

2024 SCJ CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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Welcome to the 2024 SCJ Conference. We are delighted to be back again for the second SCJ Conference to be hosted by Milligan University in Johnson City, Tennessee.

We appreciate the generous hospitality and the support of our colleagues in the college and at Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan. In addition to three plenary speakers addressing the theme *Exploring the Hermeneutics of Identity*, the conference also includes presentations from the Isaac Errett award winner, six student paper competitors, eighteen parallel, and ten study group sessions, plus displays, and food--something for everyone to stimulate thought and conversation for the next two days.

Friday night, we have organized a group pay-your-own-way dinner at Aubrey's, a favorite regional restaurant. If you plan to participate, please confirm or reserve at the SCJ registration table by 1:30 pm Friday. In addition, we are again gathering a record of our activities with a Milligan photographer on Friday. We appreciate your cooperation with this process. Please let us know at the registration desk before the end of the conference if you will not allow your photograph to be used in future SCJ or Milligan promotion. We look forward to sharing a wonderful conference with you again.

William Baker, President, Stone-Campbell International

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2024 SCJ SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

8:00-8:50 am Check In, Registration, and Coffee Plus
8:50-9:10 am Welcome Bill Greer & William Baker
9:10-10:10 am PLENARY SESSION 1: Love Sechrest
10:25 am-12:05 pm STUDY GROUP A
Life, Letters, and Legacy of Paul
Christian Spiritual Formation
10:25 am-12:05 pm STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION
Undergraduate Student Paper Finalists
Graduate Student Paper Finalists
10:25 am-11:10 am PARALLEL SESSION 1
11:20 am-12:05 pm PARALLEL SESSION 2
12:05-1:25 pm Lunch
1:30-2:30 pm PLENARY SESSION 2: Miriam Perkins
2:30-2:40 pm Lifetime Achievement Award
2:50-3:35 pm PARALLEL SESSION 3
2:50-3:35 pm Isaac Errett Award Winner
3:35-4:15 pm Refreshment Break
4:20-6:00 pm STUDY GROUP B
Acts and the Early Church
Biblical Teaching on Women
Christian Leadership
Educational Ministries and Leadership

6:30-8:30 pm Old Testament in Ancient Near Eastern Context
Patristics
Optional Group Dinner, Aubrey's
(reservation required)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

8:00-8:15 am Devotions: Adam Bean
8:15-9:15 am PLENARY SESSION 3: Daniel Rodriguez
9:15-9:45 am Refreshment Break (pick up purchased books)
9:50-11:30 am 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 am PARALLEL SESSION 4
10:45-11:30 am PARALLEL SESSION 5
11:40-11:50 am Presentation of Student Competition Awards
11:50 am -12:50 pm PLENARY SESSION 4: Love Sechrest
12:50-1:00 pm Introduce 2025, Prayer, Dismiss

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

8:00-8:50 am Check In, Registration, and Coffee Plus Gregory Center Lobby

8:50-9:10 am Welcome

McGlothlin-Street Theatre, Gregory Center

Bill Greer President, Milligan University

William Baker President, Stone-Campbell International

9:10-10:10 am **PLENARY SESSION 1** McGlothlin

Love Sechrest Professor of Theology, Mount St. Mary's University

Associative Hermeneutics: A Womanist Ethics for Biblical Interpretation

10:25 am–12:05 pm Study Group A

LIFE, LETTERS, AND LEGACY OF PAUL G-Willis

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 (hypotassethōsan): 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 H103

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

10:25 am–12:05 pm Student Paper Competition
GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Phillips Chapel at Emmanuel

President: **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 Ellis Room (First Floor) at Emmanuel Chapel at Emmanuel

President: **Adam Bean** Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan

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- **Gabriella Brandner** Lipscomb University
Sponsor: **Lauren White**
Children in the *Imago Dei*
 - **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 am PARALLEL SESSION 1

- **Stewart Penwell** Corydon, IN **D307**
Jesus's Ghostly Appearance, or, Ghosts on the Water in Mark 6:49
- **Joshua Houston** Faulkner University **D208**
Becoming Israelite: Joshua 5:2–9 as the Final Stage of Shedding Egyptian Mores
- **Wes Crawford** Abilene Christian University **H102**
A Racist Stream Flowing through 20th Century Churches of Christ: A Closer Look at Foy E. Wallace, Jr.

11:20-12:05 am PARALLEL SESSION 2

- **Scott Gleaves** Faulkner University **D307**
The Identity of the *Gynaikas* in 1 Tim 3:11
- **John Young** Amridge University **D208**
Churches of Christ and the Higher Education Landscape in Alabama: 1945 to the Present
- **Matthew Richardson** Southeast Christian Church, Salt Lake City, UT **H102**
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 pm Lunch

Options for all:

- **McCormick Dining Center**, Sutton Hall (shuttles provided as needed)
- **Grill**, McMahon Student Center
- **Off campus**, guide to local choices in conference folder

SCJ Editors and Board lunch: Welshimer Room, Welshimer Library

Student Paper and Errett Award honorees lunch: Phillips Building, Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan [hosted by Milligan University]

Emmanuel Information lunch: Phillips Building, Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan [hosted by Milligan University]

1:30-2:30 pm 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 pm

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD **McGlothlin**

2:50-3:35 pm PARALLEL SESSION 3

- **ISAAC ERRETT AWARD WINNER** **G-Willis**

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 **H-Wilson**
The Translations of *Hesychia* in 1 Timothy 2:12: A Fresh Look at the Semantic Range of this Word
- **Samuel Guy** Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan **H103**
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 **D109**
Reciprocal Causation A, the Biosphere, and Theistic Proof
- **Nathan Ward** Florida College **D110**
Good Theology Bad Exegesis: Scientific Foreknowledge and Three Hermeneutical Tests
- **Christopher Hutson** Abilene Christian University **D208**
Neither Infidels nor Sectarians: The Faithfulness of a University in the Stone-Campbell Tradition
- **Mark Krause** Wildewood Christian Church, Papillion, NE **D210**
Ronald Nickelson David C. Cook Publishing
The Ministry of the Standard Lesson Commentary

3:35-4:15 pm Refreshment Break **G-Lobby**

4:20-6:00 pm Study Group B

ACTS AND THE EARLY CHURCH **G-Willis**

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 H103

Presiders: **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 D109

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 D110

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 Nacy** 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 D208

President: **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 H-Wilson

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
- **Olivia Albrecht** Southbrook Christian Church Dayton, OH
- **Beth Jarvis** Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan
- **Laurel Guy** Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan

6:30-8:30 pm Optional Group Dinner

Confirm/Reserve at Registration table by 1:30 pm

(Aubrey's, 3029 Hamilton Place, Johnson City)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

8:00-8:15 am Devotions McGlothlin

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

8:15-9:15 am 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 am Refreshment Break

(pick up purchased books) **G-Lobby**

9:50-11:30 am Study Group C

HISTORY AND THEOLOGY OF THE STONE-CAMPBELL MOVEMENT H-Wilson

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 Foster** Abilene Christian University

Reviewers:

- **Lisa Barnett** Phillips Theological Seminary at Tulsa
- **John Young** Amridge University
- **Jess Hale** Independent Scholar

Respondents:

- **Richard Hughes** Lipscomb University
- **James Gorman** Johnson University

SYNOPTIC GOSPELS **G-Willis**

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 (via 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 **H103**

President: **James Sedlacek Ph.D.** Israel Institute of Biblical Studies

- **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 am PARALLEL SESSION 4

- **David Fletcher** Independent Researcher, Coffee County, TN **D208**
The Apostle Paul's Gender Neutral Charismata in Romans 12:6-8

- **Dennis Durst** Kentucky Christian University **D109**
H. G. Wells on the Place of Religion in Modern Life
- **Paul McCuistion** Teaching4Jesus Ministries **D110**
Restoring Truth: Telling the Correct Story

10:45-11:30 am PARALLEL SESSION 5

- **Alan Howell** Mission Resource Network **D208**
The Church as Paul's Thorn: Honor & Shame Rhetoric in 2 Corinthians
- **Hunter Maerz** The Foundry Church, Winter Springs, FL **D109**
Evolution and a Multifaceted Christian *Telos*
- **Aaron Woods** Asbury Theological Seminary **D110**
Israelian Rhetoric: Exploring the Words of the Prophet Amos and his Audience

11:40-11:50 am Presentation of Student Competition Awards **McGlothlin**

Presiders: **Lisa Barnett** Phillips Theological Seminary at Tulsa
Adam Bean Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan

11:50-12:50 pm 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 pm Introduce 2025, Prayer, Dismiss **William Baker** **McGlothlin**

SCJ CONFERENCE 2025 SAVE THE DATE

TENDING GOD'S GARDEN: THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANDATE

April 11-12, 2025

Host: Johnson University, Knoxville, TN

SANDRA RICHTER *Robert H. Gundry Chair of Biblical Studies, Westmont College*
Embracing Eden: The Old Testament, Christians, and the Environment
Embracing Eden: Environmentalism as Local

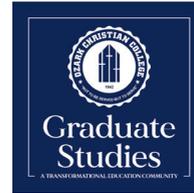
PAUL BLOWERS *Dean E. Walker Professor of Church History, Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan*
***Oikonomia* and Stewardship: A Legacy of Patristic Theologies of Creation**

MARK SNEED *Professor of Bible, Lubbock Christian University*
God's Ecological Concerns in the Divine Speeches of Job

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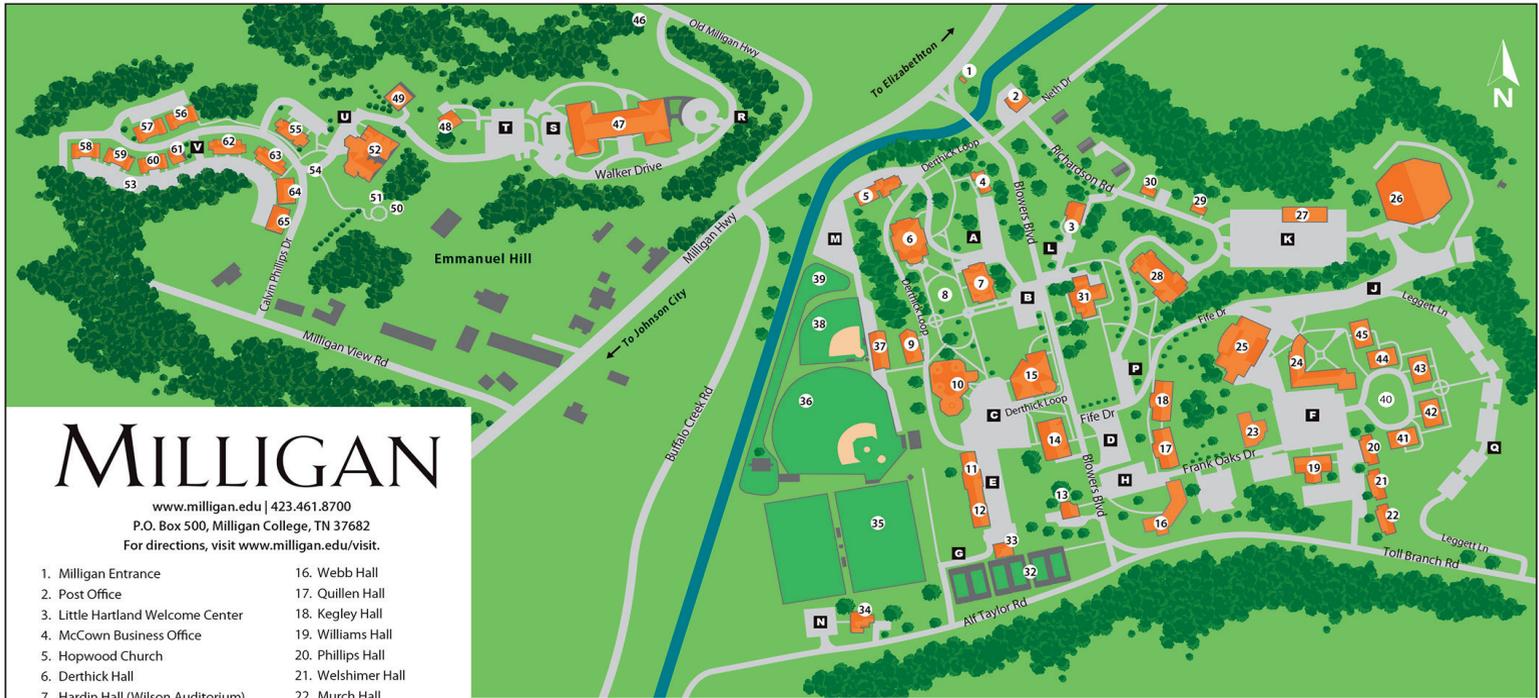
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