



# The National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion

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

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

Welcome to the Annual May Meeting of NABPR.

Save the date for 2019: Campbell University School of Law has committed to host our meeting on May 20 – 22, 2019. The 2019 meeting will be a joint meeting with the Baptist History and Heritage Society.

The November meeting in Boston was successful. Mark your calendar for November 17. Dr. Nancy Ammerman did a wonderful job as our plenary speaker. We plan to keep the Saturday morning tradition alive in Denver.

Many thanks go to Doug Weaver, our President, and the Gardner-Webb University faculty and staff who have worked hard to bring about another successful meeting. The online registration and payment portal made the logistics much easier.

I look forward to seeing you in Boiling Springs.

Daniel Mynatt  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

## **Greetings from Gardner-Webb University**

Gardner-Webb University had the privilege of hosting the Annual May Meeting of the NABPR in 2011, and we are delighted to do so again this year. Welcome to Boiling Springs, North Carolina and the Gardner-Webb campus. We hope you enjoy the conference and your time in our town and the surrounding area in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Steven R. Harmon  
Associate Professor of Historical Theology  
Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity  
NABPR Vice President

## Information

### **Registration**

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

Conference Fee: Before May 1: \$95. After May 1: \$125

All graduate student registration is compliments of NABPR.

### **Housing**

A list of local hotels appears on the last page of the program. We regret that on-campus housing is not available for this meeting; the first hotel listed is located near the Gardner-Webb campus and has a block of rooms reserved for our conference at a discounted rate.

### **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**

All conference sessions will take place in the Tucker Student Center, located on Lake Hollifield between the Ernest W. Spangler Football Stadium and the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center. Plenty of unrestricted parking will be available adjacent to Tucker Student Center in the large parking lot in front of Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center as well as in other spaces designated for visitor parking in lots throughout the campus.

For those traveling by air, the Gardner-Webb University campus is located 47 miles from Charlotte Douglas International Airport (estimated 55 min. drive) and 47 miles from Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (estimated 59 min. drive).

### **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 21**  
**National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion**

- 3:00-6:00**      **Registration Check-in**  
**Faith Hall foyer, Tucker Student Center**
- 3:30-5:00**      **Executive Committee meeting**  
**Room 353, Tucker Student Center**
- 6:00**              **Dinner: Faith Hall, Tucker Student Center**

**Program:**

Joseph S. Moore, Assistant Professor of History, Chair of the Department of Social Sciences, and Special Assistant to the Provost for Academic Enhancement at Gardner-Webb University and author of *Founding Sins: How a Group of Antislavery Radicals Fought to Put Christ into the Constitution* (Oxford University Press, 2015).

**The Break Area for the conference will be located in the foyer outside Stewart Hall in Tucker Student Center.**

**Tuesday morning, May 22 – Continental Breakfast  
8:00 am – 8:30am**

**Stewart Hall foyer, Tucker Student Center**

**Tuesday, May 22 –Session I  
8:30 – 10:15**

**Old Testament I**

**Chapel (Room 228, Tucker Student Center)**

**Presiding: Gerald Keown**

*The Theology of Joel in Aimee Semple McPherson's Sermons and Writings*

Lacy K. Crocker Papadakis  
Baylor University, Doctoral Student

*Hawkman, Wonder Woman, and Manasseh: the Contextualization of a Figure*

P. Scott Henson  
Gardner-Webb University

*The Ascension of Enoch and Muhammad: A Comparative Analysis of 2 Enoch and the Bukhari Hadith*

Zachary J. Dey  
Gardner-Webb University, Master of Divinity/ Master of Arts Student

**New Testament I**

**Hope Hall, Tucker Student Center**

**Presiding: Jim McConnell**

*Echoes of Exodus in the Epistle to the Hebrews*

David M. Moffitt  
University of St Andrews

*Mercy as "Clemency": Paul's "Mercy" Language against a Roman Imperial Backdrop*

Gregory M. Barnhill  
Baylor University, Doctoral Student

*A Shift in Eschatological Thought from The Similitudes to Mark 13*

Jeremiah Hamby  
Gardner-Webb University, Master of Divinity/ Master of Arts in Religion Student

**Church History I****Spectrum Theater (Room 139, TSC)****Presiding:** Glenn Jonas*Reclaiming the Bible: Martin Luther and LGBTQ+ Inclusion*

Adam Peeler

MacAfee School of Theology, Master of Divinity Student

*Baptist Theological Education and the Politics of Space*

Andrew Gardner

Florida State University, Doctoral Student

**Theology I****Room 141, Tucker Student Center****Presiding:** Kent Blevins*Watery Vulnerability and Impious Resistance: Perpetua's Martyrdom, Our Baptism*

Mark S. Medley

Baptist Seminary of Kentucky

*Relational Theopsychology: Trinitarian Theology and Matrixial Anthropology for Psychosocial Transformation*

Matthew Beal

Boston University School of Theology, Doctoral Student

*Sharing in Salvation: The Ritualizing Martyrdom and Eucharist in Early Christianity*

Kenneth A. Vandergriff

Florida State University, Doctoral Student

**Pedagogy I****Room 353, Tucker Student Center****Presiding:** Tim Crawford*Privilege and "Standard" English: Reframing Expectations of Student Writing*

Dalen C. Jackson

Baptist Seminary of Kentucky

*Which Way has the Pendulum Swung? Exploring Biblical Ignorance vs. a Fundamentalist Shift in Students in Baptist Higher Education*

Amy Stumpf

California Baptist University

*The Telos of Theological Education: Knowledge or Formation?*

Seth Heringer

Toccoa Falls College

**Tuesday, May 22—Plenary Session I**  
**Annual Business Session**  
**Lunch**  
**10:30-1:15**

**10:30-11:45 Plenary Session I**  
**Stewart Hall, Tucker Student Center**

**A Multi-Disciplinary Response to Ryan Andrew Newson, *Inhabiting the World: Identity, Politics, and Theology in Radical Baptist Perspective* (Perspectives on Baptist Identities series; Mercer University Press, 2018)**

**Presiding:**

Alicia Myers, Campbell University

**Panelists:**

Steven R. Harmon, Gardner-Webb University (Historical Theology)

B. Diane Lipsett, Salem College (New Testament)

Kristopher Norris, Wesley Theological Seminary (Ethics and Public Theology)

Amy L. Chilton, Fuller Theol. Sem./Azusa Pacific Univ. (Systematic Theology)

Ryan Andrew Newson, Campbell University (Theology and Ethics)

**11:50-12:15 Business Session**

**12:15-1:15 Lunch**  
**Faith Hall, Tucker Student Center**

**Tuesday, May 22 – Session II**  
**1:30 – 3:15**

**Old Testament II**

**Chapel (Room 228, Tucker Student Center)      Presiding: W. H. Bellinger, Jr.**

*Enemies and Evildoers in Book V of the Psalter*

W. H. Bellinger, Jr.

Baylor University

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

Kim Bodenhamer

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

*Sing It Again, Psalm: The Rhetorical Dynamics of Story and Refrain in Psalm 136*

Rebecca W. Poe Hays

Baylor University, Doctoral Student

## **New Testament II**

**Hope Hall, Tucker Student Center**

**Presiding:** Mitchell Reddish

*Jesus the Anti-Prophet (?)*

Cody Carpenter

McAfee School of Theology, Master of Divinity Student

*Subjecting and Confining: The Language of Conflict and the Structure of Romans 1–11*

Scott C. Ryan

Baylor University

## **Church History II**

**Spectrum Theater (Room 139, TSC)**

**Presiding:** James Byrd

*“Christian Frontiers: Once There Really Were “Liberal” Southern Baptists”*

Glenn Jonas

Campbell University

*Crawford Howell Toy: The Formative Years (1836-1868)*

Mikeal Parsons

Baylor University

*Harry Marsh Warren and the Baptist Roots of Modern Suicide Prevention*

John Inscore Essick

Baptist Seminary of Kentucky

## **Theology II**

**Room 141, Tucker Student Center**

**Presiding:** Mark Medley

*Humans as Animal Loquens; or Recovering James McClendon’s Lost Strand*

Brandon Morgan

Baylor University, Doctoral Student

*Recovering the Spirit of Ubuntu: Toward an African Political Theology*

Jackson Adamah

Duke Divinity School, Master of Theology Student

**Tuesday, May 22 – Plenary II**  
**3:30 – 5:00**

**Plenary Session II**  
**Stewart Hall, Tucker Student Center**

**Race, Memory, and Violence in the Future of Baptist Studies: Latino/a,  
Black, and White Perspectives**

**Presiding:**

Doug Weaver, Baylor University

**Panelists:**

João Chaves, Baptist University of the Americas

Malcolm Foley, Baylor University, Doctoral Student

Christopher Moore, Catawba Valley Community College

**Response:**

Doug Weaver, Baylor University

**Tuesday Evening, May 22 – Free Time and Dinner on your own**

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

**Stewart Hall foyer, Tucker Student Center**



**Wednesday, May 23 – Session III**  
**8:30 – 10:15**

**Practical Studies I**

**Room 141, Tucker Student Center**

**Presiding:** Eric Holleyman

*Preaching by Immersion: Homiletics for the Age of Virtual Reality*

Jennifer Garcia Bashaw  
 Campbell University

*Feeling the Weight: Re-Conceiving a Baptist Theology of Ordination After #MeToo*

Kathryn H. House  
 Boston University School of Theology, Doctoral Fellow

*Blessing or Blessed? Toward an Ethic of Hospitable Service*

Tom LeGrand  
 Gardner-Webb University

**Old Testament III**

**Hope Hall, Tucker Student Center**

**Presiding:** Kim Bodenhamer

*The Makings of a Despondent Queen: An Analysis of Esther 2:12-18*

Mariah Q. Richardson  
 Gardner-Webb University, Master of Divinity/Master of Arts in Religion Student

*Comparing Rhetoric in Art and Text: Considering the Rhetorical Function of Images*

Richard Purcell  
 Emory University, Doctoral Student

**Theology III**

**Chapel (Room 228, Tucker Student Center)**

**Presiding:** Ryan Andrew Newson

*Baptists Hearing Voices and Seeing Things: Imagining Radical Practices of Local Church Theology*

Amy L. Chilton, Fuller Theological Seminary/Azusa Pacific University  
 Steven R. Harmon, Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity

*Aquinas on Grace and Altruism*

Daniel W. Houck  
 Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Research Fellow at the Henry Center

**Church History III****Spectrum Theater (Room 139, TSC)****Presiding:** Loyd Allen*According to Luther: The Nature, Role, and Purpose of Women*

Joe Early

Campbellsville University

*Martin Luther's Influence on the Religious Education of Children: The Centrality of the Gospel and Laity Involvement in Faith Development*

Emily Buck

Fuller Theological Seminary, Doctoral Student

**Wednesday morning, May 23 – Plenary Session III**  
**10:30-12:00**

**Stewart Hall, Tucker Student Center****Presiding:** W. H. Bellinger, Jr.**Panel: Discussion of Heidi J. Hornik and Mikeal C. Parsons, *Acts of the Apostles Through the Centuries* (Wiley, 2016)****Panelists:**

John Essick, Baptist Seminary at Kentucky

Alicia Myers, Campbell University

Scott Shauf, Gardner Webb University

**Response:**

Mikeal Parsons, Baylor University

**Save the Date!**  
**2019 Annual Meeting**

**May 20 - 22, 2019**  
**Campbell University**  
**School of Law**  
**Raleigh, NC**

## Local Hotels

### [AmericInn Lodge & Suites, Boiling Springs](#)

1.1 miles from Gardner-Webb; 4 minute drive/22 minute walk

\*We have a block of 35 rooms reserved at AmericInn Lodge & Suites at a discounted rate of \$82 per night. Deadline for reserving rooms at the GWU conference rate is May 1; after May 1, any unreserved rooms will be released, and the conference discount will no longer be available.

**Address:** 428 E. College Avenue, Boiling Springs, NC 28017

**Phone:** (704) 434-9996

### [Hampton Inn & Suites, Shelby](#)

12 miles from Gardner-Webb; 21 minute drive

**Address:** 2001-B East Dixon Boulevard, Shelby, NC 28152

**Phone:** (704) 487-2800

### [Country Inn & Suites by Radisson, Shelby](#)

12 miles from Gardner-Webb; 20 minute drive

**Address:** 2001-A East Dixon Boulevard, Shelby, NC 28152

**Phone:** (704) 480-0881