

2024 SCJ Conference Schedule

3-29-24

Below is the schedule for the 2024 SCJ Conference hosted by Milligan University April 12-13, 2024. Today, April 1, is the last day to pre-register. After this, all registrations will be on-site upon arrival and will reflect a price increase.

Four plenary, eighteen parallel sessions, ten study groups, six student paper finalists, should make for a stimulating gathering of professors and students. Plus, reduced-price books will be available as well as scrumptious food.

Use the schedule below for planning your time. Be sure to pick up your printed program (with rooms) and your identity tag upon registration check-in.

Attendee Planning Schedule

(Rooms will be on the printed program available at registration)

Exploring the Hermeneutics of Identity

Twenty-Fourth Annual SCJ Conference Hosted by Milligan University, Johnson City, Tennessee

2024 SCJ Schedule at-a-Glance

Friday, April 12

8:00-8:50	Check In, Registration, and Coffee Plus
8:50-9:10	Welcome Bill Greer & William Baker
9:10-10:10	PLENARY SESSION 1 Love Sechrest
10:25-12:05	STUDY GROUP A Life, Letters, and Legacy of Paul Christian Spiritual Formation
10:25-12:05	Student Paper Competition Finalists Undergraduate Student Paper Finals Graduate Student Paper Finals
10:25-11:10	PARALLEL SESSION 1
11:20-12:05	PARALLEL SESSION 2
12:05-1:25	Lunch SCJ Editors Lunch
1:30-2:30	PLENARY SESSION 2 Miriam Perkins
2:30-2:40	Lifetime Achievement Award
2:50-3:35	PARALLEL SESSION 3
2:50-3:35	Isaac Errett Award Winner
3:35-4:15	Refreshment Break
4:20-6:00	STUDY GROUP B

Acts and the Early Church
Biblical Teaching on Women
Christian Leadership
Educational Ministries and Leadership
Old Testament in Ancient Near Eastern Context
Patristics

6:15-8:00 **Dinner** *Aubrey's Restaurant*

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

8:00-8:15 **Devotions** **Adam Bean**
8:15-9:15 **PLENARY SESSION 3** **Daniel Rodriguez**
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
Synoptic Gospels
Thinking of a Ph.D.: A Panel of Predecessors
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** **Love Sechrest**
12:50-1:00 Introduce 2025, Prayer, Dismiss

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

8:00-8:50 **Check In, Registration, and Coffee Plus** **Gregory Center Lobby**
8:50-9:10 **Welcome** **McGlothlin Theatre, Gregory Center**

Bill Greer
President, Milligan College

William Baker
President, Stone-Campbell International

9:10-10:10 **PLENARY 1** **McGlothlin Theatre, Gregory Center**
The
Love Sechrest *Professor of Theology, Mount St. Mary's University*
Associative Hermeneutics: A Womanist Ethics for Biblical Interpretation

10:25-12:05 **STUDY GROUP A**

LIFE, LETTERS, AND LEGACY OF PAUL

Presiders: **Jordan C. Stanley** *Asbury Theological Seminary*
Rafael Rodriguez *Johnson University*

Steve Gardner *Wake Forest University*

Part Two of Analysis of the Argument that the Original Text of Ephesians 5:22 Includes a Verb, *hypotassesthōsan*) Origen, Tertullian, and Old Latin Versions

Alicia Paddock *Manhattan Christian College*

A Corinthian Sensorium: Paul's Use of the Senses in his Corinthian Correspondence

CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Presiders: **Michael Young** *Faulkner University*
Jeanie Shaw *Nazarene Theological Seminary*

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Introducing the Study of Christian Spiritual Formation: The Why, the What, and the How for the Study Group

G. Steve Kinnard *Rocky Mountain School of Ministry and Theology*

Motivation From the Heart: Exploring the *Why* Behind Spiritual Formation

Leslie T. Hardin *Johnson University, Florida*

“So That They Might Turn”: Repentance, Purpose, and Spirituality in the Parables

GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

- **Phillips Bldg. Chapel at Emmanuel**
(Shuttle: Pick up outside Gregory Center 10:15; Return outside Phillips Bldg. 1:15)

Presider: **Mark Krause** *Wildewood Christian Church, Papillion, NE*

Jennifer Gash *Fuller Theological Seminary*

Sponsor: Kyong-Jin Lee

God's Mission Supersedes Women's Vocations: Exodus 2:1–10

Corban Romm *Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan*

Sponsor: Paul Blowers

The Tantalizing Relationship Between Wisdom/Sophia and the Church: A Beginner's Examination of Sophiology

Spencer Taylor *Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan*

Sponsor: Jason Bemby

From Ku Klux Klan to Multicultural Ministry: How Tensions within a Single Church's History Reflect Ongoing Struggle Against Racism, Moral Guardianship, and Division

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

- **Phillips Bldg. Ellis Room (First Floor) at Emmanuel**
(Shuttle: Pick up outside Gregory Center 10:15; Return outside Phillips Bldg. 1:15)

Presider: Adam Bean *Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan*

Gabriella Brandner *Lipscomb University*
Children in the *Imago Dei*

Sponsor: Lauren White

Avery Hawkins *Harding University*

Sponsor: Scott Adair

Following Christ in 21st-Century America: How A Christology of Kenosis Informs
Anthropology and Discipleship for our Current Moment

Jared E. Stanley *Kentucky Christian University*

Sponsor: Dennis L. Durst

The Journey of the Death of God: An Exploration of Man's Dealing with the Religious Urge

10:25-11:10 PARALLEL SESSION 1

Stewart Penwell *Corydon, IN*

Jesus's Ghostly Appearance, or, Ghosts on the Water in Mark 6:49

Joshua Houston *Faulkner University*

Becoming Israelite: Joshua 5:2–9 as the Final Stage of Shedding Egyptian Mores

Wes Crawford *Abilene Christian University*

A Racist Stream Flowing through 20th Century Churches of Christ: A Closer Look at Foy E. Wallace, Jr.

11:20-12:05 PARALLEL SESSION 2

Scott Gleaves *Faulkner University*

The Identity of the *Gynaikas* in 1 Tim 3:11

John Young *Amridge University*

Churches of Christ and the Higher Education Landscape in Alabama: 1945 to the Present

Matthew Richardson *Southeast Christian Church, Salt Lake City, UT*

Embracing Interrelational Personhood as a Sacramental Society: Prescribing the Relational Ecclesiologies of William Robinson and John Zizioulas for Stone-Campbell Churches

12:05-1:25 Lunch

Cafeteria

Grill

Editors and Board

Student Paper and Errett Finalist

McCormick Dining Center (Shuttles provided as needed from Gregory)

McMahon Student Center

Welshimer Room, Welshimer Library

After Competition at Phillips Building

1:30-2:30 **PLENARY SESSION 2**

McGlothlin

Miriam Perkins *Professor of Theology and Society, Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan*
Fragrant Freedom: Calling our Bound Brothers from Tomb to Table

2:30-2:40 **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

McGlothlin

2:50-3:35 **PARALLEL SESSION 3**

ISAAC ERRETT AWARD WINNER

President: Lisa Barnett *Phillips Theological Seminary at Tulsa*

Brody Van Roekel *Phillips Theological Seminary at Tulsa*

An Attempt to Reshape the World: Disciples Engagement with the Men and Religion Forward Movement in 1911-1912

James Sedlacek *Israel Institute of Biblical Studies*

The Translations of *Hesychia* in 1 Tim 2:12: A Fresh Look at the Semantic Range of this Word

Samuel Guy *Milligan University*

Primeval Biblical Curses for White Patriarchal Blessing: The Curse of Canaan in the Nascent Confederacy and the Curse of Eve in 20th-Century Reformed Evangelicalism

Virgil Warren *Vermillion Christian Church, Vermillion, KS*

Reciprocal Causation A, the Biosphere, and Theistic Proof

Nathan Ward *Florida College*

Good Theology Bad Exegesis: Scientific Foreknowledge and Three Hermeneutical Tests

Christopher Hutson *Abilene Christian University*

Neither Infidels nor Sectarians: The Faithfulness of a University in the Stone-Campbell Tradition

Mark Krause *Wildewood Christian Church, Papillion, NE*

Ronald Nickelson *David C. Cook Publishing*

The Ministry of the Standard Lesson Commentary

3:35-4:15 **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*

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Moses and the Prophets: The Emmaus Narrative as Homiletic and Theological Lens for Early Christian Preaching and Discipleship

Ron Peters *Great Lakes Christian College*

Our Most Excellent Lady Theophilus: What if Theophilus was a Woman?

Michael Blythe *Nations University*

Greed and the Dark Powers in Acts

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

President: Christopher Beard *Johnson University*

Alicia Crumpton *Kaleidoventure*

Paul R. McCuistion *Teaching4Jesus Ministries*

Elders: God's Plan, Purpose, and Framework in Scripture

Christopher Beard *Johnson University*

Alicia Crumpton *Kaleidoventure*

Study Group Roundtable: Discussing Important Areas for Scholarship in Christian Leadership

OLD TESTAMENT IN ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN CONTEXT

Presiders: Adam Bean *Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan*

Aaron Woods *Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan*

Samuel Long *Great Lakes Christian College*

Jordan Nickels *Great Lakes Christian College*

Sacred Struggles: An Interdisciplinary Exploration of Mental Health in the Old Testament

Joshua Houston *Faulkner University*

The Influence of Egypt on Israelite Cultural and Religious Mores

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES AND LEADERSHIP

President: Timothy Westbrook *Harding University*

Blake Stout *Harding University*

Alina Stout *Harding School of Theology*

Reaching Gen Z: Developing Spiritual Maturity in the Next Generation

Susan Nancy *Fuller Theological Seminary and Wesley Seminary*

Culturally Inclusive Teaching in Online Education

Timothy Westbrook *Harding University*

P. J. Welch *Harding University*

“To Be Free in Their Own Minds”: Understanding Racialized Experiences through the Lens of FaithCrit

PATRISTICS

Presider: **David Kiger** *Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan*

Cody Barnhart *University of Aberdeen*

Moses’s Polymathic Identity in Clement and Origin

Alyssa Elliott *Emory University*

Holy Longing in Hope: Augustine’s Sermon on Psalm 41 [42]

Sam Turpin *Marquette University*

Cappadocian Solutions to the Ignorance of the Son: Basil, Gregory of Nazianzus, and Gregory of Nyssa’s Reading of Mark 13:32

Paul Blowers *Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan*

Maximus the Confessor as a Neo-Irenaeian Thinker

BIBLICAL TEACHING ON WOMEN

Presiders: **Laurel Guy** *Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan*

Samuel Guy *Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan*

Panel Discussion: Women in Ministry Today: Stories of Hope, Challenge, and Renewed Imagination

Panel Participants:

Molly Conaway *Crossings Knoxville, TN*

Olivia Albrecht *Southbrook Christian Church Dayton, OH*

Beth Jarvis *Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan*

Laurel Guy *Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan*

6:15-8:00 **Dinner** (Aubrey’s, 3029 Hamilton Place, Johnson City)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

8:00-8:15 **Devotions**

Adam Bean *Assistant Professor of Old Testament
Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan*

McGlothlin

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

McGlothlin

Daniel Rodriguez *Professor of Religion and Hispanic Studies, Pepperdine University*
Reading the New Testament in Hispanic/Immigrant Perspective

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

G-Lobby

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

HISTORY AND THEOLOGY OF THE STONE-CAMPBELL MOVEMENT

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

Book Review Panel Discussion:

Review of Richard T. Hughes and James L. Gorman, *Reviving the Ancient Faith: The Story of Churches of Christ in America* (Eerdmans, 2024)

Moderator: **Douglas A. Foster** *Abilene Christian University*

Reviewers:

Lisa Barnett *Phillips Theological Seminary*

John Young *Amridge University*

Jess Hale *Independent Scholar*

Respondents:

Richard T. Hughes *Lipscomb University*

James L. Gorman *Johnson University*

SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

Presiders: **Zach Eberhart** *Point University*

Barry Blackburn *Point University*

Book Review Panel Discussion:

Review of Holly Carey, *Women Who Do: Female Disciples in the Gospels* (Eerdmans, 2023)

Panel Participants:

Alyssa Elliott *Emory University*

Christopher Skinner *Loyola University Chicago (ZOOM)*

Rafael Rodriguez *Johnson University*

Heather Gorman *Johnson University*

Tyler Stewart *Lincoln Christian University*

Respondent: Holly Carey *Point University*

THINKING OF A PH.D.: A PANEL OF PREDECESSORS

Presider: James Sedlacek Ph.D. *New Testament University of Manchester*

Alicia Paddock Ph.D. New Testament Studies *University of Birmingham (UK)*

David Kiger Ph.D. Historical Theology *Marquette University*

Joshua Houston Ph.D. Biblical Studies *Faulkner University*

Jordan Stanley Ph.D. Student New Testament *Asbury Theological Seminary*

9:50-10:35 PARALLEL SESSION 4

David Fletcher *Independent Researcher, Coffee County, TN*
The Apostle Paul's Gender Neutral Charismata in Romans 12:6-8

Dennis Durst *Kentucky Christian University*
H. G. Wells on the Place of Religion in Modern Life

Paul McCuistion *Teaching4Jesus Ministries*
Restoring Truth: Telling the Correct Story

10:45-11:30 PARALLEL SESSION 5

Alan Howell *Mission Resource Network*
The Church as Paul's Thorn: Honor & Shame Rhetoric in 2 Corinthians

Hunter Maerz *The Foundry Church, Winter Springs, FL*
Evolution and a Multifaceted Christian *Telos*

Aaron Woods *Asbury Theological Seminary*
Israelian Rhetoric: Exploring the Words of the Prophet and his Audience

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

McGlothlin

Presiders: Lisa Barnett, Adam Bean

11:50-12:50 PLENARY SESSION 4

McGlothlin

Love Sechrest *Professor of Theology, Mount St. Mary's University*
Allies for Christ: A Womanist Theology of Solidarity in the Gospel of Matthew

12:50-1:00 Introduce 2025, Prayer, Dismiss *William Baker*

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