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SOCIETY FOR PENTECOSTAL STUDIES

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



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# WELCOME

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The Society for Pentecostal Studies welcomes you to the official information center for our 53rd Annual Meeting.

## [Plan Your SPS Annual Meeting Experience](#)

The meeting begins on Thursday morning, March 14th, and ends on the evening of Saturday, March 16th.

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
- Business Meetings
- Satellite Events
- Session Descriptions

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“Every time you taste one of our delicious drinks or pastries you are providing wages for a full or part-time job for a resettled refugee or immigrant who is part of our job training program.”

Refuge Coffee Company is located in Clarkston, GA (northeast of Candler), famous as the “Ellis Island of the South,” having welcomed “thousands of refugees in the past three decades. [www.overtureglobal.io/story/clarkston-a-refugee-oasis-in-the-american-south](https://www.overtureglobal.io/story/clarkston-a-refugee-oasis-in-the-american-south)

Given this year’s theme of welcoming refugees, we encourage you, if you can, to visit Clarkston for a remarkable international experience!

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# MEETING AT A GLANCE

Thursday, March 14	
10:15-11:45 AM	Parallel Sessions
1:30-3:00 PM	Parallel Sessions
3:30-5:00 PM	Parallel Sessions
7:00-9:00 PM	Plenary Session: M. Daniel Carroll Rodas
Friday, March 15	
8:30-10:00 AM	Parallel Sessions
10:45-12:00 PM	Plenary Session
12:00-1:30 PM	Interest Group Business Meeting
1:45-3:15 PM	Parallel Sessions
3:45-4:45 PM	Plenary Session: Alexia Salvatierra
5:30-7:00 PM	Alliance for Black Pent. Scholarship Dinner
7:30-9:00 PM	Plenary Session: Ben Sterciuc

Saturday, March 16	
8:30-10:00 AM	Interest Group Parallel Sessions
10:45-12:00 PM	Plenary Session: Sammy Alfaro (Presidential Address)
1:45-3:15 PM	Interest Group Parallel Sessions
4:00-5:45 PM	SPS Business Meeting
7:00-9:00 PM	SPS Banquet

Please view the “List of Sessions” pages for more detailed information.

Exhibits and registration are ongoing throughout the conference. See page 50 for more information.

Breaks between each session includes coffee and light snacks near the vendors in CST 360 (Off Atrium)

# MEETING OVERVIEW

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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.<sup>1</sup> 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.”<sup>2</sup> 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

<sup>1</sup> “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.”

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

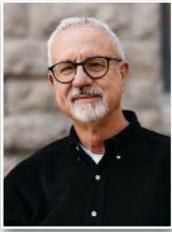
believers in Jesus to take sides, often fostering pervasive divisiveness. Though people leave their own country for a myriad of reasons—whether of their own volition or due to war, economic crisis, or environmental disaster—Jesus does not command the Church and the Academy to justify kindness, hospitality,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

## PLENARY SPEAKERS



### “From Eden to Patmos: The Scriptural Foundations for the Migration Discussion”

M. Daniel Carroll R. (Rodas) | Wheaton College  
Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 PM

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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)

*Global Migration and Christian Faith: Implications for Identity and Mission* (2021)

*The Book of Amos. The New International Commentary on the Old Testament (NICOT)* (2020)

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

*Immigrant Neighbors among Us: Immigration across Theological Traditions* (2015)

*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/>



Panel Discussion - “The Refugee Experience: Five Perspectives”  
Médine Moussounga Keener | Asbury Theological Seminary  
Friday, March 15 at 10:45 AM  
Chair: Daniel Montañez

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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.

*In honor of her outstanding humanitarian efforts, Dr. Keener is receiving the Distinguished Humanitarian Award presented at the 2024 Alliance for Black Pentecostal Scholarship Award Ceremony, being held in partnership with SPS.*



Panel: “The Refugee Experience: Five Perspectives”  
Michael Wilkinson | Trinity Western University  
Friday, March 15 at 10:45 AM  
Chair: Daniel Montañez

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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, 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 Response of the Church to the Migration Crisis”  
Alexia Salvatierra | Fuller Theological Seminary  
Friday, March 15 at 3:45 PM

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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**  
Friday, March 15 at 7:30 PM

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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 Sterciuc 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](http://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: Cannon Formal  
Lounge (Rm 202)

Contact: adhinkle@oru.edu

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 (see pg 50)

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: Cannon 314

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: Cannon Formal  
Lounge Room 202

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 Sanctuary

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

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Chair: Clifton Clarke

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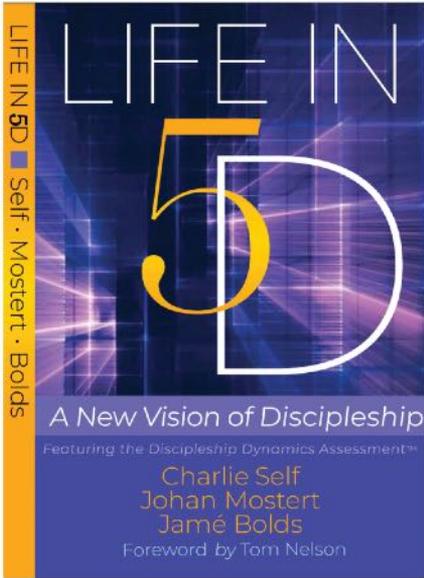
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THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024

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9:30-10:30 AM — Morning Refreshments

Location: CST 360 (Off Atrium)

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10:15 TO 11:45 AM

## **Biblical Studies - Joint Session with Ecumenical Studies (see below): "Ecumenism and Pentecostal Hermeneutics"**

Room: White Hall 206

Chair: 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"

Respondent: Rick Wadholm | Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

Micheline Facey | Alphacrucis University College

"Hermeneutical Distortion, Corporate Illusions, and the Mess We're In Now: an Ecumenical Reading of Ezekiel 14:1-11"

## **Ecumenical Studies - Joint Session with Biblical Studies**

See Biblical Studies above for presenters.

## **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 Ramirez's *Migrating Faith*"

Panelists:

Lloyd Daniel Barba | Amherst College

Jonathan 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

Erica Ramirez | Auburn Theological Seminary

## Intercultural Studies/Missions

Room: Rita Anne Rollins 447

Chair: Joey Peyton | Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

Misael Cornelio-Arias | Assemblies of God World Missions

"Empowered Compassion: Hispanic Pentecostal Response to the  
Ukrainian Refugee Crisis"

Kari Hoggard | University of London

"Refugee and Migrant Care in Trauma Settings"

## Practical Theology/Christian Formation

Room: Rita Anne Rollins 322

Chair: Marcia Clarke | Vanguard University

Joshua Ziefle | Northwest University and Pete Hartwig | Christ School

"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: White Hall 200

Chair: Ben Crace | Tennessee Tech. University

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"

## Theology

Room: Rita Anne Rollins 549

Chair: Cheryl Peterson | Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University

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'"

Anna Ebamu Paluca | University of Education (Heidelberg, Germany)

"The Spirit of Life in a World of Death and Suffering: A Pneumatological Approach to Theodicy"

## Worship and the Arts: "The Spirit & the Song: Local and Global Perspectives"

Room: Wesley Teaching Chapel (see pg 50)

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"

Jeff Lamp | Oral Roberts University

"'The Answer my Friend': A Pneumatological Reading of 'Blowing in the Wind' by Bob Dylan"

## Women's Caucus Luncheon

Room: CST 360

Chair: Jacqueline Grey | Alphacrucis University College

Tickets can be purchased through the registration process (Capacity 48 persons).

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12:00-1:30 PM — General Lunch

Location: Cannon – Brooks Commons

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## 1:30 TO 3:00 PM

### **Biblical Studies A**

Room: White Hall 206

Chair: Meghan D. Musy | Evangel University

Roundtable Discussion: "Pentecostal Hermeneutics: What Pentecostals Contribute to the Wider Christian Community"

Panelists:

Craig Keener | Asbury Theological Seminary

Jacqueline Grey | Alphacrucis University College

Kenneth Archer | Southeastern University School of Divinity

### **Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue**

Room: Wesley Teaching Chapel (see pg 50)

Chair: TBD

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

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"

Joseph Lear | Evangel University

"The Acts of the Immigrants: Apostles, Barbarians, and the Morality of Missions"

## 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"

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: White Hall 200

Chair: Derrick R. Rosenior | Vanguard University

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"

## 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

"Identity Restoration: Mental Health Professionals and the *Imago Dei*"

## Theology

Room: Rita Anne Rollins 549

Chair: David Perry | Alphacrucis University College

Jon 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"

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3:00 PM — Afternoon Break

Location: CST 360 (Off Atrium)

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## 3:30 TO 5:00 PM

### Biblical Studies A

Room: White Hall 206

Chair: David Basher | Baylor University

Roundtable Discussion: Intersection of Latino Immigration, Pentecostalism, and Hermeneutics

Panelists:

M. Daniel Carroll Rodas | Wheaton College

Michelle Navarrete | Emory University

### Biblical Studies B

Room: White Hall 208

Chair: John Griffiths | Alphacrucis University College

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 and Christian Formation

Room: Cannon Sanctuary

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

Harold Hunter | International Pentecostal Holiness Church Ministries

## History

Room: Rita Anne Rollins 501

Chair: Jane Caulton | Independent Scholar

Alex Mayfield | Asbury University

"Pentecostal Missions in China: a Comprehensive Statistical Overview, 1907-1950"

Jon Newton | Alphacrucis University College

"Investigating the Growth of Australian Pentecostalism Since 1970"

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"

## **Philosophy**

Room: Rita Anne Rollins 401

Chair: Jenny Davila-Holloway | Regent 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**

See Ecumenical Studies session for presenter details.

## **Religion and Culture**

Room: White Hall 200

Chair: Caleb Courtney | Masters Pentecostal Seminary

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"

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5:30-7:00 PM — General Dinner

Location: Cannon – Brooks Commons

\* Tickets must be purchased prior to the conference.

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**5:00-6:00 PM**

**Diversity Committee Business Meeting**

Room: Wesley Teaching Chapel (see pg 50)

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)**

\*All Plenary Sessions will be held in Cannon Sanctuary



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8:30 - 10:00 AM

### **Biblical Studies A**

Room: White Hall 206

Chair: Jennifer Greig-Berens | Oral Roberts University

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 שִׁחַ in the Samson, Saul, and David Narratives"

### **Biblical Studies B**

Room: White Hall 208

Chair: Lindsey Croston | University of Aberdeen

Matthew David Popham | Pentecostal Theological Seminary

"Pneumatic Hospitality: a Pentecostal Response to the Emptying of Highways and Hedges"

Michael Blythe | Nations University

"The Holy Spirit Baptism as the Antithetical Solution to Limited Good Conceptuality in Luke-Acts"

Van Johnson | Master's Pentecostal Seminary

"A Stranger Reading of Luke-Acts: the Narrator as Paraenetic Model of Hospitality"

### **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: Daniel Tobin | The Catholic University of America

"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 | Southern California 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"

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"



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## 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

Sara Stabe | Fuller Theological Seminary

"Leading Pentecostal/Charismatic Congregations to Embrace Their Intercultural 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: White Hall 200

Chair: John Mark Robeck | Vanguard University

Ben Crace | Tennessee Technological University

"In the Sky and on the Ground: Pentecostal Eschatology, ETs, and the Problem of 'Aliens'"

## Theology

Room: Rita Anne Rollins 549

Chair: Ricardo Alvelo | Southeastern University

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: Thang San Mung | Independent Scholar

Daniela Rizzo | Alphacrucis University College

"Animal Glossolalia: a Pneumatological Framework for Animal Theology"

## Theological Education

Room: Cannon Sanctuary

Chair: David Han | Pentecostal Theological Seminary

**Round Table Discussion** on *The Holy Spirit and Higher Education: Renewing the Christian University*

Rick Wadholm | Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

Dale Coulter | Pentecostal Theological Seminary

## Worship and the Arts

Room: Wesley Teaching Chapel (see pg 50)

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: CST 360 (Off Atrium)

**10:45 AM PLENARY SESSION: PANEL DISCUSSION**

\*All Plenary Sessions are Held in Cannon Sanctuary

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	White Hall 206
Christian Ethics	Rita Anne Rollins 411
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History	Rita Anne Rollins 501
Intercultural Studies	Rita Anne Rollins 447
Philosophy	Rita Anne Rollins 401
Practical Theology and Christian Formation	Rita Anne Rollins 322
Religion and Culture	Cannon 314
Social & Behavioral Sciences	Rita Anne Rollins 322
Theological Education	Cannon 202
Theology	Rita Anne Rollins 549
Worship and the Arts	Wesley Teaching Chapel

1:45 - 3:15 PM

### **Biblical Studies A**

Room: White Hall 206

Chair: Lee Roy Martin | Pentecostal Theological Seminary

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: Rodolfo Estrada | Vanguard University

D. Michael Postlethwait | Oral Roberts University

"The Church as Bringer of Jubilee in Luke-Acts: the Significance of Luke's Account of Jesus' Proclamation at Nazareth to Luke's Interpretation of the Church and its Mission"

John Griffiths | Alphacrucis University College

"Take This Cup Away From Me: the Spirit, Testing, and Gethsemane"

Matthew Whidden | Southeastern University

"The Coherence-Based Genealogical Method: a Practical Introduction"

### **Christian Ethics**

Room: Rita Anne Rollins 411

Chair: Christopher Parkes | Hillsong College

Book Panel Discussion: *The Spirit and the Common Good: Reflections and Retrospectives*

Panelists:

Michael Austin Kamenicky | Lee University

Chris Green | Southeastern University School of Divinity

Joseph Lear | Evangel University

Respondent: Daniela Augustine | University of Birmingham, UK

## Ecumenical Studies

Room: Rita Anne Rollins 421

Chair: TBD

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

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"

## Philosophy

Room: Rita Anne Rollins 401

Chair: TBD

Taylor Drake | Southwestern Christian University

"Apologetics From A Pentecostal Pulpit: the Tension Between Experience and Reason."

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: Safety, Hospitality, and Healing 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: White Hall 200

Chair: Darnell Williams | North Central University

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 Sanctuary

Chair: Jackie Johns | Pentecostal Theological Seminary

Josiah Stephan | South Florida Bible College & Theological Seminary

"Reimagining Theological Education for the Diaspora"

## Worship and the Arts

Room: Wesley Teaching Chapel (see pg 50)

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"

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3:15 PM — Afternoon Break

Location: CST 360 (Off Atrium)

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**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  
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5:30-7:00 PM — General Dinner

Location: Cannon – Brooks Commons

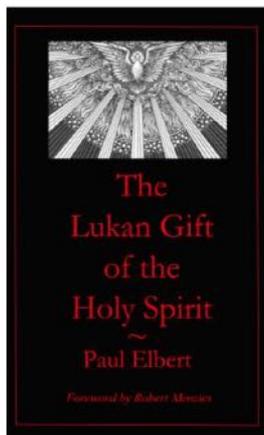
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**7:30-9:00 PM PLENARY SESSION BEN STERCIUC**

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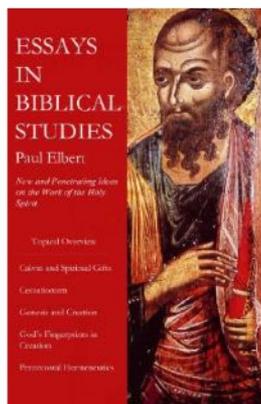


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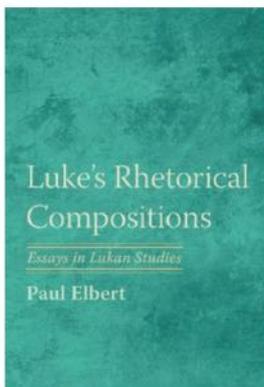
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SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

8:30 - 10:00 AM

**Biblical Studies A**

Room: White Hall 206

Chair: Jared Runck | Urshan School of Theology

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: Alicia Jackson | Vanguard University

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 Sanctuary

Chairs: Daniel Tobin | The Catholic University of America and

David Han | Pentecostal Theological Seminary

Zachary 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

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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

## 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

"The Holy Ghost Shift in Gospel Music: How Shirley A. Caesar and Michael E. Mathis Forged a New Sound of Socially Prophetic Pentecostal Spirituality in Mainstream Gospel Music"

Respondent: Leah Payne | Portland Seminary, George Fox University

## 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: Andrew 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

"Pentecostals Apologetic? The Quest for a Distinctively Pentecostal Apologetic"

## **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: White Hall 200

Chair: Dustin Elder | Independent Scholar

Benjamin Jacuk | Alaska Native Heritage Center

"The Generational Curse of American Christianity: Assimilative 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 – Joint Session with Ecumenical Studies**

Room: Cannon Sanctuary

Chair: Daniel Tobin | The Catholic University of America; David Han | Pentecostal Theological Seminary

Zachary 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

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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

## Theology

Room: Rita Anne Rollins 549

Chair: Andrew Banacos | Helen DeVos College of Education

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: E. Janet Warren | Independent scholar

## Worship and the Arts

Room: Wesley Teaching Chapel (see pg 50)

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)

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10:00 AM — Morning Coffee Break

Location: CST 360 (Off Atrium)

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

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12:00-1:00 PM — General Lunch

Location: Cannon – Brooks Commons

12:00-1:00 PM — Program Committee Boxed Lunch

Location: Cannon 314

12:00-1:00 PM — Librarians/Archivists Boxed Lunch

Location: Cannon Formal Lounge Room 202

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**1:45 - 3:15 PM**

**Biblical Studies A**

Room: White Hall 206

Chair: Levi Moberg | Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

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: Craig Keener | Asbury Theological Seminary

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 Bidy | 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"

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"

## Ecumenical Studies

Room: Rita Anne Rollins 421

Chair: Daniel Tobin | The Catholic University of America

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: 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: 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: White Hall 200

Chair: Derrick Rosenior | Vanguard University

Panel Discussion on Pentecostal Responses to Migration

Panelists:

John Mark Robeck | Vanguard University

Rodolfo Estrada | Vanguard University

## Theology

Room: Rita Anne Rollins 549

Chair: Margaret English de Alminana | Independent Scholar

Melissa Porter | Portland Seminary

"Pentecostal Pneumatology and Inclusion: a Conversation  
Around LGBTQ+ Hospitality"

Respondents:

Lauren Raley | Southeastern University

Anthony Roberts | Southeastern University

## Worship and the Arts

Room: Wesley Teaching Chapel (see pg 50)

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)

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3:00 PM — Afternoon Break

Location: CST 360 (Off Atrium)

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## 3:00-3:45 PM Student Caucus Gathering

Room: Cannon – Brooks Commons

Chairs: Isaiah Padgett and Rick Wadholm

This meeting is open to all graduate and doctoral students. Stop by the break table to get coffee and snacks then bring them to the meeting for a brief information session are rebooting the SPS Student Caucus.

**4:00-5:00 PM BUSINESS MEETING**

Room: Cannon Sanctuary

Chair: Sammy Alfaro | Grand Canyon University

**7:00-9:00 PM — Banquet (Business Formal)**

Location: Atlanta Marriott Northeast  
2000 Century Boulevard NE, Atlanta

SPS Shuttles will transport guests from the SPS hotels to the venue.

# REGISTRATION, HOTEL, & TRAVEL

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## 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)

**Wesley Teaching Chapel** is located on the 2nd floor of the Rita Anne Rollins building by the Pitts Library

**Plenary sessions** take place in the Cannon Sanctuary

**Book vendors** and breaks are located in the Atrium

**Meals** are located in Cannon – Brooks Commons.

# 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. Please note, if you leave and return, you will pay the fee a second time.

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



*Arrow Indicates where the shuttle will drop guests off.*

## 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!

### Food Near Emory

*Please Google each restaurant or venue to retrieve the exact address and confirm seating space and other information before visiting.*

#### **On Campus: Cafe Bon Appetit**

- Depending on the time of your visit and the time of day, please visit the website [emoryatlanta.cafebonappetit.com](http://emoryatlanta.cafebonappetit.com)

#### **Emory Village – 10 min walk from Candler School of Theology**

- Chipotle Mexican Grill
- Panera Bread
- Falafel King
- Jimmy John's
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Ali's Cookies
- Double Zero
- Domino's Pizza
- Starbucks

#### **Emory Point – 20 min walk from Candler School of Theology**

- Schoolhouse Brewing the Gymnasium
- Chick'n Cone
- The General Muir
- TGM Bread

## Popular Neighborhoods in Atlanta

Home to Emory University since 1915, Atlanta is filled with tree-lined streets and main thoroughfares with both historic and modern touches. No neighborhood encapsulates that quite as much as our own, **Druid Hills**. An original Atlanta suburb designed by Frederick Law Olmstead, creator of New York's Central Park, Druid Hills is filled with stately homes and a ring of parks. Outside the Atlanta campus gate is **Emory Village**, a small retail district in Druid Hills.

There is plenty to occupy your spare time in Atlanta, from outdoor activities to culture, sports, and a global dining experience. These are some of the city's best-known neighborhoods:

- **Virginia-Highland**, a nearby trendy district full of sidewalk cafes and restaurants as well as boutiques and other retailers.
- **Old Fourth Ward** is home to Ponce City Market, a renovated 1920s Sears building housing retailers and restaurants, as well as Old Fourth Ward Park, a reclaimed retention pond now home to festivals, concerts, and a bird sanctuary.
- **Little Five Points** is the gateway to **East Atlanta**, two neighborhoods with a bohemian vibe in their shops, restaurants, and residents.
- **Buckhead** is the heart of Atlanta's sophisticated north side and is known for its high-end shopping, dining, and entertainment.

## Atlanta Entertainment

- The **Atlanta Belt Line**, a loop of trails and parks that will eventually connect 45 of the city's neighborhoods. It is a wonderful place to walk, skate, bike, or run in the city and enjoy local restaurants along the way, too.
- Any one of our **five professional sports teams**—men's and women's basketball, football, baseball, and now Atlanta United soccer, the hottest ticket in town.
- The **National Center for Civil and Human Rights**, founded by an Emory alum, recognizes Atlanta's civil rights history and the city that is the birthplace of Martin Luther King, whose childhood home is part of the **Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Park**.
- **Woodruff Arts Center** is the centerpiece of Atlanta's professional arts community and houses the Tony Award-winning Alliance regional theater, the Atlanta Symphony, and the High Museum of Art.
- **The Carlos Museum** is an art museum located on Emory University's Main Campus. It has one of the largest ancient art collections in the Southeast, including objects from ancient Egypt, Greece, Rome, the Near East, Africa, and the ancient Americas.

# SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

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.

Shuttle Schedule

		Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	LAST Shuttle
<b>Thursday, March 16</b>																
Shuttle A	DoubleTree			Depart Candler Shuttle A - 7:00 AM	Depart Candler Shuttle B - 7:25 AM			Depart Candler Shuttle A - 10:55 AM	Depart Candler Shuttle B - 11:20 AM	Depart Candler Shuttle A - 12:00 PM	Depart Candler Shuttle B - 12:25 PM	Depart Candler Shuttle A - 2:00 PM	Depart Candler Shuttle B - 2:25 PM	Depart Candler Shuttle A - 5:20 PM	Depart Candler Shuttle B - 5:45 PM	Depart Candler 10:00 PM
	Executive Park			7:21 AM	7:30 AM	8:26 AM	8:35 AM	11:16 AM	11:25 AM	12:21 PM	12:30 PM	2:21 PM	2:30 PM	5:41 PM	5:50 PM	10:20 PM
Shuttle B	Decatur Downtown			7:40 AM	7:50 AM	8:45 AM	8:55 AM	11:35 AM	11:45 AM	12:40 PM	12:50 PM	2:40 PM	2:50 PM	6:00 PM	6:10 PM	10:30 PM
	Arrive Candler			7:46 AM	7:55 AM	8:51 AM	9:00 AM	11:41 AM	11:50 AM	12:46 PM	12:55 PM	2:46 PM	2:55 PM	6:06 PM	6:15 PM	10:20 PM
<b>Friday, March 17</b>																
Shuttle A	DoubleTree	6:06 AM	6:15 AM	Depart Candler Shuttle A - 7:05 AM	Depart Candler Shuttle B - 7:30 AM	9:26 AM	9:35 AM	10:56 AM	11:05 AM	12:41 PM	12:50 PM	3:11 PM	3:20 PM	6:11 PM	6:20 PM	10:20 PM
	Executive Park	6:25 AM	6:35 AM	7:45 AM	7:55 AM	9:45 AM	9:55 AM	11:15 AM	11:25 AM	1:00 PM	1:10 PM	3:30 PM	3:40 PM	6:30 PM	6:40 PM	10:30 PM
Shuttle B	Decatur Downtown	6:31 AM	6:40 AM	7:51 AM	8:00 AM	9:51 AM	10:00 AM	11:21 AM	11:30 AM	1:06 PM	1:15 PM	3:36 PM	3:45 PM	6:36 PM	6:45 PM	10:20 PM
	Arrive Candler	6:55 AM		8:15 AM		10:15 AM		11:45 AM		1:30 PM		4:00 PM		7:50 PM		
<b>Saturday, March 18</b>																
Shuttle A	DoubleTree	7:26 AM	7:35 AM	Depart Candler Shuttle A - 9:05 AM	Depart Candler Shuttle B - 9:30 AM	12:41 PM	12:50 PM	2:11 PM	2:20 PM	2:56 PM	3:05 PM	4:46 PM	4:55 PM	5:56 PM	6:05 PM	9:50 PM
	Executive Park	7:45 AM	7:55 AM	9:45 AM	9:55 AM	1:00 PM	1:10 PM	2:30 PM	2:40 PM	3:15 PM	3:25 PM	5:05 PM	5:15 PM	6:15 PM	6:25 PM	10:00 PM
Shuttle B	Decatur Downtown	7:51 AM	8:00 AM	9:51 AM	10:00 AM	1:06 PM	1:15 PM	2:36 PM	2:45 PM	3:21 PM	3:30 PM	5:11 PM	5:20 PM	6:21 PM	6:30 PM	9:50 PM
	Arrive Candler	8:15 AM		10:15 AM		1:30 PM		3:00 PM		3:45 PM		5:35 PM		6:45 PM		



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