



The National Association of  
Baptist Professors of  
Religion

**May 17-19, 2021 Virtual Meeting**  
**All times are Central Standard Time**

**Monday, May 17**

8:30-9:45 a.m.

**Plenary Session I**

Presiding: Mandy McMichael, Baylor University

Panel Discussion:

Doug Weaver, *Baptists and The Holy Spirit: The Contested History with Holiness-Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements*

Panelists:

Sandy Martin, University of Georgia

John Wyckoff, Southwestern Assemblies of God University

Carol Holcomb, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Response:

Doug Weaver, Baylor University

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10:00-11:00 a.m.

**Business Meeting**

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**Concurrent Sessions I**

**Church History Session I**

Presiding: John Inscore Essick, Baptist Seminary of Kentucky

*Three Views of the Cross in Second Century Rome*

Patricia F. Sanders, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

*Justifiable Lies?: The History of Interpreting Rahab's Deception, from the Early Church to the Reformation*

Emily Buck-Mendenhall, Fuller Theological Seminary

*From Denominationalism to Connective Missionalism: Denominational Origins of The American Baptist Churches USA and Its Spiritual, Structural, and Missional Future*

Alan R. Rudnick, La Salle University

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**Practical Studies Session I**

Presiding: Kathryn House, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary

*McClendon's Baptist Vision and a Theology of a Called Ministry*

Robert Creech, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University

"Persons" Living with Dementia: Toward a Christian Ethic of Care

Ben D. Craver, Wayland Baptist University

*"Not your Grandparents' Fundamentalism": The Attitude of Gen Z Fundamentalists Towards Alcohol Consumption*

Joe Coker, Baylor University

*Thomas Merton and Laughter*

Teddy Ivey, McAfee School of Theology

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## **Concurrent Sessions II**

### **Theology Session I**

Presiding: Mark Medley, Baptist Seminary of Kentucky

*Explaining Theological Explanations*

Adam C. English, Campbell University

*Prophesying in Another Voice: Recovering Baptist Women's Theologies of the Trinity*

Amy L. Chilton, Wingate University

*The Creative Force of Expression: The Value of Charles Taylor's Constitutive View of Language for Theology*

Tracey Mark Stout, Bluefield College

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### **Old Testament – Session I**

Presiding: Barry A. Jones, Campbell University Divinity School

*Answering Cain's Question*

Donald C. Raney, II, Wayland Baptist University

*Incorporating Rita Felski's Uses of Literature with Walter Brueggemann's Psalms of Disorientation*

Jeremiah J. Hamby, Gardner-Webb University

*'Let Israel Now Say' (124:1b): Group Identity in Psalms 107-145*

W. Dennis Tucker, Jr., George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University

*A Delayed Harvest: Isaiah 61 as the Reversal of the Song of the Vineyard (Isa 5:1-7)*

Rebecca Poe Hays, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University

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**Tuesday, May 18**

**8:30-10:00 a.m.**

**Plenary Session II**

Presiding: Elizabeth Flowers, Baylor University

Panel Discussion:

Amy L. Chilton and Steven R. Harmon (eds.), *Sources of Light: Resources for Baptist Churches Practicing Theology* (Perspectives on Baptist Identities, no. 3; Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2020)

Panelists:

Andrew B. Gardner, Hartford Seminary  
Elise Edwards, Baylor University  
Jennifer Garcia Bashaw, Campbell University

Response:

Amy L. Chilton, Wingate University  
Steven R. Harmon, Gardner-Webb University

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**Concurrent Sessions III**

**New Testament – Session I**

Presiding: Scott Ryan, Claflin University

*Venerating Paul: Acts 14:20a and Mystical ‘Ring-Dance’*

Daniel Glover, Baylor University

*Marriage as Imitatio-Christi*

Jim McConnell, Gardner-Webb University

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## **Practical Studies Session II**

Presiding: Eileen Campbell-Reed, Union Theological Seminary

*~~We're In This Together: Prathia Hall & The Possibility of Freedom Through Communal Engagement~~*

~~Farris Blount III, Boston University (withdrawn)~~

*Engaging Intersectionality: Examining Identity, Difference, and Power in the Seminary Classroom*

Kathryn House, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

*The Pronoun Problem: Queer Ethics for Liberative Change*

Matthew S. Beal, Boston University

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## **Concurrent Sessions IV**

### **Theology Session II**

Presiding: Adam English, Campbell University

*Whose Justice? Which Reality? A Critique of Reinhold Niebuhr's Use of Scriptural Themes*  
Jeph Holloway, East Texas Baptist University

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Mayra Rivera, and Fleshly Anthropology: Foundations for a Christology of Psychological Disorder*  
Samuel Davidson, Princeton Theological Seminary

*Spiritual Discernment from the Ground Up: An Incarnational Approach*  
Dan R. Stiver, Hardin-Simmons University

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### **Church History Session II**

Presiding: Lydia Hoyle, Campbell University Divinity School

*The Protestantization of the Doctrine of Discovery in Colonial America*  
Adam DJ Brett, Syracuse University

*Towards a North American Semiotics of Religious Experience: William James & Josiah Royce in Critical Dialogue*  
J. August Higgins, Oblate School of Theology

*Harriett Livermore: The Prophetess Who Preached to Congress*  
Joseph E Early, Jr., Campbellsville University

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**Wednesday, May 19**

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**Plenary Session III**

Presiding: Mikeal Parsons

Panel Discussion: A Pastoral Theology of Corpse Care

*Introduction*

Mikeal Parsons

*Pastoral Theological Reflections on Corpse Care*

Cody Sanders, Old Cambridge Baptist Church

*Hands-on Care of Our Dead*

Rochelle Martin, Funeral Alternatives

*The Whole Earth for a Memorial: Green Burials and Green Memorialization*

June Hobbs, Gardner-Webb University

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**Concurrent Sessions V**

**Pedagogy Session I**

Presiding: Kim Bodenhamer, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

*Swimming Against the Theological and Pedagogical Stream: Lessons from Karl Barth on Teaching within the Theological Disciplines*

Kimlyn J. Bender, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University

*Fostering Historically-Conditioned Imaginations: Creative Writing as a Means of Reinforcing Historical Context in Biblical Studies Courses*

Scott Ryan, Claflin University

*Learning through Small Group Discussion*

David Howle, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

*Simulations as a Tool in Teaching Scripture: A Case Study from Eighth-Century BCE Israel*

Nathan Hays, Baylor University

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### **Church History Session III**

Presiding: Glenn Jonas, Campbell University

*Rufus Burleson, and the 'Brazilian Girl': The Case of Antonia Teixeira Reconsidered*

Mikeal Parsons, Baylor University

*Binkley Memorial Baptist Church and the Licensure of John Blevins*

Andrew Gardner, Hartford Seminary

*The Limits of Assimilation: Reading Roger Williams for the Refugee Crisis*

Myles Werntz, Abilene Christian University

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