

2023 SCJ CONFERENCE PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE WITH FULL LIST OF PRESENTERS ANNOUNCED

SCJ CONFERENCE ONLINE REGISTRATION EXTENDED TO APRIL 6

The lowest pricing for registration recently passed. The next best pricing period runs from now thru Thursday, April 6, 2023. This is an extension from the original closing date of April 3. After that date all attendees will face another price increase to register at the door.

This year's conference will be at Johnson University Tennessee in Knoxville on April 14-15, 2023 (Friday, 8:00 AM-8:00 PM; Sat, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM). **If you can't come in person, register to join in the plenary and study group sessions via Zoom.**

In addition to plenary speakers Doug Foster, Loretta Hunnicutt, and Edward Robinson, the conference also includes presentations from the Isaac Errett award winner, six student paper competitors, twenty-nine parallel and twelve study group sessions. See the full line-up below and register today.

The printed program is the official program and will be available when registrants check in on Friday. This will include room numbers.

Conference papers will be available from the SCJ website during the conference and until May 3. See the conference banner on top of the welcome page.

2023 SCJ Conference

Preliminary Schedule for SCJ Conference Registrants

4-3-23

Alexander Campbell and His Personal Relationships

Twenty-second Annual SCJ Conference Hosted by Johnson University, Knoxville, Tennessee
April 14-15, 2023 Pre-registration Closes April 3, 2023

2023 SCJ Schedule at-a-Glance

Friday, April 14

8:00-8:50 Check In, Registration, and Coffee Plus
9:00-9:15 Welcome Tommy Smith & William Baker
9:25-11:05 STUDY GROUP A
Synoptic Gospels

Ecclesiology and Social Ethics
9:25-11:05 Student Paper Competition Finalists
 Undergraduate Student Paper Finals
 Graduate Student Paper Finals
9:25-10:10 PARALLEL SESSION 1
10:20-11:05 PARALLEL SESSION 2
11:10-12:10 PLENARY SESSION 1 Doug Foster
12:10-1:30 Lunch
 SCJ Editors Lunch
1:35-2:45 PLENARY SESSION 2 Loretta Hunnicutt AND LIFETIME
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PRESENTATION
2:55-3:40 PARALLEL SESSION 3
2:55-3:40 Isaac Errett Award Winner
3:40-4:20 Refreshment Break
4:20-6:00 STUDY GROUP B
 Acts and the Early Church
 Life, Letters, and Legacy of Paul
 Old Testament in Ancient Near Eastern Context
 Patristics
 Educational Ministries and Leadership
 Theological Anthropology
[Christian Leadership](#)

6:15-7:45 Dinner (ticket required)

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

8:00-8:15 Devotions
8:15-9:15 PLENARY SESSION 3 Edward Robinson
9:15-9:45 Refreshment Break (pick up purchased books)
9:50-11:30 STUDY GROUP C
 Biblical Teaching on Women
 History and Theology of the Stone-Campbell Movement
[To Ph.D. or Not](#)
9:50-10:35 PARALLEL SESSION 4
10:45-11:30 PARALLEL SESSION 5
11:40-11:50 Presentation of Student Competition Awards
11:50-12:50 PLENARY SESSION 4 Doug Foster
12:50-1:00 Introduce 2024, Prayer, Dismiss

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

8:00-8:50 Check In, Registration, and Coffee Plus
9:00-9:15 Welcome

Tommy Smith *President, Johnson University*

William Baker *President, Stone-Campbell International*

9:25-11:05 STUDY GROUP A

SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

Presider: Kevin Burr *Kings Crossing Church of Christ, Corpus Christi, TX*

Ron Clark *George Fox University*

Touched by a Sinner? Sinful Women and the Men Who Exploit or Love Them: A Study of Luke 7:36-50

Eric Brandell *Harding School of Theology*

The Sabbath Controversy and the Christological Authority of Jesus: An Exegetical Analysis of Matthew 12:1-8

Tyler Hallstrom *Asbury Theological Seminary*

A Den of Thieves? Jesus's Action in the Temple and the Question of Economic Exploitation

ECCLESIOLOGY & SOCIAL ETHICS

Presider: Shaun Brown, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Garland, TX

Aaron Monts *Johnson University*

Learning the Full Story: Addressing Critical Race Theory, Whiteness, Intersectionality, and Our Assumptions

Collin Packer *Office of Texas State Representative Carl O. Sherman [ZOOM PRESENTATION]*

Sammie Berry *Dallas West Church of Christ*

Racial Unity and Justice in the Aftermath of the Murder of Botham Jean

9:25-11:05 Student Paper Competition Finalists

STUDENT PAPER FINALISTS: UNDERGRADUATE

Director: Adam Bean *Milligan University*

Johnny Galloway *Harding University* Sponsor: Scott Adair

“You Did it to Me”: Christ’s Presence in the “Least of These”

Leah Hardin *Johnson University Florida* Sponsor: Rob Fleenor

Israel's Purity Covenant: YHWH's Influence on the Waters of Bitterness

Brianna Parkhill *Lincoln Christian University* Sponsor: Tyler Stewart

Understanding Second Temple Demonology and the Divinity of Jesus Christ

STUDENT PAPER FINALISTS: GRADUATE

Kimberly Hampton *Lincoln Christian University* Sponsor: Steve Cone

The Response of Christians to 1918 Influenza and the Impact on the Church

Anna Konstantopoulos *Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan University* Sponsor: Lee Blackburn

Origen: Platonism and the Preexistence of Souls in the Gospel of John

Hanes McPherson Swingle *Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan University* Sponsor: Jason Bemby

The Chosen: Judges 7:1-7

9:25-10:10 PARALLEL SESSION 1

John Young *Amridge University*

Truths or Tall Tales? Investigating Two Unusual Anecdotes from Stone-Campbell Movement History

Joshua Houston *Faulkner University*

The Absence of Circumcision and the Abrahamic Covenant in the Book of Hebrews

Adam Hogan *Texas Technological University*

One God, One Nature: An Environmental History of the Stone-Campbell Movement

Benjamin Lantzer *First Christian Church, Flora, IN*

Sound Doctrine and New Creation: Paul's Parabolic Use of Genesis 2-3

10:20-11:05 PARALLEL SESSION 2

Joseph Baumstarck *Louisville, KY*

Alexander Campbell, Joseph Smith, and Charles Finney: Comparison and Contrast

James McMillan *Disciples of Christ Historical Society*

Alexander Campbell, Jr.: Like Father, Like Son?

William Custer *Cincinnati, OH*

More Progress in Evangelical Apologetics: Revelational Theism

Nathan Ward *Florida College*

Are Behemoth and Leviathan Two-of-a-Kind?

11:10-12:10 **PLENARY SESSION 1**

Doug Foster *Scholar in Residence, Professor of History, Abilene Christian University*

Alexander Campbell and Barton W. Stone: Fellow Reformers and Theological Opponents

12:10-1:30 **Lunch**
SCJ Editors Lunch

1:35-2:45 **PLENARY SESSION 2 AND LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
PW/AUD

Loretta Hunnicutt *Professor of History, Pepperdine University*

Selina Campbell: Fellow Soldier in the Cause of Restoration

2:55-3:40 **PARALLEL SESSION 3**

ISAAC ERRETT AWARD WINNER

Jennifer Gash *Fuller Seminary*

“Let the Children Come” to the Joy Bus

Wes Crawford *Abilene Christian University*

A Monumental Moment: Carl Spain Takes Center Stage at the 1960 Abilene Christian College Lectureship

Heather Gorman *Johnson University*

The Characterization of Joseph in Matthew: Faithful Jew and Exemplar of Jesus’s Teachings

James Sedlacek *Israel Institute of Biblical Studies*

The Meaning of *authentain*: Some Considerations for 1 Tim 2:12

Virgil Warren *Vermillion Christian Church, Vermillion, KS*

Prolegomena to Men and Women in Christ

Leanna Rierson *Maritime Christian College*

Does Paul's "I" versus "We" Language in 2 Corinthians 10-13 Suggest Humble or Proud Leadership?

Aaron Monts *Johnson University*

Black Jesus, White Jesus, Colorless Jesus: A Racialized Christology

John Nugent *Great Lakes Christian College*

The Politics of Praise: Speaking Peace to Power

J. Blair Wilgus *Hope International University*

Elisha and the Bears: Using Violent Texts in Ministry Settings

3:40-4:20 Refreshment Break

4:20-6:00 STUDY GROUP B

ACTS AND THE EARLY CHURCH

Presiders: Judith Odor *Asbury Theological Seminary*

Rob O'Lynn *Kentucky Christian University*

Stan Helton *Alberta Bible College*

[ZOOM PRESENTATION]

Intertextual Links Between the Story of Achan and the story of Ananias and Sapphira

Lee Hagewood *Asbury Theological Seminary*

Paul's Exemplary Ministry: Acts 20:17-35 and *Exempla* in Ancient Historiography

LIFE, LETTERS, AND LEGACY OF PAUL

Presiders: Jordan C. Stanley *Asbury Theological Seminary*

Rafael Rodriguez *Johnson University*

Christopher R. Hutson *Abilene Christian University*

"Ordaining Elders in Every City" (Acts 14:23): Anthropological Considerations On Elders in Traditional Societies.

Ethan Johnson *University of St. Andrews*

The Lord's Supper and the Logic of Sacrifice

Leanna Rierson *Maritime Christian College*

An Analysis of Paul's Boasting in 2 Cor 10-13 Using Contemporary Humility Theories

OLD TESTAMENT IN ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN CONTEXT

Presiders: **Adam Bean** *Milligan University*
Aaron Woods *Milligan University*

Rachel Nabulsi *Point University*

“What is this thing you have done?”: Questions, Accusations, and Emotion in the Hebrew Bible
[DOUBLE-QUOTES IN TITLE INSTEAD OF SINGLE QUOTES]

Hermann Finch *Asbury Theological Seminary*

God Working through Humanity: Exodus 3:1-15 and the Theology of Divine-Human Partnership

Samuel Guy *Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan* **[ELSEWHERE YOU SAY UNIVERSITY]**

Determinism, Intercession, and Theodicy in Daniel and the Book of the Watchers

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES AND LEADERSHIP

Presiders: **James Estep** *Lincoln Christian University*
Tim Westbrook *Harding University*

Bill Thomas *Central Christian College of the Bible*

Ministry and Diversity: Preparing Students to Minister Across Lines of Racial, Cultural, and Socio-Economic Differences

Joseph P. Moleski *Great Lakes Christian College*

Psychological Safety and the Church

Ron Clark *Kairos Church Planting; George Fox University*

Bridging the Gap: Training Church Planter Candidates for Ministry Theologically and as Practitioners

PATRISTICS

Presiders: **David Kiger** *Emmanuel Christian Seminary*
Mark Weedman *Johnson University*

Tyler Stewart *Lincoln Christian University*

A Curious Heresy: The Salvation of Adam in Second Temple Judaism and Early Christianity

Alyssa Elliott *Emory University*

Show me your God: Identifying the Christian God in Theophilus of Antioch's Ad Autolycum

Mark Weedman *Johnson University*

Novatian's use of Philippians 2.6-7

THEOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Presiders: **Dennis Durst** *Kentucky Christian University*
Steven Cone *Lincoln Christian University*

Virgil Warren *Vermillion Christian Church, Vermillion, KS*
Trimming Back “Theology” by Shedding Natural Depravity

Dennis L. Durst *Kentucky Christian University*
Louis Auguste Sabatier and the Subjective Turn in Theological Education

Justin Schwartz *First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Louisburg, KS*
Re-membering Christian Existence: Kierkegaard’s Task and Method [*ZOOM PRESENTATION*]

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

President: **Chris Beard** *Johnson University*

Laura B. Macias *Johnson University*
Fostering Cultural Humility in Short-term Missions

Mike Young *Faulkner University / Johnson University*
What a Character: Virtue Formation and Leadership

6:15-7:45 **Dinner** (ticket required)

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

8:00-8:15 **Devotions**
Wes Crawford *Assistant Professor of History*
Abilene Christian University

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

Edward Robinson *Associate Professor of History and Religion, Texas University*

Alexander Campbell and African Americans: His Attitude and His Movement

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

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

HISTORY AND THEOLOGY OF THE STONE-CAMPBELL MOVEMENT

President: **James Gorman** *Johnson University*

Panel Discussion with Plenary Speakers: **Continuing the Conversation: Doing History**

Loretta Hunnicutt *Pepperdine University*

Doug Foster *Abilene Christian University*

Edward Robinson *Texas College*

BIBLICAL TEACHING ON WOMEN

Presiders: **Laurel Guy** *Milligan University*

Samuel Guy *Milligan University*

Mary Ellen Pereira *Grandview Christian Church*

Antidote for Treason: Eusebeia and the Themes of 1 Timothy

Brian Baldwin *Bridges Christian Church, Ashland, KY*

Artemis Ephesia and 1 Timothy 2

TO PH.D. OR NOT? A PANEL OF PREDECESSORS

Presenter: **Nick Zola**

Alyssa Elliott *Emory University*

Ph.D. student in Historical Studies in Theology and Religion

Tyler Stewart *Marquette University*

Ph.D. in Judaism and Christianity in Antiquity

Ron Clark *Harding School of Theology*

D.Min

Alicia Crumpton *Gonzaga University*

Ph.D. in Leadership Studies

9:50-10:35 PARALLEL SESSION 4

David Fletcher *Independent Researcher, Coffee County, TN*

Paul's Eschatology in 1 Corinthians 13:12: Knowing Face to Face (Then) Versus Through Enigma (Now)

Christopher Jones *Faulkner University*

The Road to Emmaus: Burning Hearts and Broken Bread

David Hester *Faulkner University*

Did Paul Accept "The Apocryphon of Jannes & Jambres" as Scripture?

Shaun Brown *First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Garland, TX*
George Lindbeck: A Biographical and Theological Introduction

Kevin Larsen Mid-Atlantic Christian University
An Iron Age I Monumental Building . . . could it be? An Update on Recent Archaeological
Excavations in Ancient Shiloh, Israel

10:45-11:30 PARALLEL SESSION 5

Melvin Otey *Faulkner University*
The Septuagint and Jesus's Theological Vocabulary

Nathan Shedd *Johnson University*
A Joyful Letter? Reconfiguring the Occasion and Rhetorical Aim of Paul's Letter to the
Philippians

Gary D. Collier *Institute for the Art of Biblical Conversation*
Paul in Conversation: In Search of an Authentic Paul in 1 Thessalonians

Matthew Miller *Trinity Bible College and Graduate School*
"Proclaiming the Beauteous": Gadamer's Aesthetics and the Christian Kerygma

11:40-11:50 Presentation of Student Competition Awards
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11:50-12:50 PLENARY SESSION 4

Doug Foster *Scholar in Residence, Professor of History, Abilene Christian University*

A Catholic Bishop, an Atheist, and Alexander Campbell:
Three Unlikely Companions in Reform

12:50-1:00 Introduce 2024, Prayer, Dismiss

