



# The National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion

**Baylor University • May 23-25, 2016 • Waco, TX**

## **Greetings from the Executive Secretary-Treasurer**

Welcome to the Annual May Meeting of NABPR. This year's program features our first-ever joint Annual Meeting. We are happy to welcome the Baptist History and Heritage Society. We will have a joint banquet on Monday night, plus a few joint plenary sessions. Members of both societies are welcome to sit in on each other's break-out sessions.

Save the date for 2017: Belmont University will host our meeting on May 22-24, 2017. This will be our third annual meeting at Belmont.

The November meeting in Atlanta featured our invited Keynote address by Dr. Willie James Jennings, which was a real treat. Mark your calendar for November 19. We plan to keep the Saturday morning tradition alive in San Antonio. Our Keynote speaker will be Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre from Iliff School of Theology.

Many thanks go to Glenn Jonas, our President, Eileen Campbell-Reid, our Vice President, Joyce Swoveland, our Baylor Office manager, and everyone else at Baylor who has worked hard to bring this joint meeting to fruition.

I look forward to seeing you in Waco.

Daniel Mynatt  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

## **Greetings from Baylor University**

Welcome to Baylor University and Waco, Texas.

Baptist tradition is essential to Baylor's identity. At its best, Baptist tradition holds to education and scholarship as central to the journey of faith. NABPR provides a fine example of that dimension of Baptist tradition, and Baylor is delighted to welcome the members of the association to campus for a gathering that I hope will be both enjoyable and productive. We owe a special word of thanks to those who have contributed to the planning of the meeting. I trust that the Baylor campus will provide a helpful setting for the work of scholarship and the furthering of community. Please let a Baylor representative know if you need any help.

All the best,  
W. H. Bellinger, Jr., Chair  
Department of Religion  
Baylor University

## Information

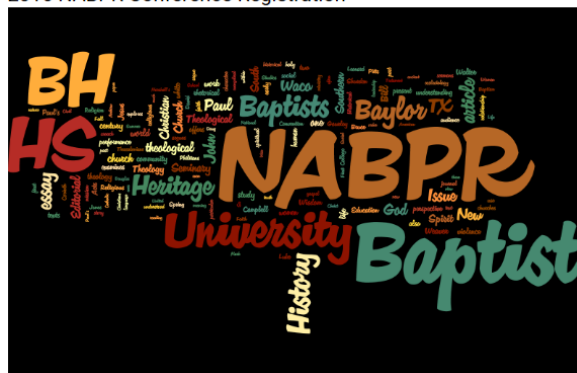
### Registration

Use this link to the NABPR website for registration by a credit card:

<http://www.nabpr.org/Home/meetings/registration>.

When you see the logo below, you will know that you are in the right place.

2016 NABPR Conference Registration



Conference Fee: Before May 1: \$95. After May 1: \$120

All graduate student registrations are compliments of NABPR.

If you have questions, or need to pay by check, email Joyce Swoveland at [Joyce\\_Swoveland@baylor.edu](mailto:Joyce_Swoveland@baylor.edu) or call 254-710-3758

### Housing

A list of hotels near Baylor University is on the last page of this program.

On-campus housing is not available for the 2016 meeting. We apologize for any inconvenience.

### Meals

The conference registration covers the Monday evening meal, Tuesday and Wednesday continental breakfasts, Tuesday lunch, and refreshment breaks throughout the conference days.

If you wish to bring a guest to Monday's banquet, the cost is \$25.00 per unregistered guest. This option is available only by contacting Joyce Swoveland.

### Graduate Student Registration

All graduate student registrations are compliments of NABPR, but you must register via the website.

Graduate students presenting papers receive a stipend from NABPR. Please be sure to provide Danny Mynatt, Executive-Secretary Treasurer, your mailing address before the conference concludes.

### **Parking**

Parking at Baylor University will be in the Dutton Street Garage on the corner of Dutton Street and University Parks.

### **Questions**

If you have questions or concerns, email Danny Mynatt at [dmynatt@umhb.edu](mailto:dmynatt@umhb.edu). Danny will forward your question to the appropriate person.

**Monday, May 23**

**National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion**

**Please Note: All meeting rooms unless otherwise noted are at  
George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University.  
(1100 S 3rd St, Waco, TX 76706)**

**3:00-6:30**      Registration Check-in  
**Location: Truett Seminary Narthex**

**3:30-5:00**      Executive Committee Meeting  
Room 113

**5:30**            **Joint Banquet with Baptist History and Heritage Society**  
Piper Great Hall

Speaker: Dr. Thomas Kidd, Professor of History, Baylor University  
Co-author of [\*Baptists in America: A History\*](#), Oxford University Press.

**The Break Area for the conference will be set up in Piper Great Hall.**

**Tuesday morning, May 24 – Continental Breakfast**  
**7:45 am – 8:30am - Piper Great Hall**

**Tuesday, May 24 –Session I**  
**8:30 – 10:15**

### **Old Testament I**

#### **Room 215**

W. H. Bellinger, Jr, Baylor University, Presiding

*Economic and Environmental Issues in Amos*

Lauren Brown, McAfee School of Theology

*“‘But Yahweh Was There:’ ‘Creation and Ecotheology in Ezekiel 6; 35:1-36:15”*

Will Briggs, Baylor University

*“How the Word of the Lord Came: The Theological Implications of Parable in the Old Testament”*

Rebecca W. Poe Hays, Baylor University

### **New Testament I**

#### **Room 221**

Mikeal Parsons, Baylor University, Presiding

*“Seeing Christ Through Hearing the Apocalypse: An Exploration to John’s Use of Ekphrasis in Revelation 1 and 19”*

Gregory M. Barnhill, Baylor University

*“The Alienation of Death: An Evolutionary Apocalyptic Theology of Death”*

Jeremiah Bailey

### **Church History I**

#### **Room 236**

Eileen Campbell-Reed, Central Seminary, Presiding

*“12 Marks of New Monasticism: A Missiological Analysis”*

Sam Davidson, Truett Seminary

*“Our Soul in God, Abiding in Love: Julian of Norwich and Anne Dutton’s Language of Enclosure to Describe Salvation”*

Kate Hanch, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

*“History or Heritage? The Aim of Historiography”*

Seth Heringer, Azusa Pacific University

## Theology I

### Room 309

Adam English, Campbell University, Presiding

*“The Mystery of Bodily Life in Bonhoeffer’s Early Theology”*

Brandon Morgan, Baylor University

*“Hermeneutics of Hope: On Moltmann’s Eschatological Vision”*

Ryan Neal, Anderson University

*“Elie Wiesel and Wrestling with God”*

Haley Marie Cawthon, McAfee School of Theology

## Tuesday, May 24—Plenary Session I, Joint Meeting with BHHS, Annual Business Session

### Lunch

10:30-1:30

### Panel Discussion      Powell Chapel

Steven Harmon’s *Baptist Identity and the Ecumenical Future: Story, Tradition, and the Recovery of Community* (Baylor University Press, 2016)

Moderated by: Adam English NABPR, Campbell University

### Panel

Andrew Smith -- BH&HS, Carson-Newman University

Courtney Pace -- BH&HS, Memphis Theological Seminary

David Wilhite -- NABPR, Baylor University

Amy L. Chilton Thompson -- NABPR, Fuller Theological Seminary and Azusa Pacific University

Response by Steven Harmon – NABPR, Gardner-Webb University

**11:50 - 12:30** – Business Session – Paul Powell Chapel

Presentation of the 2016 Festschrift in honor of Paul Redditt

Jim Nogalski, Baylor University

**12:45-1:45** – Lunch - Piper Great Hall

**Tuesday, May 24 – Session II**  
**1:45 – 3:00**

## **Old Testament II**

### **Room 215**

Deirdre Fulton, Baylor University, Presiding

*“’Play It Again Sam:’ The Relationship of Repetition Between Isaiah 2:2-5 and Micah 4:1-5”*

Nicholas R. Werse, Baylor University

*“Theology of Space: A Spatial Examination of the First Temple”*

Lacy K. Crocker, Baylor University

## **New Testament II**

### **Room 221**

Christine Jones, Carson-Newman College, Presiding

*“The Enemy Image in I Peter: A Study in Identity Formation”*

Stephanie Peek, Baylor University

*“Hebrews and Numbers”*

Bryan Whitfield, Mercer University

## **Church History II**

### **Room 236**

Glenn Jonas, Campbell University, Presiding

*“More than a Memorial: Traces of a ‘Substantial’ Communion Theology within Old Landmarkism”*

Jesse A. Hoover, Baylor University

*“The Dubious Legacy of William B. Johnson in the Formation of the Southern Baptist Convention”*

Andrew Kim, Baylor University

*“The Meditation of the Southern Baptist Subculture”*

Coleman Fannin, Baylor University

## Theology II

### Room 309

Steve Harmon, Gardner-Webb University, Presiding

*"The Universal Call to Holiness and the Priesthood of All Believers, or Why the Saints Matter"*

Derek C. Hatch, Howard Payne University

*"Reframing Soul Competency in Terms of the 'Capable Self' in Nussbaum, Sen, and Ricoeur"*

Dan Stiver, Logsdon Seminary

**Tuesday, May 24 – Session III**  
**3:15 – 4:45**

## New Testament III

### Room 221

Jason Whitlark, Baylor University, Presiding

*"Beyond Metaphor or Demon: Personified Sin as a Character in Romans 5-8"*

Natalie Webb, Baylor University

*"'No Stone Left Upon Another': The Literary and Historical Function of the Temple Motif in Mark 11-12"*

Adam Winn, Azusa Pacific University

## Church History III

### Room 236

Doug Weaver, Baylor University, Presiding

*"J. Frank Norris and the 'Baptist Bride': Alternative Eschatologies among Conservative Texas Baptists"*

Andrew Smith, Carson-Newman University

*"Karl Barth and the Question of Confessionalism: A Historical Investigation with Possible Reverberations in Considering the Doctrinal Task of Baptist Churches"*

Kimlyn J. Bender, Truett Seminary

*"Emerging Patterns of Baptist International Missions"*

Dennis Horton, Baylor University

**Theology III**  
**Room 309**

David Wilhite, Baylor University, Presiding

*“Piety: Stanley Hauerwas's Most Important Virtue”*

Cameron Jorgenson, Campbell University Divinity School

*“A Case for the Engagement of African Trinitarian Theologies with Traditional Trinitarianism”*

Jackson Nii Sabaah Adamah, Campbell University Divinity School

*“The Ethics of Identity and World Christianity”*

David Tonghou Ngong, Stillman College

**Tuesday Evening, May 24 – Free Time and Dinner on your own**

**Wednesday morning, May 25 – Continental Breakfast**

**7:45 am – 8:30am - Piper Great Hall**

**Wednesday, May 25 – Session IV**

**8:30 – 10:15**

**Church History IV**

**Room 236**

Mandy McMichael, Huntingdon College, Presiding

*“The Nature of Authority of the Chalcedonian Definition in Maximus the Confessor (580-662)”*

Yelena Borisova, Baylor University

*“Baptist Identity and Winthrop's Puritan ‘City on a Hill’”*

Mike Broadway, Shaw University

*“The Divine Mixed Message: Was St. Ephrem, the Syrian, a Chalcedonian?”*

Gerhard Stübben, Baylor University



## Theology IV

### Room 309

Cameron Jorgenson, Campbell University, Presiding

*“How to Get Saved: An Analysis of the Early Western Patristic Formulas”*

Eric Wickman, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

*“‘It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's Messianism,' or Superman and the Limits of Weak Messianism”*

Adam DJ Brett, Syracuse University

## Contemporary Baptist Issues

### Room 107

*Black Baptist Responses To #BlackLivesMatter*

Rodney A. Thomas Jr.

Richard A. Thomas, Texas Christian University

Pierre Keys, Texas Christian University

## Wednesday morning, May 25 – Plenary Session II

10:30-12:00

### Paul Powell Chapel

Eileen Campbell-Reed, Central Seminary, Presiding

### Roundtable Conversation

*Gender, Race, Identity, and Power in Baptist Studies*

Moderated by: Mandy McMichael, Huntingdon College

### Roundtable

Eileen Campbell-Reed -- Central Seminary

Betsy Flowers -- Texas Christian University

Courtney Pace -- Memphis Theological Seminary

Melody Maxwell -- Howard Payne University

***As a longstanding NABPR tradition for women  
(students and professors)  
to share a meal and collegial support, all women are invited to lunch  
immediately following the final joint plenary session on  
Wednesday, at 12:30pm  
at Ninfas (220 South 3rd Street, Waco)  
For questions, see Eileen Campbell-Reed.***

### Hotels Near Baylor University

*All of the hotels below are close to campus. The Residence Inn is used frequently by Baylor guests.*

- Residence Inn (use group rate code NABN)  
(254) 714-1386  
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wcori-residence-inn-waco/>
- Marriott Courtyard  
(254) 752-8686  
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wcocy-courtyard-waco/>
- Hilton Hotel  
(254) 754-8484  
<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/hilton-waco-ACTWHHF/index.html>
- Hampton Inn  
(254) 412-1999  
<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/hampton-inn-waco-ACTWCHX/index.html>
- Hotel Indigo  
(254) 754-7000  
<http://www.ihg.com/hotelindigo/hotels/us/en/waco/actin/hoteldetail>
- Comfort Suites 254-537-0413  
<http://www.wacocomfortsuites.com/>
- La Quinta Waco 254-752-9741 (use group rate code BGCT)  
<http://www.wacocomfortsuites.com/>

**Save the Date!  
2017 Annual Meeting**

**Belmont University  
Nashville, Tennessee**

**May 22-24, 2017**