

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

Session I: 9:00-10:30am

1. States of Separation: Global Migration, Religious Nationalism & the Borders of Belonging § ROOM AD 30

Jason Hicks	Moderator
Daniel Butler	“Other Things,” Family Separations, and the Attack on Everyday Apophasis
David Moe	Is Buddhism a Democratic Religion? Rethinking the Roles of Religions in Myanmar Political Theology
Hayoung Kang	Agamben’s Messianism in the Postcolonial World: Reimagining the Sovereignty of the Traumatized Nation-State Amidst the Global Refugee Crisis
Erna Anjarwati	Images of Fundamentalism in Newly Democratizing States: The Emergence of Religious Nationalism in Indonesia and Myanmar 1998-2019

2. Theologico-Political Localities: Perspectives on Sectarianism and Secularity in India, Israel, Portugal & Syria § STEWART ROOM*

Brandy Daniels	Moderator
Toni Rouhana	The Return of the Repressed: Bringing Religion Back into the Study of Sectarianism in the Middle East
Hasan Hameed	Another vision of Pakistan: Shabbir Ahmed Usmani and Indian Political Thought
Jacob Liming	Political Theology in the Interstices: Minoritarian Religious Claims to the State in Contemporary Portugal
Yali Hashash	The Theological Turn in Mizrahi Critical Discourse in Israel

3. Being Moved: Chiasmus, Conversion & Care in Movements for Social Justice § ROOM 303*

Heather Ketchum	Moderator
Alice Kim	Political Theology of Trauma
Emily Dubie	Care and Coercion: Social Workers and Religious Deliberations on Power
Scott A. Anderson	Dr. King and Chiasmus: The Letter’s Power to Persuade

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4. Re/Producing Civil Desire: Gendered Oppression, Sexual Violence & Colonized Bodies
§ COLUMBIA RELIGION DEPARTMENT (80 Claremont Ave.) SEMINAR ROOM

Thurman Willison	Moderator
Elizabeth M. Freese	On the Doctrine of Ex Nihilo Pro/Creation of Personhood and Profit: A Feminist Socio-Narratological Critique of Political Ideologies of Re/Production
David Kline	You have power over my body, but the Lord Jesus Christ hath power over my body and soul: Anne Hutchinson and Early American Biopolitics
Janice Feng	Settler Colonialism and the Cultivation of Desire: Early Modern Settler Colonial Civilizing Missions in New France and Dutch Formosa

5. Sylvia Wynter's Political Theology
§ ROOM 207

Heather C. Ohaneson	Moderator
An Yountae	Reconfiguring Religion, Refashioning the Human: Wynter on Caribbean Poetics
Mayra Rivera	Caribbean Materialisms: Sylvia Wynter's Contributions
Anthony Bayani Rodriguez	The Origins of Wynter's Heretical Humanism

6. Genealogies of Political Theology
§ ROOM 307*

Ian Storey	Moderator
Kris Trujillo	Genealogies of Political Theology
Eleanor Craig	Genealogies of Political Theology
Larisa Reznik	Genealogies of Political Theology
Yannik Thiem	Genealogies of Political Theology

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Session II: 11:00am-12:30pm

7. Bodies Politic: Substance, Subversion & the Rewriting of Political Ontology § COLUMBIA RELIGION DEPARTMENT (80 Claremont Ave.) SEMINAR ROOM

Ted Smith	Moderator
Anthony Jermaine Ross-Allam	Re-membering the Body: Trans-generational Storytelling and Recomposing the Black Body Politic
Mac Loftin	Simone Weil's Political Theology of the Corpus Mysticum: Rending the Body of Christ
Desmond Coleman	Melanosis: An Alchemical Genealogy of "Black Being"
Dean Dettloff	Unstable Substance: Accidentology and Christianity

8. Atmospheric Affects: Political Theologies of Hope, Sorrow & Ecosocial Resilience § ROOM AD 30

Karen Bray	Moderator
Kyle Lambelet	Counting on Apocalypse
Beatrice Marovich	This More Than Human Sorrow: Political Theology and Crying
Casey Aldridge	Permanent Racism, Permanent Revolution, Impermanent Religion: Forms of Hope for Derrick Bell, Leon Trotsky, and Rosa Luxemburg
Bryan Mok	A Theological Imagination of the Land: Eco-Theology as Political Theology in a Metropolitan Asian Context

9. Police States: Mythical Technology, Legal Exception, Sovereign Violence § ROOM 207

Lawrence Hillis	Moderator
William Stafford (VIA SKYPE)	Mythical Devices for the Government of Mobility: Location and the Continuity of a Democratic Sequester
Nathaniel Grimes	Policing and Political Theology
Timothy Snediker	The Future of Murder: Police and Political Theology

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**10. Religion, Nation & Empire: Anarcho-Judaism, Christian Nationalism, Sikh Coalition
§ STEWART ROOM***

Shelby Johnson	Moderator
Ben Siegel	Anarcho-Judaism: Towards a Political Theology of Liberation and Abolition
Kelly Figueroa-Ray	“When you open your heart to patriotism”: Engaging Scripture through a Christian Nationalist Lens
Laura Alexander	Diaspora, Identity, and “Recognition of Difference” In and Across State Borders in Sikh Theo-Political Thought
Henry Kuo	Salvation as Method: Deimperializing National Soteriologies

**11. Theologies of Liberation and Decarceration
§ ROOM 307***

Jea Sophia Oh	Moderator
Nikia Robert	Breaking the Law When the Law Breaks Us: A Womanist Ethic of Decriminalization
Andrew Krinks	Liberation to the Captives: Building Toward a Theology of Decarceration
Rachelle Green	Social Death and Religious Education: How Theological Discourse Shapes Prison Practice
Vincent Lloyd	Respondent

**12. The Subject, the World & (Re)production: On Political Theology and Modernity
§ ROOM 303***

Ian Storey	Moderator
Inese Radzins	Life Production: Weil's Labor as Political Theology
Alex Dubilet	Individuation, Subjection, Reproduction: On the Political Theological Implications of Althusser’s Theory of Interpellation

Session III: 2:00-3:30pm

**13. Religious and Ethical Sources of Reflection in Anti-Racist Organizing
§ STEWART ROOM***

Thurman Willison	Moderator
Asa Needle	A Buddhist Contribution to The Philosophy of Anti-Racist Intentions

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Christian Seno and Ramoncito Razon	Confronting White Fragility and Supremacy in Faith-Based Antiracism Work
Jessica Vazquez Torres	Virtue Ethics of White Supremacy
Marc J. Boswell	Is God in the Rural Ghetto, Too? A Political Theology of the Deep South
14. Cruel and Unusual: Human Rights, Law, Bureaucracy & Punishment § ROOM 307*	
Anthony Jermaine Ross-Allam	Moderator
Rebecca Marwege	Christianity, Conquest and Humanitarian Intervention – Assessing the Relevance of Vitoria’s Lectures Today
Spencer Dew	“Crimes Against Humanity”: The United Nations, Law’s Empire, and Indigenous Activism
Erin Runions	Cruelty, Hell, Incarceration
Steven T. Lane	The Other Sovereigns: Bureaucracy and Political Theology
15. Race and Political Theology § COLUMBIA RELIGION DEPARTMENT (80 Claremont Ave.) SEMINAR ROOM	
Ted Smith	Moderator
Yvette R. Blair-Lavallais	The Politics of Food: 400 Years of Food Apartheid Impacting Black, Brown and Indigenous Communities
Kathy Chow	The (Also) Dark Side of Eastern Modernity
Audra L. Savage	The Religion of Race: America’s First Religion
16. ‘Blood cries out to me from the ground!’ : Theological Proposals for Decarceration in the Rural South § ROOM 207	
Tanner Capps	Moderator
Davon Goodwin	‘Blood cries out to me from the ground!’ Theological Proposals for Decarceration in the Rural South
Jorden Revels	‘Blood cries out to me from the ground!’ Theological Proposals for Decarceration in the Rural South
Noran Sanford	‘Blood cries out to me from the ground!’ Theological Proposals for Decarceration in the Rural South
Timothy Verhey	‘Blood cries out to me from the ground!’ Theological Proposals for Decarceration in the Rural South

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**17. Public Presence and Political Theology: Cosmopolis, Cyberspace & Other Zones of Community Contact
§ COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY KNOX HALL (606 W. 122nd Street) ROOM 101**

Ian Storey	Moderator
Joseph Harroff	Reimagining Global Politics with Tianxia 天下: Towards a Critical Confucian Political Theology
Ellen Armour	Seeing and Believing in the New Public Square: A Theological Approach

**18. Doing Political Theology in Jail, the Streets, and the Bedroom: From ACT UP to Pleasure Activism
§ ROOM AD 30**

Hilary Scarsella	Moderator
Karen Bray	Doing Political Theology in Jail, the Streets, and the Bedroom: from ACT UP to Pleasure Activism
Brandy Daniels	Doing Political Theology in Jail, the Streets, and the Bedroom: from ACT UP to Pleasure Activism
Jordan Miller	Doing Political Theology in Jail, the Streets, and the Bedroom: from ACT UP to Pleasure Activism

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

Session IV: 9:00-10:30am

**19. Illicit Behavior: Monastic Orthodoxy, Popular Protest & Queer Sexualities
§ ROOM AD 30**

Heather Ketchum	Moderator
Mohamed Abdou (VIA SKYPE)	The Euro-American War on Terror on Islam & Queer Muslims: Identity, Sexuality, Religion & Politics in the Contemporary World
Aylon Cohen	Sodomy, Sovereignty, and the Affective Politics of Attachment
Nareman Amin	Political Theology of Revolution in 2011 Egypt
Aaron Eldridge	Between Aftermath and Inheritance: Figurations of Arab Orthodoxy in Lebanon

**20. Multimediations: Political Theology and the Arts
§ ROOM 207**

Thurman Willison	Moderator
Paulo Ilich Bacca (VIA SKYPE)	The Double Bind and the Reverse Side of Coloniality: Talking with Silvia Rivera Cusicanqui and El Colectivo

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Marcia L. Ledford	Rising from the Death of Deportation: How Healing Happens Via the Dolorosa
Isabella Novsima	The Poetic Ability of Creation: A Reflection of a Woman with Mental Illness Living in Asia
Ted Nunez	How to Navigate the Floor of History with Grace and Power
Keunwoo Kwon	Liturgy as a Prophetic Resistant Performance: A Political-Theological Consideration of Liturgy
21. Strategies for Anti-War Activism, Journalism, and Organizing § ROOM 307*	
Brittany Friedman	Moderator
Dan Kovalik	Strategies for Anti-War Activism, Journalism, and Organizing
Margaret Kimberley	Strategies for Anti-War Activism, Journalism, and Organizing
Glen Ford	Strategies for Anti-War Activism, Journalism, and Organizing
Danny Haiphong	Strategies for Anti-War Activism, Journalism, and Organizing
Vincent Lloyd (respondent)	Strategies for Anti-War Activism, Journalism, and Organizing
22. Political Theologies in the Twilight of “Female Genital Mutilation” § STEWART ROOM*	
Julie Stone Peters	Moderator
Rafia Zakaria (VIA SKYPE)	Weaponized Bodies: FGM as a Basis for Exclusion
Maria Kisumbi	Crimes Without Perpetrators: A Victim Centered Approach to FGM Prosecution
Saida Hodžić	Between Concern and Abandonment in the Twilight of Cutting
Chantal Thomas	Respondent

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