in which an ethical stance which takes covenant seriously may differ from some other prominent contemporary stances.

Drawing on his work for a book tentatively entitled, *Biblical Foundations for Christian Social Teaching*, Thomas W. Ogletree will question whether covenant is a particularly strong theme in the New Testament and then also ask what this may mean for our understanding of Reformed and Puritan attempts to incorporate covenant language in a Christian frame of reference.

Conveners: Douglas J. Schuurman, St. Olaf College
Douglas F. Ottati, Union-PSCE Theological Seminary

Interest Group: Pedagogy*Borein A*

The Pedagogy Interest Group addresses the teaching of ethics at both the practical and theoretical levels – always with the aim of sharing ideas that can help SCE members be more effective and engaging teachers. This year's session is a workshop on critical thinking and social analysis. An invited guest, the coordinators and members of the interest group will describe and demonstrate a variety of classroom activities for encouraging students to ask critical questions and engage in social analysis. Attendees can expect to leave the session with some new ideas to work into their courses during the coming term.

Conveners: C. Melissa Snarr, Vanderbilt University Divinity School
Brian Stiltner, Sacred Heart University

Interest Group: Scripture and Ethics*Curtis B*

The focus of our discussion will be the continuing role of the Decalogue in Christian ethics. Members are asked to read (at least) the contributions of Gilbert Meilaender and William Cavanaugh to the recent Eerdmans' volume *I am the Lord Your God*. It is hoped and expected that both of them will be able to join us and launch our conversation.

Conveners: Sondra Wheeler, Wesley Theological Seminary
Brent Laytham, North Park Theological Seminary

Interest Group: African-American Approaches to Christian Ethics*Borein B*

In the interest of supporting the work of African and African American Christian ethics in society and the particular work of these ethicists in the guild, for the 2006 Annual meeting, we will nurture junior scholars and engage more senior scholars as well in the capacity of active mentoring and advising, by focusing on a panel comprised of ABD candidates and recent graduates with their terminal degree. We are inviting: Melanie Harris (Texas Christian), Cari Jackson (Drew), and Babydoll Kennedy (Union).

Conveners: Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University Divinity School
Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Texas Christian University, Brite Divinity School
Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University
Scott C. Williamson, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

- Ogletree, Tom, *The World Calling: The Church's Witness in Politics and Society* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2004)
Facilitator: David Haddorff, St. John's University, NY
- Owens, Erik, John D. Carlson, Eric P. Elshahn, *Religion and the Death Penalty: A Call for Reckoning* (Eerdmans, 2004)
Facilitator: Robin Lovin, Southern Methodist University
- Peters, Rebecca Todd, *In Search of the Good Life: The Ethics of Globalization* (Continuum, 2004)
Facilitator: Judith Merkle, Niagara University
- Rossi, Philip, *The Social Authority of Reason: Kant's Critique, Radical Evil and the Destiny of Humankind* (State University of New York Press, 2005)
Facilitator: Stephen L. Martin, Seton Hall University
- Scharen, Christian, *Public Worship and Public Work: Culture and Commitment in Local Congregational Life* (The Liturgical Press, 2004)
Facilitator: Michael Cartwright, University of Indianapolis
- Schweiker, William, *Theological Ethics and Global Dynamics: In the Time of Many Worlds* (Oxford Blackwell Publishing, 2005)
Facilitator: Edward LeRoy Long, Jr., Drew University
- Sherwin, Michael, O.P., *By Knowledge and By Love: Charity and Knowledge in the Moral Theology of St. Thomas Aquinas* (Catholic University Press, 2005)
Facilitator: William McDonough, College of St. Catherine
- Shriver, Donald W. Jr., *Honest Patriots: Loving a Country Enough to Remember its Misdeeds* (Oxford University Press, 2005)
Facilitator: Glen H. Stassen, Fuller Theological Seminary
- Skillen, James W., *With or Against the World? America's Role Among the Nations* (Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2005)
Facilitator: John Shelley, Furman University
- Vogt, Chris, *Patience, Compassion, Hope and the Christian Art of Dying Well* (Sheed and Ward, 2004)
Facilitator: Brian Berry, College of Notre Dame of Maryland
- Wellman, David J., *Sustainable Diplomacy: Ecology, Religion and Ethics in Muslim-Christian Relations* (Palgrave/St. Martins Press, 2004)
Facilitator: Bernard Adeney-Risakotta, Duta Wacana University, Indonesia
- Yarri, Donna, *The Ethics of Animal Experimentation: A Critical Analysis and Constructive Christian Proposal* (Oxford University Press, 2005)
Facilitator: Grace Kao, Virginia Tech

7:15-8:45 SJE Breakfast with an Author *Suite 324*
Buffet opens at 7:15; Discussion 7:45-8:45
 (Pre-registration is required.)

Flescher, Andrew, *Heroes, Saints, and Ordinary Morality* (Georgetown University Press, 2003)

Schofer, Jonathan, *The Making of a Sage: A Study in Rabbinic Ethics* (University of Wisconsin Press, 2005).

Teutsch, David, *Spiritual Community: The Power to Restore Hope, Commitment and Joy* (Jewish Lights, August 2005) *A Guide to Jewish Practice: Bioethics* (RRC Press, May, 2005) *A Guide to Jewish Practice: Tsedaka* (RRC Press, anticipated Dec. 2005)

8:30am-5:30pm Exhibits Open *Regency AB*
8:30am-6:00pm Registration/Conference Desk Open

9:00-10:30 Concurrent Session IV

Per Anderson, Concordia College, MN *Curtis B*
 "Transgenic Agriculture and Christian Responsibility: A Framework for Global Ethics"

Planetary life has entered the first phase of a new global agriculture through the mass production and consumption of genetically modified crops and foods. For several reasons, especially the expected expansion of transgenic farming despite forces of resistance and control, all people face an interlocking cluster of new normative questions. Building upon the moral and social theory of William Schweiker and Seyla Benhabib, this essay proposes an evaluative framework for transgenic agriculture with five principles: precaution, participation, solidarity, sufficiency, and sustainability. It seeks to advance integrated moral discernment across the complex contexts in which humans dwell today, including an emerging global civil society.

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

Elizabeth M. Bucar, University of Chicago *Phoenix East*
 "Rhetoric as a Method for Comparative Religious Ethics: The Case of Women in the Discourse of Pope John Paul II and Ayatollah Khomeini"

One challenge for the ethicist interested in multi-tradition work is how to develop a method that contributes to analysis at intra- and inter-tradition levels. In this paper, I propose a distinct approach to ethics—comparative rhetoric—that attempts to work at these two levels. Drawing on Aristotle's classification of rhetoric, I demonstrate how epideictic rhetoric is a fruitful category for religious ethical analysis, and has particular utility for comparative work. I then apply my method of rhetorical analysis to Pope John Paul II's and Ayatollah Khomeini's teachings on women in order to describe their respective processes of persuasive argumentation.

Convener: Elisabeth Brinkmann, RSCJ, College of New Rochelle

David P. Gushee, Union University

Curtis A

Justin Phillips, Union University

"Moral Formation and the Evangelical Voter: A Report from the Red States"

This paper analyzes the results of the 2004 presidential election, considering what is known about the voting patterns of evangelicals. The finding that "moral issues" played a large part in motivating many such voters leads into an analysis of the moral vision that animates conservative evangelical political activist groups such as Focus on the Family. A third section considers alternative evangelical political/ethical stances being articulated by the evangelical left (Wallis) and center (National Association of Evangelicals). A final section moves to the normative level, briefly suggesting the contours of an evangelical political ethic and how to broaden its appeal among the increasingly influential US evangelical population.

Convener: G. Clarke Chapman, Moravian College

Michael S. Hogue, University of Chicago Divinity School

Borein B

"Christian Ethics and Technological Culture: Towards an Integrative Theological Moral Anthropology"

This paper develops a theological moral anthropology for our contemporary technological ethos through a comparative-critique of the ethics of technology offered by philosophers Hans Jonas and Albert Borgman. First summarizing Jonas's incisive construal of the problem of technology, I then defend the comparative strength of Borgman's ethics of technology. I argue that Borgman's concern for "focal things and practices" yields a constructive emphasis on individual actors and local communities as the prophetic loci of cultural transformation. My conclusion integrates select insights of each thinker in order to articulate an anthropological framework for contemporary Christian ethics in our technological culture.

Convener: Jeffrey P. Greenman, Wheaton College

Thomas A. Lewis, Harvard University

Borein A

"Cultivating Our Intuitions: Hegel on Religion, Politics, and Public Discourse"

Hegel's largely untranslated *Vorlesungen über Rechtsphilosophie* assign religion a vital role in shaping basic intuitions about justice and society. This role in cultivating intuitions gives society reason to be highly attentive to the political attitudes instilled by religious traditions. At the same time, since these intuitions can be questioned and revised, religion need not be a conversation stopper. Hegel thus connects religion to politics in a way that accounts for religion's political significance without conceiving it as immune to challenge. He brings religious claims into public discourse and contributes significantly to contemporary discussions of religion and democracy.

Convener: Lewis Mudge, SFTS/GTU

William O'Neill, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley

Russell

"Rights of Passage? Refugees and the Ethics of Displacement"

Contemporary humanitarian crises underscore what Hannah Arendt called the "perplexities" of human rights. For the very category "refugee rights" attests the *failure* of the global rights regime. Indeed, the "abstract nakedness of being nothing but human" does not so much ground rights as signify their loss. Responding to Arendt's perplexities, I offer a reconstructive, communitarian interpretation of refugee rights as the narrative grammar of "belonging." Rights' discourse, I argue, presumes the communicative virtues of respect *and* recognition of the "concrete other." I conclude by showing how Biblical narrative "re-inscribes" stateless persons/strangers precisely as neighbor (Lev. 19:18, 33-34) in "anamnestic solidarity."

Convener: Stewart Herman, Concordia College-Moorhead, MN

Christopher C. Roberts, Villanova University

Cowboy Artist's Room

"The Significance of Sexual Difference in Martin Luther's Moral Theology"

Debates about homosexuality raise the question of what might be theologically interesting about the biological difference between the sexes. Luther's theology of marriage and celibacy is helpful for considering this question. For Luther, it is in and through our bodies, and thus as male and female, that human beings manifest their fellowship with God and one another in the church. Adam, Eve, and Noah provide prototypical examples. These arguments are particularly clear in his commentary on Genesis, composed in the late 1530's. In Luther's terms, marriage presupposes a certain theological anthropology, and cannot be simply a gender-neutral covenant.

Convener: James Calvin Davis, Middlebury College

Interest Groups: Christian Ethics and Higher Education and Christian Ethics and the Professions

Remington A

"Maintaining Religious Identity and Mission in Higher Education: The Transformation of the De La Salle Christian Brothers from a Religious Institute into the Lasallian Education Movement"

The creation of an intentional lay community, a "thick" Catholic culture, and a core curriculum based on the Catholic intellectual tradition are necessary for continuity of identity and mission. Thus, the college or university should draw on the spiritual heritage of the founding religious order and the historic mission of that group. Development of a core curriculum based on the Catholic intellectual tradition will maintain the institution's distinctiveness.

Conveners: John R. Wilcox, Manhattan College

Daniel B. McGee, Baylor University

Working Group: African and African-American

Remington B

The purpose of this working group is to: support African and African American Christian ethicists' [their] work; recruit future Ph.D. students; foster development of these Ph.D. ethics students. This group will: (1) support their professional development, research, and publications, and convene sessions and interest group discussions at the Annual meeting relating their approaches to ethics; (2) seek ways to nurture, cultivate, and mentor black Ph. D. students towards successful degree completion and job placement. The 2005 working document sent to the Board of the SCE will be reviewed and work on the working group's strategic plan will continue.

Conveners: Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University Divinity School

Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Texas Christian University, Brite Divinity School

Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University

Scott C. Williamson, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

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

11:00-12:30 **Optional Shabbat Service** *Cassidy*

11:00-12:30 **SCE Annual Business Meeting** *Regency CD*

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

12:30-2:00 **Women's Caucus** *Sundance*

"Enabling a 'Family-Friendly' Department: Best Institutional Practices for Hiring and Retention"

12:30-2:00 **Shabbat Lunch (pre-registration required)** *Suite 324*

2:00-3:30 Plenary

Regency CD

"Building the SCE Field of Dreams for Ethicists of Color"

Panelists: Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University
Gabriel Salguero, Union Theological Seminary
Darryl Trimiew, Medgar Evers College

In the 1989 movie "Field of Dreams," Kevin Costner plays an Iowa corn farmer who hears voices commanding him to construct a baseball field. He is repeatedly told "If you build they will come." After building the field the Chicago Black Sox mysteriously show up for a game. Will Hollywood magic work for the SCE? If we build a field for ethicists of color to play in, will they too just show up? There are reasons why with the passing of each year, the ranks of ethicists of color diminishes. If this rate continue, we may need to consider a name change to the SWCE (Society of White Christian Ethics). This plenary session will not mince words. We will discuss why few ethicists of color attend the SCE and what we can constructively do to become truly inclusive.

Respondent: Miguel De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology

3:30-4:00 Break

Regency AB

4:00-5:30 Concurrent Session V

Laurie Cassidy, Trinity College

Curtis B

"The Moral Dilemmas in Regarding the Pain of Others"

This paper addresses regarding the pain of others as the nexus of ethical issues arising from how images represent suffering "others" and how these images inform collective response to human anguish. The paper interrogates this intersection through the lens of Christian ethics' root metaphor of *imago Dei*. First, drawing on visual studies the paper analyzes the connection between photos and the politics of representation which challenges any literal reading of photography. Second, the paper argues that the photo is an invitation for the viewer to become an agent whose morality is realized in the sociality of *imago Dei* in suffering.

Convener: Frida Kerner Furman, DePaul University

Amy Laura Hall, Duke University Divinity School

Borein A

"The Atomic Age and the Genomic Revolution: Rhetorics of Biotechnological Hope"

The HGP began as an effort to map normality, to compare mutations caused by radiation. The link from atomics to genomics is also thematic. "The Obedient Atom" was "Our Friend the Atom," bringing "a world in which there is no disease . . . where hunger is unknown . . . where food never rots and crops never spoil . . ." (*National Geographic*, Walt Disney, and *Ladies' Home Journal*). To look backward at weaponry was to *look backward* – to appear against progress. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory now markets "It's in the Genes" Jeans and "archetypal double-helix" jewelry, badges of the "Genomic Revolution." To look backward is to appear not only pessimistic, but atavistic.

Convener: David Gushee, Union University

Robert P. Jones, Center for American Values in Public Life, People for the American Way Foundation,
Washington, DC *Remington BC*

"From Choice to Equality: Moral Values and the promise of Progressive Religion in America"

Cancelled

William C. Mattison III, Mount St. Mary's University

Phoenix East

"Natural Law in Recent Catholic Scholarship: Jean Porter and Russel Hittinger on the Necessity of
Theology for Natural Law"

Recent scholarship on natural law contends that specific norms cannot be identified as "natural" without appeal to broader "metaphysical and theological commitments" (Jean Porter) or some sort of "authority" (Russell Hittinger). In doing so these thinkers must - and do - honor the notion of natural law as universally accessible and binding (or "written on every human heart," Rom 2:15). This paper delineates how Porter and Hittinger each make precisely this argument, and attends to the importantly different ways they do so.

Convener: Ki Joo Choi, Seton Hall University

Kate M. Ott, Union Theological Seminary, New York

Russell

"The Education of Deciding Morals: Youth, Healthy Sexual Development, and the Current U.S.
Religious Economy"

Adolescents in the U.S. face multiple and competing norms around sexuality and sexual behaviors. Through a descriptive illustration of the U.S. religious economy, I name the Christian inheritance sustaining socio-cultural structures that contribute to and impede healthy sexual development. As one example, I offer an ethical evaluation of how current faith-based sexuality education practices institutionally reinforce the often unhealthy effects of the U.S. religious economy. In response, I attend to the ways in which insights from moral education could assist in more appropriate and accessible sexuality education encouraging adolescents to develop into healthy sexual moral agents.

Convener: Keith Graber Miller, Goshen College

Emily Reimer-Barry, Loyola University Chicago

Borein B

"Re-Visioning Roman Catholic Theology of Marriage in Light of the Experience of HIV+ Married
Women"

Public health experts have described marriage as a "risk behavior" for women. This merits thorough study of the Christian vision of marriage, with special attention to any ways in which it has contributed to HIV infection of married women. This paper will focus on the vision of marriage found in the Roman Catholic wedding liturgy and in the *Catechism* and will address three sources of potential risk for women: gender role expectations, double standards of fidelity, and insufficient attention to violence within marriage. It concludes with a modest proposal for a renewed vision of marriage that empowers women.

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

Tobias Winright, Saint Louis University

Gilbert

"Just Cause and Preemptive Strikes in the War on Terrorism: Insights from a Just-Policing Perspective"

Ethicists have criticized the Bush administration's invocation of "war" language as a response to the threat of terrorism in the post 9/11 world. Calling instead for a "police" model, these ethicists are found among both the pacifist and the just-war traditions. This paper explores what a policing model might entail. First, it critically surveys some representative examples of pacifist appeals to such a paradigm. Second, it evaluates the call for a just-policing approach, showing how this model actually remains consonant with just-war reasoning. Finally, the paper draws on the discipline of police ethics and examines what just cause, especially with respect to preemptive strikes, might look like in a just-policing approach to dealing with terrorism.

Convener: Earl Zimmerman, Eastern Mennonite University

Sidney Callahan, Hastings Center, Garrison, NY

Curtis A

Edward F. Zukowski, Jr., Mount St. Vincent College
"Ethics in the Half Light"

Ethics has focused mainly on voluntary rational deliberation and has narrowed moral responsibility to explicit self-aware action. Recent psychological research, however, has revealed how much implicit, non-conscious cognitive processes shape attitude and behavior, raising questions about the extent to which moral behavior depends upon the unaware or unwitting functioning of the individual. The first paper will explore some of the questions raised for morality by recent psychological research. The second will offer one possible response to these questions, arguing that those who accept the possibility of an "anonymous Christian" might also be open to the possibility of an "anonymous sinner."

Convener: James Gubbins, Salem State College

Panel: "On Tensions Between Church and University in Teaching (Moral) Theology in Europe"

Panelists: Julie Clague, Glasgow University

Sundance

Jan M. Jans, Tilburg University

Werner Wolbert, University of Salzburg/Institute for Moral Theology

A side-effect of the "Bologna Agreement on Higher Education in Europe", signed in 1999, is that, within Catholic faculties of theology reconsidering their teaching curriculum in order to comply with both legal and ecclesial requirements, a longer slumbering tension emerged between the visions of theologians on their role as intellectuals and academics within the University and the way their role was normatively worded by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Speaking from their respective European background and experience, the panel members will explore to what degree this tension leads to a centrifugal force between Church and University and the impact of this on teaching (moral) theology in Europe – and globally.

Convener: Andrea Vicini, S.J., Faculty of Theology of Southern Italy: S. Luigi

Interest Group: Christian Ethics and Literature/Literary Theory

Remington A

The Christian Ethics and Literature/Literary Theory Interest Group will focus on the Pulitzer Prize winning novel *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. This highly acclaimed novel, which takes the form of a long letter written by a dying Congregationalist clergyman to his young son in the late 1950s, raises questions of memory and identity, peaceful and violent approaches to injustice, and sacramentality and tradition, among many others. Leading the discussion of the book will be three panelists: Maria Antonaccio of Bucknell University, Ted Smith of Vanderbilt University, and Samuel Wells of the University of Durham.

Conveners: Emily Arndt, Converse College

Gerald McKenny, University of Notre Dame

Todd Whitmore, University of Notre Dame

SJE Session: Junior Scholar Career Planning Forum *Cassidy*

5:30-6:30 **Festschrift Reception Honoring Karen Lebacqz** *Atrium*
 Sponsored by Pacific School of Religion, all members are invited.

6:30-8:30 **Economics Writers Group** *Remington BC*

8:00-9:30 **SJE Plenary Session** *Regency CD*

Marc Ellis, Center for American & Jewish Studies, Baylor University

"Seizing the Moment: A Jewish Theology of Liberation for the 21st Century"

For more than two decades, culminating now in the third edition of *Toward a Jewish Theology of Liberation*, I have wrestled with the challenges to Jewish identity and ethics that confront us through the Holocaust, anti-Semitism, ecumenism and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. During this time, a Constantinian Judaism has emerged, Israeli expansionism has continued, progressive Jews have faltered, and an exilic community comprised of Jews of conscience has evolved. Anti-Semitism has been on the rise.

This new century now presents us with an opportunity to choose the future of Jewish life that is characterized by an honest reckoning and compassionate action worthy of the Jewish ethical tradition. The time, though, is late, and the road ahead rife with complexity and divisiveness. Is there a way forward? Will such a path precipitate a break with a Jewish tradition defined by mainstream Jewish institutions and the academic classifications of Holocaust and Judaic Studies? Can we enter on such a path in a way that deepens Jewish particularity even as it emphasizes Jewish universality?

SJE Respondent: Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University

SCE Respondent: John T. Pawlikowski, Catholic Theological Union

Convener: Elliot Dorff, University of Judaism

9:30-10:30 **SJE Presidential Reception** *Curtis*

9:30-10:30pm Presbyterian Ethics *Borein AB*
 (Christian Iosso)

6:45-8:30	SCE Board Meeting Breakfast at 6:45; Meeting 7:00-8:30	<i>Remington ABC</i>
7:45-8:45	Ecumenical Worship Service	<i>Sundance</i>
8:30-10:30	Registration/Conference Desk Open	<i>Regency AB</i>
8:30-10:30	Exhibits Open	
8:30-9:15	Break	
9:00-10:30	Concurrent Session VI	

Eric Gregory, Princeton University

Cowboy Artist's Room

"The Word is Not an Ethical Precept': The (Radically Orthodox?) Theology of the Young John Rawls"

In the expanded edition of *Politics and Vision*, Sheldon Wolin enlists Marx to describe the writings of Rawls as sublimated theology. Contemporary political theologies adopt similar strategies of unmasking. I examine a remarkable document in this context – Rawls' 1942 undergraduate thesis, a 200 page commentary on scripture and Protestant ethics (Kierkegaard, Brunner, Nygren, Niebuhr, and Temple). Rawls criticizes social contract liberalism and develops a Trinitarian model of community as a "revolutionary" alternative to the "naturalism" of Augustine and Aquinas as well as Marxism and National Socialism. I conclude with observations about Christian social ethics in the mid-twentieth century and today.

Convener: Mark Douglas, Columbia Theological Seminary

Catherine Griffith, Loras College

Curtis A

"Same-Sex Relationships and Companionship in Christian Marriage"

This paper discusses marital companionship within the Augustinian theology of marriage as it has descended through Thomas Aquinas and Martin Luther into normative Roman Catholic and Protestant perspectives today. In the process, the paper considers the relevance of sex to companionship, theological anthropologies and their judgments about moral relevance of the creation of humans as male and female, and views of the configuration of the marital relationship as egalitarian vs. hierarchical. The paper also examines arguments for and against the moral validity of marriage-like same-sex relationships that depend on the tradition's understanding of companionship.

Convener: Geoffrey Rees, University of Chicago

Marilyn Martone, St. John's University, NY

Phoenix East

"What does Society Owe Those in Minimally Conscious States?"

In February 2005, the *Chicago Tribune* reported how a young woman who had been trapped in a minimally conscious state for over twenty years called her mother on the phone. On the front page of the *New York Times*, February 8, 2005, it was reported that with new methods of brain-imaging technology, individuals who had been thought to be persistently vegetative may instead be found to be somewhat mentally engaged.

This paper will explain the condition of minimal consciousness and show how it differs from the vegetative state. If individuals who had been thought to be vegetative are discovered to be minimally conscious, moral questions arise such as what resources these patients need and what is the obligation of society in supplying these resources. What does this say about medical futility and the way we view individuals with disabilities? At what level of disability should rehabilitation be stopped?

Convener: Julie Hanlon Rubio, St. Louis University

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Phoenix West

"Volunteers and Donors: Buying the Bodies of the Poor"

Increased enlistment and death benefits could provide more bodies for the Iraq war, but it might also turn a volunteer army into a mercenary legion, attracting most "recruits" from the ranks of the poor. Similarly, new laws offering organ donors tax breaks or reimbursement could provide more organs, but most new donors might be too poor to secure their own transplants or health coverage. Using financial incentives to supply bodies or body parts raises questions about the nature of volunteers and donors and the fair distribution of the costs of war and medicine.

Convener: Shannon Jung, Saint Paul School of Theology

Janet R. Nelson, Meredith College

Borein A

"A Pedagogy of Suffering: Witness and Testimony in Narratives of Recovery from Serious Mental Illness"

Illness narratives are a form of ethical practice where people give voice to others of the meaning that illness holds in their lives. My focus here is on narratives written by persons with serious mental illness that bear witness to their suffering and promote agency and empowerment through the act of giving testimony of that suffering. My interest lies in exploring how the social, political and medical context of mental illness and the multiple and contradictory objectives of these narratives shape and potentially limit the truth that can be told – and thus learned – about the lived experience of mental illness.

Convener: Jan de Jong, S.C.J., Sacred Heart School of Theology

Joe Pettit, Morgan State University

Curtis B

"The Spoil of the Poor is in Your Houses: Profits and Prophets in an Ownership Society"

Recent political debates have raised the idea of an "ownership society." This paper considers a biblical understanding of ownership and applies that understanding to three areas of public policy: stocks, taxes, and housing. Isaiah's claim that "the spoil of the poor is in your houses" suggests that the "elders and princes of [the] people" (3:14) have taken what properly belongs to the poor. This changes debates about social justice from the mere redistribution of wealth, often described as a "taking" from the wealthy, to a returning to the poor of what rightly belongs to them.

Convener: Anthony LoPresti, Salve Regina University

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Ellis East

"The Business Corporation: A Morally Responsible Agent"

The main thesis of this paper holds that business corporations are responsible agents whose activities are set in the frame of their common defining (business) purpose. Though businesses are not agencies, persons or parents, it is argued that they, like other agents, are responsible for deliberating on which moral outlook to use when determining their moral responsibilities and how, all things considered, to manage them. It is shown that a responsible determination of a moral outlook can make a significant difference for how the morally relevant occurrences of business life like taxes and salaries, are comprehended and acted upon.

Convener: Max Stackhouse, Princeton Theological Seminary

Panel: "Jean Porter and the Natural Law: Reflections"

Sundance

Panelists: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College

James F. Keenan, S.J., Boston College

Respondent: Jean Porter, University of Notre Dame

In light of the recent work of Jean Porter on Natural Law, particularly "Nature as Reason" and "Divine and Natural Law," the panelists will critically review Porter's claims regarding how they resonate with both historical research and contemporary applicability. Porter will have the opportunity to respond.

Moderator: Charles Curran, Southern Methodist University

Interest Group: Environmental Ethics and Theology

Borein B

This year's meeting will focus on Loyal Rue's 2005 book, *Religion Is Not About God: How Spiritual Traditions Nurture Our Biological Nature and What to Expect When They Fail* (Rutgers University Press). Two respondents will review this important book, paying special attention to the ways in which a biological interpretation of religion impacts environmental theology and ethics. Loyal Rue will react to these analyses and offer his own insights. Loyal Rue is professor of philosophy and religion at Luther College.

Convener: Donald M. Braxton, Juniata College

Interest Group: Anglican Theological Ethics

Russell A

This interest group reflects on figures, themes, and projects that engage the Anglican tradition. This year Samuel Wells, Dean of the Chapel at Duke University, will speak about a forthcoming book that renarrates ethics in terms of abundance rather than scarcity. Incorporating the liturgical approach of *The Blackwell Companion to Christian Ethics* (2004), which he edited with Stanley Hauerwas, Wells argues that liturgy signifies the deeper principle that God gives his people everything they need to follow him, a moral vision that challenges conventional approaches in Anglican Theological Ethics. The question he will ask the interest group is, "Is his project truly Anglican?"

Convener: William Danaher, University of the South

SJE Session:

Cassidy

Hillel Gray, University of Chicago

"From Closed Texts to Open Minds: How Orthodox Rabbis Explain Contemporary Jewish Law on End-of-Life Medical Care and Cigarette Smoking"

Rabbis and scholars typically conceive of Jewish law as a self-contained system. However, such closed models miscast contemporary Orthodox discourse. This paper argues that Orthodox writings are permeated in their language and reasoning by Christian and other moral discourses. First, looking at end-of-life care, the paper demonstrates that Orthodox writings interact with Christian ethics. Second, the paper examines how Orthodox writings on cigarette smoking are permeated by medical discourse. Though not overtly moral, medical discourse injects its own values. The paper explores how a more open model of Jewish legal discourse could alter Jewish social ethics.

Convener: Louis Newman, Carleton College

10:30-12:00**SJE Business meeting***Cassidy***10:30-12:30*****The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* Editorial Board** *Remington AB*

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