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

The Society of Christian Ethics is happy to announce Karen Lebacqz, who served as the 1989 President of the Society, as this year's recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. Serving for nearly four decades on the faculty of the Pacific School of Religion, Karen Lebacqz has been a beloved teacher and an intellectually-exacting mentor to generations of Christian ethicists. She is a highly distinguished scholar in the fields of bioethics, professional ethics, sexual ethics, feminist ethics, and foundational ethical theory. The author of nine books and over one hundred essays, she is particularly well-known for her seminal books *Six Theories* 



of Justice and Justice in an Unjust World, both of which stand as benchmarks in justice theory while being eminently teachable in a classroom setting. Publicly, Karen has been especially influential in the field of bioethics, serving on the National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical & Behavioral Research, which produced the landmark Belmont Report, as well as other noteworthy commissions and advisory boards in the fields of health care, biomedicine, and biotechnology. An ordained UCC pastor, Karen has always understood her work as an extension of the church's ministry and clarion call to justice in our world. Karen's landmark 1989 SCE Presidential Address, "Love Your Enemy: Sex, Power, and Christian Ethics," is just one example of her commitment to speaking the uncomfortable truth because it is wholly necessary. For her many and passionate contributions to the field of ethics, the Society is proud to present her with The Lifetime Achievement Award.

She continues to focus on issues through her love of quilting. On display in the foyer will be quilts in her "politically inspired" series including the topics of deportation, immigration, peace, saving songbirds and turtles. During the Saturday morning break, Karen will be available near the quilt display to discuss this non-textual approach to issues in ethics.

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2011	James Gustafson	

## In Memoriam



Alan Brauer Anderson, 83, died on September 3, 2018, in Bowling Green, KY, following a long battle with heart disease. He received a B.A. degree in philosophy from Knox College and a B.D., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from University of Chicago where he taught Ethics and Society. After teaching at Wilberforce University and the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, he taught at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green for twenty seven years. During his years in Chicago Alan became deeply involved in the Civil Rights Movement. He marched with Martin Luther King Jr. in Albany, Georgia, and continued his work in the movement with the

Coordinating Council of Community Organizations which invited Dr. King to bring his movement to Chicago. Together with the late George W. Pickering, he wrote *Confronting the Color Line: The Broken Promise of the Civil Rights Movement in Chicago*. It was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in history in 1988 and remains the single most important analysis of the struggle for racial justice in Chicago. Throughout his career Alan regularly taught a course on The Civil Rights Movement.



The Reverend Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon (January 3, 1950—August 8, 2018), was the founder of womanist ethics, and the Annie Scales Rogers Professor at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. In 1983, she became the first African American to earn a PhD from Union Theological Seminary, New York City. Cannon was the first Black woman ordained in the United Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1974. Cannon authored numerous articles in addition to the groundbreaking *Black Womanist Ethics* (1988); *Katie's Canon: Womanism and the Soul of the Black Community* (1995); *Teaching Preaching: Isaac R. Clark and Black Sacred Rhetoric* 

(2002). She was a co-author of the pioneering God's Fierce Whimsy: The Implications of Feminism for Theological Education. She co-edited Womanist Theological Ethics: A Reader with Emilie M. Townes and Angela D. Sims and The Oxford Handbook of African American Theology with Anthony Pinn. Cannon was a pedagogue par excellence, winning the 2011 American Academy of Religion Excellence in Teaching Award. As a lecturer and transformational leader in the church and the academy, she was in demand nationally and internationally. She won numerous academic and ecclesial awards and was the President of the Society for the Study of Black Religion and shortly before her death, founded the Center for Womanist Leadership.



The Rev. Dr. George Crowell, 87, died on July 24, 2018. George graduated from Princeton University, and Union Theological Seminary, New York City. He was ordained a Presbyterian Minister, and taught social ethics at Lake Forest College and the College of Wooster, and then moved to the Religious Studies Department at Windsor University until his retirement. George focused on peace and justice issues, environmental protection, racial harmony, and for the past twenty years on the necessity to change monetary policy to bring about a just society.

George was a social activist as well as a scholar, and worked with many groups including the London and District Labour Council and the Committee on Monetary and Economic Reform. He firmly believed that Monetary Policy and Monetary Reform were essential components in promoting Economic Justice.

George is survived by his wife, Donna, five children, seven grandchildren, two brothers and a sister.

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1-6:30pm	Ecojustice Tour and the Passionist Earth and Spirit Center		
1-3:30pm	Merton Center Tour.		
2-6pm	The University of Chicago Writers		
5-6pm	Students and Invited Senior Scholars Reception		
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	•	Conversations in Islamic Ethics - A Discussion with Cyrus Ali Zargar about his new book The Polished Mirror:
		Storytelling and the Pursuit of Virtue in Islamic
		Panelists: Cyrus Ali Zargar, Sayeh Meisami, Muhammad Faruque, Nicholas Boylston
	•	Maternal Experience as Resource and Challenge to Religious Ethics
		Panelists: Mara Benjamin, Michal Raucher, Sandra J. Sullivan-Dunbar, Cristina Traina

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### 11:00am-8:00pm Conference Desk Open

- 6:00-8:00pm PC(USA) Dinner
- 7:15-10:00pm Lutheran Ethicists
- 8:00pm SCE Board Social Sponsored by Baylor University Press

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8:00am-6:00pm	Lutheran Ethicists Breaks, Meals	Paddock Grandstand
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1:00-5:30pm	Ecojustice Tour and The Passionist Earth and Spirit Center (Must pr	e-register)
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1:30-4pm	Ecojustice Tour (depart from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street hotel entrance)	Offsite
4-5:30pm	Presentation and Discussion with Leah Schade and Tim Darst	Rose

The Eco-justice Tour begins at the Downtown Marriott with an introduction by Tim Darst, the Associate Program Director of the Passionist Earth and Spirit Center, who has a sustainability degree from Harvard. We will proceed to five sites exemplifying ecojustice issues and innovative sustainable technologies. Then, back at the hotel, Rev. Dr. Leah Schade, Lexington Theology Seminary will discuss a service-learning ethics and liturgy course on mountain-top removal, and address building alliances with secular environmentalists around ecological concerns in Kentucky; Tim Darst will explain pressing coal-related environmental issues and current legislative work of advocacy groups in Kentucky's General Assembly.

spirituality, ecumenism, East-West relations, personal and corporate inner work, peace, and social justice. The Theology Department at Bellarmine University will provide a tour of the Merton Center. Cost of the tour is \$10.00 per person.

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#### 2:00-6:00pm The University of Chicago Writers

5:00-6:00pm Students, New Student Members, Reception with Invited Senior Scholars Bluegrass I

Hope: To provide an opportunity for all student members, including new student members, to both meet one another AND to have the opportunity to interact with more senior scholars.

**RSVP:** RSVP via your conference registration form to let us know if you'll be there.

Invite a scholar: SCE Board members will be in attendance, but if there is a senior scholar at your home institution whom you would like other students to meet or if there is someone at another school whose work you particularly value, please invite her or him to join us for this reception.

#### **Exhibits Open** 6:00-9:00pm

Jockey Club

Marriott VI

#### 6:00-7:00pm JRE Symposium on Religious Ethics "Publishing in the Journal of Religious Ethics"

The JRE invites you to an informal conversation with the co-editors of the journal, Aline Kalbian and Martin Kavka, and two junior scholars, Emily Dumler-Winckler and Kris Norris, who have had success publishing in the journal. While this session is directed towards graduate students and young scholars, all members of the three societies are invited. A short cocktail reception will follow.

#### 7:00-8:30pm **Concurrent Session I**

John Berkman, Regis College, University of Toronto

"The New Morality of Human Evolution: What Some Evolutionary Theorists might learn from Some Theological Ethicists"

Recently, the modern evolutionary synthesis (MES) has been fundamentally challenged by the extended evolutionary synthesis (EES), which posits three additional key mechanisms of evolution (epigenetic, behavioural, and cultural). These additional mechanisms make evolutionary theory far more relevant for ethics. However, almost all evolutionary ethics continues to presume the MES. For example, in light of the EES, 'altruism' is much less significant, both for ethics and for evolution. While evolutionary theorists have much to learn from ethicists, I argue that some ethical theories have much more to contribute, those which acknowledge the ethical significance of 'sub-rational' aspects of human nature.

Convener: Mary Gaebler, Gustavus Adolphus College

#### Jeffrey P. Bishop, Saint Louis University

"The Body and Technological Imaginary"

Technology has tendencies, ends toward which it aims independent of human agency. That tendency is toward permanent innovation, rushing ahead of human culture and establishing an open ended temporal horizon. This technological temporal horizon renders the body as little more than a tool in service to power, economic and political. But the problem is not merely the way bodies are treated in service to the technological system; rather, the technological system shapes our perception of the body itself. Technology is productive of an ontology of the body that is at odds with a Christian theology of resurrected bodies.

Convener: Joseph Blosser, High Point University

#### Meghan J. Clark, Saint John's University, New York Grandstand "Service Requires Empowerment: Rethinking Charity, Justice, and Development with the Daughters of Charity in East Africa"

Development must "allow persons to become dignified agents of their own destiny." This case study examines the Daughters of Charity in East Africa programs for the promotion of women/girls through the lens of integral human development. First, it will examine the work of the Daughters of Charity in Kenya, Tanzania, and Ethiopia for the promotion of women and girls through programs on education, job training, HIV/AIDS healthcare, and anti-female genital mutilation. Second, it will argue for an ethics of integral human development embedded within communities bridging divides between charity and justice. Understanding service as requiring empowerment, these programs offer an approach to development revealing a local and practical place for dialogue between CST and the SDG agenda.

### Convener: Mark Allman, Merrimack College

#### Kristel Clayville, Zygon Center for Religion and Science "Organ Economies and Ethics: A Comparison of Christian and Muslim Approaches"

How should organs for transplantation be allocated? Or put more theologically, who is deserving of an organ? The United States and Iran have answered this question by setting up different kinds of economies to distribute organs. In the United States, the organ economy is obscured through multiple layers of bureaucracy and committees, while in Iran it is part of the way the medical system works: donors are paid for organs. This paper describes these systems and their differences ethically while also exploring the theological conditions that make these differences possible.

Convener: Joyce Babyak, Oberlin College 24

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### Thursday

#### David L. Clough, University of Chester, United Kingdom "Eating More Peaceably: Christianity and Veganism"

This paper proposes that Christians have strong faith-based reasons to adopt a vegan diet. It draws on Karl Barth's account of divine command as gracious permission and his recognition that the killing of other animals by humans is possible only under the pressure of necessity. The paper notes other biblical and theological visions that recognize killing as of prima facie ethical concern, and the benefits of a plant-based diet for human welfare and the environment, as well as for nonhuman animals. It concludes that Christians have reason to embrace a vegan diet as a more peaceable way of eating.

Convener: Brandy Daniels, University of Virginia

### Michael R. Grigoni, Duke University

"Just War Theory, Handgun Ownership, and Everyday Life"

There has yet to appear a theological ethics of the place of firearms in American life. This paper draws from my ethnographic research on handgun ownership among Christian men in North Carolina to indicate the benefits and limits of just war theory for such an endeavor. First, I explore how my interlocutors employ an everyday form of just war reasoning regarding their firearms and firearm-related practices. I then explore how handgun ownership, even when conceptualized as such, outstrips the intelligibility of just war criteria for advancing ethical reflection on this issue, and conclude that a more promising framework appears in a just peacemaking paradigm.

Convener: Tobias Winright, Saint Louis University

Hak Joon Lee, Fuller Theological Seminary

Marriott X "Organizing the Beloved Community: A Critical Study of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Ethics of Radical Democracy and Community Organizing"

Given that public interest in community organizing is growing amidst a variety of deepening economic inequalities and social pathologies, this paper studies King's ethics as a resource for faith-based community organizing. Taking the Montgomery Bus Boycott as a historical case study, it examines how King creatively integrated African American Christianity, the Bible, and the U.S. democratic tradition in developing his community organizing method. In particular, through a conversation between King and Saul Alinsky, the father of modern community organizing, this paper shows some distinctive contributions that King makes for the expansion and enrichment of community organizing and radical democracy today.

Convener: Daniel Rhodes, Loyola University Chicago

### Stephen Meawad, Duquesne University

"Gregory of Nyssa's Theory of Perpetual Ascent and Its Implications for Virtue Ethics"

This paper explores the correctives Gregory of Nyssa's theory of *epektasis* (perpetual ascent) offers a contemporary Christian ethic of virtue. Epektasis places God Himself as the unattainable telos toward which one must be oriented in order to make progress in virtue. In this way, ethics cannot afford separation from theology proper, that is, the task of describing God, albeit with limitations. With God as the Infinite, the Good, and the Paragon of Virtue, Nyssen's epektasis, grounded in love of God and neighbor, resolves tensions in virtue ethics regarding self-centeredness, the self-effacement of virtue, and the unity of the virtues.

Convener: Lawrence Stratton, Waynesburg University

#### Marriott II

### Marriott III

### Marriott VIII

7pm

### Thursday

Michael R. Turner, Georgia Gwinnett College

"Beyond Abstinence: A Christian Consideration of Cannabis as Pleasure"

Given the recent trend toward legalizing recreational cannabis use, Christians need a more theologically sophisticated way of addressing the moral status of this activity than simply denouncing all intoxicants as inherently sinful. This paper offers a theology of pleasure that draws on Augustine's concept of rightly ordered loves and his distinction between use and enjoyment. I place his thought into conversation with recent scientific research on cannabis's effects and situate the paper's findings in the context of contemporary theological discussions of joy, noting that the church can acknowledge the moral complexity of psychoactive drug use while offering sure-footed guidance on the pleasures and perils of cannabis consumption.

Convener: Margaret Peterson, Eastern University

#### Matthew Philipp Whelan, Baylor University "Agroecology and Natural Law"

This paper engages agroecological science by drawing on natural law reflection. Agroecology considers the agricultural field as an ecosystem (an agroecosystem), designing and managing agriculture on this basis. My purpose is to show how certain strands of natural law reflection offer important tools for theological and ethical engagement with this approach. Moreover, I argue that while agroecological science can help concretize natural law's claims about natural order, natural law can help further develop agroecological insights about ecological order and its implications for agriculture, as well as bring to the surface agroecology's underlying anthropological assumptions and political implications.

Convener: Bharat Ranganathan, Case Western Reserve University

Latina/o Working Group

"From the Walls of the Barrio to the Halls of Academe: A Panel on the Intersection of Aesthetics and Ethics"

Speaker: David Sánchez, Loyola Marymount University

Respondents: Nichole M. Flores, University of Virginia

Rául Zegarra, University of Chicago Lucila Crena, University of Virginia

A panel on the intersection of aesthetics and ethics focusing on the work of David Sánchez, who has written extensively on the murals of the Virgin of Guadalupe in East Los Angeles and its relationship to biblical imagery. His current work expands on the insights gained in the study of mural art in L.A. in order to examine the role of murals in the struggles or Northern Ireland during the 1970s and 1980s.

Convener: Rubén Rosario Rodríguez, St. Louis University

Paddock

#### Marriott IX

Marriott VII

# **SJE:** Environmental Ethics and Jewish Thought: Theory and Practice Adrienne Krone, Allegheny College

Filly

"Taking Students in to the Field(s): Teaching Jewish Environmental Ethics though Co-Curricular Programs"

Teaching Jewish environmental ethics in the classroom can be difficult. In this paper, I will discuss how I have created opportunities for my students to experience Jewish environmental ethics outside the classroom through co-curricular programing including weekend trips, student-faculty research experiences, and an Alternative Spring Break trip. Co-curricular programming allows students to see how Jewish ethical principles are interpreted and implemented to address modern environmental issues. Students also gain an understanding of the limitations of enacting Jewish ethics in a non-Jewish context and the tensions that arise between Jewish ethics and environmental science and activism.

#### Alex Weisberg, New York University "Jewish Environmental Ethics Reconsidered"

In this paper, I argue for an entangled biblical environmental ethic. In this ethic, God provides a ground for valuing the creation through His care for its integrity. Humanity is both given influence over non-humans and is charged with maintaining the stability of the creation of which they are part. The narratives of Genesis greatly qualify humanity's rulership presented in Genesis 1, placing humanity in a nuanced, entangled, and precarious position in the world. We should understand this influence, charge, and entanglement along with Elizabeth Grosz's suggestion that humanity is the immanent emergence of the self-reflection of matter (Grosz 2005).

Respondent: Laurie Zoloth, University of Chicago Convener: Aaron Gross, University of San Diego

#### 8:45pm Musical Progam by Harry Pickens

"Sounding the Soul: Living as an Instrument of Grace"

Marriott IV

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   Facilitator: Angela D. Sims, St. Paul School of Theology
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   Facilitator: Myles Werntz, Logsdon Seminary, Hardin-Simmons University
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  Facilitator: Aaron Stauffer, Union Theological Seminary, New York City
- Iozzio, Mary Jo, and Patricia Beattie Jung (Eds), Sex & Gender: Christian Ethical Reflections (Georgetown University Press, 2017)Facilitator: Dee Christie, CTSA Executive Director, Retired

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- Lloyd, Vincent, and Andrew Prevot (Eds), *Anti-Blackness and Christian Ethics* (Orbis Books, 2017) Facilitator: Cari Myers, Pepperdine University
- Massaro, S.J., Thomas, *Mercy in Action: The Social Teachings of Pope Francis* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2018)
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- Messer, Neil, *Theological Neuroethics: Christian Ethics Meets the Science of the Human Brain* (Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2017) Facilitator: Todd Salzman, Creighton University
- O'Brien, Kevin J., *The Violence of Climate Change: Lessons of Resistance from Nonviolent Activists* (Georgetown University Press, 2018) Facilitator: Kenneth Weare, University of San Francisco
- Perabo, Betsy, *Russian Orthodoxy and the Russo-Japanese War* (Bloomsbury, 2017) Facilitator: Ramón Luzárraga, Benedictine University Mesa
- Rajendra, Tisha, *Migrants and Citizens: Justice as Responsibility in the Ethics of Immigration* (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2017)
   Facilitator: Caroline Anglim, University of Chicago Divinity School
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- Stewart-Kroeker, Sarah, Pilgrimage as Moral and Aesthetic Formation in Augustine's Thought (Oxford University Press, 2017) Facilitator: Matthew Puffer, Villanova University
- Sullivan-Dunbar, Sandra, *Human Dependency and Christian Ethics* (Cambridge University Press, 2017) Facilitator: Jason Heron, University of Dayton
- Wiebe, Joseph R., *The Place of Imagination: Wendell Berry and the Poetics of Community, Affection, and Identity* (Baylor University Press, 2017)
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#### **SSME**: Language, Vernacular and Power in Muslim Ethics

#### Danielle Widmann Abraham, Ursinus College

"Islam and Vernacular Humanism in America: Animating Ethics in Islamic Social Welfare"

This presentation draws on two case studies of zakat in the United States to focus on how the discourse of humanitarianism marks out a space for the creative assemblage of Islamic ethics. Within contemporary social welfare projects instigated through zakat, humanitarian discourse both rejects the racialized exclusion of Muslims and supports practices of care and solidarity that counter precarity. Zakat thus shapes a vernacular humanism for Muslim communities in the U.S.; in doing so, it also becomes a resource for the humanistic transformation of the broader public culture, challenging American exceptionalism and the dehumanization of white supremacy.

#### Mujeeb Khan, University of Tokyo

"The East and Islam: The Ethical and the Ethnic"

This paper considers alternative approaches to Islam and the larger world, diverging from the regular standards of science and the West. Incorporating case studies of Islam in China and Japan, it investigates early modern China and modern Japan to see how scholars negotiated Islam through the local intellectual vernacular. The paper also examines a contemporary case study of Japan reflecting on how Islam is understood through both traditionalist and modernist approaches linked back to South, Southeast, and West Asia. Using contemporary Japan, it analyzes the cultural life of Islam within Asian societies traditionally not associated with the Islamic world.

Convener: Faraz Sheikh, College of William and Mary

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

Meet new members.

#### 11am-12:30pm **Concurrent Session II**

Laura E. Alexander, University of Nebraska at Omaha Marriott IX "Christian Realism and Qualified Sovereignty: The Nation-State as Idol and the Responsibilities of Contemporary Political Authorities"

In a time of growing ethno-nationalism, Christian realist thought correctly gauges that the "nation-state" often becomes an idol for people seeking security and identity, in part because we view the nation-state as the fundamental unit of sovereignty in the international sphere. Christian realist thought should challenge this, by conceptualizing and supporting an international order encompassing units of power with qualified sovereignty and limited authority to use force, from individual persons up to the United Nations. Postcolonial thought provides a valuable tool in this work, by seeking to empower oppressed individuals and communities and by challenging established boundaries and categories.

Convener: Virginia Landgraf, American Theological Library Association

Marriott VI

#### Friday

#### Maria Antonaccio, Bucknell University

"The Self-Endangerment of the Human in the Anthropocene" •

This paper interprets the Anthropocene as an indicator of emerging trends in human self-understanding. Focusing on the claim that humans have become a "geological force" whose impacts now rival the forces of nature, the paper critically examines two conflicting interpretations of this idea. While some critics interpret geological agency as signaling the destructive overhumanization of the planet, posthumanists contend that humanity has literally become a "telluric" (or "earthen") force devoid of volition and moral responsibility. This posthumanist reading suggests that the biggest threat to ethics in the Anthropocene may not be overhumanization but rather the disappearance of human agency altogether.

Convener: E. Harold (Hal) Breitenberg Jr., Randolph-Macon College

#### Robyn Boeré, University of Toronto

"Can a Child Die a Good Death? Child Ethics and Mortality"

Contemporary understandings of a good death are predicated on conscious choice. Autonomy is at the foundation of what we view as a good death, not only for advocates of euthanasia but also for palliative models that emphasize acceptance. This focus on conscious choice as the primary criterion has troubling implications for how we evaluate the death of children, whose capacity for autonomy is unclear. In this paper, I will argue for a different model of a good death that is predicated on intersubjectivity, shared meaning-making, and presence, especially the presence of those who love and are loved by the dying.

Convener: Michael Buttrey, Regis College, University of Toronto

#### Ryan Darr, Yale University

"The Virtue of Justice and the Justice of Institutions: Aquinas on Money and Just Exchange"

Jean Porter concludes *Justice as a Virtue* with the suggestion that the Thomistic theory of justice as a personal virtue, which she defends, could be complemented by a modern approach to justice as a virtue of social institutions. How can we understand institutional justice from a Thomistic perspective? This paper explores the relationship between the virtue of justice and the justice of institutions through an analysis of Aquinas' treatment of money. Considering the function of money, which Aquinas treats as a conventional social institution, illuminates the way institutions mediate the relationships that the virtue of justice aims to set right.

Convener: Romanus Cessario, Boston College

#### Joe Kotva, Indiana University School of Medicine, South Bend "Bullshit as Alt-Virtue: A Christian Account of Growing in Truth"

We live in an age of what the philosopher Harry Frankfurt termed "bullshit"—a cavalier indifference to truth. Worryingly, many view bullshit as an admirable quality of character tied to success, power, and security. We cannot argue others out of such a world-view; they are unresponsive to the resources of a good argument. Instead, Christians can offer an attractive, rich picture of a good life, including the role of truth and how we become equipped to recognize and speak the truth, allowing this account of flourishing to draw or attract those currently bound by counterfeit notions of virtue.

Convener: Bradley Burroughs, United Theological Seminary

#### Thomas J. Massaro, Fordham University

"He Drinks from His Own Wells': The Jesuit Roots of the Ethical Teachings of Pope Francis"

While Francis undoubtedly draws from other wells (e.g., his Latin American background, Franciscan spirituality), this paper argues that he drinks most deeply from Ignatian spirituality and Jesuit inheritance to shape his ethical agenda. The founding documents and longstanding social concerns of the Society of Jesus provide unity and thematic direction to Francis's ethical trademarks: his activist stance favoring social transformation, structuralist perspective, emphasis on moral discernment, and priority for the marginalized and social reconciliation. In both content and style, the renewed social justice leadership of the Catholic Church today reflects the "Jesuit DNA" of Francis and the patrimony of Ignatian spirituality.

Convener: Marcus Mescher, Xavier University

#### Marriott X

Marriott VII

Marriott IV

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#### Marriott VIII

#### Friday

#### Gerald McKenny, University of Notre Dame "The Rich Young Ruler and Christian Ethics"

Any adequate account of Christian ethics will include both norms such as those of the Decalogue and commands such as the one issued by Jesus to the rich young ruler. The most influential account of their relation, formulated most precisely by Jerome and Thomas Aquinas and more recently in the encyclical *Veritatis Splendor*, distinguishes between precepts that are binding on all human beings as such and counsels that pertain to individuals with respect to particular vocations. This paper partially examines and partially reconstructs an alternative account, discernable in Irenaeus and Calvin and more recently in Barth, which treats the Gospel commands as specifications of the norms of the Decalogue. At stake in these two accounts are both fundamental issues regarding biblical law and practical issues regarding the moral shape of the Christian life.

Convener: Brett McCarty, Duke Divinity School

#### Devin O'Rourke, University of Chicago Divinity School *Marriott III* "Religions in the Public Sphere: Habermas and the Transformative Power of Public Argument"

Jürgen Habermas contributes to vigorous debates concerning the public role of religion in liberal democratic societies by arguing that religious symbols, concepts, and normative claims offer "semantic" or cognitive potential insofar as they contribute to the learning process of secular reason proceeding via public argument. This paper argues Habermas's claim is limited insofar as it does not account for the reflexive relations existing between different religions that structure the public sphere. I explain how different forms of religious argument, such as prophetic critique of unjust institutions, contribute to public moral learning processes while simultaneously resisting assimilation into a secular vernacular.

Convener: Esther D. Reed, University of Exeter

#### Wonchul Shin, Emory University

"Thriving Anger in Resistance: Anger As a Moral Virtue for the Flourishing of the Oppressed"

This paper argues for construing anger as a moral virtue of the oppressed in their resistance against structural injustice. I critically evaluate Lisa Tessman's account of "burdened virtues" and argue for a possibility that anger can be constructive in contributing to the flourishing of the oppressed. This paper argues that the oppressed can transform burdened anger into thriving anger that is conducive to their own flourishing through the communal bearing of the burden. This paper provides an empirical support for this argument: a comparative analysis of a suicide protest of a college student and life-affirming protest of the mothers and wives of political victims against the totalitarian regime of Park Chung-hee in South Korea, 1970-1979.

Convener: Georgette Ledgister, Emory University

Joseph R. Wiebe, University of Alberta, Augustana

"'Becoming Native:' Settler Colonialism in Ethics of Place"

Influential writers in Bioregionalism have used the phrase "becoming native" to describe the process of belonging to place. Despite its cultural appropriation, not only do bioregional writers still use the metaphor, but it has also been defended within religious studies. Instead of relying on these arguments to address ethical issues, claims to place need a decolonial framework. Looking at various voices within bioregionalism through Indigenous critiques displays both the movement's issues as well as alternative processes for local adaptation. Wendell Berry exemplifies the problems of bioregional ethics but also has a Christian imagination that delineates aspects of a decolonial framework.

Convener: Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University

#### <u>11am</u>

#### Marriott II

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#### **Friday**

<u>11am</u>

"Christian Sexual Ethics and the #MeToo Movement: Three Moments of Reflection on Sexual Violence and Women's Bodies" • Rose

Panelists: Megan McCabe, Gonzaga University

Karen Ross, Marquette University Sara Wilhelm Garbers, Loyola University Chicago

Informed by interview, Ross looks to the ways in which Christian sexual education is bound up with violence, requiring reconstructed curricula. McCabe argues that ethical consideration of sexual violence must attend to the cultural context that undergirds instances of assault, which calls for the development of the category of a "culture of sin." For Wilhelm Garbers, sexual violence is a location for theo-ethical reflection in view of the "dangerous memories" of survivors. She articulates a feminist political theological ethics of memory that honors the subjectivity of survivors and critiques the structures and systems that violate women.

Convener: Jon Kara Shields, University of Notre Dame

#### **SJE:** Jewish Ethics and Modern Philosophy

Vincent Calabrese, University of Toronto

"Kantian Themes in the Work of Michael Wyschogrod"

This paper examines the role played by Kantian ethical doctrines in the thought of Michael Wyschogrod. Wyschogrod's writings on ethics constitute an assault on what he takes to be the most central of these doctrines — the elevation of morality over religion, the role of autonomy, and the universality and a historicality of ethics — arguing that all are incompatible with Judaism. Also considered are the ways in which Wyschogrod connects his reading of Kant to the history and theology of German Jewry, and the possibility that Wyschogrod evinces Kantian influence, in spite of himself, in his treatment of conscience.

#### Benjamin Ricciardi, Northwestern University

"Playing Video Games with Hermann Cohen: The Judeo-Kantian Moral Aesthetics of Dishonored"

Hermann Cohen suggests that art is simultaneously an ethical project and one hazardous to ethics, in that the completion of an ideal accomplished in a successful work of art may be mistaken for an ethical completion. He further suggests that the highest form of art is drama, since its nature mitigates this danger. I will argue that, by his criteria, the narrative video game constitutes an even higher form of art than drama: the protagonist of the story is inhabited by the spectator and it is the actions directed by that spectator that themselves drive the story.

Respondent: Stephanie Brenzel, Northwestern University Convener: Joel Gereboff, Arizona State University Grandstand

### **SSME:** Emotion in Islamic Thought

<u>11am-12:45pm</u>

### Raissa A. Von Doetinchem de Rande, Princeton University

"'*He was beside himself with grief. His soul seemed to overflow with sorrow.*' The Role of Emotions in the Rich Inner Life of Hayy ibn Yaqzān"

The role of emotions has not been a fruitful area of inquiry in the study of Ibn Țufayl's philosophical tale, "Hayy ibn Yaqzān." This paper seeks to fill this gap by shedding light on the crucial instances when Ibn Țufayl takes note of Hayy's emotional life and thus casts his hero in a very human light. In a second step, I will draw out some of the ways in which a recognition of Hayy's humanity affects Ibn Ţufayl's broader claims. In the end I hope to show that we cannot afford to ignore the many ways in which Hayy ibn Yaqzān experiences the world around him beyond mere rational inquiry.

#### Loumia Ferhat, John Hopkins University

"The Collaboration of the Senses during the Dilation of the Heart in Ghazālī's Autobiography and The Niche of Light"

In this paper, I argue that the image of the dilation of the heart during divine illumination constitutes the gateway to understand Ghazālī's restructuration of the Avicennian's psychology which unlike this latter gives prominence to the senses. In contradistinction with some of the recent scholarship, I argue that this shift from the metaphysical Avicennist lexicon to a Sufi lexicon is not a mere vocabulary makeover on Ghazālī's behalf to distance himself from the philosophers who were accused of blasphemy. On the contrary, Ghazālī offered a profoundly ethical conception of the subject in relocating the highest type of cognition—intuition—from the head to the heart.

#### Wasim Shiliwala, Princeton University

"'It's As If Everyone's Gone Insane': The Impact of Emotional Responses to the Phonograph on Islamic Law"

What is the place of emotion in Islamic legal decision-making? Do Muslim jurists' feelings about a particular topic affect their judgments on it? And if they do, how can we tell, given that legal rulings are oftentimes written in dispassionate and rational language? While the relationship between emotion and the law has been and continues to be explored in the realm of legal studies, it remains undertheorized in the context of Islamic Law. This paper is an attempt to grapple with this important subject through an examination of modern fatwas, a literature that can provide much insight into the emotions surrounding legal questions.

#### Omar Farahat, McGill University

"Fearing for One's Religion' in Islamic Commercial Ethics"

This paper studies the question of preserving the soul in the pursuit of material enrichment in classical Islamic ethics. It does so through a broad examination of the entwinement of ethical and commercial thought in the work of three central scholars. By analyzing the theories of commercial ethics of al-Ghazālī, Ibn 'Abd al-Salām, and al-Tūṣī, the paper argues that each scholar's approach to commerce stemmed from a particular view of the universe and the place of the human soul within it, yet each of them conceived of this place differently.

Convener: Mairaj Syed, University of California-Davis

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#### Marriott I

### 2-3:30pm SSME Plenary

Speaker: John Kelsay, Florida State University

"Religion and Revolutionary Violence: The Problem of Authority" This talk will focus on the process by which revolutionary leaders and groups seek to establish authority for the use of armed force in the attempt to bring about large-scale political change. The career of Usama bin Ladin (1957-2011) will feature most prominently; however, his case is usefully compared to others, and I will thus make mention of two: the abolitionist John Brown (1800-59) who combined a sense of urgency regarding American slavery with an idea of special

abolitionist John Brown (1800-59), who combined a sense of urgency regarding American slavery with an idea of special callings derived from standard Calvinist sources, and the Irish nationalist Patrick Pearse (1879-1916), who assumed a prominent role in the 1916 Easter Rising partly in connection with his rhetorical and literary skills. The diversity of these cases works against any sort of general theory about revolutionary authority. In each instance, however, there is an argument to be made for the establishment of authority as a matter of process, in which the claims advanced by a would-be leader intersect with other factors in order to convince others to assent.

Respondents: Jonathan K. Crane, Emory University Center for Ethics (SJE) Irene Oh, George Washington University (SCE) Convener: Shannon Dunn, Gonzaga University

### 2-3:30pm SCE Forum

"The Context for Scholarly Activism in Kentucky"

Panelists: Senator Morgan McGarvey, Kentucky Legislature

Rev. Dr. Kevin Cosby, President, Simmons College; Pastor, St. Stephen's Baptist Church Karina Barillis, Director, La Casita Center

Respondent: David Gushee, Mercer University

This panel will explore significant contemporary movements for social, economic, and racial justice within Louisville and the state of Kentucky. Panelists include state, non-profit, and religious leaders who are catalysts for social change. Panelists and participants in this forum will be invited to consider the distinctive nature of scholarly activism in our current social, economic, and political context and to reflect on the importance of the discussion for future work in Christian ethics.

Convener: Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, Bellarmine University

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4:00-5:30pm	SCE International Scholarly Relations Committee	Bluegrass I

### 4:00-5:30pm Concurrent Session III

Alyson Capp, Loyola University Chicago

"Why Are Our Babies Dying?': How Christian Bioethics & Ethnography Can Address Racial Disparities in Infant Mortality"

In Milwaukee, Black babies die before their first birthday nearly three times as often as white and Hispanic babies. Prematurity is the major cause of infant mortality, and social determinants of health play a large role. Original ethnographic fieldwork that listens closely to Black mothers uncovers key themes related to women's and infant health. By learning from these experiences, Christian bioethicists can come to a more nuanced understanding of the problem, and draw upon ethical principles from within their traditions—for example, a contextualized vision of justice and respect for women's agency—to help shape health practices and policy recommendations.

Convener: Dannis Matteson, Loyola University Chicago

Marriott VII

Marriott V

Marriott I
#### Friday

#### Matthew John Gaudet, Santa Clara University

"University Ethics and the 'Seamless Garment' of Commodification"

The "seamless garment" doctrine is generally understood as a call to unity between liberal and conservative Catholics in a bifurcated American political system. Stripping the metaphor of this specific context, what remains is the notion that moral issues do not operate in isolation, but as a cohesive whole. The centering principle of Bernadin's system was "life" but in other "seamless" systems that principle can be more nefarious. Applying this insight to the university context, this paper argues that commodification is the "seamless garment" of contemporary university life and thus, unraveling it is a necessary antecedent to constructing a moral university culture.

Convener: Conor M. Kelly, Marquette University

#### William George, Dominican University

"Asteroid Ethics: Space Mining and Our Common Home"

Asteroid mining offers immense economic promise and would be vital to a future in space. But will a colonized space will be any more ethically informed than the world left behind? To explore such questions, I draw on *Laudato Si'* and the tradition behind it. Further specification of the issues comes from space law and U.S. legislation on asteroid mining. Not unlike the Law of the Sea and the bitterly contested issue of seabed mining some 50 years ago, law regarding asteroid mining raises fundamental questions about "our common home" that should concern Christian ethicists and others of good will.

Convener: Ryan Juskus, Duke University

#### Margaret Kamitsuka, Oberlin College

"Hospitality and the Fetus: A Prochoice Proposal on Good Samaritanism"

Many prolife Christian writers claim, based on the good Samaritan parable, that pregnancy entails a moral obligation for the woman to be a host to her fetal neighbor in need. This paper demonstrates how this prolife viewpoint trivializes the burdens of unwanted pregnancy and idealizes the help that churches might actually provide for women with crisis pregnancies. I propose a prochoice paradigm of gestational hospitality informed by pastoral theology, feminist bioethics, and rabbinic scholarship. This paradigm encourages the virtue of Samaritan caring but also supports a pregnant woman's choice to refuse her fetus the hospitality of her womb.

Convener: Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University

#### Elisabeth Rain Kincaid, Aquinas Institute of Theology "Professional Ethics and the Recovery of Virtue"

In my paper, I make a constructive proposal that considering how legal ethics emphasizes the role of precepts in the formation of professional virtues can enhance discussions in theological ethics regarding the development of the applied virtues, especially justice. I argue that these insights can present a way to retrieve the importance of precepts for virtue formation, in line with classical virtue ethics and grounded in praxis, without falling into the rigid legalism which contemporary virtue ethics seeks to avoid.

Convener: Joshua Wopata, University of Dayton

#### Howard Pickett, Washington and Lee University

"Taking the Place of Another: Is Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Ethics of Substitution Oppressive?"

Taking the place of another plays a central role in the Christocentric ethics of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Yet substitution is not without problems—even well-meaning substitutes usurp the agency and ignore the real interests of others. Drawing on womanist and feminist thinkers, this essay highlights the oppressive tendencies of substitution (Bonhoeffer's *Stellvertretung*). However, re-reading Bonhoeffer in light of substitution's critics also uncovers overlooked, admittedly underdeveloped resources in his thought for correcting those tendencies. In the end, I argue that substitution plays a crucial but morally perilous part in ethics, one that should aim principally at institutional reforms to empower the oppressed.

Convener: Matthew Puffer, Villanova University

#### Marriott II

4pm

Thoroughbred

#### Marriott III

Marriott X

Marriott IV

#### **Friday**

Michael Spalione, University of Aberdeen "People, Power, and Place: Ecclesiology and the Ethics of Land"

This paper will address Christian ethics of land in light of the pilgrim identity of the people of God. A survey of some of the most pressing concerns of social ethics such as the Syrian refugee crisis, America's deportation of immigrants, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and ecological controversies demonstrates that land is a focal point of power accompanied by numerous moral issues. I will examine the ethics of place through the lens of ecclesiology by attending to the apostolic vision of the church as a transnational assembly of sojourners recapitulating Israel's exodus wanderings and the effects of that vision on the Christian ethics of place.

Convener: Christian T. Iosso, Presbyterian Church (USA)

Nicole S. Symmonds, Emory University

"Not Your Normative Ethics: Michel Foucault As Course Corrector to Christian Liberative Ethics"

The history of Michel Foucault's work is that of a thinker who utilizes genealogy to trouble traditional historical methods. Given this, he upends the practice of ethics as one of inquiry that necessitates regulatory normativity, to one that focuses, strictly, on personal responsibility. Foucault's work, better yet his play in history, provides a corrective to Christian normative ethical theory and practice that makes clear the import of one's relation to the self as prerequisite and primary to ethics. Therefore this paper explores the contours of Foucault's work, to unearth an ethic that responds to the demands of contemporary Christian liberative ethics.

Convener: Sheila A. Otieno, Boston University

Devan Stahl, Michigan State University

"The Prophetic Challenge of Disability Art"

For many persons with chronic illness and disability, medical images can come to represent their stigmatized "otherness." A growing group of artists, however, are transforming their medical images into works of visual art, which better represent their lived experience and challenge viewers to see the disability and illness differently. Using a method of correlation, Christian ethicists can find within this art the potential for: (1) creative resistance to modern deployments of biopower, (2) a celebration of divine *poiesis*, and (3) prophetic challenges to the cult of normalcy and opportunities for communion.

Convener: Michael Granzen, New Brunswick Theological Seminary

Asian and Asian American Working Group

"Disciplined by Race: Theological Ethics and the Problem of Asian American Identity" • Panelists: Jennifer Harvey, Drake University

Ramón Luzárraga, Benedictine University, Arizona Jonathan Tran, Baylor University Traci West, Drew University

Respondent: Ki Joo Choi, Seton Hall University

An author-meets-critics symposium, this panel responds to a forthcoming work in Asian American theological ethics that focuses on the salience of Asian American identity and experience for contemporary debates on race/racism. The panelists will assess at least two lines of inquiry. First, how Asian Americans are socially positioned by whiteness and what that positioning reveals about the logics of white racism in the modern U.S. Second, what the social positioning or, more specifically, disciplining of Asian Americans by whiteness suggests about the prospects for Asian American selfdetermination and resistance to the social demands and allure of whiteness.

Conveners: Christina A. Astorga, University of Portland James McCarty, Seattle University

4pm

Marriott VII

### Filly

Paddock

### Marriott IX

"Jean Bethke Elshtain: Then and Now"

Panelists: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College

John D. Carlson, Arizona State University Eric Gregory, Princeton University Michael T. Le Chevallier, University of Chicago

2018 marks the fifth anniversary of ethicist Jean Bethke Elshtain's death and the release of the first collection of secondary material on her work, *Jean Bethke Elshtain: Politics, Ethics, Society* (April, 2018). This panel will consider Elshtain's work retrospectively and prospectively: how have the themes that shaped her career fared since her death? What did she get right, what did she get wrong? What is worth revisiting? Roundtable participants will speak on areas they see the most ongoing relevance; where Elshtain's work needs extension or correction; and the ways that her thought connects with current trends in politics and religion.

Convener: Michael Niebauer, Duquesne University

**SJE:** Reading #MeToo in Classical Texts and Contemporary Discourses

Rose

Ari Ballaban, Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion

"The #MeToo Movement and 'Your Momma' Jokes in the Babylonian Talmud: Studying b. Sotah 42b in Light of Rabbinic Masculinity"

So-called locker-room talk is not merely a feature of contemporary Western discourse; men in late antiquity also engaged in it, and the Rabbis depicted in classic rabbinic literature are no exception to this rule. Though locker-room talk may be crude, it remains important to study the specific social reasons why men of a given society use it. To that end, this paper analyzes one strand of locker-room talk—the maternal insult (i.e., the "your momma joke")—that appears in Bavli Sotah 42b. In particular, it will explore how such humor played a role in the construction and maintenance of masculine identity in rabbinic society.

Mira Wasserman, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College

"#MeToo, the Jews, and the Ethics and Politics of Public Disclosures"

The #MeToo movement has demonstrated that public disclosures of allegations of abuse are critical for the pursuit of justice. As we have seen in case after case, after one brave victim speaks out, others are emboldened to come forward with evidence. But the moral imperative to disclose accusations of abuse conflicts with other ethical concerns. I will explicate this problem through a close reading of a talmudic narrative from B. Mo'ed Katan 17a, proposing that the concept of Hillul Ha-Shem can ground a victim-centered Jewish ethical response to abuses of power.

Respondent: David Brodsky, Brooklyn College Convener: Aviva Richman, New York University

#### Marriott VIII

#### SSME: Interrogating the Boundaries of Muslim Legislative Ethics Grandstand Alexandre Caeiro, Hamad Bin Khalifa University

"Locating the Ethical in Contemporary Shari'a: State Muftis and Functional Differentiation in the Gulf"

This paper examines the functions fulfilled by contemporary muftis working for state institutions in the Gulf. Drawing on a study of Qatar's Ministry of Endowments and Islamic Affairs, the paper argues that contemporary muftis act as religious experts, spiritual guides, psychologists, marriage counselors, legal advisers, financial consultants, transnational mediators, and apologists for the Islamic tradition. It suggests that the distinctions drawn by the muftis between normative content and ethical guidance, as well as between "political" questions that lie outside the scope of their work and "religious" issues that fall under their purview, are instructive of some of the ways in which the fatwa has been reconstituted under the modern nation-state.

#### Saadia Yacoob, Williams College

"Legislating Desire in Islamic Law: Sexual Ethics and the Project of Law Making"

This paper explores the gendered assumptions embedded in the juridical construction of sexual desire in the legal works of the 11<sup>th</sup> century Hanafi legal jurist Muhammad b. Ahmad al-Sarakhsi. Sexual desire is a rich human experience that manifests itself in different affective states, through physiological responses, and a wide array of sexual acts. I argue that al-Sarakhsī understands the complexity of human sexual desire through a male-embodied experience. In order to demonstrate this, I turn to his construction of desire as a legislatable fact through demarcating physiological markers of sexual pleasure and the emission of sexual fluids.

#### Ayman Shabana, Georgetown University in Qatar

"Medical Treatment in Islamic Law and Ethics: Beyond Permissibility and Impermissibility"

This presentation/paper will analyze several contributions by Muslim jurists and medical professionals on the theme of medical treatment. While these contributions highlight the role of religious faith at times of illness, especially in the case of terminal illness, they also emphasize the importance of seeking medical treatment, especially when effective cures are available. These contributions show that the ethical-legal status of medical treatment is linked to proper categorization of medical conditions along with anticipated outcomes and effectiveness of available cures.

Convener: Sarra Tlili, University of Florida

5:18pm	Shabbat Candle Lighting	On your own
5:30-6:30pm	SSME Board Meeting	Jockey Club
5:45-6:00pm	<b>SCE Lifetime Achievement Award</b> <b>Recipient: Karen Lebacqz</b> Presenters: Karen Peterson-Iyer, Aana Marie Vigen	Marriott V
6:00-7:00pm	SCE Presidential Address President: Diane Yeager	Marriott V
6:30pm	SSME Dinner with John Kelsay	Offsite
7:00-7:45pm	SCE Presidential Reception	Marriott VI
7:00-7:45pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Services (Please bring your own <i>siddur</i> .) Service is in Hebrew; all are welcome.	Filly
7:45-9:15pm	<b>Shabbat Dinner</b> SJE Presidential Greetings: Aaron Gross, University of San Diego (Pre-registration required for dinner. Meal is kosher vegetarian.)	Thoroughbred

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

Asian and Asian American "Building Peace in the Korean Peninsula" Panelists: David Chiwon Kwon, St. Mary's University of Minnesota Jong Hwa Kim, Fuller Theological Seminary Respondent: Tobias Winright, St. Louis University

In view of recent developments in the relationship between two Korea and in the relationship between the United States and North Korea, the panelists examine the sustainability of the proactive efforts toward peace, which are often understood within the just peacemaking framework. A force to be reckoned with in these peace efforts is a populist Christian movement in South Korea, namely the Christian Right Movement, that propelled conservative Christians into political life. In critically reviewing the historical and theological nature of the movement's populism since the Korean War, the panelists address the question on whether its ethos promotes or hinders peacebuilding.

Conveners: Christina Astorga, University of Portland James McCarty, Seattle University

Caucus for Contingent Faculty Concerns

"Should I Stay or Should I Go? Finding Your Way Outside the Academy" Panelists: Matthew Gaudet, Santa Clara University Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Vanderbilt University

Darrin Snyder-Belousek, Ohio Northern University

Fewer living-wage positions in the academy make the pursuit of a tenure-track position progressively less tenable over time. Many SCE contingent members find themselves asking how long they should hang on to contingent positions before leaving the academy. This panel will address how some faculty have come to terms with contingency as the new norm as well as the grief and shame that often accompany leaving the academy: grief at the loss of a dream and shame because a systemic failure often feels like a personal shortcoming.

Conveners: Matthew Gaudet, Santa Clara University Lincoln Rice, Marquette University

Christian Ethics in Historical Context

"Interrogating Protestant and Catholic Narratives of Modernity" Panelists: Davey Henreckson, Dordt College

"Traditional, Radical, and Modern: Neglected Legacies of the Protestant Reformation"

Emily Dumler-Winckler, St. Louis University

"Modern Virtue and a Tradition of Dissent"

Jennifer Herdt, Yale University

"An Unintended Age: Redeeming Narratives of the Reformation"

Rubén Rosario Rodríguez, St. Louis University

"A 'Global' Church: The Cosmopolitan Dimension of Reformed Theology"

Widely discussed books such as *The Unintended Reformation* and *After Virtue* have offered influential narratives about the relationship between the Reformation, early modernity, and modernity. Our panelists will offer responses that seek to trouble, nuance, and add complexity to some of those standard stories.

Convener: Jesse Couenhoven, Villanova University

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Marriott I

Paddock

**Climate Justice** 

"Privilege, Moral Incompetence, and Climate Change"

Panelists: Laura Hartman, Roanoke College

Kevin J. O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University Frederick Simmons, Princeton Theological Seminary Willa Swenson-Lengyel, Villanova University Aana Marie Vigen, Loyola University Chicago

Christian ethicists have considered both the limits of our current moral systems' capacity to respond to climate change and how issues of identity limit the arguments that should be made and who should make them on any moral issue. This panel brings these two topics together to address three questions: (1) Who is competent to make moral claims about climate change? (2) How do the realities of privilege based on race, gender, and sexuality limit the capacity of privileged people to face this issue? (3) (How) Does Christian ethics offer tools to build competence and/or move past the limits of such privilege?

Convener: Aana Marie Vigen, Loyola University Chicago

Ethics and Catholic Theology

Liturgy and Ethics

"¡Presente! Liturgical Protest and Practical Reason"

Panelists: Michael Baxter, Regis University, Denver

Kelly Johnson, University of Dayton Kyle Lambelet, Candler School of Theology

What does it mean to say that the dead are "*Presente*"? Recalling the 1989 assassinations of six Jesuit professors in San Salvador and the annual richly-sourced liturgical protest that remembers them, Lambelet argues that the liturgy is formative of bonds that "cross the line" between the living and the dead, making the dead anamnestically present. In conversation pro and con with the work of William Cavanaugh, Lambelet claims that while liturgical protest is formative, it underdetermines the actions which follow, leaving the task of practical reasoning unfinished. Respondents Michael Baxter and Kelly Johnson address natural law, cooperation, and Christology.

Conveners: Michael Baxter, Regis University, Denver (Ethics and Catholic Theology) John Berkman, Regis College, University of Toronto (Ethics and Catholic Theology) Brent Laytham, St. Mary's Seminary and University (Liturgy and Ethics) Debra Dean Murphy, West Virginia Wesleyan College (Liturgy and Ethics)

Ethics and Law

"M. Cathleen Kaveny's *Ethics at the Edges of Law: Christian Moralists and American Legal Thought* (Oxford, 2018)"

Panelists: Eric Gregory, Princeton University

Cristina Traina, Northwestern University

Jonathan Rothchild, Loyola Marymount University

Respondent: M. Cathleen Kaveny, Boston College

This year's session focuses on M. Cathleen Kaveny's interdisciplinary engagement of theology and law in *Ethics at the Edges of Law*. Panelists will address a range of methodological, conceptual, theological, and normative issues raised in the book, including Kaveny's central claim that the American legal tradition can be a resource for Christian ethical reflection. After the panelists share their impressions and Professor Kaveny offers a response, the remainder of the session will be dedicated to open conversation.

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

Marriott III

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8pm

#### **Friday**

#### **Future Scholars**

<u>8pm</u>

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"A Black Theology of Liberation: Future Scholars on the Life and Legacy of the Rev. Dr. James Hal Cone"

Joshua S. Bartholomew, The University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology

"Black Theology and The Black Panthers: A (Methodologically Womanist) Consideration of Political and Economic Praxis"

Founded by James Cone, Black Liberation Theology has its roots in the United States Black Power Movement of the late 1960s and 70s. The most revolutionary example of racial politics for black liberation throughout the Black Power Movement was arguably the Black Panther Party. This paper argues that The Panthers' strategies of black self-determination need to inform liberationist ethics. This paper uses a Womanist methodology – mining works of Elaine Brown and Angela Davis – to be critical of The Panthers' patriarchy, critiquing not only their gender and sexual politics, but the patriarchal culture and spirit of the (ongoing) Black Power Movement.

Candace Laughinghouse, Chicago Theological Seminary

"Searching for an Integrated Justice for All Forms of Life: An Ecowomanist and Anti-Speciesist Reading of James Cone"

Cone's efforts to give voice to the shared suffering and collective struggle for a global oppressed should be explored in other fields of study – including earth and animal care. A critique of the mostly white male fields of ecology and animal rights with the works of Cone is a revolutionary method that incorporates his scholarship among those that intentionally do not seek any other voices but their own. Overall, just as we demand justice, protection and restoration for the globally oppressed, this paper proposes that Cone's work includes all of God's Creation.

#### Xavier Pickett, Princeton Theological Seminary

"Black Polemics, Black Theology: Exploring the Role and Value of Contestation in Cone's Theology"

This paper examines the role and value of contestation in Cone's theology. It seeks to retrieve and reclaim Cone's theological polemics as an intellectual good for Black theological method. In doing so, I argue that an examination of the polemical dimensions of Cone's theology offers invaluable insights for better understanding the conditions that fertilized the growth of Black theology and the role polemics could play in advancing Black theology into the future. I will examine three critical elements to Cone's theological polemics: (1) intellectual contestation, (2) intellectual accountability, and (3) intellectual productivity.

Ashlyn W. Strozier, Claremont Graduate University

"'Turning Black Girl Magic to Black Woman Power' A Womanist Mode to Liberation"

The black church has been the cornerstone of the black community, opposing black suffering. James Cone in his seminal work, <u>Black Theology and Black Power</u>, notes the relation of the black church and the power of blackness. I propose that suffering in the 21<sup>st</sup> century has caused black millennials to seek other spiritual practices while maintaining connections to Christianity. Millennials, especially black women are relinquishing a "God of the Oppressed," but embracing a "God of Liberation." How have and are black women learning to evoke their black girl magic lost in the transatlantic and black holocaust by reclaiming the magic and the power of the ancestors, Ori, Orisha, and God to liberate themselves?

Respondent: Angela Sims, St. Paul School of Theology

Conveners: Sara Wilhelm Garbers, Loyola University Chicago Nikia Robert, Claremont School of Theology Health Care Ethics "Christian Ethicists Engage the Opioid Crisis" Panelists: Brett McCarty, Duke Divinity School Joel Shuman, King's College Todd Whitmore, University of Notre Dame

This year, we interrogate the opioid crises. The structural roles of race, socioeconomic causes, social isolation, and medicalization will be considered in light of religious communities' commitments to human flourishing. Facilitating the conversation are three Christian ethicists: Joel Shuman practiced as a physical therapist before pursuing academic training in theology and ethics. Todd Whitmore practices as a Certified Peer Recovery Support Specialist while doing ethnographic work on the opioid crisis with incarcerated men. Brett McCarty, St. Andrews Fellow in Theology and Science, Duke Divinity School, has been conducting an in-depth ethnographic work on the opioid crisis in Appalachia.

Conveners: Joseph Kotva, Indiana University School of Medicine, South Bend Gerald Winslow, Loma Linda University

#### Peace and War

"War and the Refugee Crisis"

#### Speaker: Tisha Rajendra, Loyola University Chicago

Much Christian ethics of migration uses human rights to address the ethical questions presented by the forced displacement of peoples by war. This paper argues that the framework of human rights has failed refugee populations. Drawing on Hannah Arendt, Tisha will argue that this is due to conceptual limitations in human rights frameworks. Given these limitations, what role ought human rights to play in a revised ethics of forced migration? To answer these questions, she will propose an account of justice as responsibilities to relationships. She will outline how this account can guide the responsibilities of churches, NGOs, and individuals to refugees. Daniel Cosacchi, co-chair of the peace and war interest group, will offer a brief response linking this critical work to the prevention of war.

Conveners: Daniel Cosacchi, Fairfield University Eli McCarthy, Georgetown University

Pedagogy

"Games and Simulations in the Ethics Classroom" Panelists: Scott Paeth, DePaul University Elisabeth Vasko, Duquesne University

Darlene Fozard Weaver, Duquesne University

Two years ago our interest group discussed the value of semester-long, "real world" experiential projects in undergraduate ethics courses. When possible, these courses can be a particularly powerful tool for shaping the ethical lives of our students. For the 2019 conference the Pedagogy Interest Group will explore how ethics instructors might approximate these experiential outcomes in the classroom by incorporating games, simulations, and other active learning strategies into their lessons. These activities invite students to explore moral questions and theoretical problems in personal ways, yet do so within the confines of the traditional classroom. Simulations discussed will range from complex, semester-long affairs that explore rival theories of justice to shorter activities that can be incorporated into a single class period without much effort.

Convener: Victor McCracken, Abilene Christian University

8pm

Marriott IV

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Marriott VIII

#### Grandstand

"Appeals to Scripture in Recent Debates about Immigration"

Scripture is frequently cited in current debates about immigration. Whether in the form of appeals not to oppress the stranger, to defend sanctuary cities, national identity and sovereignty, or the divine sanction of sovereign power and borders, citations like these are not always accompanied by exegetical, historical, and theological considerations when they are part of a public conversation. For the 2019 SCE Annual Meeting, the Scripture and Ethics Interest Group will discuss the use of scripture in recent immigration debates, primarily focused on, but not limited to, the United States by situating the way that scripture is being cited within larger frameworks with the goal of better understanding both the politics of immigration and the role that scripture plays in the public square.

The co-conveners will make brief presentations intended to start the Interest Group's conversation.

Conveners: Craig Hovey, Ashland University

Kyong-Jin Lee, Fuller Theological Seminary

#### A Necessary Word and Enduring Message about white nationalist Christianity from best-selling author Miguel De La Torre.



"The doors of the church are open, and brother Miguel De La Torre has a timely word inviting everyone to finally repent and walk away from the white supremacist American god so we can live out a Badass Christianity in the way of Jesus that actually struggles for liberation and justice. This is a necessary word during the Trump era, but it is the kind of enduring message we've always needed to be confronted with, ever since this mangled white Christianity first emerged." —Drew G. I. Hart

Author of Trouble I've Seen: Chanaging the Way the Church Views Racism and Assistant Professor of Theology at Messiah College

On Sale December 11, 2018

# **6:45-7:30am** Grab and Go Continental Breakfast (Pre-registration needed for breakfast.)

#### 6:45-7:15am Contemplative Prayer

Silent, contemplative prayer presents opportunities for solidarity in worship, spiritual practice, and ethical witness across ecumenical and interfaith/interspiritual traditions. And many scholars and members of our societies (SCE, SJE, and SSME) engage in meditation or contemplation as part of both their personal spiritual practice and their scholarly work in teaching and research. This contemplative prayer service is open to all, and will include a brief meditation from the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Scriptures, followed by 20 minutes for silent contemplation, concluding with a brief prayer. No prior experience necessary – please join us!

## 7:15-8:45am Interest and Working Groups II

#### **Caucus for Contingent Faculty Concerns Business Meeting**

The yearly business meeting discerns how to best support the cause of contingent faculty in academia. Concretely, this occurs through (1) a sharing of data and experiences by those present, (2) an evaluation of Caucus-sponsored programing and work within the SCE, and (3) ideas for future programming and actions by the Caucus. One need not be contingent to be part of the caucus. All are welcome.

Conveners: Matthew Gaudet, Santa Clara University Lincoln Rice, Marquette University

Animal Ethics

"Christians and Other Animals: Book Symposium on David Clough's On Animals, Vol II: Theological Ethics (2018)"

Panelists: Maria Teresa Davila, Merrimack College Eric Gregory, Princeton University Jennifer A. Herdt, Yale University Darryl Trimiew, Medgar Evans College

Respondent: David Clough, University of Chester

David Clough's *On Animals, Volume I: Systematic Theology* (2012) is an ambitious attempt to re-conceive the place of animals in Christian doctrine. This companion volume sets out the radical implications of taking animals seriously in the context of Christian ethics and represents the first substantive modern academic monograph in the field to do so.

Each of our esteemed panelists will offer critical assessments on the book's major contributions to and challenges for their own work and the field of Christian ethics. The author will then respond to their reflections and questions from the audience.

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

Family and Social Responsibility

"Graced Sinfulness: Ecclesial Culture and Conscience Formation" Presenter: Kathy Lilla Cox, University of San Diego Respondent: James Keenan, S.J., Boston College

This session examines how liturgical practices shape us. More specifically, the session focuses on how the narratives proclaimed on Sundays help shape ecclesial, familial and individual moral imaginations and contribute to the formation and malformation of consciences. Questions for consideration include: What narratives do we hear? What images of family, leadership, and social order emerge? What Scriptures, not included in the lectionary, provide alternative visions of the social order both in and outside the church? How does ecclesial culture support or hinder the reception of insights from scriptural narratives thus, contributing to the formation and malformation of moral imagination and consciences?

Conveners: Kari-Shane Davis Zimmerman, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University Marcus Mescher, Xavier University

#### Clubhouse

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**Saturday** 

Fieldwork and Ethics "Emerging Challenges and Possibilities for Ethnographic Fieldwork in Christian Ethics" Table Discussion Leaders: Alyson Capp, Loyola University Chicago Kyle Lambelet, Emory University Karen Ross, Loyola University Chicago Sara Williams, Emory University

What are the challenges and possibilities for Christian ethicists engaging ethnography? This session brings together graduate students and early career scholars with mid-career and senior scholars engaging ethnography as a method of normative inquiry to discuss open methodological questions emerging from their own fieldwork. The session will conclude with discussion about practical steps to integrate the ethnography conversation across related but distinct subdisciplinary pockets in ethics, ecclesial studies, theology, and other areas of religious studies, as well as how to connect and give platform to graduate students and early career scholars representing the second generation of Christian ethicists engaging ethnography.

Conveners: Aana Marie Vigen, Loyola University Chicago Sara Williams, Emory University

LGBT and Queer Studies in Ethics

"Violence, Humanity, and Citizenship"

Jennifer Harvey, Drake University Panelists:

James McCarty, Seattle University Letitia Campbell, Emory University

Yvonne Zimmerman, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

What is the function and role of violence (gun violence, police brutality, sexual assault, etc...) in ethical discourse today? How has violence shaped ethical inquiry, and how then should ethics address questions of violence? This panel explores these questions, taking into consideration the place of, and intersections between, locations, identities, and politics. Panelists will reflect on the responsibility of ethical inquiry, and of the ethicists that create and engage in it, to speak to violence, and will explore resources within queer, trans, and feminist/womanist scholarship for responding to the ongoing threat of violence.

Conveners: Benae Beamon, Boston University Brandy Daniels, University of Virginia

Moral Theory

"African Theology and Moral Theory: Evangelical, Mainline, and Catholic Perspectives" Nimi Wariboko, Boston University Panelists: Simeon Ilesanmi, Wake Forest University Paulinus Odozor, University of Notre Dame

This panel will explore recent work in African theological ethics and moral theory from evangelical Christian, mainline Protestant, and Roman Catholic perspectives focusing on the following questions: (1) What are the challenges in the African churches' political and wider social contexts that have prompted renewed engagement with moral theory? (2) Which topics in moral theory have been most significant in conversations within different Christian denominations? (3) What are the most fruitful places for further conversation between those working on moral theory in philosophical ethics and those working in African Christian theology and ethics?

Conveners: Per Sundman, Uppsala University David Clairmont, University of Notre Dame

7:45am	SCE Latino/a Working and Interest Groups Business Meeting	Bluegrass I
	Please make every effort to attend as we will plan the 2020 annual meeting.	

### 8:15am-6pm Exhibits Open

7:15-8:15am

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Marriott IX

Skvbox

8:15am-6:00pm	Conference Desk Open	Bluegra
9:00-10:30am	<b>Shabbat Services (with Torah Reading)</b> Service is in Hebrew; all are welcome. (Please bring your own <i>siddur</i> .)	Place
9:00-10:30am 9:00-10:30am	Task Force on Contingency SCE Nominations Committee	Jockey Skybox

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

Elizabeth Sweeny Block, Saint Louis University

"White Privilege and the Erroneous Conscience: Rethinking Moral Culpability and Ignorance"

Bryan Massingale identifies a problem that unconscious racial bias poses for conscience formation: how can we deliberately form conscience when we are unaware of the continuous influence the culture of racism exercises? This paper considers Massingale's question with respect to the so-called erroneous conscience. It argues that systemic racism prompts us to reimagine the erroneous conscience and individual culpability for ignorance. I argue that the erroneous conscience is useful but also problematic because it equates error with concrete action and conscious decisions, potentially excuses error due to ignorance, and separates the person from her actions.

Convener: Edward Zukowski, College of Mount St. Vincent

#### David Cloutier, The Catholic University of America

"Beyond Judgmentalism and Non-Judgmentalism: A Theological Approach to Public Discourse about Social Sin"

Public discourse appears confused about the idea of judgment. Imperatives "not to judge" co-exist with very judgmental approaches. This problem is not just in political discourse. Social media technologies promise inclusivity, and yet kids feel overwhelmingly insecure because of the constant exposure to judgment online. Contemporary Christian ethics has neglected the proper specification of *judgment* – whether political, ecclesial, or divine (connected, but not identical) – to balance prophetic critique and mercy. In recovering a notion of the proper place of judgment, I draw especially on the biblical literature, as well as the work of Rowan Williams and Joseph Ratzinger.

Convener: Steven T. Lane, Florida State University

Brandy Daniels, University of Virginia

"Is There No Gomorrah? Christian Ethics, Identity, and the Turn to Ecclesial Practices: Where's the Difference?"

This paper critically examines (post-)postliberal turns to sacramental and other ecclesial practices as a resource in and for Christian ethics, particularly when utilized for liberationist pursuits. Turning to two contemporary examples, this paper traces how Christian identity, belonging, and practice function discursively in these accounts, subsuming difference into religious sameness and rendering it what Avery Gordon, following Ellison, calls un-visible-a result that belies and undermines liberative aims. Reading Gordon and feminist philosopher Lynne Huffer through a theological lens, this paper proposes a reparative alternative, a negative theo-ethical turn to practices in pursuit of liberation.

Convener: Sara Wilhelm Garbers, Loyola University Chicago

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# Marriott III

Marriott II

Marriott I

#### **Saturday**

Karen V. Guth, College of the Holy Cross

"Womanist Contributions to the Confederate Monuments Debate"

As current debate in the United States on topics ranging from Confederate monuments to the #MeToo movement indicates, the past is never dead. Grappling with legacies implicated in traumatic pasts is one of the most pressing moral challenges of our time. This paper explores the power of womanist ethics to address this problem. It argues that Emilie Townes' analysis of the "cultural production of evil," Angela Sims' work on the "power of memory in a culture of terror," and Delores Williams' re-evaluations of the cross as a sacred symbol provide needed insight to public debate on Confederate monuments.

Convener: Lisa Powell, St. Ambrose University

Elsa Marty, University of Chicago

"The Ethics of Contextual Theology"

One of the greatest challenges for contextual theology is the determination of the context itself and which factors to consider in theological reflection. Drawing on ethnographic fieldwork with Adivasi (indigenous) Christians in India, this paper discusses ethical considerations related to the hermeneutics of describing a context and situating oneself in relation to it. After examining challenges related to competing aspects of identity, as well as questions about representation and belonging, I propose a more inclusive and expansive approach to context, which in turn necessitates new ways of thinking about the purpose of contextual theology and how we learn from differences.

Convener: Molly Greening, Loyola University Chicago

Neil Messer, University of Winchester, United Kingdom *Rose* "Judging the Secret Thoughts of All: Functional Neuroimaging, 'Brain Reading,' and the Theological Ethics of Privacy"

Of the many futuristic prospects offered by neuroscience, one of the more controversial is "brain reading": the use of functional neuroimaging to gain information about subjects' mental states or thoughts, for example for lie detection. Would this violate their right to privacy, or pretend to God-like knowledge of humans' inner life? The paper will argue that God's knowledge of us is different not only in degree but in kind from the knowledge sought through brain reading. This view of divine knowledge will support a theological account of privacy, which will give grounds for suspicion of the project of brain reading.

Convener: Mary Jo Iozzio, Boston College

Jeremy Posadas, Austin College, Sherman, Texas "Reproductive Justice Reconstructs Christian Ethics of Work"

This paper demonstrates how the Christian ethics of work/labor has tended to preserve the moral assumptions underpinning capitalism's work-system. Against this, it argues that Christian ethics must break complicity with capitalism's degradation of workers' lives by drawing on three streams of feminist thought: feminist anti-work theory, the reproductive justice framework, and social reproduction theory. The paper suggests an interpretation of the Creation and the Christ-event through this feminist lens, providing the basis for a new ethics of work in which work is subordinated to and instrumentalized for mutual and equitable care for all. The paper concludes with some policy applications of this new ethics of work.

Convener: Kathryn D. Blanchard, Alma College

Marriott IV

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Marriott VIII

### "[More]al Humans: The Ethical Impact of Desmond Tutu and Mercy Amba Oduyoye in Africa"

#### To engage African social ethics is to explore African moral sources and accompanying lived practice in response to socioreligious and historical events, as well as internal and external social influences. The first paper examines the ethical architecture of the Congolese Five-Year War in the Democratic Republic of Congo, attending to the role of communityboth living and ancestral—in enabling or restraining violence and agency during war. The second paper interrogates the impact of two socio-political and religious figures, Desmond Tutu and Mercy Oduyoye, and their impact on the moral progress within African regions given ideas they have popularized.

"When the Ancestors Wage War: Mystico-Political Movements and the Ethics of War in Congo"

Convener: Matthew Jantzen, Hope College

"Epistemological In-breakings: Exploring Social Ethics in Continental Africa"

Georgette Ilunga-Nkulu Ledgister, Emory University

Oluwatomisin Oredein, Memphis Theological Seminary

producing a fruitful critique of CPS: the Black Holy Family.

Convener: Emily Dubie, Duke University

Todd Whitmore, University of Notre Dame

Convener: Peter Fay, Boston College

Sheila Otieno, Boston University

In my fieldwork, persons often say that those with opioid addictions are, "normal people." How did opioid misusers become considered "normal" rather than deviant? With the medicalization of addiction, users have become "patients."

takes away our right forever, to discriminate between the deserving and the undeserving."

"Holy Deviance: Christianity, Race, and Class in the Opioid Crisis"

tensions between global relevance, prophetic speech, and the role of the public church. Amidst the rise of nationalism across global politics and long-simmering intradenominational division about homosexuality, a shared statement on human rights and the relationship between church and state, among other issues, would be a much-needed counter-witness to the atmosphere of moral animosity shaping current political discourse. Presented is an ethical and theological assessment of the 2018 draft Social Principles, addressing its possibilities and potential as a global ethic for a divided church. Convener: Joshua Beckett, Fuller Theological Seminary

However, both the crack and methamphetamine crises occurred after the medicalization phenomenon began, but were still highly criminalized. An adequate interpretation requires race and class analysis. I close by arguing that for an authentic Christian response the deviant versus medical patient debate is a moot one. In the words of Dorothy Day, "The Gospel

Darryl W. Stephens, Lancaster Theological Seminary "A Global Ethic for a Divided Church: Assessing the United Methodist Social Principles Revision 2020" The United Methodist Church's current attempt to revise its social witness while navigating denominational schism reveals

Child Protective Services (CPS) disproportionately judges African American children to be "victims" of child abuse and disproportionately removes them from their homes. The guiding justification is "the best interests of the child." This notion will be evaluated against Catholic Social Teaching (CST) and the image of the Black Holy Family. God favored the biblical Holy Family despite their poverty and the fear the child Jesus instilled in a hegemonic government. The

theological dialogue between the black family battling CPS and biblical Holy Family can create a new icon capable of

Lincoln Rice, Marquette University "The Ethics of Child Protective Services: A Reexamination of 'the Best Interests of the Child' in an Anti-Black Culture"

**Saturday** 

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#### Marriott IX

### **SSME**: The Really Meaty Question of Muslim Ethics

Sarra Tlili, University of Florida

"A Case for Vegetarianism in Islam?"

Three notable attempts to build a case for vegetarianism in Islam have emerged in the last couple of decades. Although these discussions are thought-provoking, they exhibit several methodological flaws and suffer from serious mischaracterizations and oversimplifications of the tradition. Moreover, little to no critical attention is applied to the principle of vegetarianism. Obviously, a solid case for vegetarianism in Islam, if one is at all possible, requires more critical rigor and more serious engagement with the tradition. The aim of this presentation is to assess the current debate and to raise new questions that need to be addressed if one is to have a genuine engagement with this question.

#### Nuri Friedlander, Harvard University

"Put Animals at Ease When Slaughtering Them': Ritual, Ethics, and Muslim Practices of Animal Slaughter"

The focus of this paper is on pre-modern Muslim ethical discourses related to animal slaughter and the ways that ritual functions in those discourses to ameliorate moral discomfort with animal pain. Through an examination of classical Islamic legal and theological texts, this paper demonstrates that Muslim theologians and jurists thought deeply about animal experiences and engaged in extended discussions regarding the ethical treatment of animals at the time of slaughter. The emphasis Muslims placed on ritual practice has the potential to increase Muslims' awareness of the experiences that animals have when they are slaughtered and to bridge the gap between Islamic ethical frameworks and contemporary animal rights discourses.

Convener: Robert Tappan, Towson University

10:30-11:00am	Break	Marriott VI
	Karen Lebacqz will be available in the Foyer near quilt display.	

#### 11am-12:30pm SCE Annual Business Meeting

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#### Clubhouse

# **11am-12:30pm SJE:** What is the Opposite of Law? Perspectives on the Relationship between Halakhah, Personal Narrative, and Spiritual *Marriott IV*

Sarah Zager, Yale University

"Mushrooms and Lullabies: Caregiving, Child-rearing and Public Halakhic Roles"

This paper brings together rabbinic texts that make having children a prerequisite for holding leadership roles in rabbinic society, including serving as a judge and witness in rabbinic court and as the prayer leader on a fast day. Together, these texts constitute a strand of rabbinic thinking in which experiences of caregiving that we often think of as traditionally gendered female are understood to inform male halakhic roles. While contemporary political theorists have identified the public self as being characterized by his separation from family ties and personal interests, this picture of leadership emphasizes the importance of particular familial bonds.

#### Shira Billet, Princeton University

"Between Legal Epistemology and Feminist Epistemology: Halakhic and Ethnographic Descriptions of Abortion"

Drawing upon halakhic decisions regarding abortion, ethnographic data from interviews with halakhically-observant women who have terminated pregnancies, as well as insights from feminist epistemology and disability studies, this paper calls attention to the differing legal and epistemological frameworks at play in the respective perceptions of abortion in halakha and "lived experience." This study shows that mere halakhic permission to engage in certain acts can be insufficient in complex cases that have bearing on one's identity, reflecting, more broadly, an important aspect of how thinkers representing marginalized groups approach halakha more broadly: seeking not only inclusion, but also for affirmation of identity.

#### Zalman Rothschild, Harvard University

"Law and Spirituality: A False Dichotomy"

A close look at the legal teachings of Habad provides an opportunity to challenge the binary framework and perceived tension between spiritualism and law in Hasidism. Through its teachings, law not only does not impinge on spirituality but is conceived by them as its culmination and greatest expression. According to Habad thought, spirituality leads to law. In addition to problematizing the spirituality/legality dichotomy, an exposition of Habad's will-based legal philosophy, which has to date received little scholarly attention, contributes in important ways to discussions of *ta'amei hamitzvot* in Jewish legal thought more broadly.

Convener: Deborah Barer, Towson University

#### 12:30-2:00pm **SJE:** Shabbat Lunch and Text Study

(Pre-registration required for the kosher vegetarian meal.)

Jeffrey Rubenstein, New York University "The Emotion of Disgust in Jewish Law and Ethics"

12:30-2:00pm Lunch

#### 12:30-2:00pm Women's Caucus

(Pre-registration required for lunch.)

Conveners: Shannon Dunn, Gonzaga University Emily Dumler, Saint Louis University

#### **12:45pm** Q and A on SCE Financial Matters

Over the past year, the SCE has reorganized its budget classes and refined its budget development and approval process. We have made some changes to try to bring annual meeting costs into alignment with meeting revenues. Unit heads have had new forms to fill out, and what used to be handled as waivers have been reconstructed as refunds. The transition (beginning in 2019) to new management arrangements will bring with it some new costs, at least during the changeover. Concerning all of these things, the Board is concerned to be as transparent as possible. During this time officers will be available to answer your questions and hear your concerns. This would also be a fine time to bring to the

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table your own ideas and insights about how we might develop new sources of revenue, improve our efficiency, and expand our membership. Members can drop in at any time and leave at any time.

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

#### Ilsup Ahn, North Park University

"A Christian Realist Engagement in the U.S. Immigration Crisis under Trump Era"

Some political thinkers such as Mark Amstutz argue that it is mistaken for Christian churches to attempt to influence nation's immigration policies. In this paper I develop an argument against this position by deconstructing the rigid church and the state dualism. As Niebuhr poignantly emphasizes in his *Love and Justice*, the theological stance of Christian realism is not to arrive at "proximate justice" (As Amstutz proposes), but to judges all our efforts to achieve approximate justice. Based on this interpretive reading of Niebuhr, I develop an argument that it is mistaken for Christian churches not to attempt to influence nation's immigration policies.

Convener: Courtney Fitzsimmons, Whitman College

#### Stephanie C. Edwards, Boston College

"Pharmaceutical Memory Modification and Christianity's 'Dangerous' Memory"

Pharmaceutical memory modification is the use of a drug to dampen, or eliminate completely, memories of traumatic experience. While standard therapeutic treatments, even those including intense pharmaceuticals, can potentially offer individual biomedical healing, they are missing an essential perspective offered by Christian bioethics: re/incorporation of individuals and traumatic memories into communities that confront and reinterpret suffering. This project is specifically grounded in Christian ethics, engaging womanist/feminist authors regarding incarnational, embodied personhood, and Johann Baptist Metz's "dangerous memory" to develop an ethic of Christian "enfleshed counter memory" that responds to the specific challenge of pharmaceutical memory modification, and traumatic experience generally.

Convener: Sara Wilhelm Garbers, Loyola University Chicago

Eileen M. Fagan, College of Mount Saint Vincent

"Resistance to a Heretical Christianity: A New Political Theology for the Twenty-first Century"

Christianity has its foundation in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. His life and teachings centered on human dignity, equality, freedom, and justice for all God's people. However, over the course of time, ideologies infiltrated Christianity and took it off the path of Jesus' values and principles and set it on a path of contradiction to His teachings: segregation, inequality, injustice, and lack of concern, especially for the poor and marginalized. This misguided path led to Christianity giving support to a White Supremacy. Today, prophetic voices call for a new political theology for the Twenty-first century to resist this heretical Christianity.

Convener: Daniel Cosacchi, Fairfield University

#### Timothy P. Jackson, Candler School of Theology, Emory University "Abraham Lincoln and Political Agape: Lessons for Our Context"

It is often argued that, in his Gettysburg Address (1863), Lincoln found his full moral voice and enunciated a defense of natural rights and natural law that rejected the historicism and positivism advocated by Stephen A. Douglas and John C. Calhoun. This common line fails to appreciate that Lincoln eventually embraced the "charity for all" commanded in Hebrew-Christian Scripture. Such charity inspires, governs, but finally transcends both of America's founding documents and both positive law and natural law. It was Biblical charity, rather than Enlightenment rationality, that triumphed in Lincoln's war-hardened vision. Having made that case, I apply Lincoln's political *agape* to "forced immigration" and "blocked immigration."

Convener: James Calvin Davis, Middlebury College

#### Marriott I

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Grandstand

#### **Saturday**

### Kevin Jung, Wake Forest University

"The Art of Conning Oneself "

This essay explores the problem of self-deception with a particular focus on the role of the truth and intentionality in self-deception. I deny that having knowledge of the truth is a necessary condition for acts of self-deception being intentional. Instead, I suggest that there is another way to explain the intentionality of the self-deceiver: we can treat self-deception as a side-effect of epistemic malpractice. On my account, self-deception can be brought about intentionally by the self-deceiver as she voluntarily consents to the consequence of a foreseen but unintended effect of an intended end, i.e., securing and protecting the object of her self-love.

Convener: Russell Johnson, University of Chicago Divinity School

#### James McCarty, Seattle University

"The Power of Hope in the Work of Justice: Christian Ethics after Pessimism"

Hope, it seems, is on the ropes. Miguel De La Torre argues that marginalized Christians should embrace hopelessness as a foundation for radical liberatory praxis. And Ta-Nehisi Coates has criticized hope while advancing a version of Afropessimism. I critically engage these authors to defend hope as a virtue for oppressed Christians seeking liberation. Drawing on Desmond Tutu's thinking about hope as distinct from optimism, and from formulations of hope in multiple grassroots activist communities, I argue that though hopelessness may contribute to disruptions in oppressive systems hope is necessary for the radical transformations required for holistic justice and liberation.

Convener: Cari Myers, Pepperdine University

Richard B. Miller, University of Chicago

"Augustine, Moral Luck, and the Ethics of Regret and Shame"

Augustine reckons with the moral quality of feelings we have in response to events that we cause but do not intend matters of moral luck. In this paper I will examine two emotions, regret and shame, connected to war and sex, respectively. In passing I'll compare Augustine's ideas with those of Bernard Williams and Freud. Augustinian virtue requires our feelings to migrate either away from or closer to the Stoic ideal of *apatheia*, depending on the case in question. Augustine also presupposes some metaethical commitments—specifically, the notion that *ought* implies more than *can*, and that Eros is more morally worrisome that Thanatos. I'll explore philosophical, narrative, and theological dimensions of these ideas in Augustine's moral psychology on the way toward proposing correctives to them.

Convener: Stewart Clem, Valparaiso University

#### Esther D. Reed, University of Exeter

"Pentecostal Living: An Ethic of Citizenship (Re-)Learned from Acts 1-7"

The marks of ecclesial citizenship found in Acts 1-7 include *koinonia*, *leiturgia*, *diakonia*, *praeconia* and *martyria*. In this exegetically-rooted paper, these marks are explicated and appropriated for a wider ethic of citizenship, with particular application to contexts of growing social inequality. In this corrective to neo-Augustinian liberal theologies of citizenship and also some post-liberal theologies of liberation or of 'the multitude', the task is to rethink criteria for an ethic of citizenship at the interface between ecclesial life and political practice.

Convener: Dallas J. Gingles, Southern Methodist University

Paul Scherz, Catholic University of America

"A Peaceful Death or a Perfect End: Visions of a Good Death in Contemporary and Traditional Arts of Dying"

Christian ethicists have addressed medicalized dying by recovering the *ars moriendi*. Frequently the good death in these retrievals reflects a contemporary ideal of the peaceful death, in which the person choreographs a death bed scene aiming at immanent goods like comfort and control. In contrast, the older *ars moriendi* portrayed dying as almost inevitably a struggle. This art taught techniques for specific aspects of this struggle rather than enjoining reliance on habitual virtues, reflecting Stoic rather than Aristotelian virtue. This paper argues that this view corresponds with many people's experiences and could better prepare people for the challenges of dying.

Convener: Mara Kelly-Zukowski, Felician University

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#### **Saturday**

#### Stephanie Mota Thurston, Princeton Theological Seminary

"Responding to Structural Injustice: Intention, Blameworthiness, and Moral Responsibility"

We often *intend* good ends for ourselves, families, and communities through many of our most ordinary choices. However, since these actions occur within systems of structural injustice, they often contribute to and perpetuate these unjust structures. I argue that it is essential to distinguish blameworthiness from other senses of responsibility when considering moral responsibility within complex systems of structural injustice. Regardless of blameworthiness, we are still morally responsible for *unintended* outcomes that follow from our morally sound intentional actions. This distinction maintains the usefulness of 'intention' for moral analysis while providing a critical tool for practical responses to structural injustice.

Convener: Mark Douglas, Columbia Theological Seminary, Columbia University

African and African American Working Group

"Black is Beautiful: Aesthetics in African American Christian Ethics"

Panelists: Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University

Reggie Williams, McCormick Theological Seminary

Respondent: Emilie M. Townes, Vanderbilt University

African American ethics and aesthetics stretch beyond the confines of the Western Christian imagination to consider the Ultimate. This panel will engage black art forms to interrogate meta- and counternarratives of the beautiful and the grotesque. Resisting normative white theo-aesthetic principles, the panel will consider the ethical significance of the aesthetic-anthropological claim, "black is beautiful" in and for history, as it presumes that ethics and aesthetics are irrevocably bound.

Conveners: Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University Reggie Williams, McCormick Theological Seminary

**SJE:** Rabbinic Texts and Marginal Bodies

Wendy Love Anderson, Washington University

"Women and Angels: An Ethical Counterhistory of 'Non-Traditional' Mikveh Practice"

While Jewish men "traditionally" immerse in mikvehs for everything from scribal work to holiday preparation to welcoming the Sabbath, Jewish women "traditionally" immerse for a different and much more limited set of purposes relating to menstruation and/or pregnancy. Unless they are converting to Judaism, women and men seem to be doing entirely different things with the same body of water. In this paper, I will use primarily medieval texts to challenge the assumed gendering of mikveh use and to propose a counterhistory and accompanying ethical intervention into women's use of mikvehs for so-called "non-traditional" or "non-halakhic" purposes.

Alyssa Henning, Luther College

"Jewish Ethics and Medical Research with Human Subjects"

This paper argues that religious ethics offers important contributions to enrich the discussion of ethical issues raised by medical research on human subjects by broadening the scope of analysis beyond questions about regulatory compliance and informed consent. To illustrate religious ethics' contributions to this discourse, this paper suggests and analyzes key contributions that Jewish texts and Jewish ethics offer to this endeavor. Specifically, this paper suggests the Talmudic concept of lifnim mishurat hadin and the text of Mishnah Bava Kama 8:7 as foundational sources for a Jewish ethic of medical research on human subjects.

Respondent: Rebecca Epstein-Levi, Washington University Convener: Jonathan K. Crane, Emory University y"

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#### SSME: Organ Donation Between Muslims and Islam: The Interface of Empirical Studies and Ethical Vantage-Points Filly

Aasim I. Padela, University of Chicago

Rosie Duivenbode, University of Chicago

"The Muslim 'Problem' with Organ Transplantation: Attitudes and Beliefs"

A growing body of literature, both in the US and abroad, demonstrates that diverse groups of Muslims rarely sign up to be organ donors and hold negative attitudes towards organ transplantation. This presentation aims to provide a comprehensive view on this Muslim "problem" with organ transplantation by presenting quantitative and qualitative empirical data, including our own. Based on qualitative data from focus groups with American Muslim women, we have identified facilitator and barrier beliefs for organ donation. This framework, modeled after the theory of planned behavior, might help better understand the hesitant Muslim attitudes towards organ donation.

"The Islamic Deliberations on Organ Transplantation: Juridical Rulings and Unanswered Questions"

This paper discusses the foundational Sunni Islamic ethico-legal debates regarding organ donation. Multiple different Islamic positions on the moral status of organ donation are found in the verdicts (fatāwa) of individual scholars and in the resolutions of juridical councils (gararāt). These positions can be grouped into three broad positions, those who consider organ donation categorically impermissible as a violation of human dignity (hurma and karāma), those who agree that organ donation is impermissible in principle, but allow it conditionally on the basis of dire necessity (darūra), and those who permit organ donation based on notions of public interest (maslaha).

"Disconnected Concerns: The Limitations of Fatwas as a Public Health Intervention to Promote Muslim Attitudinal Change Regarding Organ Donation"

This Muslim "problem" with organ donation is of great interest to religious community leaders, public health officials, healthcare professionals and policymakers, and has been described in many different ways by these disparate groups. This presentation brings together the presented Islamic legal perspectives on organ donation and the empirical research on Muslim attitudes towards donation in order to discuss the effectiveness of current health behavior change interventions. Specifically, it will deconstruct a common myth in the organ donation and Islam nexus, namely that fatwas are sufficient to promote Muslim attitudinal change regarding organ donation.

Convener: Alexandre Caeiro, Hamad Bin Khalifa University

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

## 4:00-5:30pm

**SCE Plenary:** David Bentley Hart, University of Notre Dame "With What Judgment You Judge: Beauty and Discernment" Respondent: KC Choi, Seton Hall University

Convener: Perry Hamalis, North Central College

Marriott VI

Marriott V

#### **SJE:** Imperfection and Responsibility 4:00-5:30pm

Dustin N. Atlas, University of Dayton

"Ethics of Imperfection: Mendelssohn and Modern Jewish Thought"

I will argue that Modern Jewish philosophy, exemplified by Moses Mendelssohn, is epitomized by an attentiveness to imperfection-meaning: it takes as given that thought is incomplete and compromised. Any relationship to ethics must not seek to overcome imperfection and compromise, but proceed through them. The commonplace that Mendelssohn is an unprincipled compromiser seeking to save liberal individualist ethics will be challenged by this paper, and it will be seen that Mendelssohn is a principled compromiser. This because we are all, literally, compromised: imperfect composites entangled with each other, and in an erotically charged relationship with perfection (God).

#### Alex Ozar, Yale University

"Some are Guilty, but All are Responsible: A Heschelian Ethic of Prophetic Citizenship"

Heschel often remarked that when it comes to societal injustices in free societies, "Some are guilty, but all are responsible." I argue for an account of responsibility on which Heschel's aphorism comes out true, and then spell out that account's implications for the responsibilities of citizens participating in social systems featuring structural injustice. What emerges is that we meet our responsibilities on this score to the extent that we fulfill the role Heschel explicates as that exemplified by the biblical prophet – as well as the correlative role of contemporary prophets' faithful audience. We are then further responsible, on that basis, for sustaining a personal openness to the possibility of prophecy and for helping to cultivate a culture in which prophecy is legible as such.

#### Respondent: Randi Rashkover, George Mason University Convener: Elliot A. Ratzman, St. Norbert College

#### **SSME:** Re-locating the Ethical in Modern Muslim Thought 4:00-5:30pm

Betsy Mesard, John Carroll University

#### "Islamic Humanism: The Case of Abdelwahab Elmessiri"

This paper explores the term Islamic Humanism within its historical and contemporary contexts, and closely examines Egyptian writer and activist Abdelwahab Elmessiri's (1938-2008) use of it. The term Islamic Humanism does not have widespread use in the contemporary period. Bassam Tibi has argued for revival of the term, labeling earlier discourses associated with it "rationalist" and fundamentally at odds with *fiqh*-centered discourse. The paper argues for making sense of Elmessiri's Islamic Humanism as a challenge to the projection of such a binary onto current discourses. It emphasizes the ethical significance of critique and examines multiple dimensions of critique at work in his writing.

#### Halil Ibrahim Yenigun, Stanford University

"Founding an 'Ethically-Based Social Order on Earth': Ethics as the First Philosophy in Fazlur Rahman"

This paper approaches Fazlur Rahman (d.1988) primarily as an ethico-political thinker, whose foundational concern with ethics has been overshadowed by an over-attention to his juridical views. I argue that ethics, as the first philosophy in his thought, prefigures both ontological-theological and legal and socio-political levels in two separate double-hermeneutics. The close link Rahman ascribes among the concepts of iman (faith), Islam, and taqwa (God-consciousness), his discussion of right and wrong (husn wa qubh), and his unrelenting emphasis on the firm bond between monotheism and social justice are among his project's major tenets that prefigure his creative interpretation of legal rulings as well as his political theory of shura.

#### Faraz Sheikh, College of William and Mary

"Reconceptualizing Islamic Ethics through a Vocabulary of Ascension and Descent: A Nursian Theological Account of Human Flourishing"

The Quran states, "And indeed We created human beings on the best of patterns (ahsani taqvim)" (Q 95:4). The influential yet understudied twentieth century Kurdish-Turkish thinker and exegete Bediuzzaman Said Nursi (d. 1960) develops a rich theological account of human flourishing in his extensive commentary on this verse. This paper describes and accentuates the ethical dimensions of Nursi's exegesis and puts his account of human flourishing (which I call the *taqvimi* account) into dialogue with other Muslim as well as non-religious accounts of the same.

Convener: Nuri Friedlander, Harvard University

4-5:30pm

Marriott IV

Marriott III

#### 5:45-6:45pm Documentary: "Trails of Hope and Terror"

This screenplay written by Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre, is a 53-minute documentary that ends with the stories of two teenage girls. One encounters the border (La Frontera) by accident, and the other on purpose. But their journeys, along with the others we hear about in the film, began hundreds of years ago, as complicated political and economic strategies set up a vast system from which there is little hope of escape. The film attempts to explain why they come. Special care was taken so as not to speak for the undocumented as if they were objects, but rather, to provide a space for them to speak for themselves, and for allies to speak in solidarity with them.

#### **5:45-6:45pm** Documentary: Short Films of Elizabeth Lo

Elizabeth Lo's six short films highlight America's overlooked communities as they navigate the increasing states of inequality. Turning her gaze on those who are often forgotten, or even subjugated, by official institutions, Lo captures subjects young and old across the social spectrum, their communities, and the often makeshift solutions to these urgent public issues. Topics of films include homelessness, Native Americans rights, incarceration, mobile home parks, public housing in nuclear waste area, and animal hospice.

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

## 5:45-7:15pm **SJE:** Death and Violence

Yitzchak Schwartz, New York University

"Mystery and the Gift of Death: From the Binding of Isaac to the Crusade Chronicles"

This paper seeks to understand the ethics of sacrifice and self-sacrifice in the Talmud, medieval midrashic and medieval chronicle literature, especially in texts dealing with the Binding of Isaac. Jewish historians and both Jewish and Christian thinkers writing in the modern period have downplayed the notion of martyrdom and even more so self-sacrifice in historical Jewish thought. They have also often dismissed medieval chronicles that document Jews' self-sacrifice during the crusades and other persecutions as ahistorical (despite abundant evidence to the contrary). To Kierkegaard, for example, ultimately G-D could never have let Abraham sacrifice Isaac. Many medieval Jewish writers, on the other hand, want to believe that Isaac perhaps was sacrificed or at least shed blood at the Binding. Talmudic narratives of martyrdom likewise celebrate the notion of self-sacrifice in all its gory detail. How can we reconcile and understand these narratives, the ecstasy they inspire in their authors and the discomfort they provoke in modern philosophers?

#### Adam T. Strater, Emory University

"Rabbinic Sublimation of Violence and Jewish Extremist Rhetoric: The Legacy of Amalek and Esau"

This paper uses a modified discourse methodology based on contemporary variations of Aristotle's *On Rhetoric* to analyze the way religious leaders on the Jewish radical right have altered biblical motifs, specifically Esau and Amalek, since the Holocaust. Using an interdisciplinary approach grounded in biblical studies and peace and conflict studies, I will analyze rhetorical elements of Jewish extremist speech in which Israel's enemies par excellence are used as proxies for perceived inimical Others. The paper will ultimately show how religious extremists connect hateful ideas to inherited Jewish tradition using biblical motifs, but reject rabbinic precedent by advocating for real violence.

#### Respondent: Emily Filler, Earlham College

Convener: Aryeh Cohen, American Jewish University

5:30-6:30pm	<b>SSME Business Meeting</b> All members are invited.	Skybox
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### 5:45-6:27pm

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### 8:00-9:30pm Working and Interest Groups III

African American "'400 Years Hence...:' Remembering Jamestown through *Katie's Cannon*" Panelists: Walter Fluker, Boston University Angela Sims, St. Paul School of Theology Respondent: Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University

August of 1619 marks the arrival of the first Africans forcibly brought to North American colonies as chattel. 400 years ago, this year, kidnapped Africans arrived as cargo on a Dutch warship to the newly established settlement at Jamestown with what was recorded as a cargo of "20 and odd Africans." In her classic text, *Katie's Cannon: Womanism and the Soul of the Black Community*, Katie Cannon considered resistance strategies that have empowered communities of African descent to "survive the blight." Compelled by Cannon's scholarship, on this 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary we will examine the legacies of slave ideology in church, academy, and society, and the significance of black resistance for contemporary Christian Ethics.

Conveners: Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale Divinity School Reggie Williams, McCormick Theological Seminary

#### Anglican

"Oliver O'Donovan's 'Ethics as Theology' Trilogy"

Panelists: Elisabeth Kincaid, University of Notre Dame Steve Long, Southern Methodist University

Brent P. Waters, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Now completed, Oliver O'Donovan's three-volume *Ethics as Theology* (1: *Self, World, and Time*; 2: *Finding and Seeking*; 3: *Entering into Rest*) is arguably this Anglican's most fundamental work in moral theology. Three scholars will assess its strengths and weaknesses and ponder its lasting importance.

Convener: Victor Lee Austin, Episcopal Diocese of Dallas

**Contemplative Ethics** 

"The Religious Ethics of Thomas Merton"

Speaker: David Clairmont, University of Notre Dame

Respondent: Emily Dubie, Duke University

Meditation and contemplative prayer can be forms of intellectual inquiry in themselves, providing a unique perspective from which to "do" the work of theological ethics. The Contemplative Ethics Interest Group will have as its main purpose to encourage the scholarly exploration of contemplative religious practices, the cross-cultural study of monasticism and other forms of intentional Christian community, and the historical and theological study of prayer and spirituality as resources for Christian ethics.

Conveners: Thomas Bushlack, Aquinas Institute of Theology David Clairmont, University of Notre Dame Marriott I

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<u>Saturday</u>

Evangelical Ethics "Honoring the Work of Christine D. Pohl" Panelists: Maria Russell Kenney, Asbury Theological Seminary Justin Bronson Barringer, Southern Methodist University David P. Gushee, Mercer University

This year's session is dedicated to Christine Pohl in honor of her retirement from Asbury Theological Seminary. Dr. Pohl's work was seminal in introducing hospitality as a fundamental Christian practice, and continues to influence the work of Christian ethicists. We will highlight Dr. Pohl's contributions in *Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition* (Eerdmans, 1999) and *Living Into Community: Cultivating Practices that Sustain Us* (Eerdmans, 2011). A *festschrift* was recently published by two of her previous students, Maria Kenney and Justin Barringer, who will highlight the impact of Dr. Pohl's work noted by the contributors to this volume.

Conveners: Theo A. Boer, Protestant Theological University Wyndy Corbin Reuschling, Ashland Theological Seminary

Latino/a

"Latina Evangélicas: Transforming Church, Academy, and Public Square" Speaker: Loida I. Martell-Otero, Palmer Theological Seminary/ Eastern University Respondents: Elena Foulis, Ohio State University

Jeremy V. Cruz, Saint John's University, New York

A panel on the work *Latina Evangélicas: A Theological Survey from the Margins* (Cascade Books, 2013) co-authored by Loida I. Martell-Otero, Zaida Maldonado Pérez, Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, discussing the book, its impact, and more specifically the role of Latina Evangélicas in transforming contemporary Christian Ethics. The invited speaker, Loida Martell, will facilitate a roundtable discussion with members of the Latino/a Interest Group on the role of Latina Evangélicas in transforming the academy, the church, and the public square.

Conveners: Nichole M. Flores, The University of Virginia Rubén Rosario Rodríguez, Saint Louis University

Monetary Policy

"The Systemic Evil of Pervasive Debt, Especially Student Debt: Paths Toward Justice" Speaker: Nimi Wariboko, Boston University School of Theology

According to *Forbes*' new report (May 24, 2018), the U.S. student loan debt crisis is even worse than we thought. *New York Times* also reports recently (July 11, 2018) that the total student debt is now about \$1.4 trillion, and millions of people are in default. Unfortunately, many young people are also graduating into adulthood facing payments that limit their ability to buy homes and to start families of their own. The purpose of this session is to engage the rising student debt crisis from a Christian ethical perspective by addressing the following question: How could we do justice to rising student debt crisis?

Convener: Ilsup Ahn, North Park University

Thoroughbred

Marriott IX

Paddock

Marriott VII

Reformed Theology and Ethics (formerly Covenantal Ethics)

"Law as 'Moral Teacher' in a Pluralistic Liberal Democracy: Reformed Perspectives"

Panelists: Franklin Tanner Capps, St. Andrews University (John Calvin)

#### James Calvin Davis, Middlebury College (Roger Williams)

Elizabeth Agnew Cochran, Duquesne University (Jonathan Edwards)

In *Law's Virtue*, M. Cathleen Kaveny argues that the law should not simply be understood as a "police officer," protecting individual rights, but also as a "moral teacher" leading citizens toward virtue. Inspired by Kaveny's efforts, which draw mainly on the Roman Catholic tradition, this session will examine three prominent Reformed theologians (John Calvin, Roger Williams, and Jonathan Edwards) regarding their understanding of the law as moral teacher and consider the applicability of their views of law to pluralistic liberal democratic societies that include a variety of religious and secular conceptions of the human good.

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

**Restorative Justice** 

Filly

"The Suffering that Pulls Us Together and Pulls Us Apart: Moral Injury, Race, and the Challenge of Solidarity in Social Justice Work"

Panelists: Reece Chenault, U.S. Labor Against the War, Louisville, KY

Alex Patchin McNeill, Executive Director of More Light Presbyterians, Asheville, NC Jessica Vazquez Torres, Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training, Decatur, GA Joseph Wiinikka-Lydon, Center for Ethics, University of Pardubice

The purpose of this panel is to see how the new concept of moral injury can help us articulate and understand the complex ways in which white supremacy forms us as agents, and how such formation can profoundly structure relationships between activists, including derailment of solidarity efforts. Does white supremacy affect moral capacity, and if so, how can such injury be addressed, particularly in the context of social justice work? The panel brings together both academics and activists from various backgrounds and communities. Half of the time will be presentation, followed by discussion.

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

Grandstand

Technology Ethics

"Genetic Testing"

Panelists: Ginny Landgraf, American Theological Library Association Paul Scherz, Catholic University of America

Direct-to-consumer genetic sequencing is increasingly practiced yet theologically under-studied. The Technology Ethics Interest Group will reflect on two aspects of this technology. Virginia Landgraf will examine genetic genealogy. She argues that while the decision whether or not to test is *adiaphora*, the practice of genealogy raises issues of justice, right attention, and right desire. Paul Scherz will examine testing for disease predisposition in relation to two frameworks for understanding the relationship of genetics to health and identity: an older determinist paradigm and a newer risk-based paradigm. He argues that this technology can reinforce negative aspects of both of these frameworks.

Conveners: Patrick Flanagan, St. John's University Luis Vera, Mount St. Mary's University

#### SJE: Works-in Progress

Clubhouse

Amanda Mbuvi, High Point University "Rebecca's Journey: Transracial Adoption as a Window into the Construction of Jewish Families"

The children's book *Rebecca's Journey Home* chronicles the very specific experience of a Jewish-American family participating in international adoption, but it has much broader relevance. Through descriptions of family life, intergenerational dialogues, and rituals, the book provides a detailed window into the construction of identity and the processes by which is it created, perceived, maintained, and transformed. The family's experience navigating issues of race, religion, and nationality illuminates each of those modes of identity, as well as Jewish identity's distinctive relationship to them.

Respondent: Martin Kavka, Florida State University

Convener: Elias Sacks, University of Colorado-Boulder

#### 9:30-11:30pm University of Chicago Reception

Marriott X



6:30-8:45am	SCE Board Meeting Breakfast at 6:30am; Meeting 6:45-8:45am	Skybox
7:00-8:45am	<b>SJE General Business Meeting</b> Open to all SJE Members	Marriott I
7:30-11:30am	Conference Desk Open	Bluegrass II

7:45-8:45am Documentary: "Trails of Hope and Terror" Rose This screenplay written by Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre, is a 53-minute documentary that ends with the stories of two teenage girls. One encounters the border (La Frontera) by accident, and the other on purpose. But their journeys, along with the others we hear about in the film, began hundreds of years ago, as complicated political and economic strategies set up a vast system from which there is little hope of escape. The film attempts to explain why they come. Special care was taken so as not to speak for the undocumented as if they were objects, but rather, to provide a space for them to speak for themselves, and for allies to speak in solidarity with them.

#### Documentary: Short Films of Elizabeth Lo 7:45-8:45am

Elizabeth Lo's six short films highlight America's overlooked communities as they navigate the increasing states of inequality. Turning her gaze on those who are often forgotten, or even subjugated, by official institutions, Lo captures subjects young and old across the social spectrum, their communities, and the often makeshift solutions to these urgent public issues. Topics of films include homelessness, Native Americans rights, incarceration, mobile home parks, public housing in nuclear waste area, and animal hospice.

#### 8:00-8:45am **Ecumenical Worship Service**

#### 8:30-11:00am Exhibits Open

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

David A. Barr, University of Chicago

"The Challenge of Moral Realism in Christian Environmental Ethics"

Christian environmental ethics has focused on translating traditional Christian ethics to our environmental situation. Those traditional approaches to ethics largely depend on affirming a revealed moral norm for behavior and for the community that results. This paper examines the many ways environmental problems challenge the possibility of envisioning such an ideal in practicable detail. Then it shows how Christian realism—because it affirms an ultimate norm for human life, while denying that we can think our way to a detailed vision of a normative society—is well-suited to produce a sustainable ethic in the face of environmental realities.

Convener: C. Layne Hancock, University of Notre Dame

### Levi Checketts, Holy Names University

"The Geoengineering Trolley Problem and a Jonasian Solution"

Sabine Fuss suggests without geological engineering, humanity cannot reach the two degree goal of the Paris climate agreement. This failure will lead to ecosystem failure across the planet, but geoengineering will likely lead to massive ecosystem disruption in restricted locations. Bio-centric and eco-centric approaches to environmental ethics are ill-suited to this "geoengineering trolley problem." Hans Jonas offers a solution rooted in his biological philosophy, which notes value as an organic phenomenon, and moral value as a particularly human expression. Because we cannot save all species on earth, our priority in the anthropocene must be to preserve humanity, which necessitates both sacrifice and conservation efforts.

Convener: Christopher Franks, High Point University

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#### Sunday

#### Stewart Clem, Valparaiso University

"Free Speech, Hate Speech, and Human Speech" •

This paper examines the predominant theological arguments in favor of free speech and finds them wanting. By the same token, I argue that the U.S. Supreme Court's particular blend of pragmatism and relativism on the issue of free speech has exposed the flaws of a free-market approach to public expression. I sketch a constructive proposal for rehabilitating our understanding of free speech that combines 1) a thick account of public virtues and vices pertaining to the use of language with 2) a conception of law that recognizes humans as social and political beings.

Convener: Angela Carpenter, Hope College

#### Michael Laffin, University of Aberdeen

"The Conscience as a Political Concept in Martin Luther and Hannah Arendt"

Martin Luther's conception of the conscience has been the subject of much debate, however, the connection between Luther's teaching on the conscience and his understanding of political agency has received little attention. I show how Luther saw an assured conscience as enabling free and spontaneous political action in a way remarkably similar to Hannah Arendt's insight that totalitarian terror aims to make the conscience doubtful and equivocal in order to foreclose the possibility of genuinely new action. Luther and Arendt's understanding of the conscience and action shows how pastoral care of the soul is an act of empowering political agency.

Convener: Alexandre Martins, Marquette University

#### Kristopher Norris, Wesley Theological Seminary

"Toxic Masculinity and the Quest for Ecclesial Legitimation"

This essay analyzes masculinity as an ecclesial strategy for maintaining cultural and political power. It begins by examining the masculine theology promoted by the German Christian Movement that gave religious justification for Nazism's violence against those who did not conform to their masculine norms. Drawing on conceptions of 'legitimation crisis' and masculinities studies, it argues that the masculine theology of the German Christians, predicated on a desire for social and political relevancy, shares a similar logic with current American evangelical masculinity. In conclusion, it turns to Dietrich Bonhoeffer for resources of ecclesial resistance to these masculine temptations for cultural relevancy and political power.

Convener: Yvonne C. Zimmerman, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

#### Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University

"Maternal Thinking in Contexts of Gun Violence and Police Brutality"

The three decades since Sara Ruddick published *Maternal Thinking: Toward a Politics of Peace* contain vigorous debate over "the maternal" and its connections to deliberation, practices, violence, and peace. And yet, for all of this contention in theory, many people continue to engage in and explain their political activism as "moms." This paper places Ruddick and her critics in conversation with "Moms Demand Action" and "Mothers of the Movement." These two current examples of maternal activism against gun violence and police brutality both illustrate the features of maternal thinking and fuel the debate over it.

Convener: Lorraine Cuddeback-Gedeon, Mount St. Mary's University

### Betsy C. Perabo, Western Illinois University

"Clergy, Protest, and Rebellion: Russia's 1905 Revolution"

What roles should clergy take on in protests, rebellions, and revolutions? What theological and ethical justifications might they provide for their participation in any of these activities, especially when movements they join either become violent or provoke a violent response? And what theological critiques may be leveled against them by other clergy or by lay Christians? This paper will survey historical attitudes towards clerical participation in war and revolution, focusing on the 1905 Russian Revolution as a case study.

Convener: Dana L. Dillon, Providence College

#### Marriott II

9am

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Clubhouse

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Sunday

"Broadening the Ecclesiocentric Claim: Possible Futures for Christian Pacifism" •

Modern discussions of Christian nonviolence have largely focused on the ecclesiocentric arguments made by John Howard Yoder and Stanley Hauerwas: the church as nonviolent witness. As such, Christian nonviolence has been thought of largely as "performing" nonviolence as a corporate liturgical act. This ecclesiological focus has made other Christian practices, such as prayer, economic sharing, and conflict resolution, subordinate to their liturgical use. Without negating ecclesiology as a formative center for Christian moral action, this paper will assert that these ecclesial practices provide possible future directions for public Christian nonviolence, and will describe their public use, beyond liturgical performance.

Convener: Robert W. Heimburger, Oxford Pastorate; Seminario Bíblico de Colombia; IFES

#### Joseph Wiinikka-Lydon, Center for Ethics, University of Pardubice "The Geopolitics of Virtue"

By over-privileging small communities as the site of moral development, virtue ethics can leave unattended the ways the geopolitical affects, and always has affected, an individual's moral development. Drawing on ethnographies of the Bosnian war (1990s), I illustrate what I call the "geopolitics of virtue," the complex ways in which international politics affect the everyday development of morality. I then engage insights from this analysis with Alasdair MacIntyre's idea of virtue-creating community and Stanley Hauerwas's understanding of "church," showing how the thought of these influential figures is challenged when we focus on more macro levels of social action.

Convener: Katherine Jackson-Meyer, Boston College

I Sil Yoon, Graduate Theological Union

"The Impact of Theological Foundations of Restorative Justice for the Human Rights Protections of North Korean Stateless Women as Victims of Human Trafficking"

In this paper, I will examine the foundations as well as practices of restorative justice that are grounded in theology. Specifically, I will consider the crime of human trafficking against stateless women - with a case study of North Korean stateless women who reside in China. In a complementary relationship with retributive and reparative justice, theologically-informed restorative justice can support victims' dignity and illuminate the significance of institutional change. These changes include the juridical implementation of improved immigration policies and citizenship laws that would provide social and legal guarantees for the victims of human rights violations.

Convener: Christine Firer Hinze, Fordham University

# **SCE/SJE/SSME:** "Maternal Experience as Resource and Challenge to Religious Ethics" *Marriott X* Panelists: Mara Benjamin, Mt. Holyoke College (SJE)

Michal Raucher, Rutgers University (SJE) Sandra J. Sullivan-Dunbar, Loyola University Chicago (SCE) Cristina Traina, Northwestern University (SCE)

Recent feminist work in Jewish and Christian ethics shows that careful attention to maternal experience uncovers dimensions of moral experience that have been obscured within religious ethics. Each of the proposed panelists draws on maternal experience--in the form of the authors' own experiences, narrative accounts of other experiences, social scientific research, and ethnographic research—to illuminate and reinterpret foundational categories in religious ethics: obligation, love, nature, agency, power, justice. These experiential accounts often challenge, nuance, or transform previous understandings of these categories.

Convener: Irene Oh, George Washington University

### 9am

#### Paddock

Marriott IX

Rose

**SSME:** Conversations in Islamic Ethics - A Discussion with Cyrus Ali Zargar about his new book *The Polished Mirror: Storytelling and the Pursuit of Virtue in Islamic Philosophy and Sufism Thoroughbred* Panelists: Cyrus Ali Zargar, University of Central Florida (Author)

Sayeh Meisami, University of Dayton (Discussant) Muhammad Faruque, UC Berkeley-Harvard (Discussant) Nicholas Boylston, Harvard University (Discussant)

Scholars of Islamic studies have recognized Cyrus Ali Zargar's *The Polished Mirror: Storytelling and the Pursuit of Virtue in Islamic Philosophy and Sufism* (Oneworld Publications, 2017) as being "comprehensive in scope", "erudite and eloquent", "paradigm-shifting in Islamic studies", and "pioneering study of the interconnectedness of the Islamic spiritual, ethical and intellectual universes". In view of the significance of this new publication for the field of Islamic ethics, we have taken the opportunity to invite the author Cyrus Ali Zargar and three discussants for a fruitful conversation about the book and its significance, the themes, issues and methodological points it raises.

Convener: Betsy Mesard, John Carroll University

10:45am	Meeting of SJE/SSME/SCE Presidents	Bluegrass I
11am-12:30pm	The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics Editorial Board	Skybox

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Experience:			
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Administrative Experience:	2011); Published JSCE (2007, 2004); Organized pre-conference workshops (2014, 2013); Submissions mentor for students and new faculty (2017, 2015); Ethics and Political Economy interest group, co-convener (2005- 2008); Chair/convener for sessions (multiple times); Referee for JSCE (multiple times) Religious Studies Department Chair, Elon University (2009-13); Founding Director of the Poverty and Social Justice program, Elon University (2013-14, 2017-present); Chair of the Board, Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty (2017-18); Chair of Promotions and Tenure committee, Elon University (2016-17); Chair of the Just Globalization Task Force, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) (2005-06); countless institutional,		
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## Christina Astorga

Ph.D.:	Loyola School of Theology, Ateneo de Manila University-Loyola Schools (Fundamental Theological Ethics, Social Ethics, Feminist Ethics, Bioethics, Sexual Ethics)
Position(s):	Professor & Chair, Theology Department, University of Portland, 2014-Present; Professor & Chair, Theology Department, Ateneo de Manila University—Loyola Schools, 1994-2003; Fellow, Jesuit Institute, Boston College, 2003-2004; Fellow, Woodstock Theological Center, Georgetown University, 2004-2005; Visiting Scholar, Fordham University, 2011-2014; Visiting Professor, Canisius College (2006-2007); University of San Diego (2005-2006); and Gonzaga University (2013-2014).
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Participation:	Member since 2004; member of SCE Editorial Board, 2014-2015; Co-Convenor, Asian and Asian Working Group, 2016-2018; member, Professional Conduct Committee, 2017-Current; Member, SCE Journal Editor Search; Referee for Annual/JSCE; Presented at Breakfast with an Author sessions; presented papers, member of panel groups.
Administrative	Chair of Theology Department of University of Portland (2014-Present) and a three term Chair of the Theology
Experience:	Department of the Ateneo de Manila University-Loyola Schools (1994-2003); Founding Director, Center for the Study of Catholic Social Thought, Duquesne University (2007-2011); Director, Formation Institute for Religion Educators, Ateneo de Manila University-Loyola Schools (1990-1994); Chair, School Forum (Faculty Assembly), Ateneo de Manila University-Loyola Schools; Chair of the Board, Ateneo Center for English Language Teaching (1997-2003).
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Comments:	I am Asian and a Filipina. I am honored to be nominated to the Board of Directors. If elected, I would seek greater visibility for the underrepresented in SCE and be a voice for inclusion and diversity, beyond the north paradigm.

## Jana M. Bennett

- SI	Ph.D.: Position(s):	Duke University, 2005 - Theology and Ethics Assistant Professor of Religion, Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney VA (2005-2008); Assistant Professor of Theological Ethics, University of Dayton, Dayton OH (2008-2012); Associate Professor of Theological Ethics, University of Dayton, 2012 (2018); Dayton, Dayton OH (2008-2012); Associate Professor of Theological Ethics,
ALLAN T	Publications:	University of Dayton (2012-2018); Professor of Theological Ethics, University of Dayton, (2018-present) Water is Thicker than Blood: An Augustinian Theology of Marriage and Singleness (Oxford University Press, 2008); Aquinas on the Web? Doing Theology in an Internet Age (T&T Clark, 2012); Singleness and the Church: A New Theology of Single Life (Oxford University Press, 2017); co-authored volume Free to Leave, Free to Stay: Fruits of the Spirit and Church Choice (Cascade, 2009); co-edited volume Naming Our Sins (Catholic University of America Press, forthcoming 2019).
	Participation:	Member since 2004. Referee and Book Reviewer for Annual/JSCE numerous times. Presented papers, participated in panel presentations, or plenary panel, 2010, 2012, 2016, 2017, and 2018. Junior Scholar Co-convener with Emily Reimer Barry, 2010-2012.
	Other:	Parish coordinator, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (ages 3-12); Board member of the Ekklesia Project (2011-2017).

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## Candidates for Board of Directors: Full Members (continued):

## **David Cloutier**

An The	Ph.D.:	Duke University, 2001; Religion (Theology & Ethics)
1	<b>Position</b> (s):	Assistant Professor, College of St. Benedict (2001-06); Assistant Professor, Mount St. Mary's University (2006-
- 6		10); Associate Professor, Mount St. Mary's University (2010-16); Knott Professorship of Catholic Theology,
(-)		Mount St. Mary's University (2015-16); Associate Professor, The Catholic University of America (2016-present)
A	Publications:	Love, Reason, and God's Story: An Introduction to Catholic Sexual Ethics (St. Mary's Press, 2008); Leaving and
A		Coming Home: New Wineskins for Catholic Sexual Ethics (editor; 2010); Walking God's Earth: The Environment
14		and Catholic Faith (Liturgical Press, 2014); The Vice of Luxury: Economic Excess in a Consumer Age
		(Georgetown University Press, 2015); Reading, Praying, Living Pope Francis' Laudato Si' (Liturgical Press, 2015);
		Naming Our Sins: The Seven Deadly Sins and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (co-editor; CUA Press,
		forthcoming)
	Participation:	Member since 2002. Referee for Annual/JSCE numerous times. Hosted, convened and responded at Breakfast with
		an Author sessions. Presented papers: 2004, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2017, 2019. Papers published in JSCE: 2004,
		2012, 2017. Member Nomination Committee, 2009. SCE Catholic liturgy coordination team, 2005-present.
	Administrative	President, Board of Directors, The Common Market (\$20 mln/yr consumer food cooperative; duties included
	Experience:	complete budget oversight, member-owner relations, hiring and compensating general managers, monitoring
		compliance with all store policies, representing the co-op at national conferences; 8 years, 2009-17); Co-leader,
		New Wine New Wineskins (coordinated annual conference and publications; 3 years, 2005-07); Chair of
		Undergraduate Academic Committee, MSMU (oversaw all undergraduate curriculum matters, including a
		successful core curriculum overhaul; 2 years, 2014-16); Chair, Phi Beta Kappa application committee, MSMU (2
	0.1	years, 2014-16).
	Other:	Co-series editor, Moral Traditions Series, Georgetown University Press (2014-present); Editor,
		catholicmoraltheology.com (2011-present); Monika Hellwig Award for Teaching Excellence, College Theology
		Society (2018)

## Matthew J. Gaudet

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Ph.D.: Position(s): Selected Publications:	Graduate Theological Union, 2015 (Ethics and Social Theory) Lecturer of General Engineering (Engineering Ethics), Santa Clara University (2018-present); Adjunct Professor of Philosophy and Theology, University of San Francisco (2011-2018); Adjunct Assistant Professor of Business Ethics, St. Mary's College of California, Moraga, CA (2014); Instructor of Moral Theology, St. Patrick's Seminary and University, Menlo Park, CA (2011) Co-editor, Special Issue on Contingent Faculty at Catholic Colleges, <i>Journal of Moral Theology</i> (2019); "The Meritorious Title of Colleague: Toward an Inclusive Faculty Community," <i>Journal of Moral Theology</i> (2019); "Reflections on the Contingent Workforce at Catholic Colleges," in <i>Catholic Identity in Context: Vision and Formation For the Common Good</i> , edited by E. Brigham and S. Black (2018); "On 'And Vulnerable': Catholic Social Thought and the Social Issues of Cognitive Disability," <i>Journal of Moral Theology</i> (2017); (coauthor) "Restoring Peace: Toward a Conversation Between the Just War and Reconciliation Traditions," <i>Journal of the</i>
Participation:	Society of Christian Ethics (2010); "From the Ashes: Jus Post Bellum and the Emergence of Kosovo," Journal for Peace & Justice Studies (2008); "Natural Law," Religion and Homosexuality: An Encyclopedia, edited by J.S. Siker (2007) Member since 2010. Co-chair, SCE Task Force on Contingency (2018-Present); Chair, Planning Committee for 2018 SCE Preconference Forum ("The Contingency Crisis and its Effects on Academia"); Co-Convener, Caucus for Contingent Faculty Concerns (2017-Present); Steering Committee, Caucus for Contingent Faculty Concerns (2015-Present); Presented papers or as part of panels at Annual Meeting in 2019 (2), 2018, 2017, 2014, and at Pacific Section meeting in 2010. Session convener and/or referee for JSCE numerous times.
Administrative Experience:	Editorial Board, Journal of Moral Theology (2018-Present); Policy Board Member (elected representative-Arts & Sciences), University of San Francisco Faculty Association-Part Time (2018); Advisory Board Member, USF Peace and Justice Studies Program (2016-2018); Guest Associate Editor, Berkeley Journal of Religion and Theology (2015)
Non-Academic Management Experience:	U.S. Naval Officer (Lieutenant): Air Division Officer, USS Juneau (2000-2002) and Transportation Officer, Naval Base Ventura County (2003-2005); President (2016-2017) and Board Member (2013-14), Piedmont Play School (a 501c3 nonprofit pre-school); Pastoral Council Chairperson, St. Augustine Catholic Parish, Oakland, CA (2010-2012)

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## Candidates for Board of Directors: Full Members (continued):

## **Elizabeth Hinson Hasty**



-	Ph.D.:	Union Presbyterian Seminary
5 10 A I	<b>Position</b> (s):	Bellarmine University: Chair, Department of Theology Summer, 2012-present; Professor of Theology (tenured),
12		2014-present; Associate Professor of Theology (tenured), Spring 2008-2014; Assistant Professor of Theology, Fall
S 1		2004-2008; Acting Chair, Theology Department, 2007-2008. St. Andrews Presbyterian College: Assistant
100		Professor of Religious Studies and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies, Fall 2001-2004
21 64	Publications:	Authored Books: The Problem of Wealth: A Christian Response to a Culture of Affluence. Maryknoll: Orbis
- Ann		Books, 2017. Beyond the Social Maze: Exploring Vida Dutton Scudder's Theological Ethics. New York:
		Continuum, 2006. Edited Books: Prayers for a New Social Awakening, co-edited with Christian Iosso. Louisville:
		Westminster John Knox Press, 2008. To Do Justice: Engaging Progressive Christians in Social Action, co-edited
		with Rebecca Todd Peters. Louisville, Westminster John Knox Press: 2008.
	Participation:	Member since 2003, 2019 Annual Meeting Local Planning Program Committee Member, 2020 Future of Christian
Ethics Committee		
	Administrative	Administrative: Co-Chair Strategic Planning Workgroup on Feasibility of New and Existing Schools,
	Experience:	2018; Presidential Transition Team, 2017; Co-advisor for Women's and Gender Studies Minor, 2013-
		present; Chair, Constructive Theology Search Committee, 2013-2014; Chair, World Christianity Search
		Committee, 2013-2014; Chair, Department of Theology, 2012-present. Board Service: Elected Member of Site-
		based Decision Making Committee, Highland Middle School, 2017-2019; President Board of Directors, Center for
		Women and Gender Studies, Inc., 2017-present; Member Board of Directors, Institute for American Religious and
		Philosophical Thought, 2016-present; Member of Board of Directors, American Waldensian Society, 2008-2014.
	Comments:	Much of my scholarly work focuses on economic ethics in historical and contemporary perspective and bridges the
		gap between the church and the academy. As an academic leader within my university and on the boards on which
		I serve, I work in collaboration across lines of difference, aim to build consensus, and try to nurture widespread
		involvement in the organization. We are living in troubled times in our nation and in higher education. Societies
		such as SCE can play a key role in fostering deeper reflection on more just ways of living together in the academy
		and in our nation.

## Asante Todd

Ph.D.:	Vanderbilt University, 2016		
Position(s):	: Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, TX (2016-Present);		
	Consultant, Odell Education (2018); Adjunct Professor of Christian Ethics, Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, TX		
	(2017); Consultant, Baptist Minister's Union, Austin, TX (2017); Instructor in Christian Ethics, Austin		
	Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, TX (2013-2016); Adjunct Lecturer in Christian Ethics, Seminary of		
	the Southwest, Austin, TX (2012); Lilly Extern in Theological Education and Visiting Lecturer in Christian Ethics,		
	Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, TX (2011-2012); Consultant, Odell Education (2010); Visiting		
	Lecturer, American Baptist College, Nashville, TN (2009).		
<b>Publications:</b>	Race and American Exceptionalism (proposal stage)		
Participation:	Member since 2012, participated in African and African American Working Group and African, African		
-	American Interest Group, and Baptist Ethicists. Convener for the African and African American Working Group		
	and African and African American Interest Group. Other interests include Environmental Ethics, Technology		
	Ethics, and Ethics and Law.		
Administrative	Austin Area Urban League, Texas Legislature (State House of Representatives), Society of Christian Ethics		
Experience:			
<b>Comments:</b>	I would be honored to serve on the SCE board as we think together about its present and future. My diverse		
	background in the Texas State Legislature, not-for-profit organizations, church leadership, and bartending, as well		
	as my current interest in public theology have equipped me to serve the SCE in unique ways. In addition to		
	presentation of scholarly papers and presiding over workshops, I have also served as convener for the		
	African/African-American Working Group and Interest Group. The society has also provided a space for me to		
	network, cultivate relationships, write, and publish with admired colleagues. These experiences, combined with the		
	society's stature, caliber of scholars, and core mission, prompted me to consider a position on the board. I look		
	forward to working with and for you.		

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## **Two-Year Candidates for Board of Directors: Student Members**

#### **Dannis Matteson**

Ph.D. Institution:	Loyola University Chicago		
Dissertation Topic	I am primarily interested in examining Dorothee Sölle's political theology and her warning against		
or Areas of	"Christofascism" in light of the prevalence of right wing populism particularly among white Christians in the		
Scholarly Interest:	United States.		
Progress	I expect to complete my comprehensive exams by November, 2018.		
toward Degree:			
Publications:	"Hope Requires Participants: Dorothee Sölle's Task and Warning for the Trump Era," <i>New Theology Review</i> , Vol. 30., No. 20 (2018)		
<b>SCE Participation:</b> 2019 will mark my third year of attendance at SCE, and participation in the Graduate Student Caucus. I presented a paper entitled, "The Theo-Poet(H)Ics of Dorothee Sölle: Resisting the Death Machine with			
	Ontology." I have also served as facilitator for Breakfast with the Author both in 2017 and 2018.		
Administrative or	Community Advocate at St. Joseph's Neighborhood Ctr., Rochester, New York (2009-2011); StillPoint Theater		
<b>Organizational</b> Collective - volunteer workshop facilitator (2011-2013); Campus Minister at Saint Xavier Univers			
Experience:	Program Manager for Catholic Common Ground Initiative at Catholic Theological Union (2014-2016); Hope House Community Coordinator / Co-Founder, Chicago (2015-2016); Co-founder of EncounterPoint (spirituality and social justice center, Chicago) (2017-present)		
Comments:	I have served as the program manager for the Catholic Common Ground Initiative, and have co-founded two different ministries. I have also completed years as a campus minister, and a trained peace circle facilitator. I believe these experiences and skills in particular would serve the SCE board well in its mission to continue to support its members as they face the ongoing challenge of doing Christian ethics in today's context. I am dedicated to upholding environments of nonviolent communication and trust within each of the professional circles I find myself in, and I take leadership roles seriously as opportunities to honor and reflect diverse perspectives.		

#### Nikia Robert



Ph.D. Institution: **Dissertation Topic** or Areas of Scholarly Interest: **Publications:** 

Claremont School of Theology

My dissertation is titled, "Breaking the Law When the Law Breaks Us: A Womanist Ethic of Decriminalization." My research focus is womanist theological ethics, carceral studies and public policy with scholarly interests in theo-ethical and political interpretations of punishment as it pertains to Black women, mass incarceration and moral theories of law. I expect to become a candidate for my doctoral degree in Fall, 2019. Peer review (double blind) articles: "Penitence, Plantation and the Penitentiary: A Liberation Theology for Lockdown America," The Graduate Journal of Harvard Divinity School, 2017; "A Lingual Politic: Power and Resistance in Sacred, Secular, and Subaltern Narratives in an Age of Mass Incarceration," Horizontes Decoloniales Vol. 2, (2016): pp. 163-201 Available in: http://horizontesdecoloniales.gemrip.org/>; Other articles/public scholarship: Union Network (Cover Story), "James Hal Cone: Humble Giant in the Movement for Black Liberation" https://myunion.utsnyc.edu/file/unionmag\_SP18.pdf?\_ga=2.199319661.25670799.1530245403-258921371.1527089799, 2018; "Who Are We? A Lesson from the Life of James Cone and his Love for the Church" AME Christian Recorder, 2018 http://www.thechristianrecorder.com/who-are-we-a-lesson-from-the-life-of-james-cone-and-his-love-for-thechurch1/, "Response: Beyond apathy: A Theology for Bystanders, by Elizabeth T. Vasko" Syndicate, 2017, https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/beyond-apathy; "Five Books That Set Me Free" The Political Theology Network, 2017; "Why The Election of Trump Matters for Michelle Shirley" Marginalia, 2016; "An Incarnational Theology of Homelessness" Postcolonial Networks Plural Space, 2014; "Everything is Not Eschatological" Sojourners: Faith in Action for Social Justice, 2011 **SCE Participation:** Student Caucus Representative, Board of Directors (voice, no vote), Finance Committee, Future Scholars Interest Group panel, Student Reception, Annual Meeting, African/African American Working Group

#### Administrative or Organizational **Experience:**

**Comments:** 

NA

In my career experience on Wall Street working with the Big Five Public Accounting firms and the largest investment bank, as well as my board experience with non-profits, I received training and experience that cultivated professional acumen and skills that are transferable to the SCE. Namely, I desire to use my leadership skills, financial and budgeting knowledge, innovation and passion to contribute to SCE's mission and goals for growth and sustainability. In addition to my contribution to the Board of Directors, I look forward to the honorific benefits and network I will receive as a junior scholar navigating the Academy.

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## **One-Year Candidates for Board of Directors: Student Members**

#### **Rvan Juskus**



Ph.D. Institution: Duke University

	<b>Dissertation Topic</b>	My scholarly interests revolve around the intersection of theology, politics, and ecology, particularly as they bear		
11	or Areas of	on resource extraction and use. My dissertation is a theological and ethnographic study of how Christians draw on		
54	Scholarly Interest:			
-		conceptually, theologically, and materially available as an extractable and usable resource.		
	Progress toward	Completed comprehensives Spring 2018, initiated primary focus on ethnographic fieldwork Summer 2018, and		
	Degree:	expect to defend dissertation proposal by early Fall 2018.		
Publications: "Extracting Faith, Cultivating Faith: Andean Lessons on Decolonizing Christian Environmentalism"				
		Grounded: Essays on Land and Christian Discipleship. Edited by Ryan Harker and Janeen Bertsche Johnson, 192-		
		207. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2016.Basurto, X., Virdin, J., Smith, H. and R. Juskus. <i>Strengthening Governance</i>		
		of Small-Scale Fisheries: An Initial Assessment of Theory and Practice. Geneva: Oak Foundation, 2017. Review		
		of William Greenway, For the Love of All Creatures: The Story of Grace in Genesis, Grand Rapids: William B.		
		Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2015 in Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics 37.1 (Spring/Summer 2017).		
		Review of Albert J. Raboteau, American Prophets: Seven Religious Radicals and their Struggle for Social and		
		Political Justice, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2016 in <i>Theology</i> 121.1 (Jan/Feb, 2018). Review of		
		W. Bradford Littlejohn, The Peril and Promise of Christianity Liberty: Richard Hooker, the Puritans, and		
		Protestant Political Theology in Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics. (forthcoming).		
	SCE Participation:	Student member since 2016. Presented a paper titled "Christian Ethics and Overwhelming Problems: Assessing the		
		Methodologies of Willis Jenkins and Luke Bretherton" at the Future Scholars Interest Group in 2018. Served as		
		session convener and Breakfast with an Author facilitator in 2018. Attended SCE Annual Meeting in 2013, 2016,		
		2017, 2018.		
	Administrative or	I served for seven years as assistant director and ten months as interim director of an undergraduate global and		
	Organizational	experiential learning program focused on poverty and justice, which included program administrative duties. Since		
	Experience:	2015, I have served on the Board of Directors of Peace and Hope International, the US affiliate of a South		
		American faith-based human rights organization. I am currently serving as Board Chair.		
	Comments:	At a critical time in both society and Christian ethics, I seek to draw on my formation by Catholic, evangelical, and		
		liberative traditions, over a decade of experience in nonprofit and university administration, and involvement with		
		the student caucus to contribute to the Society's mission to deepen Christian reflection on pressing problems,		
		improve teaching, and sharpen scholarly arguments. As the Society navigates its multiple traditions, equips its		
		members, and sets the agenda for future scholarship in Christian ethics, I commit to faithfully represent the		
		concerns, vision, methodologies, and new ideas of the Society's next generation of leaders in the field.		

#### Shatavia Wynn



**Ph.D. Institution: Dissertation Topic** or Areas of Scholarly Interest: Progress toward Degree: **Publications:** SCE Participation: Administrative or Organizational **Experience:** 

**Comments:** 

Vanderbilt University feminist, black feminist, and womanist ethics, phenomenology, and aesthetics

Writing Qualifying Examinations in Spring 2019

NA Active Member 2017-present

Former high school educator; Former Graduate Student Assistant for Yale University's historic Afro-American cultural Center; Co-Facilitator for Vanderbilt University's student-led Ethics Colloquy

I am a third year doctoral student in the Ethics and Society cohort at Vanderbilt University. After earning my B.A. in Philosophy and Religion from Claflin University, I earned a Master of Arts in Religious Studies with a concentration in Black Religion in the African Diaspora from Yale Divinity School. Since joining in 2016, SCE has provided me with a cohort of colleagues and mentors. Each annual conference provides the opportunity to gather with scholars with similar or different interests such that I am able to build new networks and access resources. As a member of the Student Caucus, I am excited for the opportunity to represent the caucus in voice and vote.

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