



## **College Theology Society**

### ***The Human in a Dehumanizing World: Re-Examining Theological Anthropology and Its Implications***

Sixty-Seventh Annual Convention  
in conjunction with

### **The National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion**

Thursday, June 3 – Saturday, June 5, 2021

**\*\*ALL TIMES CENTRAL\*\***

#### **Thursday Evening Opening**

6:00-6:45pm (CDT)

Online Auditorium

#### **Welcome, Business Meeting, Award Presentations**

Mary Doak

University of San Diego (CA)

President, College Theology Society

# Thursday Plenary

7:00-8:30pm (CDT)  
Online Auditorium  
ID:

## Convention Co-Chair and Session Moderator

Jessica Coblentz, Saint Mary's College (IN)

### *Love for the Annihilated: A Black Theological Reading of Angela's Memorial*



Andrew L. Prevot  
Boston College

**Andrew L. Prevot** is an associate professor in the Department of Theology at Boston College. His research interests include: prayer, spirituality, and mystical theology; political, liberation, and black theology; phenomenology and continental philosophy of religion; and Catholic systematic and fundamental theology. He is the author of *Thinking Prayer: Theology and Spirituality Amid the Crises of Modernity* (Notre Dame Press, 2015), and a number of article and book chapters in the fields of liberation theology, political theology, and philosophical theology.

Dr Prevot's address belongs to a burgeoning field of scholarship that addresses current social issues by drawing on Christian mystical sources. In particular, it argues that Angela of Foligno's struggle with an inner sense of personal nothingness resembles the psychological burdens of many suffering under anti-blackness and other dehumanizing regimes. It further contends that God's loving response to Angela points to the sort of love that is needed to address such injustices. Instead of merely identifying with the lepers to whom Angela ministers or the "darkness" that she attributes both to the divine and the demonic, black readers of her text can identify with Angela herself and receive the grace that is offered to her. Such a black theological engagement with Christian mystical texts offers a promising alternative to Afro-pessimism, while taking seriously its account of the annihilative power of anti-blackness.

**Friday, June 4**

9:00-10:30am (CDT)

Online Room #1

ID:

**National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion**

Steven Harmon, Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity (NC)  
(Convener)

**Theme: Retrieving Baptist Resources for Constructive Anthropology**

*Ella Baker and the Possibilities of Human Community*

Mikael Broadway, Shaw University Divinity School (NC)

*Retrieving the Missio Dei: Ann Judson's Theology of Participation with God and Lingering Questions for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Missiology*

Laura Levens, Baptist Seminary of Kentucky (KY)

**Friday, June 4**

9:00-10:30am (CDT)

Online Room #2

ID:

**Anthropology, Psychology and Religion**

Julia Brumbaugh, Regis University (CO)

Jay Martin, University of Notre Dame (IN)

(Conveners)

**Narrative, Nature, and Being Human**

*Decolonization as a Humanizing Practice: The Importance of Storytelling in*

*Constructing a Community Identity for Natives and Settlers*

Colleen Carpenter, St. Catherine University (MN)

*The Self is Inherently Storied: Narrative, Identity, and Multiplicity in Piranesi and Laurus*

Dan McClain, General Theological Seminary (OH)

*The Peace of Wild Things: Nature and Human Time in a Dehumanized World*

Jessica Wroblewski, Saint Joseph Academy (OH)

**Friday, June 4**

9:00-10:30 (CDT)

Online Room #3

ID:

**Spirituality**

Daniel P. Horan, OFM, Catholic Theological Union (IL)

B. Kevin Brown, Gonzaga University (WA)

(Conveners)

*Dehumanization and the Imago Dei: Persisting Questions of an Apophatic Approach to the Divine Image*

Myka Lahaie, University of Saint Francis (IN)

*The Counsel of the Doubtful: Faith, Darkness, and the Whole Human Person*

Timothy R. Gabrielli, University of Dayton (OH)

**Friday, June 4**

9:00-10:30am (CDT)

Online Room #4

ID:

**Sexuality, Relationships, Marriage, & Family Life**

Mary Beth Yount, Neumann University (PA)

Craig A. Ford, Jr., Saint Norbert College (WI)

(Conveners)

*An Ethical Analysis of Stratified Reproduction in Cross-Border Reproductive Circuits: The Case of Surrogacy in India*

Emma McDonald, Boston College (MA)

Respondent: Levi Checketts, Holy Names University & Santa Clara University (CA)

**Friday, June 4**

9:00-10:30am (CDT)

Online Room #5

ID:

**Ecclesiology**

Susan Reynolds, Candler School of Theology at Emory University (GA)

Annie Selak, Georgetown University (DC)

(Conveners)

**Rethinking Margins and Center in Ecclesiology**

*Blackness, Queerness, and the New Galileo Moment in Magisterial Authority*

Craig A. Ford, Jr., Saint Norbert College (WI)

*Who are the People of God? Decolonial Anthropology and Ecclesial Belonging*

Laurel Marshall Potter, Boston College (MA)

**Friday, June 4**

9:00-10:30am (CDT)

Online Room #6

ID:

**Theology, Ecology, & Natural Science**

Lucas Briola, Saint Vincent College (PA)

Paul Schutz, Santa Clara University (CA)

(Conveners)

*Complexification, Not Lateral Multiplications: Theological Anthropology in an Emergent Worldview*

Benjamin Hohman (Boston College)

*Dubois, King, and Francis: Constructing an Evolutionary, Liberative, Theological Anthropology*

John Slattery (American Association for the Advancement of Science)

**Friday, June 4**

9:00-10:30am (CDT)

Online Room #7

ID:

**The Art and Practice of Teaching Theology**

Timothy Hanchin, Villanova University (PA)

Tracey Lamont, Loyola University New Orleans (LA)

(Conveners)

*A Pedagogy of Encounter: Theological Anthropology through Homegrown Hip-Hop*

Maureen O'Brien, Duquesne University (PA)

*Educating for Activism: How Three Pedagogical Methods Transform Theology Students into Advocates*

Anna Floerke Scheid, Duquesne University (PA)

**Friday, June 4**

9:00-10:30am (CDT)

Online Room #8

ID:

**Comparative Theology**

Mara Brecht, Loyola University Chicago (IL)

Axel M. Oaks Takacs, Seton Hall University (NJ)

(Conveners)

**Decolonising Contemporary Comparative Theology (Panel)**

*White Christian Privilege and the Decolonization of Comparative Theology*

Tracy Tiemeier, Loyola Marymount University (CA)

*Decolonising the Maharshi*

Reid B. Locklin, St. Michael's College, University of Toronto

(Ontario, Canada)

*A Decolonial Turn for Comparative Theology*

Michelle Voss Roberts, Emmanuel College, Victoria University

(Ontario, Canada)

Moderator

Darren Dias, University of St. Michael's College, University of

Toronto (Ontario, Canada)

**Friday, June 4**

9:00-10:30am (CDT)

Online Room #9

ID:

**Feminisms, Gender & Theology**

Cynthia Cameron, Rivier University (NH)

Katherine Greiner, Carroll College (MT)

(Conveners)

*Burning the Butlerian Effigy: 'Gender Ideology' and Catholic Social Thought*

Adam Beyt, Fordham University (NY)

*The Eve/Mary Dialectic: Mother as Vector of Sin or Grace in an Epigenetic World*

Heidi Russell, Loyola University Chicago (IL)

**Friday, June 4**

**10:30-10:45am (CDT)**

**Coffee Break & Virtual Lobby Time**

**Friday, June 4**

10:45am-12:15pm (CDT)

Online Room #1

ID:

**National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion**

Kate Hanch, First St. Charles United Methodist Church (MO)

(Convener)

**Theme: Re-sourcing Community**

*Toward the Unity of the Church: Ecumenism in a Ressourcement Key*

Derek Hatch, Georgetown College (KY)

*Humans in Community: Fuller Humanity and Communal Participation in God*

Amy Chilton, Wingate University (NC)

**Friday, June 4**

10:45am-12:15pm (CDT)

Online Room #2

ID:

**History of Christian Life & Thought**

Sandra Ham, Independent Scholar  
(Convener)

**Spiritual Anthropologies**

*Gregory Palamas & the Body: A Holistic Anthropology Amidst Controversy*  
Macie Sweet, University of Notre Dame (IN)

*In Community We Live and Die: A Franciscan Account of Death and Dying*  
Andrew Gertner Belfield, Boston College (MA)

*The Anthropologies of Eastern and Western Atheism: What They Indicate about the Trinitarian Image in the Human Person*  
Sara Hulse Kirby, DeSales University (PA)

**Friday, June 4**

10:45am-12:15pm (CDT)

Online Room #3

ID:

**The Arts, Media, Literature, and Religion**

Charles A. Gillespie, Sacred Heart University (CT)  
(Convener)

**Shows of Encounter and (Re-)Evaluation**

*“Holiness Is Wholeness”: The Influence of Jewish and Catholic Anarchism on Judith Malina’s Artistic Challenge to State-Sanctioned Dehumanization*  
Marjorie Corbman, Molloy College (NY)

*Media, Metrics, and the Technocratic Paradigm: Dehumanization via Data*  
Stephen Okey, Saint Leo University (FL)

*Indwellings with the Face: The Prophetic Vision of Filmmaker Godfrey Reggio*  
Christopher Pramuk, Regis University (CO)

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Online Room #4

ID:

**Ecclesiology**

Susan Reynolds, Candler School of Theology at Emory University (GA)  
Annie Selak, Georgetown University (DC)  
(Conveners)

**Theological Anthropology, the Body, and the Church**

*How Theological Anthropology Might Inform Ecclesiology*  
Martin Madar, Xavier University (OH)

*“Natural Symbols”: Mary Douglas and The Body at the Intersection of Ecclesiology and Anthropology*  
Elyse Raby, Boston College (MA)

*The Catholic Sexual Abuse Scandal as Ecclesiological Heresy*  
John A. Monaco, Duquesne University (PA)

**Friday, June 4**

10:45am-12:15pm (CDT)

Online Room #5

ID:

**Justice and Peace**

Linda Land-Closson, Regis University (CO)

Brian Stiltner, Sacred Heart University (CT)

(Conveners)

**Critical Resourcing of Catholic Social Teaching**

*Humanizing Unemployment: A 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Application of Laborem*

*Exercens*

James T. Cross, Independent Scholar (FL)

*“Justice and Peace shall Embrace”: Analyses of an Ecclesial Response to Racial Injustice*

Ebenezer Akeseh, University of Notre Dame (IN)

**Friday, June 4**

10:45am-12:15pm (CDT)

Online Room #6

ID:

**Ethics**

Kari-Shane Davis Zimmerman, College of Saint Benedict/St. John's University (MN)

Ramon Luzarraga, Benedictine University Mesa (AZ)

(Conveners)

*Panel Discussion on Donna Freitas' “Consent: A Memoir of Unwanted Attention” (Little, Brown and Company, 2019).*

Panelists: Julia Feder, Creighton University (NE)  
Jason King, Saint Vincent College (PA)  
Julie Rubio, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University (CA)

Respondent: Donna Freitas, Fairleigh Dickinson University (NJ)

**Friday, June 4**

10:45am-12:15pm (CDT)

Online Room #7

ID:

**Mysticism and Politics**

Eileen M. Fagan, College of Mount Saint Vincent (NY)

Janice Thompson, Kings College (PA)

(Conveners)

**Panel – Lay Ecclesial Movements: Social, Spiritual, and Political Change**

*“Official” Action: Lay Movements, US Bishops, and Social Justice*

Mary Beth Yount, Neumann University (PA)

*Specialized Catholic Action and the Pursuit of Racial Justice in the United States, 1938-1958*

Nicholas Rademacher, Cabrini University (PA)

*Toward a Participatory Ecclesiology: Catholic Students and the Work of Pax Romana (1921-2021)*

Kevin Ahern, Manhattan College

**Friday, June 4**

10:45am-12:15pm (CDT)

Online Room #8

ID:

**Systematic Theology**

George Gilmore, Spring Hill College (AL)

(Convener)

**Imaging Christ in a Dehumanizing World**

*Restoring the Human Face of Christ in a Dehumanizing World.*

Simon R. Wayte, Catholic Theological College, University of  
Divinity, Australia,

Respondent: Benedict Shoup, University of Notre Dame (IN)

*The Apophatic Image of God: Kathryn Tanner and John of the Cross on the  
Plasticity of Human Nature.*

Benedict Shoup, University of Notre Dame (IN)

Respondent: Simon R. Wayte, Catholic Theological College, University of  
Divinity, Australia

**Friday, June 4**

10:45am-12:15pm (CDT)

Online Room #9

ID:

**Philosophy of Religion**

Daniel A. Rober, Sacred Heart University (CT)

Michael J. McGravey, Our Lady of the Elms College (MA)

(Conveners)

*“The Bone Touched Me”: Annie Dillard and the Attention to Death (with  
some coming-in-from-a-sideways-angle suspicion of hope. Maybe.)*

Andrew Staron, Wheeling Jesuit (WV)

*“Disrespected, Unprotected, Neglected”: How Ecowomanist Spirituality in  
Beyoncé’s Lemonade and Black is King helps to Rehumanize African  
American Women*

David von Schlichten, Seton Hill University (PA)

**Friday, June 4**

**12:15-1:00pm (CDT)**

**Lunch & Virtual Lobby Time**

**Friday, June 4**

1:00-2:30pm (CDT)

Online Room #1

ID:

**National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion**

Steven Harmon, Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity (NC)

(Convener)

**Theme: Baptists, Churches, and the Reframing of Theological  
Anthropology**

*The Theological Anthropology of Frank Stagg*

Bryan Whitfield, Mercer University (GA)

*American Church Trends: How to Understand the Expansion of Gender and  
Decline of Religiosity*

Eileen Campbell-Reed, Union Theological Seminary in the City of  
New York (NY)



**Friday, June 4**

1:00-2:30pm (CDT)

Online Room #2

ID:

**American Catholic Life and Thought**

Paul G. Monson, Sacred Heart Seminary & School of Theology (WI)

Louis T. Albarran, Holy Cross College (IN)

(Conveners)

Panel Discussion of Nicholas Rademacher's *Paul Hanley Furfey: Priest, Scientist, Social Reformers* (Fordham, 2017)

Panel Chair: Justin Menno

Panelists: Michael J. Baxter, Regis University (CO)

Katharine E. Harmon, Marian University (IN)

William L. Portier, University of Dayton (OH)

Respondent: Nicholas K. Rademacher, Cabrini University (PA)

**Friday, June 4**

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Online Room #3

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**Justice and Peace**

Linda Land-Closson, Regis University (CO)

Brian Stiltner, Sacred Heart University (CT)

(Conveners)

Panel discussion of Tobias Winright's *Serve and Protect: Selected Essays on Just Policing* (Cascade, 2020)

Panelists:

MT Davila, Merrimack College (MA)

Patrick Lynch, SJ, Canisius College (NY)

Tobias Winright, St. Louis University (MO)

**Friday, June 4**

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Online Room #4

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**Feminisms, Gender and Theologies**

Cynthia Cameron, Rivier University (NH)

Katherine Greiner, Carroll College (MT)

(Conveners)

*Crumbs from the Table: A Feminist Response to Women's Roles in the Church*

Annie Selak, Georgetown University (DC)

*Prophetic Ambivalence: Cultivating a Call to Critique, Conserve, and Transform*

Emily Jendzejec, Boston College (MA)

**Friday, June 4**

1:00-2:30pm (CDT)

Online Room #5

ID:

**Systematic Theology**

George Gilmore, Spring Hill College (AL)

(Convener)

**Karl Rahner: Humanizing Theology and Humanizing the World.**

*Enfleshing the Self: Rahner's Carnal Phenomenology and the Prospects of a Renewed Humanism.*

Jack Louis Pappas, Fordham University (NY)

Respondent: Peter Joseph Fritz, College of the Holy Cross (MA)

*Theological Guidance in a Dehumanizing World: Karen Kilby on Rahner and Balthasar.*

Peter Joseph Fritz, College of the Holy Cross (MA)

Respondent: Jack Louis Pappas, Fordham University (NY)

**Friday, June 4**

1:00-2:30pm (CDT)

Online Room #6

ID:

**Symbol, Ritual, and Sacrament**

Xavier Montecel, Boston College (MA)

Randall Woodard, Saint Leo University (FL)

(Conveners)

*To Be Black or To Be Catholic? Black Catholic Identity, God-Language, and the Analogical Imagination in the age of #BlackLivesMatter*

LaRyssa D. Herrington, The University of Notre Dame (IN)

*Events of Anti-Sacramental Evil: Sex Abuse, Survival, and Ecclesial Healing*

Flora x. Tang, The University of Notre Dame (IN)

**Friday, June 4**

1:00-2:30pm (CDT)

Online Room #7

ID:

**Sexuality, Relationships, Marriage, & Family Life**

Mary Beth Yount, Neumann University (PA)

Craig A. Ford, Jr., Saint Norbert College (WI)

(Conveners)

*The Stones that Have Been Rejected: Contributions of Queer Educators in Catholic Schools*

Ish Ruiz, Graduate Theological Union (CA)

*LGBTQ Catholic Educator Witness, Dismissal and Community Impact*

Margie Winters, Glenside (PA)

Respondent: Bishop John Stowe (Lexington, KY)

**Friday, June 4**

1:00-2:30pm (CDT)

Online Room #8

ID:

**The Arts, Media, Literature, and Religion**

Charles A. Gillespie, Sacred Heart University (CT)

(Convener)

**Images Futuristic, Technological, and Human**

*Blade Runner's Postapocalyptic Imago Dei: Lived Humanity in a World of Simulation*

Jean-Pierre Fortin, University of St. Michael's College (Canada)

*Vibe Check: Searching for the Human on Instagram and TikTok*

Katherine G. Schmidt, Molloy College (NY)

*Wakanda Forever: An Afro-Futuristic Challenge to Theological Anthropology*

Chanelle Robinson, Boston College (MA)

**Friday, June 4**

1:00-2:30pm (CT)

Online Room #9

**Award Winning Graduate Student Essays 2020 & 2021**

Moderator: Howard Ebert, Saint Norbert College (WI)

**Best Graduate Student Essay 2020**

*An Integrated Model of Congar's Communion Ecclesiology: A Resource for Interpreting Pope Francis's Language of Center and Periphery*

Deepan Rajaratnam, St. Louis University (MO)

**Best Graduate Student Essay 2021**

\*\*\*To Be Announced on Thursday June 3\*\*\*

**Friday, June 4**

**2:30-3:00pm (CDT)**

**Coffee Break & Virtual Lobby Time**

# Friday Plenary

3:00-4:30pm (CDT)

Online Auditorium

ID:

## Convention Co-Chair and Session Moderator

Jessica Coblentz, Saint Mary's College (IN)

### *'The Power of Anger in the Work of Love,' Revisited: Feminist Anthropology and Emotion*



## Cristina Traina, Avery Cardinal Dulles, SJ, Chair of Catholic Theology Fordham University

**Cristina Traina** specializes in Christian theology and ethics, with emphasis on Roman Catholic and feminist thought. Her areas of special interest include childhood, especially child labor; the ethics of touch in relations between unequals; sexuality and reproduction; ecology; justice issues in bioethics; economic and immigration justice; and method. She is the author of *Natural Law and Feminist Ethics: the End of the Anathemas* (Georgetown 1999) and *Erotic Attunement: Parenthood and the Ethics of Sensuality between Unequals* (University of Chicago Press, 2011).

Her address this afternoon contributes to the project of integrating reason, emotion, imagination and aesthetics within a feminist theological anthropology. She is especially concerned to parse the moral and theological differences between legitimate and illegitimate riotous anger so as to retain the possibility of moral riotous anger without endorsing the sedition of the January 6, 2021 attack on the US Capitol. In this talk, Prof. Traina engages especially with the work of Beverly Wildung Harrison, Sarah MacDonald, Nicole Symmonds, Laura Alexander, Diana Fritz Cates, Martha Nussbaum, and Brittney Cooper.

**Saturday, June 5**

9:00-10:30am (CDT)

Online Room #1

ID:

**National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion**

Kate Hanch, First St. Charles United Methodist Church (MO)  
(Convener)

**Theme: Narrating Freedom, Justice, and Human Flourishing**

*Freedom and Human Flourishing: A Baptist Proposal Towards the Work of Fighting White Supremacy*

Kathryn House, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary (KY)

*Long Arc or Long Defeat?*

Barry Harvey, Baylor University (TX)

**Saturday, June 5**

9:00-10:30am (CDT)

Online Room #2

ID:

**Scripture**

Christopher McMahon, Saint Vincent College (PA)

James Zeitz, Our Lady of the Lake University (TX)

(Conveners)

*Rivalry Overwhelmed by Fraternity: Girardian Theological Anthropology and Social Love*

Fr. Brett McLaughlin SJ, Boston College (MA)

*Ritual Shouting and Obedient Joy in the Bible and Hittite Literature*

Charles Hughes Huff, St Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry (NY)

**Saturday, June 5**

9:00-10:30am (CDT)

Online Room #3

ID:

**Philosophy of Religion**

Daniel A. Rober, Sacred Heart University (CT)

Michael J. McGravey, Our Lady of the Elms College (MA)

(Conveners)

*(An)Other Problem: Fratelli Tutti and Decolonial Representations of the "Other"*

Jacques Linder, Villanova University (PA)

*Revolution as Religion: A Theologian reads The Wretched of the Earth*

Nathan D. Amerson, Trinity Theological Seminary (IN)

**Saturday, June 5**

9:00-10:30am (CDT)

Online Room #4

ID:

**The Art and Practice of Teaching Theology**

Timothy Hanchin, Villanova University (PA)

Tracey Lamont, Loyola University New Orleans (LA)

(Conveners)

*Becoming Middle Aged: Forming Students as Resilient Humans through Medieval Spirituality*

Brian Flanagan, Marymount University (VA)

*Attending to Attention in Teaching and Learners*

Patrick Manning, Seton Hall University (NJ)

**Saturday, June 5**

9:00-10:30am (CDT)

Online Room #5

ID:

**Ethics**

Ramon Luzarraga, Benedictine University Mesa (AZ)

Kari-Shane Davis Zimmerman, College of Saint Benedict/St. John's

University (MN)

(Conveners)

*Parvus error in principiis: Unpacking Episcopal Arguments and Actions in the 2020 Election*

James T. Bretzke, S.J., John Carroll University (OH)

*Moral Explorations in the Givenness of Human Being*

Jacob Kohlhaas, Loras College (IA)

**Saturday, June 5**

9:00-10:30am (CDT)

Online Room #6

ID:

**Anthropology, Psychology and Religion**

Julia Brumbaugh, Regis University (CO)

Jay Martin, University of Notre Dame (IN))

(Conveners)

**Engagements with the Social Sciences**

*Theological Anthropology, Animality, and Umwelt Biology*

Dylan Belton, Villanova University (PA)

*Ministry in a Dehumanizing World*

Eileen Campbell-Reed, Union Theological Seminary (NY)

*From Persons to Client: Does the Therapeutic Model Dehumanize Persons with Addictions*

Todd Whitmore, University of Notre Dame (IN)

**Saturday, June 5**

9:00-10:30am (CDT)

Online Room #7

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**Mysticism and Politics**

Eileen M. Fagan, College of Mount Saint Vincent (NY)

Janice Thompson, Kings College (PA)

(Conveners)

*Eyes that Cannot See: Neoliberalism, Indifference, and Encounter*

Vincent Miller, University of Dayton (OH)

*Dehumanized by Neoliberalism: Ellacuría, Sobrino, and the Civilization of Wealth*

Andrew T. Vink, Boston College (MA)

*Toward a Christian Humanism of the Other: Enrique Dussel's Vision of the Human Beyond Eurocentrism*

Daniel Rober, Sacred Heart University (CT)

**Saturday, June 5**

9:00-10:30am (CDT)

Online Room #8

ID:

**Theology, Ecology, and Natural Science**

Lucas Briola, Saint Vincent College (PA)

Paul Schutz, Santa Clara University (CA)

(Conveners)

*From the Technocratic Paradigm to Postures of Praise: Resisting and Transforming Factory Farms*

Jim Robinson (Independent Scholar)

*Investigating Consumption and Desire in Environmental Ethics*

Sara Bernard-Hoverstad, Boston College (MA)

**Saturday, June 5**

9:00-10:30am (CT)

Online Room #9

ID:

**The Arts, Media, Literature, and Religion**

Charles A. Gillespie, Sacred Heart University (CT)

(Convener)

**Ways of Seeing and Speaking Differently**

*Learning to See: Poetry and the Pedagogy of Interiority*

Callie Tabor, Emory University (GA)

*How to Speak of the Silenced: An Aesthetic Approach to Marginalized Narratives*

Evan Bednarz, Aquinas Institute of Theology (MO)

*Images that Transform: The Use of Visual Art in Re-humanizing our Encounters with Difference*

Rebecca Berru Davis, St. Catherine University (MN)

**Saturday, June 5**

**10:30-10:45am (CDT)**

**Coffee Break & Virtual Lobby Time**

# Saturday Plenary

10:45-12:15 (CDT)  
Online Auditorium

## Convention Co-Chair and Session Moderator

Daniel P. Horan, OFM, Catholic Theological Union (IL)

### *Sin and Suffering Revisited: A Conceptual Exploration*



Karen Kilby, Bede Professor of Catholic Theology  
Durham University

**Karen Kilby** has held the Bede Chair since January 2014. A native of Connecticut, Prof. Kilby studied Mathematics and Theology at Yale and Cambridge, completing her PhD on Karl Rahner under Kathryn Tanner and George Lindbeck. In her research and writing she has engaged closely with two of the major twentieth century Catholic theologians, Karl Rahner and Hans Urs von Balthasar, and is the author of three highly regarded monographs: *Balthasar: A (Very) Critical Introduction* (Eerdmans, 2012); *A Brief Introduction to Karl Rahner* (SPCK, 2007); and *Karl Rahner: Theology and Philosophy* (Routledge, 2004). In addition to 20th century Catholic theology, Prof. Kilby is interested in a range of themes in systematic theology, including the doctrine of the Trinity, questions around sin and suffering, and the place of mystery in Christian thought.

Her address will explore patterns of thought embedded in the theological tradition and in contemporary philosophy of religion, and test them against the dehumanising realities of our world. Her hypothesis is that the language of sin, tainted and troubling as it is for many, is more likely to retain its value if brought into the appropriate relationship with suffering



**Saturday, June 5**  
**12:15-1:00pm (CDT)**

## **Lunch & Virtual Lobby Time**

**Saturday, June 5**  
1:00-2:30pm (CDT)  
Online Room #1  
ID:

### **American Catholic Life and Thought**

Paul G. Monson, Sacred Heart Seminary & School of Theology (WI)  
Louis T. Albarran, Holy Cross College (IN)  
(Conveners)

*Justice, Friendship, and Healing: Black Elk's Legacy as a Response to Catholicism's Participation in US Boarding Schools of the 19th Century*  
Mara Fitzgibbon Adams, St. Ambrose University (IA)  
Respondent: Damian Costello, author of *Black Elk: Colonialism and Lakota Catholicism*

**Saturday, June 5**  
1:00-2:30pm (CDT)  
Online Room #2  
ID:

### **Anthropology, Psychology & Religion**

Julia Brumbaugh, Regis University (CO)  
Jay Martin, University of Notre Dame (IN)  
(Conveners)

#### **Panel Discussion on Politics, Economy and Theological Anthropology**

*Anonymous Research and Behavioral Data: Critiquing the Anthropology of Surveillance Capitalism with Jennings, Balthasar, and Copeland*  
Charles A. Gillespie, Sacred Heart University (CT)

*Re-claiming Everyday Life in the Age of Surveillance Capitalism*  
Matt Shadle, Marymount University (VA)

*Recognize the Human After Whiteness: Hermeneutics, Anthropology, and Scripture in Paul, Ricoeur, and Willie James Jennings*  
David De La Fuente, Fordham University (NY)

*Discerning Real Possibilities: Political Theology and Freedom*  
Joseph Drexler-Dreis, Xavier University of Louisiana (LA)

**Saturday, June 5**  
1:00-2:30pm (CDT)  
Online Room #3  
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### **Symbol, Ritual, and Sacrament**

Xavier Montecel, Boston College (MA)  
Randall Woodard, Saint Leo University (FL)  
(Conveners)

*"Pointing words": Understanding the sacraments as pointing gestures*  
Paul Arnold, McMaster University (Ontario, Canada)

*Liturgy: Praise of God and Humanization of Persons*  
Timothy Brunk, Villanova University (PA)

**Saturday, June 5**  
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**Systematic Theology**  
George Gilmore, Spring Hill College (AL)  
(Convener)

**Recognizing Dehumanizing and Racist Oppression.**  
*Realized Eschatology as a Challenge to Oppressive Anthropologies.*  
Brian M. Doyle, Marymount University (VA)  
Respondent: Wesley Sutermeister, Xavier University (OH)

*The Idolatrous Nature of Antisemitism and Racism.*  
Wesley Sutermeister, Xavier University (OH)  
Respondent: Brian M. Doyle, Marymount University (VA)

**Saturday, June 5**  
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**Justice and Peace**  
Linda Land-Closson, Regis University (CO)  
Brian Stiltner, Sacred Heart University (CT)  
(Conveners)

**The Burdens and Assets of Catholic Tradition for Contemporary Justice**  
*Notes on Christian Fascism: From Homogeneity to Deep Solidarity*  
Derek Brown, Boston College (MA)

*The Second Ignatius Speaks: Pedro Arrupe Reads the Signs (and Sighs) of Our Times*  
Michael M. Canaris, Loyola University Chicago (IL)

**Saturday, June 5**  
1:00-2:30pm (CDT)  
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**Philosophy of Religion**  
Daniel Rober, Sacred Heart University (CT)  
Michael McGravey, Elms College (MA)  
(Conveners)

*Transhumanism, Theology, & Trust Ethics*  
Nathaniel Holmes, Jr., Florida Memorial University (FL)

*Is there a homos in eros? Falque's Phenomenology of Sexuality*  
Justin Leavitt Pearl, Carlow University (PA)

**Saturday, June 5**

1:00-2:30pm (CDT)

Online Room #7

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**Mysticism and Politics**

Eileen M. Fagan, College of Mount Saint Vincent (NY)

Janice Thompson, Kings College (PA)

(Conveners)

*The Dark Night of St. John of the Cross: A Guide to White Racial Identity Development*

Cara Anthony, University of St. Thomas (MN)

*Sharing in the Spirit: Amos Yong's "Pneumatological Imagination" as a Strategy for Deconstructing the Sacred and the Secular*

J. August Higgins, Oblate School of Theology (TX)

*Haecceitic Claims, Mystical Possessions*

Nathaniel Grimes, Villanova University (PA)

**Saturday, June 5**

1:00-2:30pm (CDT)

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**Ethics**

Ramon Luzarraga, Benedictine University Mesa (AZ)

Kari-Shane Davis Zimmerman, College of Saint Benedict/St. John's

University (MN)

(Conveners)

*Toward a Taxonomy of Moral Injury: Three Examples of Being Human in a Dehumanizing World (Mental Illness, Racism, and Clergy Sexual Abuse).*

Marcus Mescher, Xavier University (OH)

*Toward a Distinctly Christian Biotechnology Assessment*

Jordan Mason, St. Louis University (MO)

**Saturday, June 5**

**2:30-2:45pm (CDT)**

**Coffee Break & Virtual Lobby Time**

**National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Presidential Address**

2:45-3:30pm (CDT)  
Online Auditorium  
ID:

*Dangerous Water*

Mark Medley, Baptist Seminary of Kentucky (KY)

Steven Harmon, Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity (NC)  
(Convener)

**Saturday, June 5**  
**3:30-3:45pm (CDT)**

**Coffee Break & Virtual Lobby Time**

**Saturday, June 5**  
3:45-5:15pm (CDT)  
Online Room #1  
ID:

**National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion**  
**Business Meeting**

**Saturday, June 5**  
3:45-5:15pm (CDT)  
Online Room #2  
ID:

**The Art and Practice of Teaching Theology**  
Timothy Hanchin, Villanova University (PA)  
Tracey Lamont, Loyola University New Orleans (LA)  
(Conveners)

*Inclusive Theological Education: Teaching From and For Theological Anthropologies and Pedagogies That Embrace Intellectual Ability Diversity*  
Thomas Murphy, Boston College (MA)

*Francis' Theological Anthropology of Young Adults: Christus Vivit as Resource for Undergraduate Theological Educators*  
Cynthia Cameron, Rivier College (NH)

**Saturday, June 5**  
3:45-5:15pm (CDT)  
Online Room #3  
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**Spirituality**  
Daniel P. Horan, Catholic Theological Union (IL)  
B. Kevin Brown, Gonzaga University (WA)  
(Conveners)

*Does Suffering Mean Anything? In Search of a Humanizing Spirituality of Suffering*  
Julia Brumbaugh, Regis University (CO)

*Antiracist Epistemic Humility as Receptive and Proactive: The Tension of Carmelite and Ignatian Spiritualities*  
Stephen Calme, Marquette University (WI)

**Saturday, June 5**

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Online Room #4

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**Ecclesiology**

Susan Reynolds, Candler School of Theology at Emory University (GA)

Annie Selak, Georgetown University (DC)

(Conveners)

**Concrete Communities as Loci of Ecclesiological Reflection**

*Parish Communities Under Stress in a Year of Pandemic, Protest, and Polarization*

Brian Stiltner, Sacred Heart University (CT)

*Return to Golgotha: A Spatial Ecclesiology for a Racialized Church*

John J. Allen, Duquesne University (PA)

*Communion and Friendship: The Implicit Ecclesiologies ad extra in Pope Francis' Fratelli Tutti*

John D. Dadosky, Regis College/University of Toronto (ON)

**Saturday, June 5**

3:45-5:15pm (CDT)

Online Room #5

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**History of Christian Life and Thought**

Sandra Ham, Independent Scholar (NY)

(Convener)

**Colonial Anthropologies**

*The Demonic and the Human*

S. Kyle Johnson, Boston College (MA)

*Colonialism; Race; Religious Fundamentalism and the Dehumanization of African Peoples: Racial Apartheid in South Africa, 1948-1994 and Sharia Laws in the Sudan, 1983-2011.*

Darius Makuja, Le Moyne College (NY)

**Saturday, June 5**

3:45-5:15pm (CDT)

Online Room #6

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**Theology, Ecology, and Natural Science**

Lucas Briola, Saint Vincent College (PA)

Paul Schutz, Santa Clara University (CA)

(Conveners)

*Eco-Martyrs in the Americas: Witnesses to the Human Vocation of Integral Ecology*

Elizabeth O'Donnell Gandolfo, Wake Forest University School of Divinity (NC)

*Pandemic Perspectives on Nature, Gender, and Human Ecology*

Elizabeth Pyne, Fordham University, London Centre (UK)

**Saturday, June 5**  
3:45-5:15pm (CDT)  
Online Room #7  
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**Sexuality, Relationships, Marriage, & Family Life**

Mary Beth Yount, Neumann University (PA)  
Craig A. Ford, Jr., Saint Norbert College (WI)  
(Conveners)

*“Treat Her Like She’s a Full Human Being”*: Using Feminist Theology to Combat Dehumanizing Relationships Among Adolescents

MaryAnn Gratton, Villa Maria Academy (NY)

*‘She said, He said’*: The Importance of the Preferential Option for the Poor for Addressing Sexual Violence

Megan K. McCabe, Gonzaga University (WA)

**Saturday, June 5**  
3:45-5:15pm (CDT)  
Online Room #8  
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**Comparative Theology**

Mara Brecht, Loyola University Chicago (IL)  
Axel M. Oaks Takacs, Seton Hall University (NJ)  
(Conveners)

**Attending to the Self at the Center of Comparative Theology—Self-Care, Disability, and Suicide Prevention**

*The Need for Self-Care: Revisiting Augustine’s Disordered Desire in Light of Rabbinic Anthropology*

Andrew Massena, Loras College (IA)

*A Holistic Understanding of the Human Person: Christian and Muslim Perspectives on Disability*

Megan Hopkins, Boston College (MA)

*Comparative Theologies of Hope toward Suicide Prevention*

Kate Kelly Middleton, Catholic University of America (DC)

**Saturday, June 5**  
5:30-6:30pm (CDT)  
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**CTS Liturgy & Presidential Address**

***Evening Liturgy***

(5:30-6:00pm)

All registrants of the 2021 CTS/NABPR convention are cordially invited to join in a service of prayer together.

Download the order of service here:

***College Theology Society Presidential Address***

(6:00-6:30pm)

***Studying Religion in Dark Times***

Mary Doak, University of San Diego  
College Theology Society President

***Inauguration of new CTS President and Adjournment***

(6:30pm)

## **After-Party!!!**

*Please join us in the virtual lobby for our traditional CTS/NABPR After-Party!*

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### **Friday & Saturday**

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### **CTS Virtual Lobby**

Everyone is invited to the CTS Virtual Lobby throughout the convention. Join this social zoom room between sessions to talk with friends & colleagues, and meet new people. “Pop In” to see who’s there – especially for the Saturday night party.