

2020 SCJ Conference Program

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Thursday, September 10

6:00-7:45 p.m. Undergrad Student Paper Finalists L

Presider: Les Hardin

Johnson University Florida

Alec Bell

Hope International University

Sponsor: David Matson

**The Assuring Hope of Christ versus a Skeptical Fear from Hollywood:
An Exegetical Analysis of 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Michael Wood

Johnson University Florida

Sponsor: Les Hardin

The King's Invitation: A Study of Matthew 22:1-14

8:00-9:45 p.m. Graduate Paper Finalists L

Presider: Les Hardin

Johnson University Florida

Ryan Eidson

Lincoln Christian University

Sponsor: Steve Cone

Growing into Humanity's True Identity to Fulfill God's Purpose: Imago Dei in Irenaeus of Lyons

Troy LaRue

Abilene Christian University

Sponsor: Wes Crawford

Cracks in the Foundation: Epistemology and Austin McGary

Joe Gordon
Johnson University Tennessee

Divine Scripture in Human Understanding: A Systematic Theology of the Christian Bible

Reviews:
Jason Bembry
Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan

Mark Matson
Milligan College

John Mark Hicks
Lipscomb University

Greg Sterling
Yale University

Response:
Joe Gordon
Johnson University Tennessee

Christian Education **L**
Presiders: James Estep
Central Christian College of the Bible

Ryan Eidson
Lincoln Christian University

Growing into Humanity's True Identity to Fulfill God's Purpose: Imago Dei in Irenaeus of Lyons

Brandon Bradley
Central Christian College of the Bible

Spiritual Discernment and the Stone-Campbell Tradition

Leadership **L**
Presiders: Christopher Beard
Johnson University
Alicia Crumpton
Phoenix, AZ

Sheila Timm
Johnson University

Exploring Authenticity in a Secular Age and Culture

Aaron Monts

Johnson University

“Where the Scriptures Speak, We Speak...”: Christian Leadership in Turbulent Times

Alicia Crumpton

Phoenix, AZ

A Call for Our Times: The Need for Christian Leadership

11:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m. PARALLEL SESSION 1 L

Garrett Best (Asbury Theological Seminary) *Status Quaestionis*: Was John's Revelation a Real Vision or Literary Production?

Tad C. Blacketer (Adjunct at Large, Mt. Pulaski, IL) Eutopia/Outopia: The Centripetal Rhetorical Force of the Deuteronomic Legal Code (Deut. 12-26).

Joseph Baumstarck (University of Louisville) Alexander Campbell: A Neglected Antebellum Cultural and Religious Figure

Rebekah Gordon (Florida State University) Preconditions for Preaching the Unknown God: The Need for Religious Studies Programs at Stone-Campbell Schools

12:25-1:10 p.m. PARALLEL SESSION 2 L

Paul R. McCuistion (Teaching4Jesus Ministries) Discipleship Across the Synoptic Gospels

Joshua Houston (Faulkner University) Slave, Brother, or Other? A New Hypothesis on the Relationship Between Philemon and Onesimus

David Hester (Faulkner University) The Concept of “Grace” in World Religions

Michael Young (Faulkner University) A Thought Experiment for Our Divided Times

1:15-2:15 p.m. Lunch

LUNCHTIME MEETING FOR SCJ EDITORS AND BOARD MEMBERS

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SEMINARY AT MILLIGAN LUNCH

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2:30-3:30 p.m. PLENARY SESSION 2 Presider: Edward J. Robinson (Texas College)

Shaun Casey *Director, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and Public Affairs*
Professor, Georgetown University

Introduction: Edward Robinson **P**

The Impact of Stone-Campbell Ideals: My Life in Political Work and Public Service **P**

Questions: Leave your question in Chat during the lecture. The presider will lead the live discussion based on questions placed in Chat. **L**.

3:40-4:25 p.m. PARALLEL SESSION 3 AND ISAAC ERRETT AWARD

Isaac Errett Award Finalist Presiders: Doug Foster, Abilene Christian Seminary;
Richard Lowery (Disciples of Christ Historical Society) **L**

Joel Childers
Abilene Christian University

Responses to the Attack on Pearl Harbor in Journals from the Methodist Church and Churches of Christ

Parallel Papers **L**

Virgil Warren (Vermillion Christian Church) Some Implications of Legal Process for Hermeneutics, Faith, and Practice

L. Thomas Smith, Jr. (Johnson University) The Amelioration of Society: A Framework for Understanding Alexander Campbell's Approach to Social Reform

David Fiensy (Kentucky Christian University) Four Perspectives on Scriptural Authority: From the Quest to the Open Canon

Christopher Hutson (Abilene Christian University) "Pray for Rulers": Jewish and Christian Responses to Pagan Emperors

Cheryl Eaton (Lincoln Christian University) Joshua 24 and Psalm 81 as Intertexts

4:30-5:30 p.m. Refreshment and Socializing Break Academic Discipline Groups and Speaker **L**

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- Group A: New Testament*
- Group B: Old Testament*
- Group C: Theology/Philosophy*
- Group D: Stone-Campbell History and/or Theology*
- Group E: Education, Preaching, Leadership*
- Group F: Speaker Meet and Talk: Rick Cherok*

5:30-7:10 p.m. STUDY GROUP B

Ecclesiology and Social Ethics L

Presiders: Shaun Brown

D'Youville College

Kate A. K. Blakely

Great Lakes Christian College

Andrew Sutherland

Baylor University

Christianity and Capitalism after the Postliberals: Ecclesiological Lessons from Kathryn Tanner

Ron Clark

George Fox University

What Does It Mean to be a Missional Church in Crisis?: Developing Responses to Portland's Houseless Crisis Through Apocalypticism, Eschatology, and Prophetic Ministries in Jeremiah 16:14-15 and 29:1-14

Respondent:

Stephen Lawson

Austin Graduate School of Theology

Biblical Teaching on Women L

Presider:

Jeff Miller

Milligan University

Steve Gardner

Aukenjam LLC, Authentic Theology

Winston-Salem, NC

Review and Critical Analysis of Three Recent Books on Biblical Teaching on Women Receiving Attention in Stone-Campbell Movement Churches

Dawn Gentry
Christ Community Church
Nebraska Christian College

Theology vs. Practice: How Both Impact our Textual Application Regarding Women in Ministry

History and Theology of the Stone-Campbell Movement L

Presider: James Gorman
Johnson University Tennessee

Book-Review Panel:

Edward J. Robinson (Texas College)
Hard-Fighting Soldiers: A History of African American Churches of Christ
(Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2019).

Tanya Smith Brice
Bowie State University

Jefferson Caruthers
Carver Road Church of Christ

Wes Crawford
Abilene Christian University

Kenneth Gilmore
Southwestern Christian College

Response:
Edward J. Robinson
Texas College



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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9:45-9:55 a.m. Devotions L

*Heather Gorman
Johnson University Tennessee*

**10:00-11:00 a.m. PLENARY SESSION 3 **President: Jerry Sumney, Lexington
Theological Seminary****

Jess Hale
*Attorney with the Tennessee General Assembly, Retired
Former Staff to a Tennessee Governor and a U.S. Senator*

Introduction: Jerry Sumney **P**

**Disciples at Public Tables: A Public Servant’s View of SCM Engagement with Public
Policy P**

Questions: Leave your question in Chat during the lecture. The presider will lead the live discussion based on questions placed in Chat. **L**

11:10 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. PARALLEL SESSIONS 4 AND 5

11:10 -11:55 a.m. PARALLEL SESSION 4 **L**

Ryan Eidson (Lincoln Christian University) More Than Vocational Preparation: Alexander Campbell's Method of Higher Education for Character Formation

J. David Stark (Faulkner University) "An exclusively Gentile Audience in Romans? Review and Assessment of Recent Proposals"

David W. Fletcher (Coffee County, TN) The Limited Use of “Zion” by New Testament Writers

Christopher Jones (Faulkner University) Sacrificial Language and the Lord's Supper in the Patristic Fathers: From the Didache to Justin Martyr

Jamie Coates (Kentucky Christian University) For Every Generation: Benefits of Engaging Intergenerational Volunteers in the Local Church Worship Ministry

12:05-12:50 p.m. PARALLEL SESSION 5 **L**

Daniel Mueller (Marquette University) Friend or Foe?: Friendship, Reciprocity, and the Evil Inclination in Sirach 37:1–6 (LXX)

Michael Williams (Lipscomb University) What's in a Name? Jesus' Dialogue with Legion in Light of Ancient Exorcisms

Benjamin Lantzer (Bethlehem College & Seminary) Does Judas Play Devil's Advocate in John 18:5? An Intertextual Investigation into a Johannine Scene

Chauncey A. Lattimer, Jr. (First Christian Church, Brook, IN) Allegiance to our King

Brad Helgerson (North-West University) J. Cottrell's Ubiquitous Non-Sequitur and the Occasional Condition of Salvation

1:00-1:20 p.m. PRESENTATION OF STUDENT COMPETITION AWARDS L

Presiders: Les Hardin (Johnson University Florida); Richard Lowery (Disciples of Christ Historical Society); Doug Foster (Abilene Christian University)

1:20-2:20 p.m. Lunch Socializing Time Age-Groups and Speakers

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<i>Group B</i>	<i>36-50</i>
<i>Group C</i>	<i>51+</i>
<i>Group D</i>	<i>Speaker Meet and Talk: Shaun Casey</i>
<i>Group E</i>	<i>Speaker Meet and Talk: Jess Hale</i>

**2:20-3:20 p.m. PLENARY SESSION 4 Presider: Dennis Lindsay, Bushnell University
Shaun Casey**

Introduction: Dennis Lindsay P

The Office of Religion and Global Affairs Under Barack Obama: My Perspective P

Questions: Leave your question in Chat during the lecture. The presider will lead the live discussion based on questions placed in Chat. L.

3:30-5:10 p.m. STUDY GROUP C

Round Table Discussion: Teaching SCM History in Congregational Settings **L**

Presiders: John Young

University of Alabama

Garrett Best

Asbury Theological Seminary

John Young

PhD candidate, *University of Alabama*

Joshua Jeffery

Humanities Dept Chair/US History Teacher, *Orme School of Arizona*

Garrett Best

Ph.D. candidate, *Asbury Theological Seminary*

Adam Petty

Historian/Documentary Editor, Church History Department, *Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*

Jewish Scripture as Christian Scripture **L**

Presiders: Ashley Hibbard

Emmanuel Bible College, Ontario, Canada

J. David Stark

Faulkner University

John Nugent

Great Lakes Christian College

Paradisiacal Parallelomania: Evaluating Alleged Connections between the Garden of Eden and God's Temple

Scott Caulley

Kentucky Christian University

The Road to Emmaus: Luke and Early Christian Scripture Interpretation

Daryl Docterman

Cincinnati, OH

Paul and Jeremiah: Strange Bedfellows?

Life, Letters, and Legacy of Paul

Presider: Jordan Stanley

Asbury Theological Seminary

Ron Clark, Executive Director, Kairos Church Planting “Associating with the Humiliated: Paul’s Hermeneutic of Transformation Among the Marginalized in Romans 12:1-16”

Zane McGee, Emory University, “When Paul Speaks Unclearly: What does ‘If...You are Able to Become Free’ mean in its Sociocultural Context (1Cor 7:21, again)?”

What Can You Do with a Ph.D.? And Should You Get One? L

Presider: Nick Zola

Pepperdine University

Shaun Casey

Th.D. in Religion and Society, *Harvard Divinity School*

David Mahfood

Ph.D. in Religious Studies (Systematic Theology), *Southern Methodist University*

Laura Locke Estes

Ph.D. candidate in Christianity in Antiquity, *St. Louis University*

Kamilah Hall Sharp

Ph.D. candidate in Biblical Interpretation (Hebrew Bible), *Brite Divinity School*

5:10 p.m. Dismiss

Thanks for coming. See you in-person (hopefully) on April 16-17, 2021, at Lincoln Christian University, Lincoln, IL

SAVE THE DATE

THE VIOLENCE OF GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

APRIL 16-17, 2021

Host: Lincoln Christian University

ERIC SEIBERT

Professor of Old Testament, Messiah University

Solving the Problem of God's Violent Behavior in the Old Testament: Is Jesus the Answer?

Preaching and Teaching from Violent Old Testament Texts: Pitfalls and Possibilities

MICHELLE KNIGHT

Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Sexual Violence at Gibeah (Judges 19)

MARK HAMILTON

Onstead Professor of Biblical Studies, Abilene Christian University

No Shalom for the Wicked? Peace after War in the Book of Isaiah