



The National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion

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Greetings From the Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Welcome to the Annual Meeting of NABPR. We have come full circle. As Darrell notes in his greeting below, the Grand Experiment began in 2008 at Belmont. Because of the “split” between AAR and SBL, we were forced to change our meeting format. The School of Religion at Belmont volunteered to organize the first May meeting, which would also be our first attempt at a multi-day format.

What a success! That first meeting had a registration of 65, and each meeting since has registered between 65 and 80. An unintended happy consequence is that we have attracted more graduate students to our annual meeting than ever before! Many, many thanks to all for your continued support.

This year’s program features the winner of the 2012 dissertation scholarship and plenty of good papers on a variety of topics. Monday evening’s program looks to be inspiring and gratifying.

I look forward to seeing you all in Nashville.

Daniel Mynatt

Greetings from the Host Institution

Welcome to the campus of Belmont University for the fifth annual mid-year meeting of the NABPR. Four years ago we began this annual May meeting as a grand experiment and, since then, we have had many wonderful experiences and conversations at Baylor, Mercer, and Gardner-Webb. We are glad to have the NABPR return to Belmont University!

Our work in the classroom requires conversation and discovery and these annual meetings have provided opportunities for members of the NABPR to hear from each other about the many ways we practice our craft and live out our calling. May this year’s gathering continue to create ways we can get to know each other more fully and learn from each other. May it help all of us have a deeper and more nuanced understanding of what it means to be Baptist in the classroom and in our professional and personal lives.

I regret that I am unable to be with you in the meeting this year, but at the time of the meeting I will be leading a group of students on a trip to Israel, Turkey, and Greece. I am confident that my fine colleagues Judy Skeen and Mark McEntire will be capable and wonderful hosts for you. We have, what we hope, is an engaging few days planned for you, especially with a little southern hospitality and Music City cultural flair. Please enjoy yourselves with us.

On behalf of the faculty of the School of Religion and all of Belmont University, please make yourself at home among us. We are glad to have you here!

Sincerely, Darrell Gwaltney
Dean, School of Religion

Registration is available online through May 17th at:

<http://prod3.agileticketing.net/WebSales/pages/EntryPoint.aspx?guid=a3e940f1-178c-4cf3-99c6-cc99c19805fb&>

Please note: Registration may be available at the meeting but meals cannot be guaranteed with last minute registration.

Off Campus Housing

½ mile from Belmont's campus is Scarritt-Bennett Conference center with pleasant and peaceful accommodations for \$62 per night.

(<http://www.scarrittbennett.org/meetings/guestrooms.aspx>)

Other convenient hotels are located along West End Avenue or 21st Avenue.

Meals

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

Food is available on campus and within walking distance from campus, including breakfast options.

Payment

Payment for registration should be paid online when you register.

Walk-in registration will need to be check or cash only.

If you have difficulties registering please contact Judy Skeen by email,

judy.skeen@belmont.edu

If you have questions, email Danny Mynatt at DMynatt@umhb.edu. Danny will forward your question to the appropriate person.

Monday, May 21

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3:30-5:00 Inman Conference Center, 4th floor of the Inman Building
Executive Committee Meeting, Room 407

Registration and Opening Program

4:30-6:00 Lobby area, 4th floor of the Inman center
Registration

6:00 Dinner, Frist Lecture Hall, located in the Inman building 4th floor

Program: An Evening of Story and Song in Honor of Will D. Campbell
Presentation of Festschrift in Honor of Will D. Campbell
Songwriters of renown- Walt Wilkins and Davis Raines
Special guest: Kathryn Scheldt

Tuesday, May 22

8:30-10:15 -- Breakout Sessions #1

OLD TESTAMENT I

William H. Bellinger, Baylor University, presiding

Inman 404

Noah, His Various Faces: Reinterpretation of Noah in the Second Temple Community

Sung Ho Moon, Baylor University

Widow as Icon: Israel's Life after Death

Stephanie Wyatt, Brite Divinity School

The Slaying of the Sea Monster and Its Implications for the Priestly Institution of Sacrifice

Anna Sieges, Baylor University

BAPTIST STUDIES

Loyd Allen, McAfee School of Theology, presiding

Inman 406

Recovering the Life of Hanserd Knollys: the Historiography of a Key Seventeenth Century Baptist Leader

Bill Pitts, Baylor University

An Ancient Landmark Located: Tracing the Nineteenth-Century Dutch Roots of Baptist Successionism

Andrew Smith, Carson-Newman College

Peace is a Great Theory until You Get Punched in the Face: North Carolina Baptists Respond to World War 1 and World War 2

Eddie Stepp, Gardner Webb University

ETHICS

Sally Holt, Belmont University, presiding

Inman 407

Grinding the Face of the Poor: Isaiah Challenges Economic Injustice

Mikael Broadway, Shaw Divinity School

No Midnight Long Remains: The Evangelical King and the End of Nonviolence

Kristopher Norris, University of Virginia

BIBLICAL TRANSLATION *Dalen Jackson, Baptist Seminary of Kentucky, presiding*

Inman 405

Reading the Bible in Africa: A Critique of Inculturation Reading of the Bible

David Ngong, Stillman College

From Burning to Blessing: Baptist Reception of Alexander Campbell's New Translation

James Gorman, Baylor University

The Common English Bible: New Directions in Bible Translation for the 21st Century

E. Wray Bryant, Capital University

Tuesday, May 22

10:30-1:00 Presidential Address, Business Meeting, and Lunch

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS—Frist Lecture Hall, Inman Building 4th Floor

Teaching into Not Knowing: A Pedagogical Inquiry into Transformative Learning
Judy Skeen, Belmont University

Business Meeting—Frist Lecture Hall, Inman Building 4th Floor

LUNCH- Frist Lecture Hall

Tuesday, May 22

1:00-2:45 – Plenary session

PLENARY SESSION: ASSAULTED BY GRIEF: FINDING GOD IN THE BROKEN PLACES
A FACULTY PANEL FROM CARSON-NEWMAN UNIVERSITY FRIST LECTURE HALL

David Crutchley and Gerald Borchert, Eds., *Assaulted By Grief: Finding God in the Broken Places*, Jefferson City, TN: Mossy Creek Press, 2011. (223 pages, \$21.95)

Topic: Coping with the loss of loved ones – especially children

Presentation: Don Garner, Carson-Newman University
Wayne Ballard, Carson-Newman University
Harold Bryson, Carson-Newman University

Response: Jackie Halstead, Associate Professor of Spiritual Formation,
Lipscomb University
Suzi Miller, Licensed Counselor/Therapist

Discussion

Tuesday, May 22

3:00-4:45 -- Breakout Sessions #2

History, Tradition and Culture 1

*Phyllis Rodgerson Pleasants, independent
historian/scholar/ consultant, presiding*

Inman 404

Developing a Pedagogy of Transgression: Teaching the Study of Religion Today

Adam D.J. Brett, Syracuse University

Paul, the Muhammad of Christianity or Muhammad, the Paul of Islam

Nick Mumejian, Hartford Seminary

Mission in a Time of Coerced Translation: Willie Jennings' Critique of Andrew Walls in *The Christian Imagination*

Laura Levens, Duke University

Ministry Studies

Kent Blevins, Gardner-Webb University, presiding

Inman 406

Is Finkenwalde a Model for Contemporary Ministerial Preparation?

Thomas Leuze, Chapman Seminary

Holy Humanitarians: World Vision and the Rise of a Progressive Evangelicalism

David King, Emory University

Breaking through the Extra-Thick Glass Ceiling: African-American Baptist Women in Ministry

Courtney Lyons, Baylor University

Theology

Curtis Freeman, Duke University, presiding

Inman 407

Doctrinal Development as a Theandric (Divine-human) Act: Vladimir Soloviev's Appropriation of Maximus the Confessor's Christology

Yelena Borisova, Baylor University

Christology "from below": Monophysitism's Contemporary Challenge to the Definition of Chalcedon

Ryan Neal, Anderson University

Tuesday, May 22

Evening to Explore the Area

Maps and information at registration

Wednesday, May 23

8:30-10:15 -- Breakout Sessions #3

OLD TESTAMENT 2

Mark McEntire, Belmont University, presiding

Inman 404

Judges 1:1-2:5 The Double Intention of the Deuteronomistic Redactor

Moon Kwon Chae, Baylor University

Woman at the Window: A Study of Sisera's Mother

Kim Bodenhamer, Baylor University

The Queen Mother's Royal Influence and its Reflection in the Regnal Formulas of 1 and 2 Kings

Ginny Brewer-Boydston, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

NEW TESTAMENT

Bob Byrd, Belmont University, presiding

Inman 406

Atonement at the Right Hand: Examining Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins in Acts 5:31

David M. Moffitt, Campbell University

Speech and Character in Paul's Epistle to the Romans: Reflections on Romans 3:9-20

Scott C. Ryan, Baylor University

The Warning Against Idolatry: An Intertextual Examination of Septuagintal Warnings in Hebrews

Jason Whitlark, Baylor University

HISTORY, TRADITION and CULTURE 2

Tim Crawford, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, presiding

Inman 407

Christian Victor(s): The Apostolic Role of Roman Emperors in the Fourth Century

Scott Rushing, Baylor University

Jephthah and His Daughter: Negotiations and Cult Figures in Judges 11:29-40

Katherine Smith, Baylor University

Representations of Children in Late Medieval English Sermons and Exempla

Bryan C. Maine, Baylor University

Wednesday, May 23

10:30-12:00 -- Plenary Session

PLENARY SESSION – FRIST BANQUET HALL, INMAN 4TH FLOOR

Pedagogy and Soulwork

**Principles and Practices of the work of Parker J. Palmer
through Circles of Trust**

Building and sustaining transformative educational experiences

Dr. Ben Curtis, Belmont University

Dr. Merrie King, Belmont University

Dr. Judy Skeen, Belmont University

Practices of the Circle of Trust Approach

In this culture, we know how to create spaces that invite the intellect to show up, to argue its case, to make its point. We know how to create spaces that invite the emotions to show up, to express anger or joy. We know how to create spaces that invite the will to show up, to consolidate effort and energy round a common task. And we surely know how to create spaces that invite the ego to show up, preening itself and claiming its turf! But we seem to know very little about creating spaces that invite the soul to show up, this core of ourselves, our selfhood.

—Parker J. Palmer, *A Hidden Wholeness*