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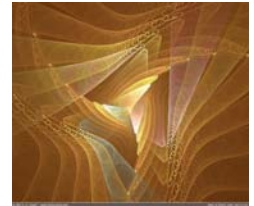


CROWNE PLAZA NORTH DALLAS-ADDISON (Near the Galleria)

14315 Midway Road

Addison, TX 75001

Theology and Religious Education: Relational, Practical and Interfaith Dimensions



Welcome to **Dallas**! The “Big D” is energetic, culturally and ethnically diverse, cosmopolitan, and full of life. The hotel that is hosting our meeting is close to a variety of restaurants, the well-known Galleria Mall, and other activities.

The theme of this year’s Annual Meeting is timely and should provide a wide variety of opportunities to engage one another in dialogue concerning the interface of theology and religious education. Exciting new features you will experience include a live blog (that is already underway), live wireless in the plenary sessions and meetings, the presentation of the **Harper Award** to Dr. James W. Fowler, presentations by two Dallas-based interfaith groups, thought-provoking **plenary** presentations , and a **presidential address** by Maureen O’Brien. We look forward to seeing all of you in Dallas!

Opening Plenary: “Where Do We Stand, How Shall We Dance? Religious Education and Theology in Relationship”

Three distinguished scholars will open the Annual Meeting with reflections based upon their careers of reflection on the intersection of theology and religious education. Charles F. (Chuck) Melchert, Gabriel Moran, and Anne Streaty Wimberly have each made major contributions to our discipline. We look forward to being engaged by their “stances” in the opening plenary on Sunday, November 22, 2009 at 2:00 P.M.



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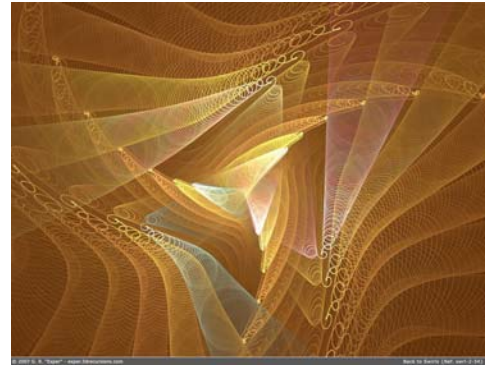


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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2009

6:00 P.M. REA Board Meeting

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2009

(Free Wi-Fi access will be available to members in the plenary room throughout the day)

9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. Registration Table Open

TBA Bookstore will be Open during announced times throughout the event

10:45 A.m.-Noon **Technology Workshop: Blogging 101**

Ever wonder what the fuss is about blogs? And whether they can function as a scholarly resource? This workshop will introduce you to a new reader and RSS to read blogs. Presented by Mary Hess, REA/APPRRE Vice-President and expert in the use of technology in RE.

Noon-2:00 P.M. *Religious Education Journal* Board Meeting

2:00 -3:30 P.M. **Opening Plenary: "Where Do We Stand, How Shall We Dance? Religious Education and Theology in Relationship"**. Charles F. (Chuck) Melchert, Gabriel Moran, and Anne Streaty Wimberly

3:45-5:00 P.M. **Break-Out Session #1**

Rig 1.1 Mary Elizabeth Moore, moderator	Leona English, "Whither a Post-Structural Feminist Adult Education"
	Ina ter Avest, "Gendered Subjective Theologies"
Rig 1.2 Harold (Bud) Horell, moderator	Julie Lytle, "Virtual Incarnations: An Exploration of Internet-mediated Interaction as Manifestations of the Divine"
	Daniella Szupan-Jerome, "Re-engaging Avery Dulles' Theology of Revelation in the Context of Using Internet-Mediated Communication in RE"
Rig 1.3 Sophia Steibel, moderator	Therese Ratliff, "Educating Toward a 'Spirituality of Dialogue': Theological Foundations, Hermeneutical Invitations, Pedagogical Directions"
	Hosffman Ospino, "Theological Horizons for a Pedagogy of Accompaniment"

RIG 1.4 Kieran Scott, moderator	Marc Swartvagher , “The Place of Religious Education in the ‘Senior Age’ of Development”
COL 1.1	Brad Rothrock , “Theology, Philosophy, and Catholic Religious Education: Reengaging the <i>Preambula Fidei</i> ”
COL 1.2	Claire Bischoff , “(Body) Image Is Everything: Exploring Female Identity”

- 5:15-6:15 P.M. Religious Community/Denominational Meetings
- 6:30 P.M. Opening Reception and New Member Welcome— New members gather with President-Elect Maureen O’Brien and members of the Board in the Reception Area (with Cash Bar)
- 7:30 P.M. Ph.D. Student Dinner Forum

AN EVENING OF REFLECTION, FELLOWSHIP, AND FREE TIME IN THE DALLAS AREA!!!

Check out the variety of restaurants, shops, and entertainment venues nearby— including the Galleria Mall!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2009

8:30-9:45 A.M. **Break-Out Session #2**

RIG 2.1 Siebren Miedema, moderator	Judith Ann Brady , “Gustavo Gutierrez: Liberation for All”
	Valerie Torres , “ <i>La Familia as Locus Theologicus</i> and Religious Education in <i>Lo Cotidiano</i> [Daily Life]”
RIG 2.2 No moderator	John Elias , “Edward Farley on Church Education: an Analysis and Critique”
	Lucinda Nolan , “Theology and Education: Insights From a Wabash Research Study Participant”
RIG 2.3 Barbara Anne Keely, moderator	Evelyn Parker , “Emancipatory Hope Reloaded”
	Annie Lockhart , “No Longer: Galatians 3:26-29 as a Liberative Ecclesiology and Foundation for Religious Education with and for Working Class Girls of Color”
RIG 2.4	W. Alan Smith , “The Fabric of Her Name”
COL 2.1	Cate Siejk , “New Responses to Enduring Questions in Religious and Theological Education”

COL 2.2	Jana Struckova , “The Ministry of the Kitchen Table: The Embodied Context of Faith Formation”
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(Free Wi-Fi access will be available to members in the plenary room throughout the day)

10:00-11:15 A.M. **Dallas Interfaith Groups**

Muslim, Jewish and Christian Women’s Dialogue Group of Dallas Panel: “Making Friends Across the Faiths: Difficulties and Successes of the Peace Journey”. *Funded by the Herman W. Wornom Project*

Dallas Peace Center, Len Ellis, President: “Commonalities of Faith in Working for Peace and Justice: Christian, Jewish and Muslim Interfaith Collaboration”. *Co-sponsored by the Forum on Religious Education in Public Life and the Global Community and the Peace and Justice Task Force.*

11:30 A.M.-12:45 P.M. **Women’s and Men’s Luncheons**

1:00-2:15 P.M. **Break-out Session #3**

RIG 3.1 Burton Everist, moderator	Richard Rymarz , “Religious Education in Catholic Homeschooling Families”
	Elizabeth Nolan , “Pleasures and Pitfalls of Interfaith Education in Secular Schools in Australia”
RIG 3.2 Rodger Nishioka, moderator	Bert Roebben and Siebren Miedema , “The Wind Blows Where it Wishes... Towards a Pneumatological Religious Education”
	Joseph Draper , “God and Evolving Consciousness”
RIG 3.3 Thomas Groome, moderator	Russell Dalton , “Forming Theology Through Options, Actions and Reflection”
	Timothy O’Malley , “Educating for Faith Appropriation in a Pluralistic Context: The Theological Methodologies of Shared Christian Praxis and Christian Practices”
RIG 3.4 Margaret Ann Crain, moderator	Dori Baker and Katherine Turpin , “Crossing Borders: How Interfaith Practices Shape Young Leaders for the Church”
COL 3.1	Michael Lee , “Mentoring Adolescents in Faith: An Ethnographic Inquiry into U.S. Latina/o Catholic Adults’ Evangelization Practices in Los Angeles, California”
COL 3.2	Deborah Court , “When Young Children’s Faith Meets Vygotsky’s Zone of Proximal Development”
COL 3.3	Sandra Cullen , “The Changed Landscape of Second-Level Religious Education in Ireland: Considering the Implications for the Initial Teacher Education of Religious Educators”

2:30-3:45 P.M.

Plenary #2: Judith Berling, "A Herd of Elephants in the Room: The Many 'Religions' in the Religious/Theological Classroom"



The second plenary on Monday, November 23 at 2:30 P.M. will feature the work of Judith Berling, who is among the most respected scholars of world religions and interfaith dialogue. Dr. Berling is on the faculty of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. Among her most recent publications is a book entitled, *Understanding Other Religious Worlds: A Guide for Interreligious Education*. Her plenary address, "A Herd of Elephants in the Room: The 'Many' Religions in the Religious/ Theological Classroom" will challenge us to consider the plurality of voices in religious and theological dialogue and will engage us in reflection on our role in that dialogue as religious educators. We look forward to welcoming Judith Berling into our community of scholars for Plenary #2.

4:00-5:00 P.M.

Task Force Meetings

5:15- 5:45

Reception

5:45-8:00

Banquet and Presentation of the Harper Award

The William Rainey Harper Award is one of the great honors offered by the Religious Education Association. The award is named for one of the founding leaders of the Association and is presented to scholars and other leaders in religion, theology, education, and related fields whose work has had a significant impact on religious education. The impressive work on faith development and ethics that have occupied the career of James W. Fowler have influenced the academic discipline, affected the practices of religious communities, and expanded the understanding of religious education. The Religious Education Association is **delighted** to recognize James W. Fowler as the recipient of the William Rainey Harper Award for 2009. He joins a distinguished list of recipients, including Marshall McLuhan, Elie Wiesel, Margaret Mead, Paolo Freire, Gabriel Moran and Maria Harris, and Randolph Crump Miller.



"Envisioning" the REA

The second day of our Annual Meeting will end with a significant opportunity to participate in an experience of "envisioning" the nature of our Association. Who are we as the REA/APPRRE? What is the place of our discipline in the larger discussion of theology? How does our community function in relation to the faith communities represented among our membership? Just how "practical" is the relationship between theology and religious education? Where are (and should be) the "practitioners" of religious education in these meetings? Please stay with us, following the conclusion of the Harper Award ceremony, and become a part of this important dialogue.

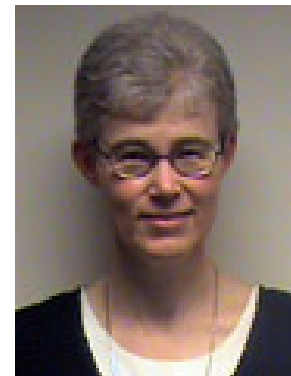
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2009

9:00-9:45 a.m. Worship

10:00-11:00
A.M

Presidential Address, Maureen O'Brien: "Practicing in the Presence of Mystery: Responses to the Divine in Practical Theology and Religious Education"

Maureen O'Brien will begin her term of office as President of the Religious Education Association at the Dallas meeting. In her current capacity as President-Elect, she has been responsible for developing the theme for the Annual Meeting and tasks in the planning of the event that are, literally, too numerous to count. Maureen has made significant contributions to the discussion of the field of religious education at our meetings throughout her career, through papers she has presented at Annual Meetings, committee membership, and now in her elected capacity as President-Elect. She serves on the faculty of Duquesne University as Associate Professor of Theology and Director of the Pastoral Ministry program.



11:15 A.M.-12:15 P.M. Business Meeting

12:15 P.M. Adjourn

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR IN DENVER!!!!!!

JOB OPENINGS

Boston University School of Theology— Assistant or Associate Professor of Religious Education (tenure-track)

BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY invites applications for a full-time tenure track position in Religious education, at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor. The candidate should hold a Th.D. or Ph.D., or other appropriate, equivalent degree in Theology or Religion with a specialization in Religious Education. Candidates should have a research record and agenda that engages and contributes to scholarship in theological, religious, and/or educational studies. They should be committed to the School's mission of preparing leaders for the professoriate and other forms of scholarship within the interdisciplinary context of a research university. Boston University expects excellence in teaching and research and is dedicated to the goal of building a culturally diverse faculty and staff committed to engaged scholarship in a multicultural environment. Applications, including a curriculum vitae, statement of teaching and research plans, a major publication sample, and three professional references (sent separately), should be sent to the Religious Education Search committee, Boston University School of Theology, 745 Commonwealth Avenue, Room 110, Boston, MA 02215. E-mail and FAX applications will not be accepted. Review of applications will begin October 26 and continue until a suitable candidate is selected. Boston University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Women and underrepresented minority candidates are especially encouraged to apply.



Open Faculty Position

Interreligious Education

Claremont School of Theology wishes to welcome to our faculty a creative and productive scholar and teacher in Interreligious Education, preferably a person who has experiential grounding in a tradition other than Christianity. The position is full-time and tenured/tenure-track (rank open). Responsibilities include teaching and advising in M.Div., M.A., D.Min., and Ph.D. programs; research and scholarship; service to the School; and service to the profession, religious communities, and other contexts.

Applicants should have a Ph.D. or Th.D. (doctoral candidates will be considered), teaching experience, a record of scholarship, and practical experience in interreligious education and dialogue.

The successful candidate will be able to teach interreligious education and religious formation at the master's level, prepare students for ministerial vocations, and provide academic guidance for doctoral students in religious education. Further, the successful candidate will enjoy engaging religious and cultural diversity, and will strive with us to explore, for example, issues related to colonialism, race/racism, gender/sexism, globalization, sexual identity, and interreligious dialogue.

Claremont School of Theology is an ecumenical and interreligious institution that seeks to instill students with the ethical integrity, religious intelligence, and intercultural understanding necessary to become effective in thought and action as spiritual leaders in the increasingly diverse, multi-religious world of the twenty-first century. Faculty, staff, and students represent several religious traditions, more than thirty Christian denominations, and a rich ethnic and international diversity. We seek a scholar-practitioner who will work collegially with us as we continue to form the School into an interreligious university (see www.cst.edu/UniversityProject for a description of the "university project"). Rank and salary will be determined by qualifications and experience.

Application Process: The position is available July 1, 2010, pending budgetary approval. Evaluation of applications will begin October 1, 2009, and the position will remain open until filled. Applicants are requested to send a letter of application, vita, one article or book (or dissertation) chapter, one course syllabus or course design, and the names, telephone numbers, and email addresses of 3-5 references to Dean Susan Nelson, Claremont School of Theology, 1325 North College Ave., Claremont, CA 91711. www.cst.edu. AA/EOE.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you interested in helping make the Annual Meeting a big success? In order to maintain a bookstore during the meeting, we are calling for volunteers to staff the store. Cokesbury in Dallas is providing books on a consignment basis, but they are unable to provide sales staff for the days we will meet. **That is where you can make a difference!** If you can volunteer an hour or two staffing the bookstore, we will be able to provide this service to our membership; quite simply, we can only have the store open when we have members willing to work. If you wish to volunteer in this way, please contact Susanne Johnson (organizer of the bookstore) at susannej@smu.edu or Alan Smith at reaapprre@msn.com.