AAR and SBL 2011 Sessions Related to Ecological and Animal Issues

FRIDAY:

M18-100 Non-Violence and Violence in Dharma Traditions: Warriors, Ascetics, Animals, and Farmers
11/18/2011
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Room: Grand Ballroom C – Intercontinental

Theme: DANAM Session 1

Kusumita Pedersen, St. Francis College, Presiding
Koenraad Elst, Independent Scholar, Panelist
Carl Olson, Allegheny College, Panelist
Christopher Key Chapple, Loyola Marymount University, Panelist
Whitney Sanford, University of Florida, Panelist

M18-108 Forum on Religion and Ecology Annual Luncheon
11/18/2011
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Room: Telegraph Hill – Intercontinental

The Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale holds its annual AAR luncheon for friends and supporters of the Forum and invited guests.

A18-204 Preconference Workshop Theme: Sustainability Workshop — Teaching About Religion and Sustainability: The Animal Question
Friday - 1:45 pm-5:30 pm must register in advance
CC-2006
Sponsored by the Sustainability Task Force and the Animals and Religion Group

David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Panelists:
Aaron Gross, University of San Diego
Paul Waldau, Canisius College
Laura Hobgood-Oster, Southwestern University
Jay McDaniel, Hendrix College
Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University
Christine Gutleben, The Humane Society of the United States
David Clough, University of Chester
Sarra Tlili, University of Florida

1:45 pm - 2:15 pm: Introductions and Small Group Icebreakers/Warm-up
2:15 pm - 3:15 pm: Central Topics in Animals and Sustainability
Aaron Gross, University of San Diego Animals as Food
Paul Waldau, Canisius College Wildlife (Including Urban/Campus Wildlife) Laura Hobgood-Oster, Southwestern University Companion Animals

3:15 pm - 3:30 pm: Break

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm: Teaching Animals, Religion and Sustainability
Jay McDaniel, Hendrix College Animals and Religion Course
Laurel Kearns, Drew University Animals in Seminary Courses
Christine Gutleben, Humane Society of the United States Animal Welfare and Not-for-Profit Groups: How to Build the Community-based Learning Connection

4:30 pm - 5:15 pm: Small Group Discussions, Selected Topics with Facilitators
Aaron Gross, University of San Diego Animals in/out of Campus Dining Halls
Paul Waldau, Canisius College Wildlife: Practical and Environmental Concerns
Laura Hobgood-Oster, Southwestern University Companion Animals on Campuses and in the Community
Jay McDaniel, Hendrix College Animals and Sustainability in Introductory Religion Courses
David Clough, University of Chester Theology, Animals and Sustainability in the Classroom
Sara Tili, University of Florida Sustainability-Animal Connections in Comparative Religion Courses
David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University Critical Service-learning Pedagogy and Animals/Religion

5:15 pm - 5:30 pm: Wrap-up – Idea Sharing, Follow-up A comprehensive bibliography will be given to all participants.

The cost for the workshop is $40, which includes the entire afternoon of sessions and a coffee break. Registration is limited to the first 75 participants.

A18-302 Theme: Sustainability Reception in Honor of Rosemary Radford Ruether
Friday - 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
MM-Nob Hill C
Sponsored by the Sustainability Task Force and the Religion and Ecology Group

Please join us for a reception in honor of Rosemary Radford Ruether's seventy-fifth birthday. The reception will be sustainably catered, following the day-long workshop of the Sustainability Task Force. This reception will also mark the publication of Voices of Feminist Liberation: Writings in Honor of Rosemary Radford Ruether (Equinox, 2012). The reception is made possible by a generous donation to the Religion and Ecology Group.

Friday - 7:30 pm
Journey of the Universe film
Marriott Marquis Marquis Golden Gate A

There will be discussion afterwards with Brian Thomas Swimme, Mary Evelyn Tucker, John Grim, and Heather Eaton

M18-403
Animals and Religion Friends and Scholars Reception
SATURDAY:

Muir Woods Tour
Saturday - 8:00 am-11:00 am
Room: Offsite-Meet at CC-Howard Street Exit

After a short ride from San Francisco over the Golden Gate Bridge, you will be awed by one of the most magnificent Redwood forests in the world — Muir Woods. Early winter is one of the best times to visit Muir Woods — the weather is cool and rainy; and Redwood Creek is full and melodious. You will travel by bus and have an opportunity to walk through the forest and explore this magnificent National Monument. Bring rain gear!

S19-116 Theme: Ecological Hermeneutics of the Pauline Corpus and New Testament
Ecological Hermeneutics
Sat: 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Room: 2016 - Convention Center

Arthur Walker-Jones, University of Winnipeg, Presiding
Elaine Wainwright, University of Auckland
Writing an Ecological Commentary (30 min)

Presian Renee Burroughs, Duke University
Laboring Until Now: Theological and Ecological Implications of Paul's Apocalyptic Language in Rom 8:19-22 (30 min)

Laurie J. Braaten, Judson University (Elgin, Illinois)
Earth Community's Lament for Liberation in Romans 8 (30 min)

J. J. Johnson Leese, University of Durham
Christ as Creator: Implications for an Eco-theological Reading of Paul (30 min)

Michael Gilmour, Providence College (Canada)
What's Paul's Beef with Oxen?: Animal Compassion in Light of 1 Corinthians 9:9-10 (30 min)

S19-133 Reading, Theory and the Bible
Sat: 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Room: Sierra E - Marriott Marquis

Robert Seesengood, Albright College, Presiding
Francis Landy, University of Alberta
Reading, Writing, and the Parable of the Book (30 min)
Phillip Michael Sherman, Maryville College
The Creation of the Animal in Genesis: On Not Being Made in the Image of God (30 min)

Fiona C. Black, Mount Allison University
What's the View from Atlantis? Mythology, Tourism and (Biblical) Religion in the Caribbean (30 min)

Cameron B. R. Howard, Interdenominational Theological Center
The Conquest of Canaan as Fantasy of the Colonized: Reading Joshua with Fanon (30 min)

Joseph A. Marchal, Ball State University
The Exceptional Proves Who Rules: Imperial Sexual Exceptionalism in and around Paul's Letters (30 min)

A19-102  Theme: Delicious Peace: Fair Trade, Religions, and the Academy
Special Topics Forum
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am
Room: MM-Willow
Sponsored by the Sustainability Task Force

Michael Christensen, Drew University, Presiding

As part of the AAR Sustainability Task Force’s focus on educating about sustainable food practices, and in recognition that San Francisco is a Fair Trade city, this session focuses on issues related to Fair Trade best practices. The international Fair Trade movement has involved over a million growers and countless consumers with its focus on ethical and environmentally-responsible economics. Religious groups have played an important role, both among the producers and in promoting Fair Trade products. This panel will present and discuss the award-winning film Delicious Peace (Mirembe Kawomera) Grows in a Ugandan Coffee Bean, which chronicles the Peace Kawomera cooperative with over 1,000 Jewish, Christian, and Muslim farmers/members, and Paul Katzeff. Panelists will also discuss Fair Trade and religious practice, the Fair Trade university movement, challenges that the Fair Trade movement faces, and the possible connections between the AAR and Fair Trade. This Special Topics Forum welcomes discussion on all the ways that the AAR can take a greater role in incorporating environmental sustainability efforts. Delicious Peace coffee will be served.

Panelists:
Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University
Paul Katzeff, Thanksgiving Coffee Company
David Barnhill, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh

A19-123  Theme: From "Double Consciousness" to the "Black Atlantic": Theorizing the African Diaspora and African Diaspora Subjectivities
African Diaspora Religions Group
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am
Room: MM-Nob Hill A

Maha Marouan, University of Alabama, Presiding
Torin Alexander, Saint Olaf College
African Diaspora Subjectivities and Religious Experience: The Pursuit of Wholeness

Karyna Do Monte, Boston University
Brazilian Candomble Meets Ecology: A Samba Plot in the Rio de Janeiro Carnival

Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Miami
Translator of the Afro-Cuban Religious World: Lydia Cabrera

Mary Diggin, Pacifica Graduate Institute
Damballah and Maman Brigitte: The Irish Influence on Vodou Lwas

Responding: Charles H. Long, Chapel Hill, NC
Business Meeting: Maha Marouan, University of Alabama

M19-107 Symbolic Worlds in Collision: Environment and Religion in a Postcolonial World
10:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Room: Mission I - Renaissance Parc 55

Phil Arnold, Syracuse University, Presiding
Mary N. MacDonald, Le Moyne College, Panelist
Jennifer Reid, University of Maine, Farmington, Panelist
Jonathan B. Edelmann, Mississippi State University, Panelist
Patrizia Granziera, Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Morelo-Cuernavaca Mexico, Panelist
Jason Busic, Saint Michael's College, Panelist
Lisa Poirier, DePaul University, Respondent

A19-236 Theme: Religion, Food, and Eating in North America Seminar
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm
MM-Yerba Buena 8

Reid L. Neilson, Latter-Day Saints Church, Presiding
Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini College
"The Abundance of the Fullness": Mother Divine's Theology of Food
Todd LeVasseur, University of Florida
Koinonia Partners: A "Demonstration Plot" for Food, Fellowship, and Sustainability
Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester
The Feast at the End of the Fast: The Emergence of a New American Jewish Practice
Benjamin Zeller, Brevard College
Quasireligious American Foodways: The Cases of Vegetarianism and Locavorism
Sarah Robinson, Claremont Graduate University
Refreshing the Concept of Halal Meat in Muslim American Context in Taqwa Ecofood Cooperative
Derek Hicks, Lancaster Theological Seminary
An Unusual Feast: Gumbo and the Complex Brew of Black Religion

Business Meeting:
Benjamin Zeller, Brevard College

A19-220 Theme: Natural Disasters in Tibetan Buddhist Traditions: Prevention, Perception, and Response through a Gendered Lens
Religion and Ecology Group
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Room: CC-2011
Caleb Simmons, University of Florida, Presiding

While forms of environmentally engaged Buddhism focus heavily on the theoretical mitigation of ecological impact, little attention has been paid to the experience of natural disasters from a Buddhist point of view, to their broader cultural context, or to how Buddhist ideology can be practically applied in the lead up to and aftermath of natural disasters. This panel will attempt to redress this situation through four cases that all have at their basis a commitment to exploring cultural perceptions of natural disasters in the Tibetan Buddhist world; these cases represent indigenous Tibetan voices, and focus on women in particular. This panel will explore gendered Tibetan Buddhist perceptions and experiences of natural disasters through a three-part approach that looks at: community attempts to prevent disasters; the actual experience of these disasters; and Buddhist tools for dealing with the aftermath of these disasters.

Kalzang Dorjee Bhutia, University of Alabama
Rediscovering Indigenous Tibetan Environmentalisms: Injunctions from Dakinis for Avoiding Ecological Disaster and Increasing Environmental Awareness in Tibetan Buddhist Literature

Ruth Gamble, Australian National University
The Gendered, Geopolitical Geography of Natural Disasters in the Tibetan Buddhist World

Amy Holmes-Tagchungdarpa, University of Alabama
Dialectics of Devastation and Liberation: The Transformative Power of Natural Disasters as Signs on the Path and as Ethical Pedagogical Tools in Tibetan Biographical Literature
Leah Weiss Ekstrom, Boston College
Tibetan Buddhist Resources for Survivors of Natural Disasters and Direct Care Providers

Business Meeting:
Whitney Bauman, Florida International University
A. Whitney Sanford, University of Florida

P19-241 Theme: Spirit, Scripture, Ethics: Pneumatological Engagements with Knotty Ethical Issues
Society of Christian Ethics
11/19/2011
1:00 PM to 3:30 PM
Room: Continental Ballroom Salon 4 - Hilton Union Square

This is the second of two SCE sessions offering pneumatological explorations of the intersection of Scripture and ethics. Ethicists and exegetes offer constructive proposals and display their entailments for one particular “knotty” ethical issue. Discussion following the papers will be actively directed by the session moderator in order to stimulate conversation across disciplinary boundaries.

Jacqueline Lapsley, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding (5 min)

Christopher Holmes, University of Otago
“Let us also be Guided by the Spirit”: The Promise of the Abrahamic Blessing for Human Sexuality Today (25 min)

Coleman Fannin, Baylor University
Indwelling the Church and Reconciling Creation: Toward a Pneumatological Theology of Ecology (25 min)

Guenther "Gene" Haas, Redeemer University College
Scripture, Spirit and the ‘Ethical’ Behaviour of Autonomous Military Robots (25 min)

A19-329 Theme: Animality, Hybridity, Divinity: Donna Haraway's Technoscientific Revisioning of the Religious Subject
Animals and Religion Group and Science, Technology, and Religion Group
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm
IC-Grand Ballroom C

Laura Hobgood-Oster, Southwestern University, Presiding

Donna Haraway’s controversial and insightful engagements with a variety of fields are widely known. However, the field of religious studies has not yet fully engaged with her ideas. This joint session explores the import of Haraway’s contributions for science, technology, animals, and religion. The session includes four papers and a response by Haraway herself. Jeanine Thweatt-Bates argues that Haraway uses Christian theological concepts in a continuous corpus that relates the cyborg with companion species. Sam Mickey’s paper takes on posthumanities and science-speculative-fiction-feminist ideas, particularly the concepts of sacramental
consciousness and the risky openness that facilitates respectful contact between humans and other species. Amy Brown uses Haraway’s philosophy of “becoming with” other animals and the dissolution of boundaries to challenge individualism in environmental ethics. Finally, Marti Kheel questions Haraway’s sanguine view of mutuality and respect, suggesting that she does not sufficiently confront the asymmetrical nature of most human/other-than-human encounters.

Jennifer Thweatt-Bates, Newark, NJ
Cyborgs, Dogs, and Jesus: The Worldly and Religious Figures of Donna Haraway

Sam Mickey, California Institute of Integral Studies
Farfetchings for Respecting Species: Postsecular Posthumanities and the SF Mode

Amy Brown, University of Florida
Donna Haraway's Philosophy as a Challenge to Individualism in Evolutionarily-derived Environmental Ethics

Marti Kheel, University of California, Berkeley
Donna Haraway's "Species Encounter": Reciprocity or Dominion?

Responding:
Donna Haraway, University of California, Santa Cruz
Business Meeting:
David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University

North American Religions Section
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CC-2006

Jeff Wilson, University of Waterloo, Presiding

This session gathers four papers that examine some “key paradigms” in American Religion and provide the opportunity to consider what is meant by “Black Church,” “Queering Religion,” “Nature Religion,” and “Material Culture”.

Josef Sorett, Columbia University
The Problem of the "Black Church": Church and Spirit(s) in the American Religious Imaginary, 1923–1940

Megan Goodwin, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Captive Bodies, Queer Religions: Scripting North American Religious Difference

Bron Taylor, University of Florida
Gaian Earth Religion: Vanishing Divine Being(s) and the Mod-God of Nature

Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside
Material Religion: On the Agency of Objects

Responding:
Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, Presiding

Starhawk is the well-known feminist Witch, Earth activist, and writer who initiated the Reclaiming Witchcraft Tradition in San Francisco in 1979. Her books on Pagan ecospirituality, such as The Spiral Dance: A Rebirth of the Ancient Religion (HarperOne, 20th anniv. ed., 1999) and the novel The Fifth Sacred Thing (Bantam, 1993), are still bestsellers. Over the last four decades her thinking and practices have spun off the emergent Goddess spirituality movement, but have also provoked and influenced feminist theologians. One of them is Rosemary R. Ruether, herself a major contributor to feminist theologizing in all Western traditions — be it Christian, Jewish, or Pagan. Over the last ten years, Ruether and Starhawk have developed similar interests in feminist earth practices, honored the four elements and permacultural social principles, and have quoted each other’s work respectfully. In this session all are invited to reflect on the notion of “elemental theology” and/or “feminist Earth practices” as a possible crossroad for feminist theology of different faiths to meet.

Panelists:
Rosemary R. Ruether, Claremont Graduate University
Starhawk, Earth Activist Training

Responding:
Marion S. Grau, Graduate Theological Union
Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo
Heather Eaton, Saint Paul University

Ann M. Burlein, Hofstra University, Presiding

Each paper in this panel wrestles with how corporeally oriented conceptualizations of the self have significantly impacted scholarship in the humanities. In fact, this view of the self-as-body has facilitated the birth of an entire field of inquiry. Re-centering materiality and the body as topical and theoretical loci for the study of American religion, body studies bring long-standing approaches to religion such as systems of belief into question. This panel seeks novel approaches and fresh criticisms to advance the current direction of recent work and the larger trajectory of body studies scholarship as the field continues to develop.
Adam Park, Florida State University  
Body Studies: A Nature/Culture Problem

Adam Ware, Florida State University  
In the Air There’s a Feeling of Christmas: On the Discursive Deafness of Body Studies

Joshua Fleer, Florida State University  
Spectator versus Participant: The Gaze of the Historian in the Field of Sports and Religion

Lauren Gray, Florida State University  
On Embodiment and Lived Religion

Responding:

Martha Finch, Missouri State University

A20-126  Theme: Religion and Spirituality in the Moral Lives of Children  
Childhood Studies and Religion Group  
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am  
IC-Nob Hill

Marcia Bunge, Valparaiso University, Presiding

This session examines the relation between religion and children’s moral agency and formation. Children are often thought of as either morally innocent or morally incompetent when compared to adults. How are such assumptions complicated and contested when they are examined in light of children’s actual moral lives and experiences? The papers here examine this question from the perspectives of science, culture, sexuality, and ethics and in light of a diversity of religious traditions. They examine both how children’s lives are shaped by spiritual conceptions of moral nature and how children’s own voices contribute toward and contest such conceptions. The goal is to challenge traditionally adult-centered thinking about both religion and morality.

Lisa Sideris, Indiana University  
Children's Nature Study, Empathy, and Wonder: 1900–Present

Kevin Taylor, Boston University  
Parenting, Religion, and American Culture: A Comparative Look at Visions of the Good Life for Children among Hindu and Mainline Protestant Communities

Kathryn Moles, Graduate Theological Union  
Making Sense of Sexual Education in the Context of Lived Experiences: Why Current Models Fail Youth and Providing Suggestions for a New Approach Responsive to Youth Concerns

Kate Ott, Drew University  
Agency and Racism in Children: Accidental Acquisition or Moral Choice?

Responding:

John Wall, Rutgers University
Business Meeting:

John Wall, Rutgers University
Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University

A20-231 Theme: Thinking Animals and Religion, Rethinking Ethics: Farley, Midgley, Nussbaum, and Singer
Animals and Religion Group
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm
MM-Nob Hill A

Aaron Gross, University of San Diego, Presiding

Charles Camosy, Fordham University
Peter Singer and Christian Ethics on Nonhuman Animals: Unexpected Rapprochement?

Mary Ashley, Graduate Theological Union
Extending Margaret Farley's "Just Love" to the Animal Other: To Place Being in Affirmation of Being

Thomas Leenders, Harvard University
Buddhist Approaches to Martha Nussbaum’s Capabilities Approach: Dignified Animals, Indignant Buddhists, and Other Apparent Paradoxes

Gregory S. McElwain, University of Florida
Mary Midgley and the Mixed Community in Religious Studies

Responding:
Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology

S20-221 Theme: Hebrew Bible and Methodology
Ecological Hermeneutics
11/20/2011
1:00 PM to 3:30 PM
Room: Nob Hill B - Marriott Marquis

Elaine Wainwright, University of Auckland, Presiding

Kristel Clayville, University of Chicago
Rachel Carson's Silent Spring as Biblical Commentary (30 min)

Karina Martin Hogan, Fordham University
The Slander of the Devouring Land in Ezekiel (30 min)

Jeanette Mathews, Charles Sturt University
An Ecological Reading of Habakkuk (30 min)

Jeffrey S. Lamp, Oral Roberts University
"The Poor Will Always Be with You": Another Look at Suspicion and Identification in Ecological Hermeneutics (30 min)

S20-223  Theme: The Bible, Eschatologies, and their Moral Implications  
Ethics and Biblical Interpretation  
Sun: 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM  
Room: Salon 5 - Marriott Marquis

Mark Douglas, Columbia Theological Seminary, Presiding

Grant MacAskill, University of St. Andrews  
Sanctus and Sanctification: Grounding Holiness on the Temple's Cornerstone (30 min)

Stanley Saunders, Columbia Theological Seminary  
Salt for the Earth: Eschatology, Ecology, and the Empire of Heaven in Matthew’s Sermon on the Mount (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

S20-313  Theme: Hebrew Bible: Leviticus--Numbers and More  
Contextual Biblical Interpretation  
Sun: 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM  
Room: Salon 8 - Marriott Marquis

This session will consist of paper presentations, roundtable style, an extended discussion of papers, and a Business Meeting to discuss the ongoing program of publishing the Texts@Contexts series, HB part. Full drafts of papers will be available on Athalya Brenner's homepage, http://home.medewerker.uva.nl/a.brenner/page2.html, at the beginning of November 2011. Potential contributors to the series are cordially invited to attend the Business Meeting at the end of this sessions: we shall be grateful for suggestions, contributions and tips.

Archie Lee, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Presiding

Kristel Clayville, University of Chicago  
Landed Agency: An Environmental Ethicists Reads Leviticus (20 min)

Joseph Ryan Kelly, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary  
USDA or YHWH? Pursuing a Divinely Inspired Diet (20 min)

Nasili Vaka'uta, University of Auckland  
Indicting YHWH: Interpreting Numbers 25 in Oceania (20 min)

Ingeborg Löwisch, Utrecht University  
Gendered Genealogies in Response to Trauma: Inquiring Processes of Othering in 1 Chronicle 1-9 from a German Perspective (20 min)

Break (10 min)

Discussion (30 min)
Business Meeting (15 min)

**S20-317 Theme: Isaiah 24-27**  
**Formation of Isaiah**  
Sun: 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM  
**Room: Cathedral Hill – Intercontinental**

Gary Stansell, Saint Olaf College, Presiding

Reed Lessing, Concordia Seminary

Yahweh versus Marduk: Creation Theology in Isaiah 40-55 (30 min)

A. Joseph Everson, California Lutheran University

Redemption in the Isaiah Scroll: Reflections on Mikhail Gorbachev and Cyrus of Persia (30 min)

Uta Schmidt, Justus Liebig-University Giessen

Zion and the Servant of God Structuring and Gendering Isaiah 49-55 (30 min)

Katie M. Heffelfinger, Church of Ireland Theological Institute

Conflicted Commands: Memory and the Former Things in Second Isaiah (30 min)

Steven D. Mason, LeTourneau University

The Broken “Treaty” of Isaiah 33: The Isaiah Apocalypse Refashioned? (30 min)

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**Religion and Ecology Group**  
Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm  
**Room: CC-2006**

David Haberman, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding

This panel is devoted to Bron Taylor’s book Dark Green Religion (University of California Press, 2010). Panelists/critics have expertise in religion and the environment, science and religion, religion and social movements, Neopagan religions, and religion and radical environmentalism. Taylor distinguishes the phenomenon of “Dark Green Religion” (DGR) from the broader movement of greening “traditional” faiths. According to Taylor, adherents of DGR regard nature as “sacred, imbued with intrinsic value, and worthy of reverent care.” Our panelists will critically engage a cluster of themes, including: the possibility that DGR will contribute/is contributing to the rise of a global, planetary religion; the role of science in the emergence of DGR and how science shapes the spiritual and ethical commitments of DGR; the relationship between DGR and “traditional” faiths; panelists will also draw on their own research on radical environmentalism/grassroots green spiritualities as test cases with which to probe and critique Taylor’s definition of DGR.

Panelists:

Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico

Lisa Sideris, Indiana University
**MONDAY:**

**Bus Tour: Theme: Edible Cityscapes — Religion, Justice, and Sustainable Food Culture**

**Monday - 9:00 am-1:00 pm**

**Room: Offsite-Meet at CC-Howard Street Exit**

**Sponsored by the Sustainability Task Force**

This bus tour features leaders and community organizations working to bring fresh food to urban food deserts, to address global hunger and ecological degradation, and to educate children about gardening, cooking, and health. During site visits in Oakland and Berkeley, we will learn how committed community activists nourish a progressive, sustainable food culture in the East Bay Area, as well as contribute to international NGOs dealing with food security. The tour will include talks from and visits with local religious and secular leaders within these movements, who will share the specific religious and/or spiritual values and ethics that drive their sustainable food and policy activism.

**Itinerary:**

9:00 am - 9:25 am Drive from San Francisco to Oakland. Presentation from Renna Khuner-Haber, Bay Area Programs Associate of Hazon

9:30 am- 10:15 am Meet with Marilyn Borchardt, Development Director of Food First

10:30 am- 11:15 am Meet with Nikki Henderson, Executive Director of People's Grocery

11:30 am - 12:30 pm Meet with HuNia Bradley, Program Manager for Farm Fresh Choice, a program of the Ecology Center, and Wendy Johnson, Zen Buddhist teacher and master gardener involved with the College of Marin, Green Gulch Farm, and the Edible Schoolyard

12:30 pm- 1:00 pm Return to San Francisco to be dropped off at the Moscone Center or at the San Francisco Ferry Building for a sustainable lunch

*Participants who elect to have lunch will be responsible for their own transportation after lunch.

**S21-119 Theme: Evolving Methodologies for Eco-Hermeneutics**

**Ecological Hermeneutics**

**Mon: 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM**

**Room: Sierra I - Marriott Marquis**

**Hilary Marlow, University of Cambridge, Presiding**

Norman Habel, Flinders University and Peter Trudinger, Flinders University

Ecological Hermeneutics and the Bible: Centering Earth (30 min)

David Horrell, University of Exeter, Cherryl Hunt, University of Exeter and Christopher Southgate, University of Exeter

The Exeter project: Towards an Ecotheological Hermeneutic (30 min)
Ellen Bernstein, Holyoke, MA
The Natural Intelligence of the Bible: A Jewish Perspective (30 min)

Ernst Conradie, University of the Western Cape, Respondent (15 min)

Barbara Rossing, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (30 min)

A21-120  Theme: Religious Appropriation of Secular Culture
New Religious Movements Group
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am
IC-Grand Ballroom C

Jeremy Rapport, College of Wooster, Presiding

Darryl Victor Caterine, Le Moyne College
Haunted Ground: Nature's Nation from the American Metaphysical Perspective

Ann Duncan, Goucher College
Summer Camp and New Paradigms of Sacred Space in New Religious Movements

Bryan Barkley, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
From HippieCrits an' Jesus Freaks to the Twelve Tribes: The Integration and Reinterpretation of Vietnam Era Pop-culture into a Fundamentalist Communitarian Movement's Ideology

C. A. Burriss, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
Copresenting with B. Gibson Barkley

Shannon Harvey, University of North Carolina
"Eat Your Way Back to the Godhead": Reducing Karma and Calorie-intake Using International Society for Krishna Consciousness Cookbooks

Jenna Gray-Hildenbrand, University of California, Santa Barbara
Copresenting with Martha Smith Roberts

Martha Smith Roberts, University of California, Santa Barbara
Hoop Spiritualities: The Hula-Hoop and Embodied Spiritual Practice

Business Meeting:

Marie W. Dallam, University of Oklahoma

A21-124  Theme: Beyond Words: Diverse Modes of Film Analysis
Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am
MM-Nob Hill B

Stefanie Knauss, Centro per le Scienze Religiose, Trento, Presiding
What are some of the most compelling ways of analyzing film that go beyond traditional narrative analysis? Presenters in this session analyze film in novel and complex ways including considerations of: transcendental style; music; the body; memory; and image as text. What is gained by moving “beyond words” when thinking about what film is, what it can say, and what it can do?

Gerard Loughlin, Durham University
Staying Put: Of Men and Their Gods

Kutter Callaway, Fuller Theological Seminary
Film Music as "Echon": Religious Motifs in the Music of There Will Be Blood

Rebecca Moody, Syracuse University
Sight Unseen: Seeing the Abject (Body) in The Syrian Bride

Spencer Dew, Iowa State University
"It has Fallen Upon You to Finish What Began at Auschwitz": The Unborn, Holocaust Fictionalization, and the Responsibilities of Jewish Memory

Min-Ah Cho, Saint Catherine University
Poetics of the Body of Christ: Rethinking the Sacramental Nature of Writing in Light of Edward Schillebeeck's Sacramental Theology and Lee Chang-dong's Film Poetry

S21-243
Semiotics and Exegesis
Mon: 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM
Room: 3002 - Convention Center

The sessions of the Semiotics and Exegesis Section at the 2011 Annual Meeting will commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the publication of "What is Structural Exegesis?" by Daniel Patte. For further details about the sessions, please visit http://philosophy.kent.edu/semiotics.

David Odell-Scott, Kent State University Main Campus, Presiding

Frank H. Polak, Tel Aviv University
Invariants and Thematic Development in the Narratives of the Patriarchs (30 min)

Lung Pun Common CHAN, Chinese University of Hong Kong
John’s Apocalypse in Light of Structural Exegesis and Cognitive Science of Religion (30 min)

Christina C. Riley, Drew University
Ecosemiotics: Jesus and the Fig Tree (30 min)

S21-245 Theme: Exegesis and the Literature of Asceticism
Syriac Literature and Interpretations of Sacred Texts
11/21/2011
1:00 PM to 3:30 PM
Room: Stockton - Renaissance Parc 55

Marilyn Kincaid, Saint Louis University, Presiding

Jason Scully, Marquette University
Babai the Great's Exegesis of Paul as Corrective to Evagrian Eschatology (30 min)

Blake Hartung, Saint Louis University
Christ the Foundation: John of Tella’s Profession of Faith and 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 (30 min)

Cornelia B. Horn, Saint Louis University
Interpreting Jesus' Miracles of Healing as Proof of Divine Agency and Identity in Early Syriac Literature (30 min)

Cynthia Villagomez, Winston-Salem State University
Animals, Animal-imagery, and Holy Men in Early Medieval East Syrian Monastic Literature (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

A21-328 Theme: Religion and Conservation in Context
Religion and Ecology Group
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Room: IC-Grand Ballroom B

Matthew Riley, Drew University, Presiding

This session explores the encounter between religion and ecology in specific cultural and geographic contexts, ranging from Asia to the US. This collection of papers demonstrates how environmental issues, such as farming and waste management are understood and negotiated within religio-cultural contexts and highlights the importance of place.

James Miller, Queen's University
Daoism and Sustainability in Contemporary China

Elizabeth Allison, California Institute of Integral Studies
Liminal Beasts: Dogs, Pigs, and Other Challenges to Ecological and Ritual Purity in Bhutan

Steven Masters, Drew University
Backpacking the Long Trail: Sacred Ritual in Vermont's Viridis Montis

George James, University of North Texas
Indian Hermeneutics of Nature and the Hermeneutic of Nature of Hindu Nationalism

Suzanne Armstrong, Wilfrid Laurier University
Understandings of Christian Stewardship in Farming Through the Work of the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario, Canada

M21-300
At this reception hosted by the California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS, San Francisco), meet with others interested in the study of religion and ecology. Four CIIS faculty—Elizabeth Allison, Robert McDermott, Jacob Sherman, and Brian Swimme—will briefly introduce a new CIIS MA and Ph.D. level program of study in Religion and Ecology.