



The National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion

Belmont University • May 22-24, 2017 • Nashville, TN

Greetings from the Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Welcome to the Annual May Meeting of NABPR. This year's program features the winner of the 2017 dissertation scholarship, the presentation of the Bill Bellinger festschrift and a plenary session on the role of public statements for NABPR.

Save the date for 2018: Gardner-Webb University has committed to host our meeting on May 21-23, 2018. Gardner-Webb hosted a few years ago, and it was a very successful meeting.

The November meeting in San Antonio featured our invited Keynote address by Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre. Mark your calendar for November 18. We plan to keep the Saturday morning tradition alive in Boston. Our Keynote speaker will be Dr. Nancy Ammerman.

Many thanks go to Eileen Campbell-Reed, our President, and the Belmont University faculty and staff who have worked hard to bring about another successful meeting.

I look forward to seeing you in Nashville.

Daniel Mynatt
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Greetings from Belmont University

Nine years ago the Belmont University School of Religion had the honor of hosting the first May national meeting of the NABPR. We hosted for a second time in 2012, and this year we are pleased to be host for the third time as the College of Theology and Christian Ministry. Welcome to Nashville, Tennessee and the campus of Belmont. We hope you enjoy the conference and your time in our great city.

Mark McEntire
Belmont University

Information

Registration

Registration is online at NABPR.org: <http://nabpr.org/meetings/registration/>

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

All graduate student registration is compliments of NABPR.

Housing

A list of local hotels appears on the last page of the program.

Belmont is providing on-campus housing to any registrant for \$27 per night. In order to take advantage of this option, you must indicate that you want on-campus housing when you register online.

Linens are **NOT** provided.

Payment for housing will be made directly to the College of Theology and Christian Ministry when you arrive. Please have a check ready for \$27.50 per night. NABPR will not collect housing payments at registration.

Meals

The registration fee covers the conference meetings, the banquet on Monday, lunch on Tuesday, light breakfast on Tuesday and Wednesday, and coffee breaks.

If you wish to bring a guest to Monday's banquet, the cost is \$22.50 per unregistered guest. This option is available through the online registration.

Parking

There should always be plenty of "Guest Parking" spaces in the garages beneath the Inman-McWhorter buildings and the Janet Ayers Academic Center. You can get access to these garages off of Wedgewood Avenue or Acklen Avenue.

Questions

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

Monday, May 22
National Association of Professors of Religion

**Please Note: All meeting rooms unless otherwise noted are at
BELMONT UNIVERSITY
Frist Lecture Hall, 4th Floor, Inman Health Sciences Building**

3:00-6:30 Registration Check-in
Foyer of Frist Lecture Hall
4th Floor, Inman Health Sciences Building

(Those who requested housing will pay at registration and then be directed to the residence hall for check-in and key pick-up.)

3:30-5:00 Executive Committee Meeting
Conference Room
College of Theology and Christian Ministry
2037 Janet Ayers Academic Center

6:00 Dinner: **Frist Lecture Hall**

Program: Cory Bishop of The New Schematics
Cliff Vaughn, producer of the documentary film “The Disturbances.”

**The Break Area for the conference will be located in the Foyer by
the Frist Lecture Hall**

Tuesday morning, May 23 – Continental Breakfast
8:00 am – 8:30am

Foyer, Frist Lecture Hall

Tuesday, May 23 –Session I
8:30 – 10:15

Old Testament I
Room 404

Mark McEntire, Presiding

“Lament and Praise in Book V of the Psalter”

W. H. Bellinger, Jr.
Baylor University

“The Importance of Place in Book Five of the Psalter”

Nancy L. deClaissé-Walford
McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University

“Living through the Paradox of Faith: A Dialogical Approach to Psalm 57”

B. J. Parker
Baylor University

New Testament I
Room 405

Bryan Whitfield, Presiding

“Typological Intersections and Divine Utterance: Prosopopoeia and Intertextuality in Luke’s Transfiguration”

Jeremiah Bailey
Baylor University

“The Rhetorical Function of the Fable of the Rich Fool in Luke”

Gregory M. Barnhill
Baylor University

“Isaiah’s Garden in Mark’s Gospel: Isaiah’s Arboreal Reversal as the Basis for the Recurring Garden Imagery in Mark 11–13”

Rebecca W. Poe Hays
Baylor University

Church History I

Room 406

Bill Pitts, Presiding

“Crawford Toy and the Baptist Roots of the World Religion Paradigm”

Andrew Gardner

Florida State University

“The Ambiguity of Southern Baptist Teachers in Latin America: The Dissemination of Foreign White Supremacy, Native Resistance, and Missionary Whitelash (1882-1946)”

João Chaves

Baylor University

“Isaac Taylor Tichenor and Them Damn Yankees”

Jacob E. Drake

Baylor University

Theology I

Room 407

Mikael Broadway, Presiding

“Augustine Through the Aegis: Aurelius Augustine and Noam Chomsky on Power, Politics, and the Problem of Sin”

Gerhard Stübben

Baylor University

“Developing a Christian Understanding of Power and Forgiveness”

Jeremiah Hamby

Gardener-Webb University

“Inmate Ministry as Contextual Missiology: Best Practices for America’s Emerging Prison Seminary Movement”

Joshua Hays

Baylor University

Pedagogy I

Frist Lecture Hall

Tom Leuze, Presiding

Panel: “Disruptive Pedagogies: Cultivating Critical Consciousness”

“Pastoral Care in the Classroom: Responding to Rape Culture at a Christian University”

Natalie Webb

Baylor University

“Practicing Pedagogical Inclusivity: Race, Gender, and Class”

Courtney Pace

Memphis Theological Seminary

“In ‘Other’ Words: Notes on Trying to Learn and Pronounce an Islamic History of the Crusades”

John Inscore Essick

Baptist Seminary of Kentucky

Responding: Eileen Campbell-Reed, Central Tennessee

Tuesday, May 23—Plenary Session I

Annual Business Session

Lunch

10:30-1:15

10:30 – 11:50 PLENARY SESSION

“NABPR: Its Mission, Purpose and Public Statements”

11:50 - 12:15 – Business Session

Presentation of the 2017 Festschrift in honor of Bill Bellinger.

Nancy L. deClaissé-Walford, editor

Location **Frist Lecture Hall**

12:15-1:15 – Lunch

Location **Frist Lecture Hall**

Tuesday, May 23 – Session II

1:30 – 3:15

Old Testament II

Room 404

Christine Jones, Presiding

“Between Justice and Retribution: Tensions in the Biblical Presentation of Widowhood”

Stephanie Wyatt

“YHWH, Moses, and Pharaoh: Masculine Competition as Rhetoric in the Exodus Narrative”

Richard Purcell

Emory University

“Violence and Lament in the Digital Age: A Year of Teaching Psalm 137 Online”

*Kim Bodenhamer
Baylor University*

New Testament II

Room 405

Scott Shauf, Presiding

“Moving beyond Abstraction in Teaching Textual Criticism”

*Seth Heringer
Azusa Pacific University*

“Preaching Mark’s Jesus: Narrative Christology as a Homiletic”

*Jennifer Garcia Bashaw
East Texas Baptist University*

“Locating Jesus in the Shadow of the Empire”

*Zach Emory
Gardner-Webb University*

Church History II

Room 406

Doug Weaver, Presiding

“Finding the Strength to Love: Theological Anthropology and Nonviolence in the Thought of Martin Luther King, Jr.”

*Jake Raabe
Truett Theological Seminary*

“Seeds: A Modern Baptist Implementation of the Social Gospel.”

*Bill Pitts
Baylor University*

“Examining Responses to Texas Baptists’ 2016 Actions to Remove Fellowship From Churches Who Affirm Full Inclusion of LGBTQ Persons”

*Meredith J. Stone
Hardon-Simmons University*

Pedagogy II

Room 407

Judy Skeen, Presiding

Panel: “Engaged Pedagogy and Social Justice Education”

“Teaching the Effective History of the Enlightenment”

*Adam DJ Brett
Syracuse University*

“Teaching Social Justice as a Trained Traditionalist”

Laura Rodgers Levens
Baptist Seminary of Kentucky

“Teaching to Transform in the Age of Trump”

Melissa Browning
McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University

Theology II

Frist Lecture Hall

Sally Holt, Presiding

“The Christological Implications of Martin Luther’s Two Kingdoms: Not Quite Heresy, Not Quite Not Heresy”

Sam Davidson
Truett Theological Seminary

“White Moderates and Moderate Baptists: Moderateness as a Betrayal of the Gospel”

Kate Hanch (proposal 1 of 2)
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

“Lilith: A Fair Appropriation”

Adam Peeler
Mercer University

Tuesday, May 23 – Session III

3:30 – 5:00

Old Testament III

Room 404

Stephanie Wyatt, Presiding

“Athaliah: Guilty by Association If Our Memory Serves Correctly (2 Kgs 11)”

Ginny Brewer-Boydston
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

“Achsah versus Micah: Reading Judges 17–18 as Counterpoint to the Achsah Narrative in Judges 1”

Nathan Hays
Baylor University

New Testament III
Room 405

Eric Holleyman, Presiding

“Who’s In, Who’s Out: Social Identity and the Warning Passages in the Epistle to the Hebrews”

Kenneth A. Vandergriff
 Florida State University

“Hebrews and the Red Heifer”

Bryan J. Whitfield
 Mercer University

Church History III
Room 406

John Inscore Essick, Presiding

“From Edessa to Nisibis: Trajectories in the Development of East Syrian Tradition”

Elias Cade Jarrell
 Truett Theological Seminary

“Civilizing Slave Society: Feeling Ghosts in Francis Wayland’s Antislavery Moral Theology”

Tyler Davis
 Baylor University

Theology III
Room 407

Laura Rodgers Levens, Presiding

“Did Hilary of Poitiers’ Teach Definite Atonement?”

Eric Wickman
 University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

“Dutton Contra Dutton: Examining Inconsistencies within Anne Dutton’s Theology”

Kate Hanch
 Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

“Divine-Human Blending: The Soteriological Dimension of Mixture Language in Gregory of Nyssa’s Christology”

Andrew P. Clark
 Truett Theological Seminary

Pedagogy III
Frist Lecture Hall

Courtney Pace, Presiding

Panel: “Stories From the Active Classroom and Beyond”

“Why Active Learning in the Religion Classroom?”

Christine Jones
Carson-Newman University

“(More) Active Teaching and Learning”

W. H. Bellinger, Jr.
Baylor University

“Teaching on the Streets: Engaged Pedagogy Outside of the Classroom”

Melissa Browning
McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University

“Grading Like a Video Game: Skills-Based Assessment”

Robert E. Wallace
Judson University

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

Wednesday morning, May 24 – Continental Breakfast
8:00 am – 8:30am

Foyer, Frist Lecture Hall

Wednesday, May 24 – Session IV
8:30 – 10:15

Old Testament IV
Room 404

W. H. Bellinger, Presiding

“To Provoke Israel to Jealousy:” The Samaritans within the literature of the Dead Sea Scrolls

Joseph Kyle Stewart
Florida State University

“Of Gods and Kings: A Textual Critical Assessment of Zephaniah 1:5”

Nicholas R. Werse
Baylor University

Theology IV
Room 405

Melissa Browning, Presiding

Panel: “No More Walls: A Theological Response to Systemic Inequality”

Richard A. Thomas, Texas Christian University
 Gerald I. Parks II, Texas Christian University
 Rodney A. Thomas, Jr., Independent Researcher

Theology V
Room 406

Joseph Early Presiding

“Recovering Typological Exegesis: Is It Still Possible?”

Seth Heringer
Azuza Pacific University

“Telling the Baptist Story: The Need for Qualitative Methods and Practical Theology”

Jonathan L. Best
St. Thomas University

Pedagogy IV
Room 407

Judy Skeen, Presiding

Panel: “Teaching Religion and Interfaith Reality”

Loyd Allen, McAfee School of Theology
Cynthia Curtis, Belmont University
John Inscore Essick, Baptist Seminary of Kentucky
Sally Holt, Belmont University

Wednesday morning, May 24 – Plenary Session II
10:30-12:00

Roundtable Conversation: “Baptists and Intersectionality”
Frist Lecture Hall

Moderator: Eileen Campbell-Reed
Panelists: Courtney Pace, Memphis Seminary
Joao Chaves, Baylor University
Andrew Gardner, Florida State University
Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Pacific School of Religion

Save the Date!
2018 Annual Meeting

May 21-23, 2018
Gardner-Webb University
Boiling Springs, NC

Local Hotels

[Holiday Inn on West End Avenue](#)

1.4 miles from Belmont - 30 min walk; shuttle is also available

Address: 2613 West End Ave, Nashville, TN 37203

Phone: (615) 327-4707

[Comfort Inn – Downtown / Vanderbilt](#)

1.3 miles from Belmont – 25 min walk

Address: 1501 Demonbreun St, Nashville, TN 37203

Phone: (615) 255-9977

[Scarritt Bennett Center](#)

1.0 mile from Belmont – 20 minute walk

single rooms - twin bed and shared bath

\$88.94 per night per person (includes taxes and fees)

This arrangement will work best if people reserve rooms with a partner.

Those two people can share the bathroom between the sleeping rooms.

For reservations (have your credit card ready):

Address: 1008 19th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37212

Phone: (615) 340-7500