

## Sessions with REDO scholars AAR 2014, Nov 22-25.

REDO scholars will present 13 papers, have 1 panelist, give 3 responses, preside at 4 sessions/workshops and 1 business meeting , including with additional member Marlene Lorensen, University of Copenhagen ]

**Saturday Nov 22 - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**A22-100**

**Ritual Studies Workshop**

**Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University, Presiding**

Theme: *Possession, Exorcism, and Psychiatry on Film*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Panelists:

Sasha Rubel, Independent Scholar and Filmmaker

Christian Suhr, University of Aarhus

Responding:

Rane Villerslev, University of Aarhus

**Saturday Nov 22 - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM**

**A22-201**

**Contemporary Pagan Studies Group and Ritual Studies Group**

**Michael Houseman, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Presiding**

Theme: *The New Animism: Ritual and Response to the Nonhuman World*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

**Graham Harvey, Open University**

*Indigenous cultural events, sovereignty and inter-species relations*

**Donna L. Seamone, Acadia University**

*"The Path has a Mind of its Own": Eco-Agri-Pilgrimage to the Corn Maze Performance--an Exercise of Cross-Species Sociality*

Sabina Magliocco, California State University, Northridge

*Beyond the Rainbow Bridge: Animal Spirits in Contemporary Pagan Religions*

**Samuel Etikpah, University of Oslo, Faculty of Theology**

*Transition Concepts in Ghanaian Festival Performance*

Responding:

Rane Willerslev, University of Aarhus

**Saturday Nov 22 - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

**A22-318**

**Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group**

Jacob Erickson, Drew University, Presiding

Theme: *Writing Theology in Postmodernity: Form, Genre, and Style*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Blake Huggins, Boston University

*For the Criticism of Everything (Not) Existing*

Wesley Barker

*Writing Theology Through Indeterminate Flesh: Uncertainty and Knowing the Other*

Hollis Phelps, Mount Olive College

*Theology as Form of Life: Rethinking Confession in Postmodern Religious Thought*

Eric Barreto, Luther Seminary, and Jacob Myers, Emory University

*Strange Speech for Strange Times: Language, Hybridity and the Paul of Acts*

Business Meeting:

Marion S. Grau, Graduate Theological Union, and Shelly Rambo, Boston University,  
Presiding

**Saturday Nov 22 - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

**A22-335**

**Ritual Studies Group**

Donna L. Seamone, Acadia University, Presiding

Theme: *Ritual Assembly and the Dynamics of Democracy*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Paul-François Tremlett, Open University

*Occupy Hong Kong: The Citizen-Assemblage in the Heart of the Capitalist Utopia*

Sidsel Roalkvam, University of Oslo

*Ritually Addressing Wrongs: Negotiating Citizenship in Rural Uttar Pradesh*

Gitte Buch-Hansen, University of Copenhagen, and Marlene Lorensen, University of Copenhagen

*The Consumption of Democracy – The Ritual Politics of the Meal*

Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo

*The Politics of Ritual Memorial Design in Post-Terror Norway*

Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University

*The Interreligious Choir of Civilizations -- Representations of Democracy and the Ritual Assembly of Multiculturalism in Antakya, Turkey*

Responding:

Morny Joy, University of Calgary

**Sunday Nov 23 - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

**A23-108**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section**

Emily Suzanne Clark, Florida State University, Presiding

Theme: *Sounds and Sights in Religious Conversation: East-West*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Stephanie Rumpza, Boston College

*Representation and Iconoclasm in Sergei Bulgakov and Jean-Luc Marion*

Colette Walker, Graduate Theological Union

*The Ki of Dow: Adaptations from Japanese Buddhist Aesthetics in the Art Pedagogy of Arthur Wesley Dow*

Andrew McKee, Florida State University

*"My Gift to America": Maxo Vanka's Murals and Memories of Steel*

**Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University**

*Interreligious Soundscapes: The Aesthetics of the Antakya Choir of Civilizations and the Blending of Musical Traditions, Visual Imageries, and Choreographic Styles*

**Sunday Nov 23 - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

**A23-142**

**Wildcard Session**

Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University, Presiding

Theme: *Videographic Methods in Studying Ritual*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Barry Stephenson, Memorial University

Ronald L. Grimes, Ritual Studies International

Lee Gilmore, San Jose State University

Ute Huesken, University of Oslo

Responding:

**Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico**

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University

Timothy Beal, Case Western Reserve University

Frederick M. Smith, University of Iowa

**Sunday Nov 23 - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

**A23-274**

**Ritual Studies Group**

Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, Institute for Religious Studies, Presiding

Theme: *The Craft of Ritual Studies by Ronald L. Grimes (Oxford University Press, 2014), Author Meets Critics*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Panelists:

Tod D. Swanson

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto

Marko Geslani, Emory University

**Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico**

Responding:

Ronald L. Grimes, Ritual Studies International

**Monday Nov 24 - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

**A24-114**

**African Religions Group**

Danoye Oguntola-Laguda, Lagos State University, Presiding

Theme: *New Perspectives on Religion and Agriculture in Africa--from Senegal, Ghana, and Nigeria*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Robert M. Baum, Dartmouth College

*Diola Religious Critiques of Colonial and Post-colonial Agricultural and Environmental Policies*

Samuel Etikpah, University of Oslo, Faculty of Theology

*Kundum: Ritual Interaction with Nonhumans in a Ghanaian Agricultural Festival*

Jude Aguwa, Mercy College

*God, Humans, and Farm Work in Igbo Society in Nigeria: Past and Present*

Responding:

Albert K. Wuaku, Florida International University

**Monday Nov 24 - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

**A24-209**

**Social Theory and Religion Cluster**

Michelle Morgan, Presiding

Theme: *Feminism and Subjectivity in the Study of Religion*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Abigail Kluchin, Ursinus College

*An Alternative Lineage for Affect Theory: Returning to Irigaray's Speculum de l'autre femme and Kristeva's Revolution du langage poétique*

Wesley Barker

*Signifying Flesh: The Ambiguity of Desire and the Possibility of Alterity in Irigaray's Ethics of Sexual Difference*

Samantha Langsdale, SOAS, Study of Religions Department

*Framing Historical Women's Agency: a Critical Reading of Speech Act Theories*

Constance Furey, Indiana University

*Hermeneutics of Intersubjectivity: Foucault, Butler, and Limit Experiences*

Responding:

Morny Joy, University of Calgary

**Monday Nov 24 - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

**A24-318**

**Contemporary Pagan Studies Group**

Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo, Presiding

Theme: *Animism and Paganism: The Dialog Continues*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Douglas Ezzy, University of Tasmania

*Relational Ethics, Ritual, and the New Animism.*

Kimberly Kirner, California State University Northridge

*Honoring Nature: Contemporary Animist Paganisms and Practical Dimensions of Sustainability*

**Graham Harvey, Open University**

*Bear Feasts, ritual play and the new animism*

Chris Crews, The New School

*Earth Bound Animists Friends vs. Human Enemies: Latour's Gaia and the Anthropocene*

*Geostory*

Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity University

*New Animism - A New Theology?*

Responding:

Fritz Detwiler, Adrian College

**Monday Nov 24 - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

**A24-137**

**Sociology of Religion Group and Critical Research on Religion**

Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Identity and Political Power*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hildegunn Valen Kleive, Volda University College

*Young Tamils and Spirituality in Norway*

**Ida Høeg, KIFO, Centre for Church Research**

*The terror attacks on Norway – 22 July 2011: Interreligious funerals as response to terror*

Daniel Enstedt

*Understanding Islam, Apostasy and Disaffiliation in Present-day Sweden*

Marion Maddox, Macquarie University

*Neoliberal Dominance and "Resurgent Religion": Coincidence, Elective Affinity or Causation?*

Pinky Hota, Smith College

*Indigeneity, Piety and Belonging: The Aesthetic Politics of Hindu Nationalism*

Responding:

Warren Goldstein, Harvard University

**Monday Nov 24 - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

**A24-320**

**Ecclesial Practices Group and Practical Theology Group**

Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Beyond Description in Practical Theology: Analysis, Norms, Revised Praxis*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Jonas Idestrom, Research unit, Church of Sweden

*What and Where is Your Church? Actor-Network Theory as a Conversation Partner in Ethnographic Ecclesiology*

**Marlene Lorensen, University of Copenhagen,** and Kirsten Donskov Felter, University of Greenland

*Identities in Transition. The role of place in encounters between migrants and ethnic Danes in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark and in theological research.*

Sean Gross, Graduate Theological Union

*Let Your Conscience Be Your Guide: A Catholic Approach to Practical Theological Methodology*

Marc Lavalley, Barry University

*Spiritual Discernment and Practical Theological Hermeneutics*

Responding:

Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, Esperanza College of Eastern University