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2013 AAR/WR PROGRAM

Saturday 9 March 2013

PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration opens; LL Foyer

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Women's Caucus Continental Breakfast; LL 102

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Women's Caucus Workshop; LL 102

Translating Feminist Theory into Praxis: Strategies for Grassroots Movement and Collaboration among Allied Communities

Moderator: Theresa Yugar, Claremont Graduate University

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.: Session 1: Presenters

Cristina Rose Smith, California Institute of Integral Studies
"Bioregionalism and Collaboration: Allies in the Ventura County Grassroots Community"

Michelle Marie Hayes, California State University, Long Beach
"First and Third World Women Making Contributions Beyond Borders"

Fr. Guillermo Garcia, Mount Saint Mary's College
"Negotiating Hospitality: Collaboration with Groups Working for Social Justice"

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Session 2: Discussion and Workshop

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

AAR/WR Board Meeting; LL 165

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Queer Caucus Film Screening & Reception; LL 102

Film: *Inspired: The Voices Against Proposition 8*, directed by Charlie Gage

Facilitator: John Tubera, California State University Long Beach,
AAR/WR Board Queer Advocate

Sunday 10 March 2013

7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Registration open; LL Foyer

Session 1: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

A 1 History of Christianity 1; LL 105

Religion and Public Life: Religion, Institution, and Society

Moderator: Dyron Daughrity, Pepperdine University

Keith Pacholl, University of West Georgia
“‘A very advantageous vehicle’: Marketing Religion in Eighteenth-Century American Periodicals”

Joel Layton, Graduate Theological Union
“The Christian Subversion of Roman Family Roles in Carthage”

Kristy Slominski, University of California, Santa Barbara
“Alliances of Ministers, Physicians, and Educators in the History of American Sex Education”

Respondent: Craig Harline, Brigham Young University

A 2 Religion and Social Sciences; LL 106

Integrating Religion and the Social Sciences toward the Betterment of Society

Moderator: Krista Wuertz, Claremont School of Theology & Claremont Lincoln University

Melissa Lemons, Loyola University Maryland
“Compassion: The Missing Link in the Christian Call to Love”

Harlan Stelmach, Dominican University of California
“Reinhold Niebuhr and Robert Bellah: Religion and Science in the Public Square”

Jill L. Snodgrass, Loyola University Maryland
“Re-entering Society: Applied Psychology and Religion with Women Transitioning from Incarceration”

A 3 Religions of Asia 1; LL 107

Public Expression and Performance of Asian Religions in Contemporary Society

Moderator: Shanshan Yang, California Institute of Integral Studies

Charles Townsend, University of California, Riverside
“Keeping the Faith Alive: Efforts to Teach the Performance of Sikh Sacred Music in America”

Donald Westbrook, Claremont Graduate University
“Scientology, Buddhism, and the ‘Bridge to Total Freedom’”

A 4 Queer Studies in Religion 1; LL 108

Bodies, Space, and Religious Discourse: Understanding and Challenging Religion in Queer Public Life

Moderator/ Respondent: John Erickson, Claremont Graduate University

Vincent D. Cervantes, University of Southern California
“Jotería Publics: Promiscuous Bodies of Lived Religious Spaces”

Cassie Ambutter, University of California, Santa Cruz
“Occupying Queer Spaces: Religion, Politics, and the 2008 FLDS Raid”

Suzette Zazueta, California State University Long Beach
“Purifying the Body: Contemporary notions of purity and Pollution concerning intersex persons”

A 5 Religion in America 1; LL 112

“The Mormon Moment”: Current Issues in Mormonism

Moderator: Doe Daughtrey, Arizona State University

Rosemary Avance, The Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania & University of Utah
“Shifting Mormon Voices: The Role of the Internet in the Construction of Modern Mormon Identities”

Mason K. Isom, Claremont Graduate University
“Save the D8: Mormon Young Single Adults, Marriage, and the
Campaign for Proposition 8”

Taunalyne Rutherford, Claremont Graduate University
“Excavating Eve: Uncovering the Mormon Narrative of the Mother of
All Living (Taking Mormon Eve’s Oral History)”

Roy Whitaker, Claremont Graduate University
“Martin Luther King, Jr. and the “Mormon Moment”

Session 2 9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

AAR/WR Plenary Address; Old Main

Dr. Joe Cutter, Arizona State University
Introductory Remarks and Welcome AAR/WR

Muslim Women in the New Millennium: Many Roads to Justice

By Dr. Amina Wadud

Dr. Amina Wadud is Professor Emerita of Islamic Studies, currently visiting scholar at the Starr King School for the Ministry, part of Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA. As one of the foremothers of Islamic Feminism, her gender inclusive reading of Islamic sacred text heralded in a new age of post-modernist reconstruction. Since retirement she has continued her activism in all corners of the world and is currently living in India. Amongst her notable publications, *Qur'an and Woman: Rereading the Sacred from A Woman's Perspective* (Oxford UP, 1999) would pass its 20 year mark and still selected for continual translation and course adoption (has already been translated into ten languages approximately). Her second book *Inside the Gender Jihad: Women's Reform in Islam* (2006) speaks in the first person voice about the experience of struggling for justice in Islam as a woman, an academic, a scholar, an activist, and a believer, when some of these words are not allowed to co-exist with each other. Wadud received a Masters in Near Eastern Studies and a Ph.D. in Arabic and Islamic Studies from the University of Michigan in 1988. She also studied advanced Arabic and Qur'anic Studies in Cairo Egypt. She held a position as Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Virginia Commonwealth University from 1992 until she retired in 2008.

She was then a visiting Professor at the Center for Religious and Cross Cultural Studies at Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. She was advisor to the Award-winning PBS, documentary, *Muhammad Legacy of A Prophet*: produced in 2002; and a recipient of the Danish Democracy Prize (2007). Dr. Wadud gave lectures and keynote speeches on Islam, Justice, Gender among several related issues at international conferences, universities, grass roots level, government and non-government forums throughout out world.

During the last quarter of the last century of the 20th century the movement of Muslim women would take center stage internationally. However, it was time to recast the major players. No longer were we victims looking for a western savior, but agents of our own making and remaking. Our contributions would shed light on the way identity is negotiated in the context of cross-national development and survival. As the new millennium opened two major perspectives on gender reform in Islam would clash creating a mandate for what the Qur'an calls 'the middle way'. This presentation will discuss the unfolding of what has been called the 'second wave Muslim women's movement'. This movement is set to change the course—not only of Muslim women's lives but of the way we perceive public space, civic reasoning and International law. Critical in this consideration is active investment in the epistemology of justice, Islam and human rights. Who decides these terms and whose definitions become legitimate and authoritative? As Muslim women take the reins of control over the very epistemology that governs their lives, a reconciliation is forged between contending voices and methodologies of reform. The making of Islamic feminism is not a wedding of someone else's Islam to someone else's feminism. To understand this newest manifestation of Muslim women's struggles for justice, we must embrace the complex diversity of Muslim women anew. Not just who we are but how we will learn, grow and exist is at stake.

Session 3 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

A 6 Philosophy of Religion; LL 105

Philosophy or Prophecy? The Relationship between Reason & Faith

Moderator: Hester Oberman, University of Arizona

Gary Jaron, Independent Scholar

"Acknowledging Diversity: From the Infinite Source come the many Finite Voices"

Curtis Holtzen, Hope International University

"We Can't go on with Suspicious Minds: Gadamer and the Hermeneutics of Trust"

Paul A. Rodriguez, Claremont Graduate University

"Nietzsche, Badiou, and Biblical Scholarship on the Apostle Paul"

Andrew Schwartz, Claremont Graduate University

"Justifying Belief – Justifying Beliefs"

A 7 Education and Workshops; LL 106

The Academic Study of Religion: Evaluating Various Approaches and Curricula

Moderator: Bret Lewis, Loyola University Chicago

Alice L. Wood, Bethune Cookman University

"The Spiritual Disciplines Project"

Crystal Lopez, Arizona State University &

Bret Lewis, Loyola University Chicago

"Politics and Perceptions of Religious Studies: The Arizona Legislature and the Bible Class Initiative"

Konden Smith, Arizona State University
“Approaching the Secular in a Post Secular America: Correlating
Critical Thought and (non) Faith in the classroom”

A 8 Ethics 1; LL 107

God, Ethics and Public Discourse

Moderator: Kelly Fitzsimmons Burton, Arizona State University

Woo Kang, Claremont Graduate University
“Reconciling the Difference: What Enculturation May Mean for the
Christian Social Ethics”

Justin Guido Rosolino, Vanderbilt University
“Not All Press is Good Press: Making God Public in a Polyphonic
World”

Ron Sanders, Fuller Theological Seminary
“Independence and the Art of Pluralism Religion on the Edges of the
Public Square”

A 9 Catholic Studies 1; LL 108

Faith, Rights, and Regulation in Latin American Catholicism

Moderator: Rico G. Monge, University of California, Santa Barbara

Thomas G. Evans, Claremont Graduate University
“Migrants as Martyrs: Santo Toribio and the Catholicization of the
Border”

Cecilia Titizano, Graduate Theological Union
“The Exploration Mestizaje in the Construction of a Latina/o Social
Christian Ethical Philosophical Framework”

Ann Hidalgo, Claremont Lincoln University
“El Dios que suda en la calle: Mass in the Words of Nicaragua’s
Sandinistas”

A 10 Buddhist Studies; LL 112

Buddhism and Sexual Orientation

Moderator: Kenneth Lee, California State University, Northridge

Valerie Prado, California State University, Northridge
“Buddhism and the LGBT Community”

Melanie Camero, California State University, Northridge
“Gay Buddhist Fellowship in San Francisco”

Kenneth Lee, California State University, Northridge
“Beyond Gender: Re-envisioning Kuan-yin in T’ang China”

Lunch 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Queer Caucus Business Meeting/ Luncheon; LL 102

AAR Section Chairs Luncheon; LL 103

Session 4 2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

A 11 Islamic Studies 1; LL 105

Islam, Gender, Sexuality and Justice

Moderator: Souad T. Ali, Arizona State University

Angie Abdelmonem, Arizona State University
“Islamic Social Movements and the Role of Women in Public Sphere in Egypt.”

Sara Sellers, University of Hawai’I, Manoa
“Islamic Feminism in Saudi Arabia: Retaining an Islamic Identity While Critically Interpreting One’s Religion.”

Rebecca S. Robinson, Arizona State University
“Hijabs in the American Workplace: Visibility and Discrimination.”

Kyla Pasha, Arizona State University
“Haunting the Qur’an: Gender, Sexuality and Justice in Qur’anic Hermeneutics.”

Jessica Rehman, California State University, Long Beach
“Redefining Rape: Female Freedom Fighters Bangladeshi Women in Transition,”

A 12 Women and Religion; LL 106

Women, Religion and Public Controversies

Moderator: Claudia Moutray, California Institute of Integral Studies

Ste Kinney, Graduate Theological Union
“Hymeneal Literacy: Female Legibility, Godly Citations, and Virginal Forgeries”

Christen White, Arizona State University
“Construction a Woman’s Place: The Emergence of Biblical Manhood and Womanhood in Response to Evangelical Feminism”

Kathryn Moles, Graduate Theological Union
“How Progressive Religious Leaders Promote Sexual Education that Aligns with Feminist Values in the U.S.”

Claudia Moutray, California Institute of Integral Studies
“What is the Definition of Agency for Women in Islam: How are Islamic Women Using Their Agency to Transform Their Lives with Their Religion and Their Culture?”

A 13 Jewish Studies 1; LL 107

Sexuality and Spirituality: Circumcision, Kabbalah and the Jewish Phallus

Moderator: Dirk von der Horst, Graduate Theological Union

Stephen Munzer, University of California, Los Angeles
“Ancient Israel on the Couch: Circumcision and the Formation of Identity”

Miri Hunter Haruach, St. Mary’s College
"Cut Off From Spiritual Awakening: the role of the body and sexuality in Spiritual Awakening"

Emily Silverman, Graduate Theological Union
"Shekhinah Transvestite or Transgendered: A comparison of the Zohar and Sha'are Orah"

A 14 Nineteenth Century; LL 108

Religion and Nineteenth-Century American Culture

Moderator: Brett Esaki, Brooks Institute

Allison Solso, University of California, Riverside
“Roadside Shrines in 19th Century America: The Contest of Space”

Mary Ann Clark, Yavapai College
“Black Spiritual Churches and the American Esoteric Traditions”

Stephanie Bilinsky, Arizona State University
“Two Distinct Forms of Civilization’: Voodoo and Negotiating National Identity and the Exotic in New Orleans City Guides”

Christina Littlefield, Pepperdine University
“Chosenness and Civic Patriotism in Late Nineteenth Century England and the United States”

A 15 Asian American Religious Studies 1; LL 112

Joint Session between Religions of Asia and Religion in America

“Unrestricted” Religious Interpretations, Cultural Encounters, and Shifts in “Asian American” Public Religiosities

Moderator: Takashi Miura, Princeton University

Mary Thi Pham, San Francisco State University
“A Return to Buddhism in Jade Huynh’s memoir, South Wind Changing”

Karen Fjelstad, San Jose State University
“Vietnamese American Spirit Mediums at Work”

Shou-Jen Kuo, University of California, Riverside
“A Monist Living in a Pluralized Religious Landscape: Paul Carus and the Germination of American Buddhism”

Jonathan H. X. Lee, San Francisco State University
“How Taboos Become the New Normal: Chinese/Taiwanese Women, Tianhou/Mazu Empress of Heaven, and Shifting Ritual Spheres in Taiwan and America”

Session 5 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

A 16 Graduate Student Professional Development; LL 105

Workshop on Pedagogy

Moderator: Kristy Slominski, University of California, Santa Barbara

Brett Esaki, Brooks Institute

“Strategies for Teaching General Humanities Courses for Scholars of Religion”

Doe Daughtrey, Arizona State University

“Tools for Preventing Breakdowns in Online Religious Studies Classes”

A 17 Psychology, Culture and Religion; LL 106

God Concepts, Social Minds, and Mirror Neurons: Psychological Factors in the Construction and Practice of Religious Ethics

Presiding: Franz Metcalf, Cal State Los Angeles

Kathryn A. Johnson, Arizona State University

“Concepts of God as Benevolent or Authoritarian Differentially Influence Secular Volunteerism”

Erika Wilson, Cal State Los Angeles

“If We All Have ‘Social Minds’ and ‘Mirror Neurons,’ Why the Public Fights about Moral Issues between Religious Conservatives and Liberals?”

Respondent: Tim Helton, Drew University

A 18 Religion and the Arts 1; LL 107

Negotiating Sacred and Secular from Hegel to Obama

Moderator: Roy Whitaker, Claremont Graduate University

Matthew Crabb, Graduate Theological Union
"William Desmond: Can Art Bear the Burden of Transcendence Alone?"

Arlin C. Migliazzo, Whitworth University
"Public Life, Public Faith: Evangelicals and Celebrity Culture, 1923-1959"

Jeremy Guida, University of California, Riverside
"Depictions of Apotheosis: Washington, Lincoln (Obama?)"

A 19 Islamic Studies 2; LL 108

Islam: the Secular, Sharia, and Self-identification

Moderator: Sophia Pandya, California State University, Long Beach

Miral Mahgoub, Arizona State University
"An Analytical Study on the Relationship between Tribal Taboos and the Shari law in the novel al-Hizam [the Belt] by Saudi Writer Ahmed Abu Dahaman"

Bethany Elias Jenner, Arizona State University
"Secular and Muslim: Self-identification and the Secularization Process of the Individual"

Ayse Polat, University of Chicago
"Islam and Immorality: the Late Ottoman Religious Committee Dar'ul Hikmetul Islamiye in the Aftermath of WWI"

Nayawiyyah Muhammad, California State University, Long Beach
"Menstruation and the Idea of Ritual Impurity in Islam"

A 20 Latino/a Religion; LL 112

Latino/a Religiosity and the 21st Century American Political Experience

Moderator: Paul A. Rodriguez, California State University, Dominguez Hills

Theresa Yugar, Claremont Graduate University
"Reclamando El Sueno Americano (Reclaiming the American Dream)"

Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon University
"Pentecostal Politics or Power: A Latino Pastor's Response to Arizona's Anti-immigration Laws"

Patrick Reyes, Claremont Lincoln University
"Religious Education and HB 2281"

Roberto Rodriguez, University of Arizona
"Human: Seven Maiz-based Values"

Session 6 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

AAR/WR Reception; Old Main

Session 7 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

AAR/WR Presidential Address; Old Main

Monday 11 March 2013

7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Registration open; LL Foyer

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Women's Caucus Breakfast and Business Meeting; LL 102

Session 8 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

A 21 Religions of Asia 2; LL 105

Dimensions of Public Religiosities in East Asian Religious Expressions and Practices

Moderator & Respondent: Thien-Huong Ninh, University of Southern California

Shanshan Yang, California Institute of Integral Studies
“How Cultivation of Gender Reacts to Chinese Yin-yang Philosophy”

Yamato Steve Ota, Graduate Theological Union / Institute of Buddhist Studies

“Animated Dialogue: Revisiting religion through anime in contemporary Japan”

Takashi Miura, Princeton University
“Upholding a Catfish as a Public Religious Symbol: Interpretations of the 1855 Ansei Great Earthquake in Edo and Representations of the ‘Earthquake Catfish’ ”

A 22 Religion and the Arts 2; LL 106

Bulls and Laments

Moderator: Dirk von der Horst, Graduate Theological Union

Rob Swigart, Stanford Archeaology Center
“A Lot of Bull: The Changing Religious Significance of Paleolithic and Neolithic Animal Imagery”

Stephen Hale, Fuller Theological Seminary
“Laments in Popular Music”

A 23 Religion in America 2; LL 107

Pedagogical Wonderings in/and Religious Studies

Moderator: Doe Daughtrey, Arizona State University

Jodie Baird, Arizona State University

“A Feast for the Senses: Helping Students become more conscientious consumers of religion in American popular culture”

Michael Broyles, Arizona State University

“Sound Recording as Text and Expanding Hermeneutics: Learning from the Discourse on Religion and American Blues Music”

Sean Sagan, University Of California, Riverside

“The Impact of Popular Secularism in Religious Studies Classrooms”

Evelyn Sterne, University of Rhode Island

“‘It is Not the Ballot Box You Need?:’ New Hampshire’s First Fruit Harvesters and the Evangelical Debate over Progressive Era Public Life”

A 24 Goddess Studies; LL 108

Claiming Space in the Public Sphere: Academic Discourse, Ritual, and Transnational Goddess Images of Birth and Transformation

Moderator: Laura Truxler, Holy Names University

Dorthea Kahena Viale, California State Polytechnic University

“Growing a Conference: Bringing Pagan Studies into the Public Eye of the Academy”

Anna Hennessey, California State University, Fresno

“Secularizing Goddess Imagery, and Birth as a Nonreligious Rite of Passage”

Angela Sells, Pacifica Graduate Institute
“The Benefits of a Vodou Infusion”

Session 9 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

A 25 Ecology and Religion; LL 105

From Sacred Terrain to Wasted Landscape: Modern Traditions, Materiality, and Ethics

Moderator: Joel Stoker, Arizona State University

Erin Routon, University of California, Riverside
“Wasted Space: Exploring the Vibrant Materiality of Arizona’s Sonoran Desert”

Andrea Vecchione, California Institute of Integral Studies
“Sacred Grove Temples of Tamil Nadu; Traditional Beliefs in Modern Time”

Robert Gordon, University of Arizona
“Maharishi Vedic City: Cosmos, Landscape and Consciousness”

Sarah E. Robinson, Claremont Graduate University
“Implicit Religion/s, Unambiguous Ethics in Two Local, Sustainable Agriculture Cases”

A 26 Religion, Literature, and Film; LL 106

Camera Obscura Americana: To Seem Rather Than to Be

Presider: Jon R. Stone, California State University, Long Beach

Peter Lowentrout, California State University, Long Beach
“Virtual Genesis: An Exploration of Religion in the Virtual World”

Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
“Brad Pitt – Spiritual Doppelgänger”

Jon R. Stone, California State University, Long Beach
“Let’s Do the Time-Warp Again’: Ritual in Film and the Ritualized
Uses of Film”

A 27 Islamic Studies 3; LL 107

Islam: Ethnicity and the Theology of the Other

Moderator: Abdullahi Gallab, Arizona State University

Zilka Spahic-Silijak, Harvard Divinity School
“Religious Education in Ethnically Divided Bosnia and Herzegovina”

Mustafa Ruzgar, California State University, Northridge
“Theologies of the “Other” and its Relations to Different Modes of
Interaction: A Case Study of American Islam in the Context of Gülen
Hizmet Movement’s Interfaith Activities”

Agnes Kefeli, Arizona State University
“Memoriam of Waliulla Yaqupov: Competing Eschatologies in
Tatarstan Today”

Diana Coleman, Arizona State University
“Seductive Narratives: Fetishizing 9—11 in the Decade after”

A 28 History of Christianity 2; LL 108

Religion and Public Life: Gospel, Wealth, and Power

Moderator: Enrico Beltramini, Notre Dame de Namur University

Melisa Ortiz Williamson, Claremont Graduate University
“Gospel Bombs: Henrietta Mears and Her Fight Against the Rising
Tide of Secularization”

John Soboslai, University of California, Santa Barbara
"Being Truth to Power: Martyrdom, Speech-Action and Parrhesia"

Joshua Kira, Claremont Graduate University
"Scholasticism on Motivation and an Application to Political Theory"

A 29 Jewish Studies 2; LL 112

Justice in the Workplace

Avi Kay, Jerusalem College of Technology
"Pursuing Justice: Procedural Justice in Traditional Jewish Sources"

Lunch 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

AAR/WR Business Meeting/Lunch; LL 102

Session 10 2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

A 30 Islamic Studies 4; LL 105

Contemporary Islam: Politics, Exchange or Clash?

Moderator: Sophia Pandya, California State University, Long Beach

Mirna Lattouf, Arizona State University.

"Transitional Time in the Arab World: Politics, Religion, and Reform."

Ilona Gerbakher, Harvard Divinity School

"History is the Interpretation of Events:" Sayyid Qutb and the Call for Rewriting of Islamic History."

Ozgur Koca, Claremont Graduate University

"An Islamic Version of Theodicy and its Political Implications."

Nathan Schick, Arizona State University
“Live Exchange: Case Study of Islamic Symbols and Myths at the Core of a 20/21st Century Western NRM.”

A 31 Catholic Studies 2; LL 106

Catholics, Public Discourse, and the Media

Moderator: Lauren Horn Griffin, University of California, Santa Barbara

Nicholas Pellegrino, University of Nevada
“When in Rome: Catholic Conceptions of Religious Freedom in Early America”

Melissa Jones, Brandman University
“National Catholic Reporter: The Catholic Community Wielding the Power of the Press”

Roberto F. Scalon, University of Torino
“Roman Catholic Church and the Public Regulation of Bioethical Issues in Italy”

Meaghan O’Keefe, University of California, Davis
“Crimes and Freedoms: Abortion and the American Catholic Bishops’ Emergent Discourse of Rights”

A 32 Queer Studies in Religion 2; LL 107

Queer Voices and Queer Memory: The Place of Religious Queer History in Public Life

Moderator/ Respondent: Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge

Dirk von der Horst, Independent Scholar
“Ruth Benedict: The Queer Voice in H. Richard Niebuhr’s Christ and Culture”

Monica Cross, Graduate Theological Union
“Religious Studies through the prism of transformational memory, An
emerging Queer Project of Integrity”

A 33 Ethics 2; LL 108

*Public Discourse and a Sampling of the International Ethical and
Religious Landscape*

Moderator: Kelly Fitzsimmons Burton, Arizona State University

J. Eugene Clay, Arizona State University
“Religion in Public Discourse in the Russian Federation”.

Robert Overy-Brown, Claremont Graduate University
“Metanoetics: A Meditation on Multi-Religious Ethical Discourse and
Repentance”.

Yuki Shimada, Princeton Theological Seminary
“Implications of Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Understanding of Truth and
Peace for Japanese Society after ‘Fukushima’”

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