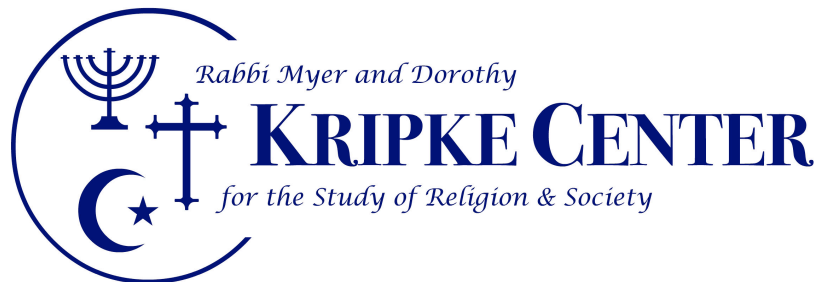


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Rocky Mountain - Great Plains Region

April 9-10, 2010

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All events are in the Harper Center, 3rd Floor (north end)

Friday, April 9, 2010

Registration (8:00 – 8:45)

3rd Floor Study

Book Display

Rm. 3027A

Session I (8:45 – 10:15)

A. Legal Issues in the Hebrew Bible

Rm. 3028-A

Convener: Gordon Brubacher, Creighton University
Mark K. George, Iliff School of Theology
“Tabernacle Spatial Logic and the Sacrifice in Leviticus 1-7”
Amy Pfeister, University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology
“Rereading the Legal Situation in the Book of Ruth”
Noah Marsh, University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology
“Protect God’s Honor: Adultery and the Purging Formula in Deut. 22:13-29”

B. Do Muslim Women Really Need Saving?

Rm. 3028B-C

Convener: Deborah Saxon, University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology
Nezha Hamid, University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology
Deborah Saxon, University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology
Sophia Shafi, University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology
Roshan Kalantar, University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology

C. Miracles, Science, and Heathens

Rm. 3029A

Convener: Brian Sholl, Creighton University
David Weddle, The Colorado College
“Miracles as Reasons: Case Studies in Christianity and Islam”
Zach Simpson, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma
“Emergence: From Science to (Non-Personal) Religion”
Thad Horrell
“Polysemous Ethnic Identifications in the Field of Heathenry”

D. New Testament

Rm. 3027

Convener: Dennis Hamm, S.J., Creighton University
Ken Purscell, Independent Scholar
“Ambiguous Narrative Settings in Luke as Compared with Matthew and Mark”
Michael Hemenway, University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology
“Knowledge and Identity in 1 Corinthians: Paul’s Discourse of the Crucified Messiah”
Nicolae Roddy, Creighton University
“The Use of Romanian Amulet Texts in the Modern Period”

E. Christian Theology

Rm. 3029

- Convener: Kari Kloos, Regis University
Richard Miller, Creighton University
“The Self-Communication of God and the Limits of Human Knowledge:
Predicating ‘Mystery’ of God”
Heike, Peckruhn, University of Denver/Illiff School of Theology
“Sexy Atonement: An Irigarayan Feminist Reading of Difference and the Cross”
Ashley Hall, Creighton University
“Contemporary Corinthians: Biblical Ecclesiology as a Guide for the Current
Crises in Protestantism”

Session II (10:30 – 12:00)

A. Non-Canonical and Late Materials

Rm. 3028-A

- Convener: Mark George, Iliff School of Theology
Allison Schofield, University of Denver
“Invention, Memory and Landscape: The Desert as Sacred Space in the Dead
Sea Scrolls”
John Fadden, University of Denver/Illiff School of Theology
“Revisiting the Relationship between *Testament of Abraham* and *Testament of Isaac*”
Kyle Greenwood, Colorado Christian University
“The Two Voices of Qoheleth”

B. Religious Themes in Art and Literature

Rm. 3027

- Convener: Wendy Wright, Creighton University
Eric Smith, University of Denver/Illiff School of Theology
“In Plain Sight: The Orant as a Hidden Transcript of the Subordinate”
Sandra Ceas, Iliff School of Theology
“Art as a Visual Homily”
Philip Meckley, Kansas Wesleyan University
“Moral education and character development in *The Graveyard Book*”

C. The Environment

Rm. 3028B-C

- Convener: Richard Miller, Creighton University
John O’Keefe, Creighton University
“Two Berrys: Thomas Berry and Wendell Berry and the Struggle for a
Christian Theology of Nature”
Howard Kramer, University of Denver/Illiff School of Theology
“The Apocalyptic Speculation of the New Age Left: Social and Political
Implications”

D. Figurines and Rituals – ASOR

Rm. 3029

Convener: Dana M. Pike, Brigham Young University

Susan Ellis, Wayne State College

“Pre- and Post-Christian Figurines from Abila of the Decapolis”

Rami Arav, University of Nebraska-Omaha

“Water Rituals in Ancient Israel”

Vanessa Arnold, University of Nebraska-Omaha

“Pregnant Figurines at Bethsaida”

E. Theological Interpretations

Rm. 3029A

Convener: Ashley Hall, Creighton University

Richard Bowman, Augustana College

“It’s Not About Ethics: Martin Luther’s Narrative Approach to the Story of Abraham and the Sacrifice of Isaac”

Chris Croghan, Augustana College & Sioux Falls Seminary

“Making an Argument or Telling a Story: The Exegetical Method of Calvin and Luther in Their Expositions on Galatians”

Brian Sholl, Creighton University

“Assessing Marion’s Saturated Phenomenon”

Lunch and Plenary Address (12:15 – 1:45)

Rm. 3023

Regional Senior Scholar William Dean

Emeritus Professor of Constructive Theology, Iliff School of Theology

“The Piety of Liberal Theology”

Session III (2:00 – 3:30)

A. Was Paul a Christian? Review of Pam Eisenbaum’s *Paul was not a Christian*

Rm. 3028B-C

Convener: Ronald A. Simkins, Creighton University

Gregory Robbins, University of Denver

Dennis Hamm, S.J., Creighton University

Johann D. Kim, Colorado Christian University

Response by Pam Eisenbaum, Iliff School of Theology

B. Latin America

Rm. 3028-A

Convener: Thomas Kelly, Creighton University

Robyn E. Henderson-Espinoza, University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology

“Understanding *Syncopation* in The Borderlands”

Thomas Evans, University of Denver

“The Mormon Jesus in Mexico: A Case Study in Popular Religious Aesthetics”

Will Schanbacher

“Latin American Liberation Theology and the Social Sciences”

C. The Religious Life

Rm. 3029

- Convener: Eileen Burke-Sullivan, Creighton University
Hilde Løvdal, University of Oslo
“Focus on the Family and the Mommy Wars: Negotiating the Real and the Ideal”
Jason Hays, Brite Divinity School
“Beyond Phronesis: Resurrecting Poiesis as Meaning-Making in Practical Theology”
R. J. Hernández-Díaz, University of Denver/Illiff School of Theology
“Divine Command Theory, Power, and Privilege”

D. Christianity

Rm. 3029A

- Convener: John O’Keefe, Creighton University
Aaron Conley, University of Denver/Illiff School of Theology
“Rereading Tertullian: Postcolonial and Rhetorical Insights for Engaging our World Today”
Lani Kirsch, University of Missouri at Kansas City
“Faith, Immigration and the Saxon Lutheran Experience”

E. Contemporary Islam

Rm. 3027

- Convener: Bridget Blomfield, University of Nebraska – Omaha
Michael Goeringer, University of Nebraska – Omaha
“Martyrdom Without Suffering: A look at Suicide Bombing in contemporary Islam”
David S. Ross, University of Nebraska – Omaha
“The Jesus Mandate: Modern Muslims and Christians Following the Words and Teachings of Jesus”
Ashley Gerber, University of Nebraska – Omaha
“Perspective: Modern Muslim Women”
Nicholas R. Schaefer, University of Nebraska – Omaha
“Muslim Developmental Space”

AAR Plenary Address (3:45 – 5:00)

Rm. 3023

Timothy Beal, Florence Harkness Professor of Religion,
Case Western Reserve University

“The End of the Word as We Know It:
Evangelical Capitalism, Book Culture, and the
Cultural Icon of the Bible”

Reception (5:00 – 6:00)

3rd Floor Study

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Business Breakfast Meeting (7:00 – 8:30)

Rm. 3023

Session IV (8:45 – 10:15)

A. Literacy, Hebrew, and Greek – ASOR

Rm. 3029

Convener: Leonard Greenspoon, Creighton University

Rick Hess, Denver Seminary

“‘Literacy’ in Iron Age Israel: Questions and Definitions”

David Valeta, University of Colorado at Boulder

“Biblical Hebrew Pedagogy: Communicative Language Teaching”

David Parris, Fuller Theological Seminary, Colorado

“Verbal Aspect of Koine Greek Verb Tenses Reconsidered from a Cognitive Linguistic Perspective”

B. Religion in the Public Square

Rm. 3029A

Convener: David Weddle, The Colorado College

Shannon Trosper, University of Colorado at Boulder

“To Tax or Not to Tax: The Role of the Internal Revenue Service in Authenticating Religion”

Jeff Satterwhite, University of Denver/Illiff School of Theology

“Evangelicals in the Public Square”

Anne Kleinkopf, University of Denver/Illiff School of Theology

“Contesting the Autonomy of the Spheres: A Critique and Modification of the Differentiation Thesis”

C. Religion and Media I

Rm. 3028B-C

Convener: Nicolae Roddy, Creighton University

William Ian Guthrie, University of Colorado at Boulder

“Praying for the Death of God: The Irreligious Religion of Starfleet Command in Star Trek: The Next Generation”

Dan Clanton, Doane College

“Solomon and *Iron Man*: Amnesia and Memory”

Jeremy Rehwaldt-Alexander and Courtney Wilder, Midland Lutheran College

“Indie Music for Jesus: Examining the Intersection of Hipsters and Christianity”

D. Paul

Rm. 3028-A

Convener: Thomas Wayment, Brigham Young University
Susan Calef, Creighton University
“The Genesis of “Authority on Her Head” (1 Corinthian 11:10)”
April Favara, University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology
“The Stoic Ethic of Perfect Manhood in Ephesians 4:13”
K.D. Naw San Dee
“Return of the Slave’: Reading the Letter of Paul to Philemon as a Narrative
of In(ter)vention – *Postcolonial Concerns*”

E. Sufism and Buddhism

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Convener: Randolph Lumpp, Regis University
Sophia Shafi, University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology
“Old and New Sufism: Postmodernism and Islam”
Jonathan Pilgrim, University of Colorado at Boulder
“Symbolism of the Absent *Tatagatha* in Early Buddhism”
Tamara Lydolph, University of Colorado at Boulder
“Kashmir Shaivism Through the Looking Glass of US Academia: The Affect
of Contemporary U.S. Spirituality on American Academic Images of Tantra”

Session V (10:30 – 12:00)

A. Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East

Rm. 3027

Convener: Rick Hess, Denver Seminary
Dana M. Pike, Brigham Young University
“Did the Concept of the Preexistence of Souls Originate from Ancient Near
Eastern Thought?”
Ryan Thomas
“Huldah the Prophetess: A Literary Substitute for Asherah?”
Amy Erickson, Iliff School of Theology
“Zion in the God Speeches? Creation Images in Job 38-39”

B. Islam

Rm. 3029A

Convener: John Calvert, Creighton University
Bridget Blomfield, University of Nebraska-Omaha
“Mevlevis Sufis in America: Standing at the Threshold”
Patrick Bowen, University of Denver
“US Latina/o Muslim Conversion Narratives”
Juana Saifful Manis, University of Colorado at Boulder
“One World Under Laughter: Yours, Mine Or Ours?”

C. Religion and Media II

Rm. 3028B-C

- Convener: Dan Clanton, Doane College
Leonard Greenspoon, Creighton University
“Oy Vey!': How the Yiddish Language Captured the Popular Imagination, As Seen through Comic Strip”
Christina Hitchcock, University of Sioux Falls
“Traitor’s Gate: Severus Snape as Lonely Hero”
Jill Dierberg, University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology
“Religious Irreverence in Mainstream Media: How Political Comedy Influences Religious Identity Among Young Adults”

D. Gnosticism

Rm. 3029

- Convener: Susan Calef, Creighton University
Thomas Wayment, Brigham Young University
“Canonical Consciousness and its Impact on the Infancy Gospel of James”
Justin Barber, University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology
“Mary in the Protevangelium”
Deborah Saxon, University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology
“Unpacking Gnosticism”

E. Religion and Pedagogy

Rm. 3028-A

- Convener: Julia Fleming, Creighton University
John Lay, Regis University
“Beyond Interfaith Discussion to Interfaith Dialogue”
Mattie Germer, Creighton Preparatory School
“Come and See’: Towards a Pedagogy of Visual Literacy in Theology Education”
Courtney Wilder and Lisa Hettinger, Midland Lutheran College
“Teaching and Tattoos: Religious Self-Expression and New Technology”

Lunch and SBL Plenary Address (12:15 – 1:45)

Rm. 3023

Eric H. Cline, Associate Professor and Chair, Classical and Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, The George Washington University

“Raiders of the Faux Ark:
Biblical Archaeology, Junk Science, and the Popular
Media”