

North Carolina Religious Studies Association
Saunders Hall
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
November 2, 2013
Rooms 104, 204 and 220

8:30-9:00 AM **Registration**

Session I A

9:00-10:30 AM **Theology and Philosophy of Religion I** Saunders 104

“The Measure of a Person: How We Size People Up”
Richard Prust, St. Andrews University

“When Religious Language is Empty”
Christopher Hoyt, Western Carolina University

Session I B

9:00-10:30 AM **Thunder Gods!** Saunders 204

“Sango: The God of thunder “
Kofi Johnson, Fayetteville State University

“Cherokee and Lakota Thunder Beings”
Carrie McLachlan Western Carolina University

Session I C

9:00-10:30 AM **The Ancient Mediterranean** Saunders 220

"Identifying Dreams: Recognizing Jesus in Tertullian and the Acts of Peter."
Jason Robert Combs, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

“Durkheim’s Theory of Triangular Force Relations
and Its Application to Christian *Collegia* in the Roman Empire”
Rob Young, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Session II A

10:45 AM-12:45 PM **Religion in America** Saunders 104

“Eugenics, Social Justice and Christian Ethics:
A Case Study from North Carolina: 1929-2013”
Joseph Osei & Kwame Boakye-Sarpong, Fayetteville State University

“Ritual and Ecstasy in Early American Shaker history”
Walter H. Conser jr. UNC-Wilmington

“God and Slavery: Examining Pastor Earl Carter’s
Biblical and Utilitarian Justification for Slavery”
Paul Boaheng , Fayetteville State University

Session II B

10:45AM-12:45 PM **Theology & Philosophy of Religion II: The Two Bs** Saunders 204

“The Man of “Azure Isolation”:
An Enquiry into Karl Barth’s Analysis of Friedrich Nietzsche’s Attack on Christianity”
Matt Jantzen, Duke University Divinity School

“Bonhoeffer’s Musical Metaphor of the Christian Life”
Jacki Price-Linnartz, Duke Divinity School

Session II C **Religion, Violence, and the Angelic**

10:45 AM-12:45 PM

“Could Violence be an Abrahamic Religious DNA Marker?”
N. Samuel Murrell and Jake Hassell, UNC-Wilmington

“Radical Choices: Toward a Typology of Homegrown Islamist Terrorism”
Chardon Louisa Murray UNC Wilmington

"The Exploration of Angelic Understandings in New Age and Christianity."
Rebecca Gordan, UNC-Asheville

12:45-1:45 PM **Lunch, Presidential Address, and Business Meeting**
Greg Rich, Fayetteville State University

Session III A

2:00-3:30 PM

Theology & Philosophy of Religion III: Predestination and Purgatory Saunders 104

"Jonathan Edwards's Critique of Arminianism."
Gregory Rich, Fayetteville State University

“Giving Purgatory the Last Laugh:
Purgatory as a sufficient condition for an after-life comedy”
P. Eddy Wilson, Shaw University

Session III B

2:00-3:30 PM

Theology & Philosophy of Religion IV: Parasites

Saunders 204

“There is no symbiosis in the body of Jesus Christ:
Parasitic eating in Calvin’s Eucharistic Theology”
Tanner Capps, Duke Divinity School

“The Ironist, The Undercommons, and the Parasite:
What Business has the Theologian in the Modern university?”
Ben Dillon, Duke University, Graduate Program in Religion

Session III C

2:00-3:30 PM

Theology & Philosophy of Religion V: Idealism and Naturalism

Saunders 220

“Josiah Royce’s Great Hope”
Richard Hall, Fayetteville State University

“Taoist Ethics and Naturalism”
Han Lheem, Fayetteville State University

Session IV A

3:45-5:15 PM

Post War to the Counter Culture and the New Age

Saunders 104

“Tracking “Spirituality” as a Discursive Formation
in Post-WWII Medical Literature”
Shenandoah L. Nieuwsma, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

“Promoting Heaven by Pointing to Hell:
Drugs and Evangelical Conversion in the Countercultural Era”
Aaron Griffith, Th.D. student, Duke University Divinity School

Session IV B

3:45-5:15 PM

From Africa to America

Saunders 204

“The Zombie That Science Built:
How Bodiless Souls Became Soulless Bodies and Invaded American Roadways”
Lenny J. Lowe, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

“Art Therapy and its Effect on Refugees of Genocide in Africa”
Hailey Anne Black, UNC Wilmington

Session IV C

Theology & Philosophy of Religion VI: Ascetics in the Movies

Saunders 220

3:34-5:15 PM

“In Sickness and in Health: Pictures of Ascetic Ideals by Nietzsche & Kierkegaard”
Mikkel Lysne UNC-Wilmington

“Levinas and Cinema”
James McLachlan, Western Carolina University