



The National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion

Baylor University • May 24-27, 2008 • Waco, Texas

Greetings Members of the NABPR!

Welcome to the Second Annual Meeting of NABPR, divorced from AAR/SBL.

Last year, Darrell Gwaltney, the Dean of the School of Religion at Belmont University, referred to our inaugural May meeting in this way: "In many ways this meeting represents a grand experiment born of necessity in response to the change in format of the annual AAR/SBL meetings." The Belmont meeting was a tremendous success.

It turns out that Baptist scholars were eager for an extended opportunity to meet and exchange ideas. The "May model" for our annual meeting was a big hit. The quality of the papers and the number of presenters far exceeded our expectations.

This year is the second installment of the grand experiment. Baylor is our host, and we anticipate another great meeting. In spite of the downturn in the economy, proposals were up. We expect this to be a great opportunity to stimulate thought, meet new friends, and renew old acquaintances.

I appreciate your support of NABPR and the enthusiasm you have given to our Annual Meetings. Many thanks go to our President, Rosalie Beck, and the Baylor faculty and staff for their hard work.

Daniel Mynatt
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Greetings from the Host Institution

Welcome to Baylor University on the banks of the Brazos River in Waco, Texas.

Scholarship and Baptist traditions are central to the life blood of Baylor. And so it is a particular delight to welcome members of NABPR to the Baylor campus. I hope that the meeting will be a fruitful adventure in scholarship and community.

A special word of thanks is due to all those who have contributed to the planning of the meeting. I trust that the second installment of the "grand experiment" will be fun, provocative, and inspiring. I also trust that our campus setting will work well for the meeting. Please let a Baylorite know if you need any help while you are on campus.

All the best for a fine meeting,

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

Information

Online registration is available at: <http://www.nabpr.org/>

There is no conference registration fee or on-campus housing fee for graduate students.

It will be better if participants pay on site. Registration will be in the main entrance of Truett Seminary, and checks should be made out to "NABPR."

The conference registration of \$95 covers the evening meal and program on Monday evening, light breakfasts on Tuesday and Wednesday, lunch and an evening meal on Tuesday, and lunch on Wednesday. No activities are planned for late Tuesday afternoon in order to allow exploration of Baylor University and Waco.

For questions, feel free to contact Rosalie Beck at Rosalie_Beck@baylor.edu

Rooms are available on campus in a dormitory, the North Village, Living and Learning Center

Cost per person per day (double occupancy): \$23, \$46 total

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1 time cost for linens: \$12.68

The location for the meetings is at Truett Seminary. For a campus map, go to

<http://www.baylor.edu/map/>

Sunday, May 24, and Monday, May 25 – Doctoral Network Workshop

Sunday, May 24

7:00-9:00 PM

Meal and Conversations with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Leadership

Monday, May 25

9:00 AM-12:00

The Baptist Professor's Vocation

Moderator, Curtis Freeman, Duke Divinity

9:00-10:15 The Professor as Scholar

Charles Talbert, Distinguished Professor of Religion, Baylor University

10:15-11:30 The Professor as Teacher

Ralph Wood, University Professor of Theology & Literature, Baylor University

11:30-12:00 Roundtable Discussion: Wood, Talbert, Freeman

**National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion
Monday, May 25**

2:00 Executive Committee Meeting

3:00 Publications Board Meeting

Registration and Opening Program

4:00 Registration begins

6:00 Evening meal

7:00 The Black Gospel Restoration Project
Bob Darden

Tuesday, May 26 – Session I

8:30-10:15

Baptist History I

Carol Holcomb, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Presiding

An Evaluation: The Missionary Work of J. S. Murrow
Heidi Baxter, Brite Divinity School

E. Y. Mullins, Individualism, and Social Ministry
Doug Weaver, Baylor University

The Christian Religion in Its Pragmatic Expression: E. Y. Mullins's Engagement with the
Philosophy of William James

Michael Linville, Hardin-Simmons University

New Testament I

Ken Lyle, Jr., Hardin-Simmons University, Presiding

Martin Luther and Thomas Müntzer on Religious Experience and Scripture
Jacob Goodson, University of Virginia

Luke 18:35–43 as a Rhetorical Paraphrase of Mark 10:46–52
Tim Brookins, Baylor University

Take It or Leave It?: An Examination of Which Ritual Traditions from Judaism Paul
Kept, Which Ones He Discarded, and Why

Thomas Whitley, Gardner-Webb University

Theology I

Rod Taylor, Hardin-Simmons University, Presiding

Resurgent Calvinism among Young Conservative Christian Leaders and Its Implications
for Women in Ministry

Dennis Horton, Baylor University

The Almighty Party and the Almighty God---Recent Political and Religious Models of
Power in Bulgaria, with Reference to Images of God

Kristian Angelov, University of Wales

Religious Liberty in Postmodernity

Coleman Fannin, University of Dayton

**Tuesday, May 26—Presidential Address and Business Session
10:30-12:00**

Presidential Address

“Americans or Aliens?”: Baptists and Immigration at the Beginning of the 20th Century
Rosalie Beck, Baylor University

Business Meeting

**Tuesday, May 26 – Session II
1:00-2:45**

Church History

Rosalie Beck, Baylor University, Presiding

A Consideration of Paul Ricoeur’s Use of Augustine in Time and Narrative
William Myatt, University of Loyola-Chicago

Towards a Postcolonial Augustine

David Wilhite, Baylor University

Imitating the Apostles: Three Trajectories in the Ecclesiastical Historians

Scott Rushing, Baylor University

Old Testament I

Tim Crawford, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Presiding

Queen Mothers

Ginny Brewer-Boydston, Baylor University

Imagining Death and Beyond in Job

Meredith Stone, Hardin-Simmons University

The Curious Case of the Biblical Widow

Stephanie Wyatt, Brite Divinity School

Theology II
Rod Taylor, Hardin-Simmons University, Presiding

The Temple He Had Spoken Of Was His Body: Christian Sexual Ethics, Race, Gender Roles and the Biblical Narrative from Womanist, Liberationist, and Evangelical Perspectives

Rodney Thomas, Brite Divinity School

Evolution and Romans 5:12
Eric Wickman, St. Louis University

Theology as Participation: Trinitarian, Narrative, and Missional *Praxis*
Russell Almon, Hardin-Simmons University

Tuesday, May 26 – Free Time and Dinner
2:45-6:30

2:45-5:30 Free time to explore Waco, especially museums

5:30 Dinner

Tuesday, May 26 – Session III
6:30-8:15

Ethics
Paul Martens, Baylor University, Presiding

Foundational Realism: The Ethics and Mission of Roger Williams
John Burk, Seton Hall University

Why Did These Pass the Test in the Laboratory of History?
Glen Stassen, Fuller Theological Seminary

John Howard Yoder, Catholicism, and the Question of a Unified Nonviolent Witness
Myles Werntz, Baylor University

New Testament II

Todd Still, Baylor University, Presiding

“The Ἰησοῦς Motif in the Letter to the Hebrews: Reflections on the Narrative Pattern of Exodus and Conquest”

Scott Ryan, Duke University

Jesus’ Heavenly Priesthood: Reassessing Supersessionism in Hebrews’ Priestly-Christology

David Moffitt, Duke University

“Test the Spirits” (1 John 4:1): Knowing the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Antichrist—A Pneumatological Reading of First John

Wray Bryant, Capital University

Theology III

Jay Smith, Howard-Payne University, Presiding

Excavating Experience: Theology and Christian Practice as Revealing Divine Life

Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, Vanderbilt University

Keeping it Real: The Theological Significance of “Popular Religion”

Andrew Black, University of Dayton

The Kingdom of God Within and Without: Exploring Tolstoy’s Vision of the Kingdom of God

Jacob Snowden, Hardin-Simmons University

Wednesday, May 27 – Session IV

8:45-12:00 AM

Baptist History II

Doug Weaver, Baylor University, Presiding

The Baptist Manifesto and the Early English Baptists

Scott Bryant, Baylor University

James M. Dunn and Soul Freedom: A Paradigm for Baptist Political Engagement in the Public Arena

Aaron Weaver, Baylor University

Baptist Identity in 1609: The John Smyth/Richard Clifton Literary Debate

Bill Pitts, Baylor University

New Testament III
Mike Parsons, Baylor University, Presiding

Montgomery and the Translation of Acts: The “Great Mission Text-Book”
Alicia Myers, Baylor University

Luke’s Samaritan Panegyric: The Encomiastic Function of Luke 17:11-19
Josh Stout, Baylor University

Christ as the Tomb of God: An Examination of the Supersessionist Nature of Christian
Death of God Theologies
Thomas Whitley, Gardner-Webb University

Theology IV
Barry Harvey, Baylor University, Presiding

“Whence” from Feeling?: Emotivism and the Introduction to Schleiermacher’s
Glaubenslehre
Will Williams, Baylor University

The Mystery of Time within the Structures of Eschatological Theology
E. Frank Tupper, Wake Forest University

Retrieving the Re-remembering Sign: Locating the Unitive Function of the Eucharist
within “Baptist Sacramentalism”
Scott Bullard, Baylor University

Wednesday, May 27 – Session V
10:30-12:00

Workshops

Workshop on Assessment for Departments of Religion
“SACS is coming, SACS is coming. Where can I hide?”
Daniel Mynatt, Anderson University

Workshop on Pedagogy
“Best practices,” do they exist? Teaching Gen Ed classes in religion.
Darrell Gwaltney, Belmont University

Registration Form

You may register at the following link, or submit the form below by fax, email, or regular mail. Follow this link for on-line registration: <http://www.nabpr.org/>

Form for fax or mail:

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

Please indicate if you are a graduate student:

Do you need campus housing? (\$23 per night per Monday
person, \$46 per night for double room)

Tuesday

Indicate if you desire a double room

Registration (\$95 per person) _____

On-campus Housing _____

Total _____

*There is no conference registration or on-campus housing fees for graduate students.
We prefer that you pay on site.*

Address: Rosalie Beck
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