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Plan Your SPS Annual Meeting Experience

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Keep the SPS 2024 Program at your fingertips with these tools for navigating the meeting and building your personal itinerary:

- Meeting at a Glance Description
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Breaks between each session includes coffee and light snacks near the vendors in Rita Anne Rollins room 360.
MEETING OVERVIEW

Along with plenary speakers and interest group sessions, the conference includes a Thursday evening reception, working-lunch meetings, a Society business meeting, a women’s caucus luncheon, and a banquet. During the conference, attendees will have opportunities to socialize, become acquainted with other SPS participants, and share their scholarly interests and current work. Attendees will also enjoy discounted prices on a variety of books and other products exhibited by vendors and ministries.

THEME

“I was a stranger and you took me in”
— Pentecostal Responses to the Refugee Crisis

The 2024 SPS conference theme will address the biblical call to “show love to foreigners” (Deut 10:19, NLT), imitating Jesus Christ who was a refugee (Matt 2:13-15), taught His followers to show kindness “to the least of these” (Matt 25:34-45), and who himself showed compassion to strangers including those of another country (John 4:7-29).

At the end of 2022, the UN Refugee Agency reported 108.4 million forcibly displaced persons worldwide, including 35.3 million refugees, 62.5 million internally displaced people, 5.4 asylum seekers, and 5.2 million other people in need of international protection. Türkiye holds the designation of hosting “3.6 million refugees, the largest population worldwide, followed by the Islamic Republic of Iran with 3.4 million... Colombia 2.5 million, Germany 2.1 million, [and] Pakistan, 1.7 million.” The 2022 Global Trends Report shows that “52 percent of all refugees and other people in need of international protection came from just three countries: Syrian Arab Republic 6.5 million, Ukraine 5.7 million, Afghanistan 5.7 million.”

Too often the issue of global people on the move (whether migrants, asylees, refugees, displaced persons, or immigrants) polarizes societies, including the Church. Words like “legal” and “illegal” get tossed around almost as much as the human beings those words represent, causing

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1 “Global Trends Report 2022,” UNHCR, accessed June 27, 2023, https://www.unhcr.org/global-trends-report-2022. UNHCR protects and/or assists 112.6 million, when adding to the 108.4 million figure “those who have returned home within the previous year; those who are stateless ... and other groups to whom UNHCR has extended its protection or provided assistance on a humanitarian basis.”

2 Ibid.
believers in Jesus to take sides, often fostering pervasive divisiveness. Though people leave their own country for a myriad of reasons—whether of their own volition or due to war, economic crisis, or environmental disaster—Jesus does not command the Church and the Academy to justify kindness, hospitality, and welcome but simply to show these things to others.

Thus, daily, the Church has multiple opportunities to respond—biblically, theologically, missionally, ecumenically, and practically—to the ever-increasing needs and opportunities resulting from global migration. To help resource the Church and Academy to respond, the Society for Pentecostal Studies (SPS) invites papers for the 2024 conference from all disciplinary fields to explore the myriad of ways Pentecostal Christ followers have responded in the past, do respond in the present, and can/must respond in and for the future.

Plenary speakers will address these issues in their own ways as scholar-practitioners involved in this field across the U.S. and around the world. Parallel sessions are invited to explore the relationship of Pentecostalism to increasing understanding of global and local realities; considering a biblical understanding of the people of God and the stranger; crafting a theology of migration; discussing missions-related issues relative to “the world at our doorstep,” language issues, and contextual outreach; addressing theological education concerns relative to training ministers to address these issues; contemplating philosophical and ethical issues relative to injustice; and speaking to practical theology/local church concerns such as navigating legal and resettlement details and resources for refugees and asylees, understanding the sanctuary movement, formulating a welcoming congregational responses, and building community, considering political problems and opportunities, and strategizing for future ministry.

The goal of this conference theme is that both in the on-site exchanges as well as in continued scholarship and practical ministry emerging from SPS that Pentecostal believers would be at the forefront of Christlikeness in showing welcome, hospitality, kindness, and love to the stranger.
The history of humanity is the history of migration. So, it is not surprising that migration runs throughout the Old and New Testaments. From the start, the Bible portrays experiences of migration that resonate with today’s migrants; the Old Testament contains legislation for outsiders who had come into Israel that can orient our discussions about legislation. Migration also was relevant to Jesus’s childhood and to the life of the early church. In other words, the Word of God has much to teach us about how to engage migration today!

Ph.D., The University of Sheffield, 1990 (Old Testament)
Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1980 (Old Testament)
B.A., Rice University, 1975 (English Literature)

Dr. Carroll serves as Scripture Press Ministries Professor of Biblical Studies and Pedagogy at Wheaton College. He is half-Guatemalan and was raised bilingual and bicultural. In his youth, he spent many summers in Guatemala and later taught at El Seminario Teológico Centroamericano in Guatemala City for thirteen years. The realities of Central America sparked Dr. Carroll’s fascination with the Old Testament. The relevance of the biblical text for the challenges of poverty, war, and politics in those developing countries led him to a passionate focus on Old Testament social ethics and the social sciences and marginalized voices in biblical interpretation.

Before coming to Wheaton, Dr. Carroll taught Old Testament at Denver Seminary for many years and founded a Spanish-language lay training program there. His goal has always been to model a commitment to connecting careful biblical scholarship with the mission of the church as it engages today’s complex realities. Dr. Carroll has attended and been involved in Latino/a churches and teaching on the Bible and immigration for many years.
Dr. Carroll has published extensively throughout his career, including most recently:

*The Lord Roars: Recovering the Prophetic Voice for Today* (2022)


*The Bible and Borders: Hearing God’s Word on Immigration* (2020)


*Christians at the Border: Immigration, the Church, and the Bible* (2013)

Currently Dr. Carroll is co-editing an extensive project on the state of Old Testament studies, in addition to working on a co-authored work titled *Reading the Bible Latinamente*. He also is the senior editor of a new Old Testament commentary series, *The Bible in God’s World* (Wipf & Stock).

Danny and his wife, Joan, have two adult sons and five grandchildren. [https://www.wheaton.edu/academics/faculty/daniel-carroll/](https://www.wheaton.edu/academics/faculty/daniel-carroll/)
Panel Discussion - “The Refugee Experience: Five Perspectives”
Médine Moussounga Keener | Asbury Theological Seminary
Friday, March 15 at 10:45 AM
Chair: Daniel Montañez

Panelists:
Médine Moussounga Keener | Asbury Theological Seminary
Michael Wilkinson | Trinity Western University
Daniel Carroll Rodas | Wheaton College
Alexia Salvatierra | Fuller Theological Seminary
Ben Sterciuc | Founder of Vital Solutions

PhD, with a focus on African American History, University of Paris 7 (now Université Paris Diderot) France, 1993 (Dissertation: “Une vie nouvelle devant nous: expériences sociales et économiques des femmes noires américaines: de 1880 a 1910.”
Diplomes d’Etudes Approfondies (Thorough Study Degree) in Women’s History (Minor in English). University of Paris 7, France, 1988 (Thesis: Le mouvement suffragiste)
Master of Arts in Business English, University of Lille III, France, 1986. (Thesis involved agricultural terminology, specifically fertilizer)
Bachelor of Arts in English, University of Brazzaville, Congo, 1985

Dr. Keener is currently the pastoral care coordinator for community formation at Asbury Theological Seminary and has taught French at Asbury University and Eastern University. She wrote her dissertation related to African-American women’s history, has published various articles in Dictionary of African Christian Biography, as well as articles concerning women in Africa and various other subjects. She has made several written, audio, and video contributions to CBE International regarding gender and ethnic challenges, highlighting the impact of war on women.

Médine coauthored with Craig Reconciliation for Africa, a booklet on ethnic reconciliation used in many countries in Africa. The couple also co-authored their autobiographical book, Impossible Love: The True Story of an African Civil War, Miracles and Hope against All Odds, which chronicles her journey out of war and life after. Impossible Love talks about how Médine lived as a refugee in the Congo for eighteen months while Craig waited, not knowing if she was dead or alive.

Both in Francophone Africa and across the United States, Dr. Keener has publicly shared her experiences of war and reconciliation.
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PhD, University of Ottawa, 1999 (Dissertation: “Global Migration and the Transformation of Canadian Pentecostalism” (Sociology of Religion)
MA, Wilfrid Laurier University, 1993 (Religion and Culture)
BA, Carleton University, 1992 (Sociology and Anthropology)

Michael Wilkinson, PhD, is Professor of Sociology at Trinity Western University. His research focuses on the cultural dimensions of religion and specifically, global Pentecostalism. He has published widely on religion and culture, Pentecostalism, evangelicalism, the growth of “no religion,” globalization, and immigration.

Funded by the Social Sciences Research Council of Canada, Wilkinson and a national team of researchers examined the role of churches in immigrant settlement and integration. The purpose of the two-year grant was to develop a national research partnership that would study how to better equip church groups and community organizations across Canada to help immigrants and refugees settle and integrate into Canadian society. A unique feature of the research program was its adoption of a “community-based research” approach, which focused on how to do research with, as opposed to research on, members of a particular community. Researchers worked to include partners in shaping and directing the project itself, fostering the development of conversations and activities that extended beyond the research period covered by the award. Research Teams developed case studies, best practices, and a guide to action for churches and community-based organizations. Wilkinson will share findings from the project during the SPS plenary panel discussion.

In 2015-2016, Michael served as President of the Society for Pentecostal Studies.
The unprecedented and growing waves of human migration are lapping at the gates and crashing on the shores of churches around the globe. Responses vary from hostility to hospitality, welcome to persecution. Migrants offer opportunities for the gospel. Some come from unreached contexts where missionaries are barred or severely limited. Some come as informal missionaries, leading and planting churches, agents of a diaspora mission with enormous reach and power. Churches at all parts of the migrant journey, from origin to destination, have important decisions to make about their mission and ministry with migrants. This presentation will cover the variety of church responses to migrants, including pastoral care, evangelism, Christian education, public theology, hospitality, direct services, development, organizing and advocacy, including the particular history and current role of Sanctuary movements. We will also touch on the scriptural frameworks and mission partnerships which support migrant ministry.

D.Miss., Fuller Theological Seminary, 2018 (Dissertation: “Equipping Hispanic Immigrant Pastors for Holistic Mission”)
Certificate, JFK University, Lafayette CA, 1991 (Organizational Development)
M.Div., Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley CA, 1986
B.A., Double Major, UCSC, 1978 (Sociology and Religious Studies (Honors in Both))

Dr. Alexia Salvatierra has been teaching at Fuller in different capacities since 2014, and in 2020 she became a full faculty member in the School of Mission and Theology. She also serves as academic dean for Centro Latino, where she is the founding developer and coordinator of the Diplomado en la Respuesta de la Iglesia a la Crisis Migratoria (Professional Certificate in the Church’s Response to the Immigration Crisis.)

Before coming to Fuller, she taught in a wide variety of academic contexts, including multiple years for the Master of Arts in Transformational Urban Leadership and LA Term programs at Azusa Pacific University, the DMin programs at New York Theological Seminary, Wesley Theological Seminary, and the Nazarene Theological Seminary, the Master of Arts in Urban Studies program at Eastern University and the sociology department of Biola University. She is the coauthor of Faith-Rooted Organizing: Mobilizing the Church in Service to the World (InterVarsity Press 2014), now in its 8th printing. She has
contributed chapters to Evangelical Theologies of Liberation and Justice, Scholars and Southern California Immigrants in Dialogue: New Conversations in Public Sociology, Trails of Hope and Terror: Testimonies on Immigration, and Liberating Biblical Study. She has also published several articles in academic journals, and her dissertation focused on equipping Hispanic immigrant pastors for holistic mission.

Rev. Dr. Salvatierra is best known for her local, national, and international church and community leadership. Ordained as a Lutheran pastor in 1988, she has pastored English- and Spanish-speaking congregations, served as a missionary in the Philippines and as the director for justice for the Southwest California Synod (ELCA), started and directed multiple nonprofit community development organizations, worked as a legislative advocate, fund developer, and community organizer. She is the cofounder of several major national initiatives including the New Sanctuary Movement, the Evangelical Immigration Table and the Guardian Angels Project. She currently coordinates the Southern California-based Ecumenical Collaboration for Asylum Seekers and serves on the leadership team of Matthew 25/Mateo 25 (a bipartisan Christian network to protect and defend families facing deportation in the name and spirit of Jesus). She also serves as a consultant for a variety of national/international organizations, including World Vision, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, CRU, and the Christian Community Development Association.

She has received multiple awards, including the Fuller School of Intercultural Studies 2019 David Allan Hubbard Achievement Award, the Wally Marks Changemaker Award from the Liberty Hill Foundation, the Stanton Fellowship from the Durfee Foundation, the Amos Award from Sojourners, the Giants of Justice award from CLUE LA, and the Prime Mover fellowship from the Hunt Alternatives Fund.

Her core research interests are the unique role and contribution of the church to movements for social transformation and the process of enabling churches to live the call to holistic mission, with a particular focus on the missionary gifts and calling of the Hispanic immigrant community.

Read Alexia’s CV, which includes a list of her current publications.
“I Was a Refugee, and Strangers Took Me In”
Ben Sterciuc | Founder of Vital Solutions
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A personal refugee journey offers a unique and practical perspective for believers. My refugee experience informs my current work with refugees in Africa and more recently, with Ukrainian refugees in Romania. Believers have an opportunity to learn how to engage refugees beyond words or abstract concepts of what it means to be a refugee, but directly and practically serve them under the leading of the Holy Spirit.

D.Min., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, 2022 (Dissertation: “Covocational Church Planting”)
Master of Theology and Culture, Northwest University, 2011
Bachelor of Arts, Music Ministry, Northwest University, 2006
Master of Nursing, University of Washington, 2004
Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University of Washington, 2000
ADN, Nursing, Bellevue College, 1996
AA in Mechanics, Romania, 1986

Born and raised in Romania, Dr. Ben Stercuic escaped Communist Romania in June of 1989, after experiencing persecution and imprisonment. After spending a year and a half in a refugee camp in Austria, where Ben brought his wife, Lia, and son, Flavius, from Romania, they immigrated to the USA.

Ben pursued education in the medical field (RN) as well as theology (DMin) and, together with his wife established care facilities for the elderly in the community. He is also founding pastor of Elevation Church International, continuing to plant churches and oversee all thirty-eight Elevation churches in different countries. They also planted Elevation Church in Kirkland, WA, out of which they planted twenty-seven other churches in Africa and Pakistan.

Ben and his family also founded Vital Solutions (www.vitalsol.org), a nonprofit organization that serves impoverished communities in several countries, from Uganda and Kenya in Africa to Pakistan and Nepal in Asia, to Ukraine and Romania in Europe, with accessible healthcare and refugee relief. Their work in Ukraine began almost immediately as Ukraine was attacked in 2022, ministering to the humanitarian and spiritual needs of refugees as they crossed the Romanian-Ukrainian border and in ongoing humanitarian relief within Ukraine itself.
BUSINESS MEETINGS

Executive Committee
Wednesday, March 13th
8AM–5 PM
Location: RARB 517- Dean’s Conference Room
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Includes: the members of the Executive Committee for the Society

Diversity Interest Group
Thursday, March 14th
4:00-5:00 PM
Location: Wesley Teaching Chapel
Contact: benjacuk@gmail.com
Includes: the members of the Diversity Interest Group

Interest Group Business Meetings
Friday, March 15th
12:00-1:30 PM
Location: Same room as the previous session
Contact: loisolena@gmail.com
Includes: all conference participants

2024 Program Committee
Saturday, March 16th
12:00-1:30 PM
Location: RARB 517- Dean’s Conference Room
Contact: loisolena@gmail.com
Includes: all Interest Group Leaders, VP, 2nd VP, and Executive Director

Librarians & Archivists Meeting
Saturday, March 16th
12:00-1:30 PM
Location: Room 368
Contact: disgrigg@oru.edu
Includes: persons participating in church institutional libraries and archives

Annual SPS Business Meeting
Saturday, March 16th
4:00-5:45 PM
Location: Cannon Chapel
Contact: adhinkle@oru.edu
Includes: all active SPS members
SATELLITE EVENTS
Friday, March 15, 2023
5:30-7:00 PM
Alliance for Black Pentecostal Scholarship
Award Ceremony and Gala Dinner: Recognizing Black Pentecostal Scholars and Leaders
Location: Atlanta Marriott Northeast • 2000 Century Boulevard NE
Atlanta, GA
Chair: Clifton Clarke
LIST OF SESSIONS

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024

9:30-10:30 AM — Morning Refreshments
Location: Rita Anne Rollins 360

10:15 TO 11:45 AM

**Biblical Studies A - Joint Session with Ecumenical Studies (see below): "Ecumenism and Pentecostal Hermeneutics"**
Room: White Hall 205
Chair: Meghan Musy | Evangel University and Daniel Tobin | The Catholic University of America
Alicia Jackson | Vanguard University
"Inheritance as Inclusion in Ezekiel 47:13-23: Examining Ezekielian Ethics in Restored Israel"
Micheline Facey | Alphacrucis University College
"Hermeneutical Distortion, Corporate Illusions, and the Mess We’re In Now: an Ecumenical Reading of Ezekiel 14:1-11"
Respondent: Rick Wadholm | Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

**Christian Ethics**
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 411
Chair: Tommy Casarez | Vanguard University
Daniela Augustine | University of Birmingham, UK
Book Panel Discussion: *The Spirit and the Common Good: Reflections and Retrospectives*
Respondents: Michael Austin Kamenicky | Lee University
Joseph Lear | Evangel University
**History - Session 1**

**Room:** Rita Anne Rollins 501  
**Chair:** Dominic Cedillo | UC Berkeley  

“Making Babylon Great Again?: Latino/a Pentecostals as Pilgrims or Settlers. A Roundtable Discussion of Lloyd Barba’s *Sowing the Sacred*, Jonathan Calvillo’s *The Saints of Santa Ana*, and Daniel Ramírez’s *Migrating Faith*”

Panelists:
- Lloyd Daniel Barba | Amherst College
- Jonathan E. Calvillo | Emory University
- Daniel Ramírez | Claremont Graduate University

Respondents:
- Sammy Alfaro | Grand Canyon University
- Erica Ramirez | Auburn Theological Seminary

**History - Session 2/Canadian Symposium**

**Room:** Rita Anne Rollins 401  
**Chair:** Thang San Mung | Oral Roberts University

Aaron M. Ross | Summit Pacific College  
"One Ocean Apart:" a History of Majority World Pentecostals' Immigration to Canada

David Daniel Kentie | Bangor University  
"Beware the Mother of Harlots: the Roots of Anti-Ecumenism and Apocalyptic Rhetoric Against the Ecumenical Movement in Newfoundland and Labrador"

Respondent: Michael Wilkinson | Trinity University

**Intercultural Studies/Missions**

**Room:** Rita Anne Rollins 447  
**Chair:** Joey Peyton | Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

Tamitha Lynch | Church of God Missions  
"Holistic Community Care: a Trauma-Informed Approach to Loving Your Neighbor”

Misael Cornelio-Arias | Assemblies of God World Missions  
"Empowered Compassion: Hispanic Pentecostal Response to the Ukrainian Refuge Crisis”

Kari Hoggard | University of London  
"Refugee and Migrant Care in Trauma Settings"
**Practical Theology/Christian Formation**  
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 322  
Chair: TBD

Joshua Ziefe | Northwest University  
"Theology Camp: Pentecostal Insights From a High School Youth Theology Program"

Ewen Butler | Regent University  
"Pentecostalism and Education Everywhere: Making Room for the Spirit"

Respondent: Alaine Buchanan | North Central University

**Religion and Culture**  
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 250  
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Dustin Elder | Independent Scholar  
"A Soundtrack for Lament: Locating the Voice of Lament and Creating Space for Lament Through a Hearing of John Lennon's 'Mother'"

Paul Oxley | Emmanuel College  
"Oral Roberts: a Biographical Take on a Man of God's Musical Migration as a Cultural Refugee"

Philip Struyk | Fuller Theological Seminary  
"Pentecostal Trinitarian Luturgical Theology: a Constructive Response to Steven Félix-Jäger's 'Renewal Worship'"

**Theology**  
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 549  
Chair: TBD

Wilmer Estrada Carrasquillo | Asbury Theological Seminary  
"Displacement and Salvation: Contributions to Christology From a Migrant Perspective"

Jacob Chengwei Feng | Fuller Theological Seminary  
"The Pentecost in the Eyes of a Stranger in Ancient China: a Pentecostal Analysis of the Refugees' Communication of the 'Luminous'"
Worship and the Arts: "The Spirit & the Song: Local and Global Perspectives"
Room: Wesley Teaching Chapel
Chair: Chris Green | Southeastern University
Kimberly Alexander | Ramp School of Ministry
“‘Oh Happy Day’: the Migration and Reclamation of the Soul of Pentecostal Faith”

Jeremy Perigo | Dordt University
"Assessing Contemporary Worship Song’s Role in Turkish Liturgical Identity Through a Pneumatological Framework”

Eric Williams | Duke Divinity School
“Tracing Spirit in the Dark: on the Shadow of the Holy Ghost in Black Secular Music Culture”

Jeff Lamp | Oral Roberts University
“‘The Answer my Friend’: A Pneumatological Reading of ‘Blowing in the Wind’ by Bob Dylan”

12:00-1:30 PM — General Lunch
Location: See page XX

Women’s Caucus Luncheon
Room: Brooks Commons
Chair: Jacqui Grey
1:30 TO 3:00 PM

Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue
Room: Wesley Teaching Chapel
Chair: James Shelton | Oral Roberts University and Christopher A. Stephenson | Lee University

Gregory Hillis and Wolfgang Vondey | Greg: Candler School of Theology at Emory University; Wolfgang: University of Birmingham
"Sixty Years of Lumen Gentium, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church"

Christian Ethics
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 411
Chair: Lemuel Godinez | Oral Roberts University

Joseph Lear | Evangel University

John Onelum | University of Birmingham, UK
"What Hath the Lamb to do with the Scapegoat? Developing 'Eucharist Discernment' as a Response to the Problem of Scapegoating in Society"

Tom Kurt | BewegungPlus Schweiz
"Identity and Social Justice: the Spirit, We, and Others"

History
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 501
Chair: Scot Loyd | University of Jamestown

Catherine McGee | Missouri State
"The Lost Is Found': Pentecostals and the British-Israel Theology of Race"

Daniel Isgrigg | Oral Roberts University
"The Charismatic Origins of the Rapture: Re-Assessing the ‘Uneasy’ Relationship Between Dispensationalism and Pentecostal Eschatology"

Ryan Ramsey | Baylor University
"The Role of Disappointment in the Formation of Pentecostalism: a Case Study of Early Missionaries in Central America"

Respondent: Zachary Tackett | United States Naval Academy Chapel
**Intercultural Studies/Missions**  
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 447  
Chair: Jacob Palma | Fuller Theological Seminary  
Joey Peyton | Assemblies of God Theological Seminary  
"Let the Spirit Speak: a Pentecostal Contribution at the American Border"  
Irene Amon | Fuller Theological Seminary  
"Embracing the Unknown: the Role of Pentecostal Leadership in the Refugee Crisis"  
Allan Varghese Meloottu | Asbury Theological Seminary  
"Pentecostal Spiritual Warfare and Public Witness: Towards a Pentecostal Paradigm for Public Engagement"

**Practical Theology and Christian Formation**  
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 322  
Chair: Josh Samuel | Master’s College and Seminary  
Michael Young | Pacific Rim University  
"Reassessing Servant Leadership as a Valid Ecclesial Expression of Leadership Pentecostal Spirituality: an Analysis of Servant Leadership Through the Prism of Pentecostal Spirituality"  
Mario Hood | Portland Seminary  
"From Individualism to Inter-Sociality: Paracletic Leadership for Gen-Z in Multicultural Contexts Amidst Postmodernism, Complexity, and Globalization"  
Ricardo Alvelo | Southeastern University  
"Contributions to a Pentecostal Theology of Accountability"  
Respondent: Renea Brathwaite | Vanguard University

**Religion and Culture**  
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 250  
Chair: TBD  
Thomas Smallt | Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
"Let Me to Thy Bosom Fly: on the Welcoming of Foreigners and the Self-Problematization of the Black Church"  
Ruthie Wienk | Lee University  
"Constructing Difference: a Comparison of Racial Formation in Early Pentecostal Denominations"  
Darnell Williams | North Central University  
"Cultivating Leadership Opportunities for African Americans in the Assemblies of God"
Thursday 1:30 PM

**Theology**
*Room: Rita Anne Rollins 549  
Chair: TBD*

John Kenneth Newton | Alphacrucis University College  
"The Pentecostal Rapture: a Sectarian Turn in Early Pentecostalism"

David Perry | Alphacrucis University College  
"An Australian Reflection: Pragmatism as an Implicit Guiding Principle in Pentecostal Church Leadership"

**Social and Behavioral Sciences**
*Room: Rita Anne Rollins 421  
Chair: Wesley Lee | Southwestern Christian University*

Scott Ellington | Independent Scholar  
“When Words Fail: Spiritually Supporting Non-Communicative Persons Through a Multi-Sensory Approach”

Jesse Heath | University of Manchester - Nazarene Theological College  
“Trauma and Habitual Sins: Can Trauma Hinder Deliverance”

Rebecca Webster | Southwestern Christian University  
“Our Identity in Christ”

3:00 PM — Afternoon Break  
*Location: Rita Anne Rollins 360*
3:30 TO 5:00 PM

**Biblical Studies A**
Room: White Hall 205
Chair: TBD

Who? | Where?
"What Gifts Do Pentecostal Hermeneutics Offer the Wider Christian Community?"

Who? | Where?
"Ressourcement and Reception History: Toward a Pentecostal Ecumenical Engagement of Sources"

**Biblical Studies B**
Room: White Hall 208
Chair: TBD

JP O’Connor | Northwest University
"The Mikra and the Megaloi: Judgment and Justice in Mark’s Gospel"

Esa Autero | South Florida Bible College & Seminary
"New Testament, Migration, and Refugees in India"

Andrew Opie | Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
"Paul Challenges an Idea of the Poor: a Category Dehumanizing the Other"

**Christian Ethics**
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 411
Chair: Daniel Montañez | Boston University

Danny Sebastian | Southern Methodist University
"Amoral Economy and Moral Charity: The Significance of Gifts"

Christopher Parkes | Hillsong College
"‘Boat People’ Are a ‘Wicked Problem’: The (in)Compatibility of Utilitarian Political Practice and Pneumatic Hospitality"

Steven Félix-Jäger | Life Pacific University
"Freedom From the Free Market: Moral Conflict by Consumer Choice"
Ecumenical Studies - Joint Session with Practical Theology
Room: Cannon Chapel
Chair: Daniel Tobin | The Catholic University of America

Jehu Hanciles | Candler School of Theology
"Presentation on his Book, Migration and the Making of Global Christianity"
Respondent: Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu | Trinity Theological Seminary, Lagon, Ghana

History
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 501
Chair: TBD

Alex Mayfield | Asbury University
"Pentecostal Missions in China: a Comprehensive Statistical Overview, 1907-1950"

Iap Sian-Chin | National Chengchi University, Taiwan
"Shanghai Federation of Pentecostal Churches: a Neglected Indigenous/Independent Pentecostal Association"
Respondent: Paul Lewis | Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

Intercultural Studies/Missions
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 447
Chair: Allan Varghese | Asbury Seminary

Dony Donev | Lee University
"Slavic Refugee Women Missionaries in Early American Pentecost: the Case of Anna Ladd Bartleman"

David Osei-Nimoh | Oral Roberts University
"Fulanis Also Need a Savior: the Church of Pentecost’s Missional Approach Toward Fulani Refugees in Ghana"

Rory Randall | Africa Ministry Partners
"Displaced in the DR Congo"
Thursday 3:30 PM

**Philosophy**
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 401
Chair: Edwin Rodriguez-Gungor | Bangor University

Douglas Olena | Independent Scholar
"Lifeboat Ethics: How a Zero-Sum Presupposition Is Contraindicated Both by the Bible and Statistical Evidence"

Rohan Samuels | Evangelical Seminary (Kairos University)
"Contextual Theology as an Epistemological Project for Doing Theology in Multi-World Contexts: an Exploration for the Twenty-First Century Church"

**Practical Theology and Christian Formation - Joint Session with Ecumenical Studies**
Room: Cannon Chapel
Chair: Daniel Tobin | The Catholic University of America

Jehu Hanciles | Candler School of Theology
"Presentation on his Book, Migration and the Making of Global Christianity"

Respondent: Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu | Trinity Theological Seminary, Lagon, Ghana

**Religion and Culture**
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 250
Chair: TBD

Joseph Lee Dutko | Oceanside Community Church
"Responding to the Refugee Crisis: Why Pentecostal Gender Attitudes May Hold the Key"

Israel Steinmetz | The Bible Seminary
"Getting the Question Right: Are You my Neighbor or Am I Yours? Reading the Story of the Good Samaritan With the Stranger"

5:30-7:00 PM — General Dinner
Location: See page XX
* Tickets must be purchased prior to the conference.
5:00-6:00 PM

**Diversity Committee Business Meeting**
Room: Wesley Teaching Chapel
Chair: Benjamin Jacuk

6:00 - 6:55 PM

**Ecumenical Business Meeting**
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 421
Chair: Daniel Tobin

7:00 PM **Plenary Session: M. Daniel Carroll R. (Rodas)**
FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

8:30 - 10:00 AM

**Biblical Studies A**
Room: White Hall 205
Chair: TBD

Rebekah Bled | Oral Roberts University
"Humor and Hope Deferred: Reading the Isaac Birth Narrative With Mikhail Bakhtin”

Isaiah Padgett | McMaster Divinity College
"Foreign Time to Foreign Soil: Leviticus 19 and the Problem of Ethical Principalization”

David Basher | Baylor University
"With Spirit and Fire: a Reanalysis of Ṭlḥ in the Samson, Saul, and David Narratives"

**Biblical Studies B**
Room: White Hall 208
Chair:

Matthew David Popham | Pentecostal Theological Seminary
"Pneumatic Hospitality: a Pentecostal Response to the Emptying of Highways and Hedges”

Michael Blythe | Nations University

Van Johnson | Master's Pentecostal Seminary

**Christian Ethics**
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 411
Chair: Joseph Lear | Evangel University

Alejandra Guajardo-Hodge | Church of God of Prophecy
"What We Owe the Other: Exploring Ethical Approaches to the Immigration Crisis From a Pentecostal Perspective”

Lemuel Godinez | Oral Roberts University
"Sanctuary at the Southern US Border: Biblical Justice in the Face of Persecution"
**Ecumenical Studies**

**Room:** Rita Anne Rollins 421  
**Chair:** Allison MacGregor | Fleming College

"Pentecostal Contributions to and Reception of Faith and Order Papers, *Towards a Global Vision of the Church Part I & II*"

Panelists:  
- Mel Robeck | Fuller Theological Seminary  
- Gharzaryan Drissi | World Council of Churches  
- Michael Donaldson | Oral Roberts University  
- Josiah Baker | Global Christian Forum

**History**

**Room:** Rita Anne Rollins 501  
**Chair:** Lloyd Barba | Amherst College

Raynard Smith | New Brunswick Theological Seminary  
"Peering Over Their Shoulders: Mining the Book of Minutes of the Church of God in Christ, 1919 to 1932"

Ovell Hamilton | Morehouse College  
"Sanctified Georgia: the Early History of the Church of God in Christ"

Sherry Sherrod DuPree | Independent Scholar  
"The Religious Pilgrimage of Bishop C.H. Mason"

J. Gordon Melton | Baylor University  
"The Rise and Fall of Texas’ Other Lone Ranger: The Career of COGIC’s Bishop R. E. Ranger"

**Intercultural Studies/Missions**

**Room:** Rita Anne Rollins 447  
**Chair:** Paul Lewis | Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

Phil Zarns | North Central University  
"Self-Localizing: the Indigenous Church in Context"

Solomon Kwasi Kyei | Philippine Christian University  
"Mission on the Move: What Really Counts in Discipling the Displaced"

Azadeh Bahramji | Fuller Theological Seminary  
"The Role of Hospitality in Creating Emotional Attachment Between First-Generation Iranian Muslim Immigrants and Their Host Christian Communities in the USA"
**Philosophy**  
**Room: Rita Anne Rollins 401**  
**Chair: Taylor Drake | Southwestern Christian University**

Joey Alan Le | Independent Scholar  
"Pentecostal Aesthetic Apologetics: the Beauty and Truth of God"

Phil Kallberg | Southwest Baptist University  
"Can Apologetics Start With Experience? A Method for Developing a Pentecostal Apologetic"

Eftaxoulla Damianidou | Assemblies of God Theological Seminary  
"An Examination of Pascal's Wager Through the Lens of Doxastic Voluntarism"

**Practical Theology and Christian Formation**  
**Room: Rita Anne Rollins 322**  
**Chair: Valerie Crumpton | Jakes Divinity School**

William Valmyr | Southeastern University  
"Crossing the Divide: Pentecostal Foundations for a Practical Theology of Migration and Refugees"

Sara Stabe | Fuller Theological Seminary  
"Leading Pentecostal/Charismatic Congregations To Embrace Their Multi-Ethnic Identity: a Practical Theological Approach Based on a Pentecostal/Charismatic Epistemology"

Eduardo Nieves | Regent University  
"Hispanic Migrant Faith Communities: a Culture of Coexistence"

Johnathan Alvarado | The Greater Atlanta Theological Seminary  
"'Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land': African American Pentecostal Migration From White Nationalism Found in Evangelical Spaces"

**Religion and Culture**  
**Room: Rita Anne Rollins 250**  
**Chair: TBD**

Ben Crace | Tennessee Technological University  
"In the Sky and on the Ground: Pentecostal Eschatology, ETs, and the Problem of ‘Aliens’"

Ivan Hartsfield | Oral Roberts University  
"Towards an Exilic Identity: a Response to Christian Nationalism"
Theology
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 549  
Chair: TBD

Jeanetta Gregory | Fuller Theological Seminary  
"Following Jesus in the Fullness of the Spirit: Exploring the Doxology of Pentecostal Ethics"

Jeremy Matthew Bone | Fuller Theological Seminary  
"The Mobile Spirit: Towards a Transnational Theological Imagination Constructed on Charismatic Spirituality"

Respondent: Thangsan Mung | Natural Church Development – Myanmar

Daniela Rizzo | Alphacrucis University College  
"Animal Glossolalia: a Pneumatological Framework for Animal Theology"

Theological Education
Room: Cannon Chapel  
Chair: David Han | Pentecostal Theological Seminary

Book Review Panel on The Holy Spirit and Higher Education: Renewing the Christian University

Panelists:
Tommy Casarez | Vanguard University  
"Andrew" Sang-Min Han | Han Young Theological University  
Daniel Castelo | Duke University

Respondent: Dale Coulter | Pentecostal Theological Seminary

Worship and the Arts
Room: Wesley Teaching Chapel  
Chair: Dara Delgado | Allegheny College

Book Review Panel on The Spirit and the Screen

Panelists:
Leah Payne | Portland Seminary, George Fox University  
Austin Kamenicky | Lee University  
Asia Lerner-Gay | Candler School of Theology

Respondents: Steven Félix-Jäger | Life Pacific University  
Chris Green | Southeastern University
10:00 AM — Morning Break
Location: Rita Anne Rollins 360

10:45 AM Plenary Session: Panel Discussion

12:00 PM — Boxed Lunch
Location: Pick up pre-purchased lunches from the Atrium and proceed to the Interest Group Business meeting in the location listed below.
** Advanced tickets must be purchased.

Meeting Locations:

- Biblical Studies
- Christian Ethics
- Diversity
- Ecumenical Studies
- History
- Intercultural Studies
- Philosophy
- Practical Theology and Christian Formation
- Religion and Culture
- Social & Behavioral Sciences
- Theological Education
- Theology
- Worship and the Arts

Brooks Commons
Rita Anne Rollins 411
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See page 27
Rita Anne Rollins 501
Rita Anne Rollins 447
Rita Anne Rollins 401
Rita Anne Rollins 322
Brooks 314
Rita Anne Rollins 322
Cannon Chapel
Rita Anne Rollins 549
Wesley Teaching Chapel
1:45 - 3:15 PM

**Biblical Studies A**
Room: White Hall 205
Chair: TBD
Jacqueline Grey | Alphacrucis University College
"Isaiah 11 and the Spirit's Work of Justice for Displaced People Groups"
Levi Moberg | Assemblies of God Theological Seminary
"Ironic Praise: an Exegetical and Literary Examination of Jonah 2"
Jacob Padgett | Independent Scholar
"Lament and Trauma Healing: Ethnic Identity and Pilgrimage in the Psalms"

**Biblical Studies B**
Room: White Hall 208
Chair: TBD
D. Michael Postlethwait | Oral Roberts University
John Griffiths | Alphacrucis University College
"Take This Cup Away From Me: the Spirit, Testing, and Gethsemane"
Matthias Wenk | IGW Zurich
"Towards the Restoration of Justice: a Neglected Aspect in the Healing of Acts"

**Christian Ethics**
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 411
Chair: Alejandra Guajardo-Hodge | Independent Scholar
Noemi Vega Quiñones | Southern Methodist University
"A Philosophical Problem of Classification, a Pentecostal Ethic of Welcome, and a Virtue Ethic of Buen Venir"
Bob Johnson | University of Alabama
Oleksandra Mykhnevych | Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
"War in Ukraine and Response of the Church"
Ecumenical Studies
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 421
Chair: Jodine Glasgow | Northwest University

Christopher Stephenson | Lee University
"Pentecostal-Catholic Conversations on Grace and Infusion"

Frank Markow | The King's University
"Finding the Spirit in the Organization"

Dale Coulter | Pentecostal Theological Seminary
"Christ-Centered Spirit-Infused: Toward a Wesleyan-Pentecostal Vision of the Church"

History
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 501
Chair: Ryan Ramsey | Baylor University

Douglas Thomas | SUNY-Brockport
"From Queen Mother to Church Mother: Migrating Matriarchy in the Church of God in Christ"

P. Douglas Chapman | Ascent College
"African-American Migrants to Detroit, 1910-1940: an Examination of Pentecostal Responsiveness"

Dara Delgado | Allegheny College
"Do for Their People, Their Community, and Their Church: Black Pentecostalism and the Great Migration"

Respondent: Alexander Stewart | Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith

Intercultural Studies/Missions
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 447
Chair: Phil Zarns | North Central University

Paul Lewis | Assemblies of God Theological Seminary
"Migrants and the First Millennium Church of the East Mission in China"

Thang San Mung | Independent Scholar
"Logos In A Burman Mind"

Jhohan Eduardo Centeno Collazos | Fundación Universitaria Seminario Bíblico de Columbia
“Colombian Pentecostalism: Contributions to the Flourishing of Displaced Persons"
Philosophy
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 401
Chair: Leon Harris | Biola University
Taylor Drake | Southwestern Christian University
"Apologetics From the Pulpit: a Pentecostal Sketch"

John Poirier | Independent Scholar
"What Does Christian Apologetics Defend—the Bible or the Gospel?"

Jenny Davila-Holloway | Regent University
"How Should Pentecostals Approach Apologetics Toward Marginalized Groups in an Era of Christo-Fascism and Wokeism?"

Practical Theology and Christian Formation - Joint Session with Social and Behavioral Sciences
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 322
Chair: Paul Shrier | Azusa Pacific University

Renee Griffith-Grantham | Evangel University
"Pentecost Beyond the Speech Act: Re-Imagining the Lives of Disabled Refugees Through Pentecostal Engagement With Disability Theology"

Jonathan Boerger | McMaster Divinity College
"Trauma and the Table: Creating Hospitality and Safety at the Lord’s Supper"

Pam Engelbert | Independent Researcher
"Telling the Story of False Gods: What Happens When the Spirit Joins Survivors of Sexual Violence in Their Faux Images of God?"

Robert McBain | Oral Roberts University
"The Power of Motherhood: How the Pentecostal Concept of Motherhood Affects Pentecostal Women’s Depression Experiences"
Religion and Culture
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 250
Chair: TBD

David Andersen-Eikeri | Norwegian School of Leadership and Theology
"From Victim to Victor: Three Complementary Perspectives on the Rise of Pentecostalism in Brazil"

Truls Liland | NLA University College
"From Revival to Reformation: Transformed Hearts Bringing Societal Change"

Theological Education
Room: Cannon Chapel
Chair: TBD

Josiah Stephan | South Florida Bible College & Theological Seminary
"Reimagining Theological Education for the Diaspora"

Worship and the Arts
Room: Wesley Teaching Chapel
Chair: Robby Waddell | Southeastern University

Marc Byrd | Independent
(Music Performance and Interview)
"The Word Within the Wordless - Experiences of God in Neo-Classical Wordless Music / a Conversation Between Music Producer, Marc Byrd and Aaron Gabriel Ross"

3:15 PM — Afternoon Break
Location: Rita Anne Rollins 360

3:45-4:45 PM Plenary Session Alexia Salvatierra
5:30-7:00 PM Alliance for Black Pentecostal Scholarship Award Ceremony and Gala Dinner
Location: Atlanta Marriott Northeast - 2000 Century Boulevard NE Atlanta, GA
* Tickets must be purchased prior to the conference.

5:30-7:00 PM — General Dinner
Location: See page XX
* Tickets must be purchased prior to the conference.

7:30-9:00 PM PLENARY SESSION BEN STERCIUC
Challenging the Dunn Conversion-Initiation Thesis

**Discounted at the Foundation for Pentecostal Scholarship Table**

*From the Foreword:* “...While this monograph is notable because of its subject matter, it is also marked by excellent scholarship. The book is filled with helpful exegetical insights, enhanced by an astonishing command of and interaction with the scholarly literature, and characterized by sensitivity to Luke's literary skill...”

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**Luke's Rhetorical Compositions** offers new ideas in Lukan scholarship... Two chapters deserve special mention: the material in chapter 3 is a groundbreaking discussion of Acts 2:38 in which its Greek verb tense speaks to the subsequent reception of the gift of the Holy Spirit following salvation, not coincident with salvation. In Acts 2:38 it is Luke's intention to portray Peter as promising the gift of the Holy Spirit to hearers and to those beyond narrative time as a Pentecostal experience.

Saturday, March 16, 2024

8:30 - 10:00 AM

**Biblical Studies A**
Room: White Hall 205
Chair: TBD

Kevin Spawn | Regent University School of Divinity
"Restoration and Blessing in 2 Chronicles 20:1-30"

Jennifer Greig-Berens | Oral Roberts University
"Seeking God's Refuge: Re-Imagining the 'Foreign Woman' in the Book of Ruth and Joseph and Aseneth"

Becky Hill | Pentecostal Theological Seminary
"Without a Homeland: the Story of Esther"

**Biblical Studies B**
Room: White Hall 208
Chair: TBD

Lindsey Croston | University of Aberdeen
"Tables & Temples: a Cognitive Linguistic Examination of 1 Corinthians 10:14-22"

Hunter Holmes | Princeton Theological Seminary
"The Ministry Marked by Death's Power: an Alternative Interpretation of 2 Corinthians 3:7-8"

Anna Droll | South Florida Theological Seminary
"Women in the Spirit: a Pentecostal Critique of Certain Aspects of the Complementarian Argument"
Christian Ethics  
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 411  
Chair: Danny Sebastian | Southern Methodist University

Daniel Montañez | Boston University School of Theology  
"An Ethic of Sojourn: a Latino Pentecostal Response to Dominion Theology and the Seven Mountain Mandate"

Christain Marie Teachout | Assemblies of God Theological Seminary  
"Seeing Through Their Eyes: a Theological Framework for Serving the Stranger We Know"

Raymond Pfister | Trinity Bible College & Graduate School  
"Living According to the Righteousness of God: A Pentecostal Reading of the Sermon on the Mount"

Ecumenical Studies - Joint Session with Theological Education  
Room: Cannon Chapel  
Chairs: Daniel Tobin | The Catholic University of America and David Han | Pentecostal Theological Seminary

Zachary Michael Tackett | United States Naval Academy Chapel  
"Meet the Writers: Celebrating Life in Community: Reflections in Social Ethics and the Church, Essays in Honor of Murray W. Dempster" (Pedagogical Dynamics of the Text and its Articles)

Kenneth Archer | Southeastern University School of Divinity  
"Meet the Writers: Celebrating Life in Community: Reflections in Social Ethics and the Church, Essays in Honor of Murray W. Dempster" (Ecumenical Dynamics of the Text and its Articles)

Chris Green | Southeastern University School of Divinity  
"Meet the Writers: Celebrating Life in Community: Reflections in Social Ethics and the Church, Essays in Honor of Murray W. Dempster" (Chapter on Eucharist, Homelessness, and Hospitality)

Respondent: Lauren Railey | Southeastern University
Saturday 8:30 AM

**History**

*Room: Rita Anne Rollins 501*

*Chair: Lisa Millen|Assemblies of God Theological Seminary*

Ruthie Oberg | Flower Pentecostal Heritage Center
"A Historical Critique of Tommy Welchel's Azusa Street: They Told Me Their Stories"

Andrea Johnson | CSU Dominguez Hills
"Pentecostalism as a Western Phenomenon: Azusa Street Revised"

Kent Butler | Liberty University
"Ordination and Licensing of Ministers Within the Assemblies of God: Doctrinal Conflict, Railroads, and Relationships"

Respondent: Mel Robeck|Fuller Seminary

**Intercultural Studies/Missions**

*Room: Rita Anne Rollins 447*

*Chair: Delonn Rance|Assemblies of God Theological Seminary*

Lorraine Orozco | Liberty University
"The Effects of Disability on Immigration"

Respondents: Andy Opie|Trinity Evangelical Divinity
Jenny Davila-Holloway|Regent University
Renee Griffith-Grantham|Evangel University

**Philosophy**

*Room: Rita Anne Rollins 401*

*Chair: Aaron G. Ross|Ashland University*

Austin Spiller | Independent Scholar
"Witness as Defense: Expanding our Definition of Apologetics in Pentecostal Context"

Page Brooks | SUM Bible College & Seminary
"Apologetics via Tongues: Creating a Pentecostal Apologetic Methodology"

Jeremy Wallace | Oral Roberts University
"Pentetostalis Apologeticus? The Quest for a Distinctively Pentecostal Apologetic"

Respondent: Yoon Shin|Independent Scholar
Practical Theology and Christian Formation  
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 322  
Chair: David Hilborn | London School of Theology  
Gary Tyra | Vanguard University  
"Step One in the Process of a Sacramental Sermon: the Preparation (Spirituality) of the Preacher"  
Martin Mittelstadt | Evangel University  
"Called to Family: a Pentecostal Theology of Vocation"  
Respondent: Susan Maros | Fuller Theological Seminary

Religion and Culture  
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 250  
Chair: TBD  
Benjamin Antone Jacuk | Alaska Native Heritage Center  
"The Generational Curse of American Christianity: Assimilitive Boarding Schools and a Theological Investigation of Generational Trauma"  
Emmanuel Padilla | Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary  
"'P FKN R' or 'P BENDITO R': Analyzing the Polemic Between Pentecostal Rappers and Bad Bunny"
**Theological Education**  
*Room: Cannon Chapel*  
*Chair: Daniel Tobin | The Catholic University of America; David Han | Pentecostal Theological Seminary*

Zachary Michael Tackett | United States Naval Academy Chapel  
"Meet the Writers: Celebrating Life in Community: Reflections in Social Ethics and the Church, Essays in Honor of Murray W. Dempster" (Pedagogical Dynamics of the Text and its Articles)

Kenneth Archer | Southeastern University School of Divinity  
"Meet the Writers: Celebrating Life in Community: Reflections in Social Ethics and the Church, Essays in Honor of Murray W. Dempster" (Ecumenical Dynamics of the Text and its Articles)

Chris Green | Southeastern University School of Divinity  
"Meet the Writers: Celebrating Life in Community: Reflections in Social Ethics and the Church, Essays in Honor of Murray W. Dempster" (Chapter on Eucharist, Homelessness, and Hospitality)

Respondent: Lauren Railey | Southeastern University

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**Theology**  
*Room: Rita Anne Rollins 549*  
*Chair: TBD*

Audrey McCormick | Oral Roberts University  
"Yahweh, the Husband of Israel: a Bridal Vow of Justice"

Respondent: Wonsuk Ma | Oral Roberts University

David Reed | Wycliffe College, University of Toronto  
"Angels, Demons, and Ghosts—Oh my! A Provisional Look at Extraordinary Phenomena"

Respondent: Andrew Banacos | Helen DeVos College of Education

Anna Ebamu Paluca | University of Education (Heidelberg, Germany)  
"The Spirit of Life in a World of Death and Suffering: A Pneumatological Approach to Theodicy"

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**Worship and the Arts**  
*Room: Wesley Teaching Chapel*  
*Chair: Steven Félix-Jäger | Life Pacific University*

Don Saliers | Candler School of Theology (emeritus)  
Guided Tour (#1) of the John Swanson Art Collection at Candler (Capacity: 15; Sign Up at Registration Table)
10:00 AM — Morning Coffee Break  
Location: 360 RAR

10:45-12:00 PM PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS  
SAMMY ALFARO (CANNON CHAPEL)

12:00-1:00 PM — General Lunch  
Location: See page XX

12:00-1:00 PM — Program Committee Boxed Lunch  
Location: Rita Anne Rollins Room 517-Dean’s Conference Room

12:00-1:00 PM — Librarian/Archivist Boxed Lunch  
Location: Rita Anne Rollins 368

1:45 - 3:15 PM

**Biblical Studies A**  
Room: White Hall 205  
Chair: TBD

Matthew Whidden | Southeastern University  
"The Coherence-Based Genealogical Method: a Practical Introduction"

Dongsoo Kim | Pyeongtaek University  
"The Origin of John’s ‘Gospel’"

Jeffrey Brickle | Urshan Graduate School of Theology  
"Paul and Pliny: the (Un)Parallel Lives, Letters, and Legacies of Apostle and Politician"
Biblical Studies B  
Room: White Hall 208  
Chair: TBD  
Harold Andres Gutierrez | Summit Pacific College  
"From Exiles to Envoys: a Pentecostal Re-Imagination of the Babel Reversal Motif and Ideological Exile”  
Melissa Archer | Southeastern University  
"'Be Warm and Well Fed': Reading James 2:14-27 in Light of the Global Refugee Crisis”  
Wesley Scott Biddy | Pentecostal Theological Seminary  
"Christian Perfection as the Imitation of the Spirit of Wisdom in James"

Christian Ethics - Joint Session with Theological Education  
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 411  
Chair: Christopher Parkes | Hillsong College  
Tim Stagner | McMaster Divinity College  
"The Ethics of Asynchronous Online Education”  
Creighton Coleman | University of Virginia  
"Political Equality as Openness to the Spirit: Duties and Rights Beyond Ontological Notions of Humanity"

Ecumenical Studies  
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 421  
Chair: Daniel Tobin | The Catholic University of America  
Nkorni Chakunte Katte | Wilberforce University  
"The Identity of the Lord of Hosts”  
Harold Hunter | International Pentecostal Holiness Church Ministries  
"Climate Justice Demands Shelter for Climate Refugees and Justice for Victims of Environmental Racism”  
Richard Waldrop | The Shalom Project  
"Pentecostal Boots on the Ground Along the Border: Ecumenical Experiences in Protest, Advocacy, Sponsorship and Assistance Among Refugees and Asylum Seekers"
History
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 501
Chair: Creighton Coleman | University of Virginia

Danny Ballon-Garst | Emory University
"The Curious Case of James S. Tinney and the Politics of Memory"

Antipas Harris | Old Dominion University

Respondent: Leah Payne | Portland Seminary, George Fox University

Intercultural Studies/Missions
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 447
Chair: Valerie Rance | Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

Jose Abraham | Fuller Theological Seminary
"Amos Yong’s Contributions Towards a Pentecostal Theology of Hospitality"

Jacob Palma | Fuller Theological Seminary
"On the Need for Oneness Pentecostal Contributions to Mission Theology: Some Opportunities and Impediments"

Andrew Darko Donkor | Fuller Theological Seminary
"Not Strangers, but Co-Heirs of Christ: a Pentecostal Response to the Refugee Crisis"

Practical Theology and Christian Formation
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 322
Chair: Anthony Roberts | Southeastern University

James Smith | Grand Canyon University
"Exploring Loving Thy Neighbor as Thyself Through the Lens of Spiritual Intelligence"

Johan Mostert | Compact
"Social Justice: How Pentecostals Are Reversing the 'Great Reversal'"

Becca Marie Hald | Portland Seminary
"Jesus’ Approach to Power: a Philosophy of Reconciliation"

Respondent: Joy Qualls | Biola University
Religion and Culture  
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 250  
Chair: Derrick Rosenior | Vanguard University  
Panel Discussion on Pentecostal Responses to Migration  
Panelists:
- John Mark Robeck | Vanguard University  
- Eunice Kang | Vanguard University  
- Rodolfo Estrada | Vanguard University  
- Joseph Castleberry | Northwest University  
- Amberly Gourlay | Vanguard University

Theology 
Room: Rita Anne Rollins 549  
Chair: Margaret de Alminana | Independent Scholar  
Melissa Porter | Portland Seminary  
"Pentecostal Pneumatology and Inclusion: a Conversation Around LGBTQ+ Hospitality”  
Leon Harris | Biola University  
Respondents:
- Lauren Raley | Southeastern University  
- Anthony Roberts | Southeastern University

Theological Education 
Room: Brooks Commons (Not Cannon Chapel as that will be getting set up for the business meeting)  
Chair: TBD  
Rhonda Haynes | Trinity Evangelical Divinity School  
"Theological Education in the United States for the Majority World: Preparing Contextual Scholars and Teachers or Exporting 'Western' Theologies and Thinking"

Worship and the Arts 
Room: Wesley Teaching Chapel  
Chair:  
Steven Félix-Jäger | Life Pacific University  
Guided Tour (#2) of the John Swanson Art Collection at Candler (Capacity: 15; Sign Up at Registration Table)
3:00 PM — Afternoon Break
Location: Rita Anne Rollins 360

4:00-5:00 PM BUSINESS MEETING

7:00-9:00 PM — Banquet (Business Formal)
Location: Atlanta Mariott Northeast
2000 Century Boulevard NE, Atlanta

SPS Shuttles will transport guests from the SPS hotels to the venue.
REGISTRATION, HOTEL, & TRAVEL

REGISTRATION

Registration is located in the Candler Atrium

- Thursday 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Saturday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

NAVIGATING THE MEETING

The Main buildings used for parallel sessions are Rita Anne Rollins and White Hall (see map)

Plenary sessions take place in the Cannon Chapel

Book vendors and breaks are located in Rita Anne Rollins room 360.

Meals are located in lounge areas by elevators on the 3rd and 4th floors. Dining locations: Atrium, Plaza, Quad, Cannon Chapel overhang, small lounge areas.
TRAVEL INFORMATION

Airport
Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)
6000 N Terminal Pkwy
Atlanta, Georgia 30320

Parking
Parking is available at Emory University for the following fees:
- 0-15 minutes: Free
- 15 minutes - 1 hour: $6
- 1-2 hours: $8
- 2-3 hours: $10
- 3-4 hours: $12
- 4-24 hours: $14

Hotels
Courtyard Atlanta Executive Park Emory
Cost per night: $112 - $122
404-728-0708
Booking Link - Group Rate cutoff: February 21, 2024

DoubleTree Druid Hills
Cost per night: $126
(404) 321-4174
Booking Link - Group Rate cutoff: February 2, 2024

Courtyard Marriott: Decatur Downtown/Emory
Cost per night: $159
(404) 371-0204
Booking Link - Group Rate Cutoff: February 13, 2024

Taxis
There are several companies that provide taxicab service in the Atlanta area.
Ride-sharing services such as Lyft and Uber are available. (Note, book first on the app to avoid scams when you arrive at the pickup area.) The hotel is approximately 20 minutes from the airport.

Train
The Atlanta Peachtree Station is less than 10 miles from the Marriott: Decatur Downtown/ Emory

Shuttles
Complimentary shuttles will transport guests between the SPS hotels and SPS-sponsored events.
CANDLER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY CAMPUS MAP
PLACES OF INTEREST

Swanson Art at Candler/Carlos Museum at Emory
As two added features of our conference, Candler has graciously provided the opportunity for a guided tour of the John August Swanson art collection at Candler and the Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory. Tickets are limited and will be available (for timed tours) through the registration process for SPS 2024. You won’t want to miss these opportunities, so register soon!
The Society for Pentecostal Studies provides a shuttle service between the group’s hotels and the Candler campus. The shuttle schedule varies, with shuttles departing between the hotels prior to each new session as indicated in the schedule below.

Note: There is a larger image of the shuttle schedule on the back of the program.

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