



The National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion

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

Draft Program: NABPR Annual Meeting May 2017

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 Belmont when you arrive. 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

TBA

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
Location TBA**

3:00-6:30 Registration Check-in
 Location TBA
 [ROOM / TABLE in foyer for registration]

3:30-5:00 Executive Committee Meeting
 Room TBA

6:00 Dinner: **TBA**

Program: **TBA**

The Break Area for the conference will be located TBA.

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

Location TBA

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

Old Testament I

Room TBD

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 TBD

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 TBD

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 TBD

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
Room TBD

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

12:15-1:15 – Lunch

Location TBD

Tuesday, May 23 – Session II

1:30 – 3:15

Old Testament II

Room TBD

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 TBD

Presiding

“Moving beyond Abstraction in Teaching Textual Criticism”

Seth Heringer

Azuza 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 TBD

Glenn Jonas, Campbell University, 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 TBD

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

Room TBD

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

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 TBD

Presiding

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

Ginny Brewer-Boydston

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

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

Nathan Hays

Baylor University

New Testament III

Room TBD

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 TBD

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 TBD

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
Room TBD

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

LOCATION TBD

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

Old Testament IV
Room TBD

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 TBD

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 TBD

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 TBD

Presiding

Panel: “Teaching Religion and Interfaith Reality”

Judy Skeen, Belmont University
 Sally Holt, Belmont University
 Cynthia Curtis, Belmont University

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

Room TBD

Presiding

Roundtable Conversation: “Baptists and Intersectionality”

Moderator: Eileen Campbell-Reed, Central Baptist Seminary

Panelists: Courtney Pace, Memphis Seminary

João Chaves, Baylor University

Andrew Gardner, Florida State University

Responding: 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