

Jesus in the Gospels: Parables, Female Disciples, and Children

Twenty-First Annual SCJ Conference
April 8-9, 2022

Hosted by Johnson University, Knoxville, Tennessee

2022 SCJ PRE-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE Conference Registrants

2022 SCJ Schedule at-a-Glance

Friday, April 8

- 8:00-8:50** Check In, Registration, and Coffee Plus
8:50-9:10 Welcome Greg Linton & William Baker
9:10-10:10 PLENARY SESSION 1 Amy-Jill Levine
10:20-12:00 STUDY GROUP A
Synoptic Gospels
Ecclesiology and Social Ethics
10:20-12:00 Student Paper Competition Finalists
Undergraduate Study Paper Finals
Graduate Student Paper Finals
10:20-11:05 PARALLEL SESSION 1
11:15-12:00 PARALLEL SESSION 2
12:00-1:30 Lunch
SCJ Editors Lunch
1:30-2:40 PLENARY SESSION 2 Holly Carey
2:45-3:30 PARALLEL SESSION 3
2:45-3:30 Isaac Errett Award Winner
3:40-4:10 Refreshment Break
4:10-5:50 STUDY GROUP B
Acts and the Early Church
Life, Letters, and Legacy of Paul
Old Testament in Ancient Near Eastern Context
Christian Education
Theological Reflections
6:00-7:30 Dinner (ticket required)

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

- 8:00-8:15** Devotions
8:15-9:15 PLENARY SESSION 3 Amy Lindeman Allen
9:15-9:45 Refreshment Break (pick up purchased books)
9:50-10:35 PARALLEL SESSION 4
9:50-11:30 STUDY GROUP C
Biblical Teaching on Women

Patristics

10:45-11:35 PARALLEL SESSION 5
11:40-11:50 Presentation of Student Competition Awards
11:50-12:50 PLENARY SESSION 4 Amy-Jill Levine
12:50-1:00 Introduce 2023, Prayer, Dismiss

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, April 8

8:00-8:50 Check In, Registration, and Coffee Plus

8:50-9:10 Welcome

Greg Linton

Vice-President of Academics, Johnson University

William Baker

President, Stone-Campbell International

Professor of New Testament, Hope International University

9:10-10:10 a.m. PLENARY SESSION 1
(Johnson students dismissed at 9:50)

Amy-Jill Levine

University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies and Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies, Vanderbilt University

"Reading the Parables as Jewish Stories"

Introduction and Moderator

Heather Gorman

Johnson University

10:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Study Group A

Undergraduate Student Paper Finalist

Presider: Les Hardin

Johnson University Florida

Colin MacDonald and Leah Hardin

Johnson University Florida

Sponsor: Rob Fleenor

“Satan as Agent of YHWH: Theodicy in the Divine Counsel Scenes in the Prologue of Job”

Jared Dodson
Bushnell University
Sponsor: Agam Iheanyi-Igwe

“The Darkest Nights Have the Brightest Stars: Reevaluating Light and Darkness in Johannine Literature”

Graduate Paper Finalists

Eric Brandell
Harding School of Theology
Sponsor: Allen Black

“Discerning the Literary Structure Present in James”

Kimberly Hampton
Lincoln Christian University
Sponsor: Robert Rea

“The Response of the Christians in the Reformation Era Pandemics”

Andrea DiStefano
Abilene Christian University
Sponsor: Wes Crawford

“An assessment of the Italian and Vatican reactions to the establishment of the first Church of Christ mission in Italy, 1949-1956”

Synoptic Gospels

Presider: Barry L. Blackburn
Point University

Panel Discussion: The Reception of Jesus in the First Three Centuries, edited by Chris Keith, Helen K. Bond, Christine Jacobi, and Jens Schröter

Chris Keith
St. Mary's University, Twickenham

Heather Gorman

Johnson University TN

Danny Yencich
University of Denver

Joshua Paul Smith
Southeast Missouri State University

Ecclesiology and Social Ethics

Presiders: Shaun Brown
First Christian Church, Garland, TX
Kate A. K. Blakely
Great Lakes Christian College

Speaker: John Nugent
Great Lakes Christian College

"The Fourfold Office of Christ: A New Typology for Relating Church and World."

Respondent: Kate Blakely
Great Lakes Christian College
Lipscomb University

10:20-11:05 Parallel Session 1

Garrett Best (Oliver Creek Church of Christ, Bartlett, TN) NT "The Sincerest Form of Flattery: Exploring John's Revelation as Mimesis"

Benjamin Lantzer (First Christian Church Flora, Indiana) NT "Everyone 'Initiated' in Christ? The Apostolic Aim in Colossians 1:28"

Michael Strickland (Amridge University) SCM "David Lipscomb, the Gospel Advocate, and Guns"

Andrew Sutherland (Baylor University) "Speaking of Redemption in an Economy of Debt"

11:15-12:00 Parallel Session 2

Billy Strother (Central Christian College of the Bible) NT "Kingdom Absurdities: Preaching the Parables of Jesus"

David Fletcher (Independent Researcher, Coffee County, TN) NT “The Book of James in Light of First Century Social and Economic Tensions”

Alia Norton (Vanderbilt University Divinity School) OT “Beyond Forgiving and Forgetting: An Analysis of the Value of Remembering Jephthah's Daughter” Narrative”

Joseph Baumstarck (University of Louisville) SCM “Alexander Campbell and the Megachurch”

12:00-1:30 Lunch
SCJ Editors Lunch (Editors and Board only)

1:30-2:40 Plenary 2

Holly Carey
Professor of New Testament, Point University
“**Female Disciples in the Gospels**”

Introduction and Moderator
Kip Lines
President, CMF

2:45-3:30 Parallel Session 3

Isaac Errett Award Winner

Kelly Tyrrell
Phillips Theological Seminary

"Strange Bedfellows: Jim Jones and the Disciples of Christ"
Phillips Theological Seminary”

Robert Smith (Mid-Atlantic Christian University) NT “Through the Roof in Capernaum: A Proposed Harmonization of the Synoptics based on Archaeological Observations and Experimentation”

Nathan Ward (Florida College) NT “Jesus' Use of Humor in His Teaching”

James Sedlacek (Israel Institute of Biblical Studies) NT “The Infinitives of 1 Tim 2.12: Syntactical and Lexical Considerations”

Virgil Warren (Vermillion Christian Church, Vermillion KS) OT “A Rationale for the Structure of Genesis 1:1-2:3”

Leonard Allen (Lipscomb University) SCM “Why the Bible is Not Our only Creed: The Problem and Promise of Credo in the Stone-Campbell Movement”

Ron Kastens (Milligan University) MISC “The Enneagram as a Tool for Spiritual Formation”

Rob O’Lynn (Kentucky Christian University) MISC “The Christian Hope: A Rhetorical Analysis of Funeral Preaching in the Stone-Campbell Movement”

3:30-4:10 Refreshment Break
Book Signing **Marble-History**
Joe Gordon *Divine Scripture in Human Understanding*
(University of Notre Dame Press, 2019, 2022, Paperback newly released)

4:10-5:50 Study Group B

Acts and the Early Church

Presider: Judith Odor
Asbury Theological Seminary

Rob O’Lynn
Kentucky Christian University

A Critical Review of Recent Acts Scholarship

Stan Helton
Alberta Bible College

The Intertextual Linking of the Story of Ananias and Sapphira: to the Story of Achan (Acts 5:1–11 and Joshua 7)

Eric C. Smith
Iiff School of Theology

Migrations, Itinerancies, and the Stone-Campbell Movement

Life, Letters, and Legacy of Paul

Presider: Jordan C. Stanley
Asbury Theological Seminary

James E. Sedlacek
Israel Institute of Biblical Studies

“The Pauline Corpus and the Backgrounding Role of the Perfect Tense in Discourse.”

Christopher Hutson
Abilene Christian University

“By an Akoē of Faith: Paul the Jew Reads Torah”

Steve Gardner
Lipscomb University

“Initial Analysis of Peter J. Gurry's Argument that Ephesians 5:22 includes a Submit Verb in its Original Text.”

Old Testament in Ancient Near Eastern Context

Presider: Adam Bean
Milligan University

Brad Haggard
Asbury Theological Seminary

“Conceptual Blending and Solomon's Temple Prayer in 1 Kings 8:14-61”

Aaron Woods
Asbury Theological Seminary

“A Prophet Goes North? Reading Amos in Its Israelian Context”

Samuel Guy
Emmanuel Christian Seminary

“Amos’ Visionary Education: The Elucidation of Divine Character and Judgment in Amos 7:1-8 and 8:1-2”

Christian Education

Presiders: James Estep
Central Christian College of the Bible

Don Sanders
Director of the Merold Leadership Institute at Harvester Christian Church in St. Charles, MO

“Leadership Development in Church Revitalization”

Micah Odor
Russell School of Ministry - Florence Campus of Central Christian College of the Bible

“An Alternative Path for Ministry Preparation for the 21st Century”

This presentation will explore the distinctive difference of the Russell School of Ministry's approach to ministry preparation in comparison to more traditional formats of theological education. Pros and cons of this approach will be presented as a basis for later discussion on the subject.

Theological Reflections

Presider: Joe Gordon
Johnson University TN

Speaker:
Shaun Brown
First Christian Church Garland, Texas

“Free Church Catholicism: An Introduction and Assessment”

Respondent:
Mark Weedman
Johnson University TN

6:15-7:45 Dinner

SATURDAY, April 9

8:00 **Devotions**
Joe Gordon, *Johnson University TN*

8:15-9:15 **PLENARY SESSION 3**

Amy Lindeman Allen
Assistant Professor of New Testament
Christian Theological Seminary

“Children in the Gospels”

Introduction and Moderator
Holly Carey
Point University

9:15-9:45 Refreshment Break (Pick up purchased books)

9:50-11:30 **STUDY GROUP C**

Biblical Teaching on Women

Presiders: Jeff Miller
Milligan University
Dawn Gentry
Christ Community Church

Panel topic: “Reviewing the new edition of the essay collection, Discovering Biblical Equality”

Dawn Gentry
Christ Community Church, Omaha

Jeff Miller
Milligan University

Laurel Guy
Emmanuel Christian Seminary

Sam Guy
Emmanuel Christian Seminary

Patristics

Presider:
David Kiger
Emmanuel Christian Seminary

Alyssa Elliott
Emmanuel Christian Seminary

“Irenaeus Against the Valentinians: On Creation”

Stephen Waers
Point University

“Variations on a Theme: On the Origins of Monarchianism”

Daniel Edwards
Marquette University

“‘The True Mother’: The Function of Maternal Imagery for the Divine in the Macarian Homilies”

9:50-11:30 PARALLEL SESSIONS 4 AND 5

9:50-10:35 Parallel Session 4

Michael Williams (Lipscomb University) NT “A Master's Praise for a Dishonest Steward (Luke 16:1-13): The Surprising Nature of Parables”

Kyle Taft (Great Lakes Christian College) NT “The Baptizer as Ideal Judge: Using Richard B. Hays' Criteria to Evaluate John 1:6”

Adam Bean (Milligan University) SCM “Immersed in Scripture and Wilderness: The Neglected Connection of John Muir to the Stone-Campbell Movement”

Chauncey A. Lattimer, Jr. (First Christian Church Brook, IN) MISC “Hermeneutics: The Roundabout Where Translation, Tradition, and Inspiration Conflate”

10:45-11:30 Parallel Session 5

Daniel Mueller (Marquette University) NT “The Qualities of Synagogue Space in Luke-Acts: Reconstructing a Lukan Narrative Place”

Anna Konstantopoulos (Milligan University) NT “Origen: Platonism and the Preexistence of Souls in the Gospel of John”

Ethan Johnson (University of St Andrews) NT "'"Deliver This Man to Satan': Incest and Pollution in 1 Corinthians 5 and the Broader Greco-Roman World"

11:40-11:50 Presentation of Student Competition Awards

11:50-12:50 PLENARY SESSION 4

Amy-Jill Levine

University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies and Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies, Vanderbilt University

"Christian Privilege and Christian Fragility: The Sins of Denying and Deflecting Problematic Biblical Passages"

12:50-1:00 Introduce 2023 and Dismiss

PW: Phillips-Welshimer Building

PW/AUD: Phillips-Welshimer, Auditorium

PW/RPC: Phillips-Welshimer/Russell Preaching Center

MARBLE-HISTORY – History Center 1st Floor off Marble Hallway

RH: Restoration Hall

GC/PDR: Gally Commons/Private Dining Room

SAVE THE DATE

Theme: Traditional Hermeneutics and Minority Voices

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Speakers: Contacts Currently in Process