Session 1: Wednesday June 6, 10:15 – 11:45 a.m.

American Religions  
"Best Practices: The Stone-Campbell Teaching Archive" – Ezell Center 205

Elizabeth Rivera, Lipscomb University, Convener

- McGarvey Ice, Abilene Christian University  
- John B. Weaver, Abilene Christian University  
- James L. Gorman, Johnson University, Respondent  
- Doug Foster, Abilene Christian University, Respondent

Christianity, Literature and Language  
“Are Movies Prayers? A Round-table Discussion of the Spiritual Function of Contemporary Film” – Swang Center 230

Darryl Tippens, Abilene Christian University, Convener

- Susan Blassingame, Lubbock Christian University  
- Joi Carr, Pepperdine University  
- Brad East, Abilene Christian University  
- Cori Mathis, Lipscomb University

Civil Rights  
“‘The Stolen Beam’: A Critical Analysis of Reparations” – Ezell Center 109

John York, Lipscomb University, Convener

- Gary Selby, Emmanuel Christian Seminary, Milligan College: Response from Rhetoric and Homiletics  
- Catherine Meeks, Wesleyan College, Emeritus & Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing, Atlanta: Response from Civil Rights  
- Stanley Talbert, Union Theological Seminary: Response from Theology  
- Joel E. Anderson – University of Arkansas, Little Rock, Institute on Race and Ethnicity: Response from Public Institutions and the Church  
- Don McLaughlin, North Atlanta Church of Christ: Heuristic Grist & Trajectories for Action

Health Sciences  
“Integrating Faith Into Health Sciences Curricula” – Swang Center 112

Hope A. Martin, Abilene Christian University, Convener
• **Marcia R. Straughn**, Abilene Christian University, “Faith and Affective Learning in Health Sciences Programs”
• **Leah I. Fullman**, Faulkner University, “Unlocking the Cage: An Apology for Health Sciences Programs and Biblical Principles”
• **Joseph E. Deweese**, Lipscomb University, “Applied Christian Values in Pharmacy: A Longitudinal Course in Values, Ethics and Compassion”
• **Ruth Corey**, Lipscomb University, “The Experiences of Nurse Practitioners When Communicating Bad News to Cancer Patients”

**Honors College**

“‘To Whom Honor is Due’: Teaching Honors Students to Become the Next Generation of Leaders” – *Swang Center 232*

**Joshua S. Fullman**, *Faulkner University* and **Andrew Jacobs**, *Faulkner University*, Co-Conveners

• **W. Brett Wiley**, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, “Complexity as a Means to Emergence in Honors Education.”
• **Stacy L. Patty**, Lubbock Christian University, “Experiential and Interdisciplinary Learning for Leadership Development.”
• **Jonathan Thorndike**, Belmont University, “Revising the Honors Curriculum for the 21st Century.”
• **Paul Prill**, Lipscomb University, “Magis: Jesus, Ignatius, and Honors Education at Lipscomb”

**Interdisciplinary Studies**

“A Town Hall Conversation on Immigration” – *Shamblin Theatre*

**L. Randolph Lowry**, *Lipscomb University*, Convener

• **James O. Browning**, United States District Judge, District of New Mexico
• **Mark Hamilton**, Abilene Christian University
• **Jim Gash**, Pepperdine University
• **Kristine LaLonde**, Lipscomb University
• **Renata Soto**, Conexión Américas, Co-Founder and Executive Director

**New Testament**

“Bryson and Philodemus: Two Perspective on Household Management” – *Ezell Center 211*

**Kindalee Pfremmer De Long**, *Pepperdine University*, Convener

• **John T. Fitzgerald**, University of Notre Dame, Presenter
• **Trevor W. Thompson**, University of Chicago and Calvin College, Respondent
• **Richard A. Wright**, Abilene Christian University, Respondent
**Politics and Faith**

“Intersections of faith and politics: From the contours of the First Amendment to the role of religious bias in US presidential elections” – Swang Center 234

**Susan Turner Haynes**, Lipscomb University, Convener

- **Brett Benson**, Vanderbilt University, “Expressing Bias Through ‘Cover’ Issues”
- **Rustin Suray**, University of Mississippi, “An Analysis of External Aid and Internal Armed Conflict”
- **Mark Royce**, George Mason University, “Christian Democracy and National Security: The Theory and Practice of Reformed Catholicism on Questions of State Power and Violence”
- **Brad Reid**, Lipscomb University, “The First Amendment and Freedom of Religion”

**Practical Theology**

“Current Trends in Homiletics: Conversations in Theory and Practice” – Ezell Center 138

**Tim Sensing**, Abilene Christian University Graduate School of Theology and **Mason Lee**, Princeton Theological Seminary, Co-Conveners

- **Mason Lee**, Princeton Theological Seminary, “Learning to Speak of God: Patience as Method in Homiletical Reasoning”
- **Dr. Patrick Johnson**, First Presbyterian Church, Asheville NC, “Preaching With the Choir”
- **Bryan Nash**, Lipscomb University, “The Scripture Reading and Sermon as Conversation Partners”
- **Mallory Wyckoff**, Lipscomb University, Respondent
- **Naomi Walters**, Rochester College, Respondent
- **Becca Kello**, Christ Episcopal Church of Bowling Green, Respondent

**Sola Scripture and Prima Scriptura**

“Sola Scriptura and Prima Scriptura: The Tension and Cohesion of Scripture and Community” Section 1 – Ezell Center 263

**Daniel Oden**, Harding University, **J. David Stark**, Faulkner University, and **Kevin Youngblood**, Harding University, Co-Conveners

- **Daniel Oden** and **Kevin Youngblood**, Harding University, “Redemption, Revelation, and Recital: Creedal Expressions of Faith in the Hebrew Bible”
- **J. David Stark**, Faulkner University, “The Inprismed Word: Early Christian Beliefs, Dispositions, and Their Impact on Paul’s Quotations of Jewish Scripture in 1 Corinthians 15”
- **Scott Adair**, Harding University, “Reading Scripture Baptismally”
• Keith Stanglin, Austin Graduate School of Theology, “The Rule of Faith as Hermeneutic”

Teaching, Learning, and Technology
“From Oddity to Ubiquitous: Looking Back at our Experiences Teaching and Learning with Technology” – Swang Center 110

Melinda Thompson, Abilene Christian University, and Peter Williams, Abilene Christian University, Co-Conveners

• Sarah Gibson, Lipscomb University
• Colleen Halupa, East Texas Baptist University
• Chris Simmons, Lipscomb University
• Chris Rosser, Oklahoma Christian University
• Jessica Smith, Abilene Christian University

Session 2: Wednesday June 6, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

American Religions
“'De-Americanizing World Vision’: How Internationalization Reshaped Christian Mission in the 1970s” – Ezell Center 205

Corey J. Markum, Freed-Hardeman University, Convener

• Joshua Ward Jeffery, University of Tennessee—Knoxville, “‘Christian Principles in the New World Order’: The League of Nations Controversy and the Stone-Campbell Movement”
• Daniel Overton, Freed-Hardeman University, “Pacifism after Pearl Harbor: Foy E. Wallace Jr. Changes His Mind”
• David R. Swartz, Asbury University, “How Internationalization Reshaped Christian Mission in the 1970s”
• Chip Kooi, Oklahoma Christian University, Respondent

Business, Computing and Engineering
“Property and Law” – Swang Center 230

Brad Reid, Lipscomb University, Convener

• Greg Bonadies, Resurrect, LLC, “Property Rules: Ideas, Incentives, Production, and Prosperity”
• Clifford Anderson, Vanderbilt University “Geographical Indication and Religious Authenticity”
• Brad Reid, Lipscomb University, “The Foundations of the US Legal System”
• Brad Reid, Lipscomb University, “Is the Constitution a Sponge or a Stone?”
Civil Rights
“Fifty Years Later: African American Churches and Social Justice” – Swang Center 232

Joel E. Anderson, University of Arkansas, Little Rock, Institute on Race and Ethnicity, Convener

- Steven Tramel Gaines, University of Memphis and Cordova Church of Christ, Memphis, TN, “#BlackLivesMatter in The Christian Chronicle”
- Gary Selby, Emmanuel Christian Seminary, Milligan College, “‘For the Least of These’: The Scandal of Poverty in the World House”
- Michelle D. Steele, Lipscomb University, “De-Coding and Working Within the African American Community”

Film Studies
“21st Century Identity Politics and American Sci-Fi and Fantasy Films” – Swang Center 234

Joi Carr, Pepperdine University, Convener

- Katherine Frye, Pepperdine University, “Nature Deficit-Disorder and Pixar’s WALL-E”
- Ian Aipperspach, Lubbock Christian University, “To Boldly Go Where No One Has Gone Before’: Sociopolitical, Ideological and Star Trek “Reboot” Franchise”
- Leslie Reed, Abilene Christian University, “Presentation Title: Insects, Identity, and the De-individualization of the Other: The Language of Xenophobia in Ender’s Game and Starship Troopers”

Future of Higher Education
“The Lofty Vision of Vocation: An Important Way to Enrich our Students, Our Curricula, and Our Institutions” – Ezell Center 109

John Barton, Pepperdine University, Convener

- Amy Santas, Associate Professor of Biology, Muskingum University
- John Barton, Director, Pepperdine University Center for Faith and Learning
- Stephanie Steiert, Staff Director for Pathways to Purpose, Spring Hill College
- David Cunningham, Hope College and Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) for the Council of Independence Colleges

“Presidents’ Session: ‘The Era of Trump – Crises and Opportunities for Christian Higher Education’” – Ezell Center 363

Trace Hebert, Lipscomb University, Convener

- L. Randolph Lowry, President, Lipscomb University
• Michael F. Adams, Chancellor Pepperdine University
• Brian Stogner, President, Rochester College
• Bruce D. McLarty, President, Harding University
• David R. Shannon, President, Freed-Hardeman University
• Michael D. Williams, President, Faulkner University

Health Sciences
“Discovery in the Sciences: Research Updates in Basic and Biomedical Sciences” Session I – PSRC 106 (Pharmaceutical Sciences Training Laboratory)

Joseph E. Deweese, Lipscomb University, Convener

• Beth Conway, Lipscomb University, Biology (Hannah Stephen, Haley St. John, co-authors), “Nephrilysin Methylation in Breast Cancer”
• Caleb Kersey, Freed-Hardeman University, Biological, Physical, and Human Sciences (Darren Heintzman and C. Korsi Dumenyo, co-authors), “A putative Sodium Sulfate Symporter Mutant of Pectobacterium carotovorum has Altered Virulence Characteristics”
• Joseph E. Deweese, Lipscomb University, Pharmacy (Cole A. Fief and Renee A. Menzie, co-authors), “Mapping the Interactions and Post-Translational Modifications of Topoisomerase II”

Library Studies
"Libraries and the Future of Reading for Faith and Learning" – Ezell Center 138

Jason Fikes, Abilene Christian University, Convener

• Carisse Berryhill, University of IL, Urbana-Champaign and Abilene Christian University, "Reading and the education of theological librarians"
• Douglas Gragg, Harvard Divinity School, "Reading and the work of Christian scholars"
• John B. Weaver, Abilene Christian University, "Reading and library collection development"
• M. Patrick Graham, Emory University, Respondent

Missional Theology and World Christianity
“Unexpected Ecumenism: Two Growing Worldwide Communions in Dialogue” – Ezell Center 234

Gary Holloway, World Convention and Jeremy Hegi, Boston University, Co-Conveners

• Gary Holloway, World Convention
• Tony Richie, Church of God Theological Seminary, Panelist
• Daniel Tomberlin, Church of God, Cleveland, TN, Panelist
• John Mark Hicks, Lipscomb University, Panelist
• Mark Weedman, Johnson University, Panelist
Philosophy
“Philosophy and the Church” – Ezell Center 211

Christopher A. Shrock, Ohio Valley University, Convener

- Blake McAllister, Hillsdale College, “Perspectives on the Problem of Evil: The Need for Theodicy”
- Beau Branson, Brescia University, “The Forgotten Monarchy of the Father in Analytic Discussions of the Trinity”
- Derek Estes, Abilene Christian University, “On Religious Epistemology in the Churches of Christ”

Roberts’ Lecture in Old Testament Studies

Carol Lyons Meyers, Duke University, Emerita

- Mark Hamilton, Abilene Christian University, Mark Sneed, Lubbock Christian University, Rick Marrs, Pepperdine University, Conveners
- Carol Lyons Meyers, Duke University, Emerita, "The 'Gender Gap': Textual and Archaeological Images of Israelite Women"
- Noemí Palomares, Boston College, Respondent
- Mark Hamilton, Abilene Christian University, Respondent
- J.J.M. Roberts, Princeton Theological Seminary, Emeritus, Respondent

Sola Scriptura and Prima Scriptura
“Sola Scriptura and Prima Scriptura: The Tension and Cohesion of Scripture and Community” Section II – Ezell Center 263

Daniel Oden, Harding University, J. David Stark, Faulkner University, and Kevin Youngblood, Harding University, Co-Conveners

- Stephen Lawson, St. Louis University, “The Primitivist Impulse Historically and Critically Considered”
- Lauren Smelser White, Lipscomb University, “On Canon and Community: Attending to Inspired Bodies”
- Jeff Cary, Lubbock Christian University, “Ecumenical Hermeneutics: Prima Scripture, Visible Unity and Authority”

Theology
“Canonical Theism after Ten Years” – Ezell Center 107

Mark Powell, Harding School of Theology, Convener
• **Mark Powell**, Harding School of Theology, “Canonical Theism and the Stone-Campbell Movement”
• **Frederick Aquino**, Abilene Christian University, “Canonical Theism and Teaching Systematic Theology”
• **Carson E. Reed**, Abilene Christian University, “Canonical Theism and Teaching Practical Theology”
• **Ben Bruner**, Harding University, “Canonical Theism and the Faith and Science Dialogue”

**Session 3: Wednesday June 6, 2:45 – 4:15 p.m.**

**Business, Computing and Engineering**

“Corporate Social Responsibility and Leadership” – **Swang Center 112**

**Dennis Marquardt, Abilene Christian University, Convener**

- **Orneita Burton**, Abilene Christian University, “Re-engineering Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability in the Justice System”
- **Marguerite Cronk** and **Brian Blake**, Harding University, “Corporate Social Responsibility in the Big Data Arena”
- **Andy Borchers**, Lipscomb University, “VW Diesel Scandal” (*Pecha Kucha*)
- **Dennis Marquardt**, Abilene Christian University, “Including the Outsider: How Leader Other Group Orientation Relates to Ethical Leadership and Important Work Outcomes” (*Pecha Kucha*)

**Christianity, Literature and Language**

“Biblical Impressions and Themes in Secular Literature” – **Swang Center 232**

**Ronna Privett, Lubbock Christian University, Convener**

- **Nathan Shank**, Oklahoma Christian University, “Style *Is* Work: The Reader’s Role in Representation from Paul Auster to The Binding of Isaac”
- **Nancy Shankle Jordan**, Louisiana State University – Shreveport, “‘The Awful Grace of God’ in William Kent Krueger’s *Ordinary Grace: A Novel*”
- **Carole Carroll**, Lubbock Christian University, “‘O’ the Horror’: Stephen King and a Biblical God”

**Church and the Academy**

“Bridging the Divide: Addressing the Gap between the Church and the Academy” – **Swang Center 234**
Brandon Pierce, Stamford Church of Christ, Stamford CT, and Paul Watson, Cole Mill Road Church of Christ, Durham NC, Co-Conveners

- Eddie Sharp, University Avenue Church of Christ, “Navigating Being Church: The Place of Scholarship in the Stability of the Church”
- Patrick Messer, First Plymouth Church, Lincoln NE, “Dear Seminary”
- Sara Barton, Pepperdine University, “University Spiritual Formation and the Importance of Ecclesial Relationships”
- Carson E. Reed, Abilene Christian University, Respondent

Civil Rights
“Building Racial Bridges and Seeking Racial Understanding: Uncovering the Pervasiveness of White Supremacy” – Ezell Center 109

William Lofton Turner, Lipscomb University, Convener

- Lean’tin Bracks, Fisk University
- Patricia Brock, American Baptist College
- Heather Finch, Belmont University
- Chris Gonzalez, Lipscomb University
- William Green, American Baptist College
- Amy Hodges Hamilton, Belmont University
- Eric Holt, Belmont University
- Richard T. Hughes, Lipscomb University
- Kathy Mowry, Trevecca Nazarene University
- Elizabeth Nunley, Trevecca Nazarene University
- Shelia Peters, Fisk University
- Kimberly Reed, Lipscomb University
- Lakisha Simmons, Belmont University
- Davie Tucker, American Baptist College

Health Sciences
“Discovery in the Sciences: Research Updates in Basic and Biomedical Sciences” Session II – PSRC 106 (Pharmaceutical Sciences Training Laboratory)

Joseph E. Deweese, Lipscomb University, Convener

- T. Brian Cavitt, Lipscomb University, Chemistry and Biochemistry (Jasmine G. Carlisle, Verena N. Ghebranious, D. Spencer Oskin, Emily B. Henry, and Wenting Wei, co-authors), “Comprehensive Surface Free Energy Analyses to Inhibit Biofilm Formation”
- T. L. Wallace, Lipscomb University, Computing & Technology, “Recent Progress on Distributions of Random Mutation Sequences”
- Salvador Cordova, Feed My Sheep Foundation (Joseph E. Deweese, John Sanford, co-authors), “Exploring the Origin of Nylonases”
Interdisciplinary Studies

John Barton, Pepperdine University, Convener

- Dr. Nahed Artoul Zehr, Faith & Culture Center, Nashville, TN, Reviewer
- Rabbi Philip “Flip” Rice, Congregation Micah, Nashville, TN, Reviewer
- Josh Graves, Otter Creek Church, Nashville, TN, Reviewer
- Monte Cox, Harding University, Respondent

Journalism
“What it Means to be an American in the Current Era of Change and How Do We Talk About it?: The Roles of Civic Organizations, Faith Based Institutions and their Scholars” – Ezell Center 138

Michael A. Anastasi, USA TODAY and The Tennessean, Convener

- Laura H. Berlind, Founding Executive Director, The Sycamore Institute
- Cathy Cate, Executive Director, Leadership Tennessee
- David Plazas, Opinion and Engagement Director, USA TODAY
- Michael A. Anastasi, Vice President, USA TODAY and Editor, The Tennessean

Missional Theology and World Christianity
“Missional. Monastic. Restorationist?” – Ezell Center 136

Kent Smith, Abilene Christian University and Greg McKinzie, Fuller Theological Seminary, Co-Conveners

- Alden Bass, Oklahoma Christian University, “Radical and Restorationist: Stone-Campbell Resources for Christian Intentional Community”
- Elaine Heath, Duke Divinity School, Respondent

New Testament
“Material Culture and the Gospel of Mark” – Ezell Center 205

John T. Fitzgerald, University of Notre Dame, Convener

- Cilliers Breytenbach, Humboldt-Universitat zu Berlin, “Material Culture and the Reading of Mark,” Presentation
- Carl Holladay, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Respondent
Theology
“Towards a Theology of Scripture” – Ezell Center 234

Frederick Aquino, Abilene Christian University, Convener

- Noemí Palomares, Boston College, “Biblical Considerations”
- Brad East, Abilene Christian University, “Ecclesiological Considerations”
- Mark Wiebe, Lubbock Christian University, “Christological Considerations”
- Frederick Aquino, Abilene Christian University, “Philosophical Considerations”

Theology and the Arts
“The History of Theopoetics, a Democratization of God-talk in Rubem Alves, the Poetry and Music of Johnny Cash, and a Response from Theology” – Swang Center 230

Micki Pulleyking, Missouri State University, Convener

- Victor L. Hunter, South Broadway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Denver, Colorado, “Rubem Alves and Theopoetics”
- Micki Pulleyking, Missouri State University, “Johnny Cash: A Courageous Wrestling with Questions of the Divine, Desire, and Death”
- Keegan Osinski, Vanderbilt University, Respondent from Radical Theology

Session 4: Thursday June 7, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

American Religions
“Premillennialism in Churches of Christ” – Ezell Center 207

Scott Billingsley, University of North Carolina, Pembroke, Convener

- Phil Slate, Harding School of Theology, “The Effects of Premillennial Eschatology on Missions by Churches of Christ in North America: 1892-1970”
- Hans J. Rollmann, Memorial University of Newfoundland, “Robert Henry Boll and the Nashville Bible School”
- John Mark Hicks, Lipscomb University

Business, Computing and Engineering
“Emerging Spiritual Challenges in the “Gig Economy”” – Swang Center 232

N. Lamar Reinsch, Lubbock Christian University, Convener

- Joe F. Alexander, Belmont University
- Christopher M. Davis, Harding University
• Clyde D. Neff, Lubbock Christian University
• Suzanne M. Sager, Lipscomb University
• N. Lamar Reinsch, Lubbock Christian University

Christianity, Literature and Language
“Reading Tracy K. Smith’s Wade in the Water: A Poetry Evangelist Revealed” – Ezell Center 205

Susan Blassingame, Lubbock Christian University, Convener

• Albert Haley, Abilene Christian University
• John Struloeff, Pepperdine University
• Nancy Shankle Jordan, Louisiana State University-Shreveport
• Tracy K. Smith, Princeton University, Respondent

Early Career Scholars in Theological Disciplines

Andrew Krinks, Vanderbilt University, Convener

• Hilary Scarsella, Vanderbilt University
• Rima Vesely-Flad, Warren Wilson College
• Stanley Talbert, Union Theological Seminary
• Molefi Kete Asante, Temple University
• Leo Guardado, Fordham University
• Amy Steele, Vanderbilt University

Gender Studies
“Creating Space for LGBTQ Persons in Christian Community” – Swang Center 102

Lynette Sharp Penya, Abilene Christian University, Convener

• Chris Rosser & Tamie Willis, Oklahoma Christian University, “Safe at Home: Co-curricular Spaces for Generative, (un)Safe Conversations”
• Paul Prill, Lipscomb University, “LGBTQ Students at Faith-Based Colleges and Universities”
• Ken Cukrowski, Abilene Christian University, “Thinking Theologically about Same Sex Activity: Ten Hermeneutical Lenses”
• Don McLaughlin, North Atlanta Church of Christ, Atlanta, GA, Respondent.

Health Sciences
“Health Care for Unique and Underserved Populations” – Swang Center 230

Scott Weston, Harding University, Convener
• Kam Nola, Lipscomb University, Faith Perspectives in Service to the Vulnerable Population
• Chelsia Harris, Lipscomb University, Compassion Fatigue Is Crippling Healthcare: Is Daily Spiritual Experiences the Antidote
• Scott Weston, Harding University, Holistic End of Life Care
• Mendy McClelland, Harding University, Health Care for Unique & Underserved Populations

Interdisciplinary Studies
“The Restoration Plea in the Twenty-First Century” – Swang Center 110

Kathy Pulley, Missouri State University, Convener

• Gregory E. Sterling, Yale Divinity School, “Is Restoration Singular or Plural?”
• Heather Gorman, Johnson University, Respondent
• Richard T. Hughes, Lipscomb University, “What Might ‘Restoration’ Possibly Mean in Light of a Pluriform Biblical Text?”
• Joshua Fleer, Oakland University, Respondent
• Fred Aquino, Abilene Christian University, “Restoration: Theological and Philosophical Considerations”
• Mark Wiebe, Lubbock Christian University, Respondent

Missional Theology and World Christianity
“History of Missions in Churches of Christ” – Ezell Center 232

Frank V. Bellizzi, Texas Tech University, Convener

• Frank V. Bellizzi, Texas Tech University, “A Christian School in Indian Territory/Oklahoma, 1889–1920: Meta Chestnutt’s Appeals to Chickasaw and Choctaw Leaders”
• James L. Gorman, Johnson University, Respondent

Roberts’ Lecture in Old Testament Studies
“The Old Testament: New Perspectives” – Swang Center 112

Mark Sneed, Lubbock Christian University

• Ron Clark, Portland Seminary and Agape Church of Christ, Portland, OR, “Your Warriors Will Become Women: the Feminization of Yahweh and Exiles in Ancient Yehud”
• **Kipp Swinney**, Baylor University, “When Yahweh Goes to War: The Theological Implications of the Divine Warrior Motif in Prophetic Literature”

• **Jeremy Barrier**, Heritage Christian University, “Who Has the Evil Eye? Various Interpretations of Sarai and Hagar in Genesis 12–21”

**Science**

“More than Magic: Science, Theology, and Christian Responsibility” – *Swang Center 242*

  **Jon H. Lowrance**, *Lipscomb University, Convener*

  • **Steve Donaldson**, Samford University, Presenter

  • **Amanda Boston**, Lubbock Christian University, Respondent

  • **Daniel Gordon**, Lipscomb University, Respondent

**Sports and Religion**

“Take Me Out to the Ballgame: Baseball and the Liberal Arts Classroom” – *Swang Center 238*

  **Willie Steele**, *Lipscomb University, Convener*

  • **Paul Howard**, Oklahoma Christian University, “Baseball in a College Statistic Course”

  • **Charles DeMotte**, State University of New York Cortland, “Baseball as an Expression of Liberty and Freedom”


  • **Gary Lindsey**, Oklahoma Christian University, Respondent

**POSTER SESSION June 7, 2018 Bennett Student Center Main Floor Common Area 12:15 pm-1:45 pm**

  Chair: Roger L. Davis,

  Leah I. Fullman, Leigh Holley, Marcia R. Straughn, Tamara Baird, Virginia Corey and Jenna Sissom, (Leslie Boiles)


  Gracia M. Amaya, Rebecca Durandis, Kahari J. Wines, Arsany A. Abouda, Samuel A. Starks, R. Nathan Daniels, and Klarissa D. Jackson

  Chezka Baker, Elizabeth Breeden, Scott Nelson,

**Session 5: Thursday June 7, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

**Business, Computing and Engineering**
“Marketing Research and Christian Education” – Swang Center 112

Andy Borchers, Lipscomb University, Convener

- John Crawford, Lipscomb University, “Closing the Church Door”
- Jared Poole, University of Utah, “Mo’ Faith, Mo’ Problems?”
- Christopher M. Davis, Harding University, “Academic Freedom in Business Schools”
- David Bosch, Boyce College, “Does Entrepreneurial Education Matter? The Impact on Entrepreneurial Intentions at Faith-Based Institutions”

“Personal Development in the Contemporary World” – Swang Center 230

Russell Dabbs, Lubbock Christian University, Convener

- Kenneth Mayer, Lipscomb University, “Forgiveness in the Age of Social Media” (Pecha Kucha)
- Kevin Brown, Asbury University, “How Shall We Then Leisure?”
- Sarah Gibson, Lipscomb University, “Cultivating Curiosity Through Research”
- Russell Dabbs, Lubbock Christian University, “Virtue Non Est Disputandum?”

Church and Academy

“The Many Faces of Athens and Jerusalem: The Relationship between the Church and the Academy in Other Ecclesial Bodies” – Ezell Center 107

Brandon Pierce, Stamford Church of Christ, Stamford CT, and Paul Watson, Cole Mill Road Church of Christ, Durham NC, Co-Conveners

- Heather Gorman, Johnson University, “The Church and the Academy in the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ: Antagonistic, Apathetic, or Amicable?”
- Justin Bronson Barringer, Southern Methodist University, “The Coming Schism: Using the LGBTQ Discussion as a Lens for Understanding Wesleyan/Holiness Ecclesial-Academic Relations”
- Dale Martin, Yale University, “Pedagogy of the Bible and Episcopalian Education”
- Richard T. Hughes, Lipscomb University, Respondent

Civil Rights

“Where Do We Go from Here? Racial Reconciliation and Religious Unity” – Ezell Center 109

Tanya Brice, Bowie State University, Convener

- James L. Gorman, Johnson University, “‘This Revival Cut the Bonds of Many Poor Slaves:’ Evangelical Revivalism and Race Relations”
- Christopher R. Hutson, Abilene Christian University, “Genesis, Genes, and Jesus: The Role of Religion in the Lynching Culture of ‘Jim Crow’ America”
• Edward J. Robinson, Southwestern Christian College, “Sweeping this Land for Jesus: Racial Cooperation in the Jim Crow and Civil Rights Eras”
• Kathy Pulley, Missouri State University, “Two Movements: Civil Rights and the Religious Right, Christian Roots but ‘One in Christ’?”

Creative Writing
“The Fiction of Tobias Wolff” – Ezell Center 205

John Struloeff, Pepperdine University, Convener

• Terry Engel, Harding University, “Emergent Truth in the Short Fiction of Tobias Wolff: A Stylistic Analysis of the Moment of Epiphany”
• Steve Weathers, Abilene Christian University, “Dark Allure: Gun Culture in the World of Tobias Wolff”
• John Struloeff, Pepperdine University, “Spiritual Crisis in the Short Fiction of Tobias Wolff”
• Tobias Wolff, Stanford University, Respondent

Everett Ferguson Endowed Lecture in Early Christian Studies
“Everett Ferguson Endowed Lecture in Early Christian Studies” – Ezell Center 241 (Chapel)

Jeff Childers, Abilene Christian University, Tera Harmon, Abilene Christian University, Ron Heine, Northwest Christian University, and Trevor W. Thompson, University of Chicago and Calvin College, Co-Conveners

• Jeff Childers, Abilene Christian University, Introduction
• Robin Darling Young, The Catholic University of America, “‘That I May Enter the Temple and Astonish the Jews!’: Early Christians and the Holy of Holies”

Film Studies
“‘Get Busy Living or Get Busy Dying’: The Shawshank Redemption and Theological Implications of Freedom” – Ezell Center 207

Joi Carr, Pepperdine University, Convener

• Cheryl Slay Carr, Belmont University, “Juxtapositions of Freedom: Your Blues Ain’t Like Mine, or Are They?”
• Raymond Carr, Pepperdine University, “From Shawshank to Redemption and (Re)creation: Human Freedom and the Imago Dei”
• Stanley Talbert, Union Theological Seminary, “Redemption in Black: An Intertextual and Theological Analysis of The Shawshank Redemption and Black Mirror”

Gender Studies
“Religious Forces that Construct the Roles that Bind Us” – Ezell Center 234

Suzie Macaluso, Abilene Christian University, Convener

- Tanya Hart, Pepperdine University, “Where were the Women? Inserting Women’s Bodies into the ‘Curse of Ham’ and Constructions of Race in the 17th-19th Century”
- Susan Haynes, Sarah Gibson, and Elizabeth Rivera, Lipscomb University, “The Secret Sisterhood of Shame”
- Ron Clark, Portland Seminary, “The Emerging Truth of #MeToo: Ministry Among Toxic Masculinity, Survivor Stories, and the God Who Hears the Cries of the Vulnerable”
- Lynette Sharp Penya, Abilene Christian University, Respondent

Interdisciplinary
“Memoir and Vision for the Church, Session I” – Ezell Center 136

Gayle Crowe, World Vision, Convener

- Fred Gray, Attorney at Law, Tuskegee, AL
- Janice Brown, Court of Appeals Judge, Washington D.C.
- J. J. M. Roberts, Princeton University, Emeritus
- Jason Fikes, Abilene Christian University Press, Respondent

Missional Theology and World Christianity
“Intentional Christian Community and the Future of Theological Education” – Swang Center 242

Kent Smith, Abilene Christian University and Greg McKinzie, Fuller Theological Seminary, Co-Conveners

- Leonard Allen, Lipscomb University, Panelist
- Alden Bass, Oklahoma Christian University, Panelist
- Elaine Heath, Duke Divinity School, Panelist
- Mark Love, Rochester College, Panelist
- Kent Smith, Abilene Christian University, Panelist

Practical Theology
A Grounded Research Study on the Expectations of Ministers” – Swang Center 234

Brady Bryce, Abilene Christian University, Convener

- Brady Bryce, Abilene Christian University, “A Grounded Research Study on the Expectations of Ministers”
- Sara Barton, Pepperdine University, Respondent
- Jeff Cary, Lubbock Christian University, Respondent
- Gregory E. Sterling, Yale Divinity School, Respondent
Science
“Pedagogy of Science and Faith in the University Classroom” – Swang Center 234

Amanda L. Boston, Lubbock Christian University, Convener

- Uduak Afangideh, Faulkner University, Panelist
- Jim Baird, Oklahoma Christian University, Panelist
- Kirt Martin, Lubbock Christian University, Panelist

Session 6: Friday June 8, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

American Religions

Brett Benson, Vanderbilt University, Convener

- Grant Underwood, Brigham Young University, Reviewer
- Nathaniel Wiewora, Harding University, Reviewer
- RoseAnn Benson, Brigham Young University, Respondent

Christianity, Literature and Language
“Emergent Truth: Literature, Rhetoric, and Matters of Faith” – Swang Center 232

Steve Weathers, Abilene Christian University, Convener

- Rachel Gould, Vanderbilt University, “John Hawkesworth and the Pursuit of Truthful Fiction”
- Kyle Crews, Saint Louis University, “The Jesuit Rhetorical Tradition and the Discovery of Emergent Truth”
- Taten Shirley, Faulkner University, “Aristotelian Truth in Virginia Woolf’s Mrs. Dalloway”

Civil Rights & Early Career Scholars in Theological Disciplines
“Churches of Christ for Racial Justice: A Strategic Conversation” – Ezell Center 136

Tanya Brice, Bowie State University, Convener

- Josh Jackson, Argyle Church of Christ, Jacksonville, FL
- Patricia Brock, American Baptist College
- Derrick Jackson, First Baptist Church, Gallatin, TN
- Claire Davidson Frederick, Lipscomb University, ENGAGE Youth Theology Initiative
- Thomas Kleinert, Vine Street Christian Church
- Jeff Brown, Woodmont Church of Christ, Nashville, TN

**Creative Writing**
“Emergent Truth: A Reading” – Ezell Center 211

**John Struloeff**, *Pepperdine University, Convener*

- Nathan Dahlstrom, Lubbock, TX
- Albert Haley, Abilene Christian University
- Terry Engel, Harding University
- Donovan McAbee, Belmont University
- John Struloeff, Pepperdine University

**Early Career Scholars in Theological Disciplines**
“Particularity and Truth” – Swang Center 234

**Stanley Talbert**, *Union Theological Seminary, Convener*

- Katrina J. Olson, Vanderbilt University, “Preaching in an Age of Alternative Facts: Communally Embodying Paradigms of Truth”
- David Mahfood, Independent Scholar, “The Truth of All Things is Found in the Word: A Reflection on Anselm’s Christological Account of Truth”
- Nathan G. Wheeler, Liberty University, “Kaleidoscope or Mosaic?: A Theological Semiotics of Emergent Complexity”
- Angela D. Sims, Saint Paul School of Theology, Respondent

**Health Sciences**
“Discovery as a Means to Promote Graduate Health Science Education” – Swang Center 242

**Jeff McCormack**, *Oklahoma Christian University, Convener*

- Hope A. Martin, Abilene Christian University, “Using 3D Printing to Address Patient Care Needs”
- Kevin A. Clauson, Lipscomb University, “Blockchain as a Futuristic Application in Health Care”
- Elizabeth Breeden, Lipscomb University, “IBM Watson As an Analytic Tool in Informatics”
- Tommy Wilson, Lipscomb University, “Unknotting the World of Topoisomerase II”

**Interdisciplinary**

This session will be held from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. on Friday. A free breakfast reception with Robert E. Hooper will be held at 7:00 a.m. in the Paul Rodgers Board Room, Ezell Center.
preceding the session. The Master of ceremonies for the breakfast will be Tim Johnson, Lipscomb University. Following the session, a book signing with Robert E. Hooper will be held in the lobby of the Ezell Center from 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.


**Doug Foster**, Abilene Christian University, and **Jeremy Hegi**, Boston University, Co-Conveners

- **Yukikazu Obata**, Ibaraki Christian University, “War, Mission, and Education in Trans-Pacific Perspectives: A Response to Robert E. Hooper, *If Your Énemy Hungers, Feed Him* (2017)”
- **Brady Kal Cox**, Abilene Christian University, “‘The Tortuous Path of Church Politics’: Transitions in Churches of Christ Leadership in Postwar Japan”

“Memoir and Vision for the Church, Session II” – Ezell Center 107

**Gayle Crowe**, World Vision, Convener

- **John Willis**, Abilene Christian University, Emeritus
- **Carolyn Hunter**, Pepperdine University
- **Dwain Evans**, MDE Properties, Inc., Houston, TX
- **Jason Fikes**, Abilene Christian University Press, Respondent


“The ‘World’ as Context: Paul’s Moral Reasoning in 1 Cor. 5:1-11:1” – Ezell Center 241 (Chapel)

**James Walters**, Boston University

**Ross Cochran**, Harding University, Convener

- **Catherine Meeks**, Wesleyan College, Emeritus & Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing, Atlanta
- **Dale Martin**, Yale University
- **Lawrence W. Rodgers**, Westside Church of Christ, Baltimore, MD & Howard University School of Divinity

*Missional Theology and World Christianity*

“21st Century Missiology: Emerging Issues” – Ezell Center 138
Chris Flanders, Abilene Christian University, Convener
- Gailyn Van Rheenen, Atlanta, GA, Presenter, “The Essence of Renewal; the Anatomy of Decline: Ten Priority Questions for Renewal”
- Dan Rodriguez, Pepperdine University, Presenter, “Diaspora Missions in an Anti-immigrant Context: A Hispanic Evangelical Perspective”
- Linda Whitmer, Johnson University, Presenter, “Motivation for Mission and the New Global Reality”
- Jared Looney, Global City Mission Initiative, The Bronx, NY, Presenter, “Global Shifts and Implications for Missions”

New Testament
“New Discoveries in the Field of New Testament: Peer Reviewed Papers Judged on Originality, Clarity, and Exegetical Rigor” – Swang Center 238

Richard A. Wright, Abilene Christian University, Convener
- Ron Clark, Portland Seminary, “Associating with the Humiliated: Paul's Hermeneutic of Transformation in Romans 12:1-16”
- Jon Carman, Baylor University, “Scaling Gaius and Diotrephes: Socio-Economic Stratification in 3 John”
- Garrett Best, Asbury Seminary, “Reading and Writing Gooder: Solecisms in Revelation”

Patristics
“Ancient Christianity and Judaism: A Legacy of Shared Misunderstandings” – Ezell Center 109

Trevor W. Thompson, University of Chicago and Calvin College, Convener
- James E. Walters, Rochester College, “The Reception of Gen. 2:7 and the Nature of the Soul in Early Christianity”
- Kaylynn Myers, Kunming, Yunnan, China “The Harlot of the Promised Land: Rahab in Early Christian Thought”
- David Kneip, Abilene Christian University, “‘Living Statues of the Lord’: Clement of Alexandria and His Response to Judaism and Greco-Roman Religion”
- Michael Strickland, Amridge University and Father Stephen DeYoung, Archangel Gabriel Orthodox Church, Lafayette, LA, “‘Reasons Why I Hate The Synagogue’: John Chrysostom’s Anti-Jewish Rhetoric in Context”

Teaching, Learning, and Technology
“Forging Ahead with Care: Looking Ahead at Emerging Truths and Challenges” – Swang Center 244

Melinda Thompson, Abilene Christian University, and Peter Williams, Abilene Christian University, Co-Conveners
- Sarah Gibson, Lipscomb University
- Colleen Halupa, East Texas Baptist University
- Chris Simmons, Lipscomb University
- Chris Rosser, Oklahoma Christian University
- Jessica Smith, Abilene Christian University