



The National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion

McAfee School of Theology • May 23-26, 2010 • Atlanta,

Greetings Members of the NABPR!

Welcome to the Annual Meeting of NABPR.

I cannot express adequately how gratified I am that this approach to our Annual Meeting has worked so well. Registration at Belmont was around 65, which surpassed my expectations. And then registration at Baylor hit 80. Both meetings were very successful.

This year, proposals were up from the previous meetings, which left our Vice President Dalen Jackson with a good problem. He had to modify our program format slightly to be able to include more participants and more papers!

Many thanks go to all the folks at McAfee who have worked hard to bring this meeting to fruition. In addition to a great program and opportunities to renew old acquaintances, we will also announce the winner of the 2010 NABPR Dissertation Scholarship and present a Festschrift. .

I appreciate your support of NABPR and the enthusiasm you have given to our Annual Meetings.

Daniel Mynatt
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Greetings from the Host Institution

Welcome to the McAfee School of Theology and the Atlanta campus of Mercer University. Mercer and the NABPR have had a very close relationship from the inception of the NABPR through the vision and leadership of Watson Mills and the able guidance of Rick Wilson, so we celebrate the meeting of a strong and vigorous NABPR at Mercer this year. It is the fulfillment of a dream over 25 years in the making!

The McAfee School of Theology opened in 1996 and today has 240 students in the M.Div. and D.Min. programs. Half of McAfee's alumni are in congregational ministries, and nearly ten percent are currently enrolled in Th.M. or Ph.D. programs.

Mercer's Atlanta campus is home to five professional schools including the James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology—a total of over 3,000 students. In addition, the national offices of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the American Baptist Churches' Historical Society Archives, and Baptist Women in Ministry are all on this campus.

We hope that you will find ample parking and enjoy the campus's pastoral surroundings.

R. Alan Culpepper
Dean, McAfee School of Theology

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

To register by email, send the registration form to DMynatt@andersonuniversity.edu.

There is no conference registration fee for graduate students.

Participants should plan to pay on site. Registration will be in the lobby of the Trustee's Dining Room, and checks should be made out to "Mercer University."

The conference registration of \$95 covers the evening meal and program on Monday evening, Tuesday lunch, and refreshment breaks throughout the conference days. No activities are planned for Tuesday evening in order to allow exploration of Atlanta.

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

There are two housing options:

Comfort Inn and Suites

\$85.00 plus tax, two queen beds
2060 Crescent Center Blvd., Tucker, GA, US, 30084
Phone: (770) 496-1070; Fax: (770) 939-9947
Continental Breakfast is provided.

Mercer Atlanta Apartments

On Campus Housing (five minute walk to McAfee)
\$38.00 per night (apartment style, private rooms with shared living and kitchen and internet, no phone or TV)
3001 Mercer University Drive, Atlanta, GA 30341
Breakfast is on your own, but is not available on campus.

Please note: There are only 22 spaces available for on-campus housing. It will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

For a map of the McAfee School of Theology (and the entire Atlanta campus) see:
<http://www.mercer.edu/about/docs/cbday10.pdf>

Sunday, May 23, and Monday, May 24 – Doctoral Network Workshop

Sunday, May 23

7:00-9:00 PM Meal and Conversations with Mercer Press and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Leadership

Monday, May 24

9:00 -12:00 Transitioning from Graduate Study to the Teaching Profession.
Moderator, Curtis Freeman, Duke Divinity School

9:00-10:15 Building a Portfolio for Teaching and Research

10:15-10:30 Break

10:45-12:00 Succeeding in the Job Interview

**National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion
Monday, May 24**

3:30-5:00 Executive Committee Meeting

Registration and Opening Program

4:00 Registration begins

6:00 Evening meal

7:00 Program: **Women Hymn Composers**
Don Saliers, William R. Cannon Distinguished Professor of
Theology and Worship and Director of the Master of Sacred
Music Program, Emeritus, Candler School of Theology, Emory
University

**Tuesday, May 25 – Session I
8:30-10:15**

OLD TESTAMENT I

Bill Bellinger, Baylor University, Presiding

Whistling Past the Graveyard: The Narrative Effect of Psalms 84–89

Robert Wallace, Shorter College

Remembering and Forgetting in the Psalms of Asaph

Christine Jones, Carson-Newman College

Blessing God in the Psalms: A Reappraisal

Travis Bott, Emory University

BAPTIST STUDIES I

James Byrd, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Independence and Interdependence of the Baptists of Colonial New England

Scott E. Bryant, Baylor University

Strategies of Dissent in Late Tudor England

Bill Pitts, Baylor University

The Apocalyptic Teachings of Thomas Helwys
Joe Early, Campbellsville University

CONSTRUCTIVE THEOLOGY

Mark Medley, Baptist Seminary of Kentucky, Presiding

Yoder and the Apocalyptic: A Reconsideration
Myles Werntz, Baylor University

Democracy as Improvisation: A Jazz Corrective to Jeffrey Stout on Tradition, Authority, and ‘Common Morality’ in Religious and Political Discourse
David M. Wilmington, Baylor University

Making Mornings That They’ll Remember: God, Ethnicity, Race, Gender, and Sexuality in William P. Young’s *The Shack*
Adam DJ Brett, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University
Rodney A. Thomas Jr., Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University

CHURCH HISTORY

John Inscore Essick, Baptist Seminary of Kentucky, Presiding

Ignatius of Antioch: The Road to Chalcedon?
Trey Gilliam, University of Edinburgh

Traditions in Conflict: Faith versus Practice, Reticence versus Receptivity
Gavril Andreicut, Marquette University

The Heritage of a Heretic: The Patriarchs of James Peirce
Bracy V. Hill II, Baylor University

Tuesday, May 25—Presidential Address and Business Session
10:30-12:00

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Unthinkable Theological Thoughts
Dan Stiver, Logsdon School of Theology, Hardin-Simmons University

Business Meeting

Festschrift in Honor of William E. Hull
Presented by Peter Rhea Jones of McAfee School of Theology
Received by David Hull and Susan Walker Hull

LUNCH – In Trustee’s Dining Room

Tuesday, May 25 – Session II

1:00-2:45

NEW TESTAMENT I

Wade Bibb, Carson-Newman College, Presiding

Some *Proselytes* in Ptolemaic Egypt and Their Significance for the Meaning of the Word *Proselyte* in the Septuagint, Early Judaism, and Early Christianity

David M. Moffitt, Duke University

From Qumran to Philo, Precedence for Paul's Use of Israel

Thomas Whitley, Gardner-Webb University

"Looking, Living, Learning": A Performance Studies Inquiry of Johannine Ethics using the Footwashing Story (John 13)

E. Wray Bryant, Capital University

BAPTIST STUDIES II

New Directions in African American Baptist History

Wilson Fallin, University of Montevallo, Presiding

Panelists:

Sandy D. Martin, University of Georgia

Pamela A. Smoot, Southern Illinois University

Quinton H. Dixie, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne

Ronald Neal, Claflin University

Adam L. Bond, Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

Dan Stiver, Logsdon School of Theology, Hardin-Simmons University, Presiding

Making the Story Present: Contemporized Texts in Religious Instruction

Thomas Leuze, Chapman Seminary

Redeeming their First Love: A Missional Response to Fallen Clergy

Scott Claybrook, McAfee School of Theology

Everyday Christologies: Practical Reflections on How to Bridge the Church/Academy Divide

Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, Vanderbilt University

THEOLOGY AND HERMENEUTICS

Barry Harvey, Baylor University, Presiding

Theological Aesthetics as Perception and Rapture: On the Mystical *Telos* of Hans Urs von Balthasar's *Glory of the Lord*.

Matt Moser, Baylor University

Infinity and the Theological Task

William Myatt, Loyola University Chicago

***The Little Prince* as Theologian**

Adam DJ Brett, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University

Tuesday, May 25 – Session III

3:00-4:45

OLD TESTAMENT II

Mark McEntire, Belmont University, Presiding

Sarah the Proto-Queen Mother: A Comparison of the use of “*Gevirah*” for Sarah and the Queen Mothers of the Divided Monarchy

Ginny M. Brewer-Boydston, Baylor University

Zion as a Widow under Siege

Stephanie Wyatt, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University

The Theologies of the Book of Joel

Doug Watson, Emory University

DEMOCRACY AND DISSENT IN AMERICAN RELIGION

Curtis Freeman, Duke University, Presiding

The Transformation of Baptist Identity: E. Y. Mullins and the New Baptist Democracy

Andrew Smith, Vanderbilt University

“In a Congregational Way”: The Baptist Possibility of Sacramental and Radical Democracy

Christopher Schelin, International Baptist Theological Seminary

Catholicity as Dissent? Orestes Brownson, John W. Nevin, and American Evangelicalism

Andrew Black, University of Dayton

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

Steve Harmon, Beeson Divinity School, Presiding

“Rethinking” the Doctrine of Atonement

Tracey Mark Stout, Bluefield College

Sergius Bulgakov and the kenosis of the Holy Spirit

Kristian Angelov, University of Wales, United Kingdom

MISSIOLOGY

Graham Walker, McAfee School of Theology, presiding

Ann Judson’s Adversary: What Lucy Thurston Can Teach Us about Theology of Mission

Laura Rodgers Levens, Duke Divinity School

Media and Missions: How World Vision Served as American Evangelicals’ Window to the World

David King, Emory University

Genesis 50:20-21 and Overcoming Colonial Experience in Asia

Jangho Jo, Baylor University

Tuesday Evening, May 25

Free time to have dinner and explore Atlanta

Wednesday, May 26 – Session IV

8:30-10:15 AM

NEW TESTAMENT II

Richard Vinson, Salem College, Presiding

Perfection as Paideia

Amy L. B. Peeler, Princeton Theological Seminary

The Stoic “Wise Man” Among the Corinthians: Gymnasium Education and the Corinthian “Elite”

Tim Brookins, Baylor University

Towards a New Theology of the Collection

Arthur M. Sutherland, Loyola University Maryland

BAPTIST STUDIES IV

Pam Durso, Executive Director for Baptist Women in Ministry, Presiding

“Except the Lord Build the House”: WMU’s Royal Service Magazine and the Christian Home, 1946-1967

Melody Maxwell, International Baptist Theological Seminary

Modeling Modesty?: Religion and Pageantry in the 20th century South

Mandy McMichael, Duke University

How Baptist is Beth Moore?: A Critical Investigation

Courtney A. Lyons, Baylor University

RACE AND THEOLOGY

Adam Bond, Virginia Union University, Presiding

Race, Revelation, and Revolt: The Antebellum Restoration of Southern Baptist Theology

William Brent Jones, University of Virginia

I Saw de Beam in My Sister's* Eye, Can't Saw de Beam in Mine

Mike Broadway, Shaw University Divinity School

The Social God, Social Teaching and Social Justice: Trinitarian Visions in Black Liberationist and Womanist Political Theologies

Rodney A. Thomas Jr., Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University

BAPTIST HIGHER EDUCATION

Doug Weaver, Baylor University, Presiding

Landmark Baptists and Higher Education: Missionary Baptist Seminary, Little Rock, Arkansas

J. Kristian Pratt, Spartanburg Methodist College

Maneuvering the Twilight: Baptist Theological Education 2010 and Beyond

Ryan A. Clark, Mercer University

Wednesday, May 26 – Session V

10:30-12:00

PLENARY SESSION

Book Review: *The Acts of the Apostles: Four Centuries of Baptist Interpretation*

Loyd Allen, McAfee School of Theology, Presiding

Reviewers: Pam Durso, Executive Director for Baptist Women in Ministry
Richard Vinson, Salem College

Respondents: Mikeal Parsons, Baylor University
Doug Weaver, Baylor University

Registration Form

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

Form for email or mail:

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

Please indicate if you are a graduate student:

Do you need campus housing? (\$38 per night) Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Registration (\$95 per person) _____

On-campus Housing _____

Total _____

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

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