

RELIGIOUS COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION
Annual Conference Schedule ● November 15, 2017
The Tower Club, Dallas, Texas

OPENING ACTIVITIES

8:00am-4:00pm Onsite Registration
8:30-9:00am Breakfast
9:00-9:30am Conference Opening
Cumberland N/S

PANEL SESSION 1 ● 9:40 to 10:55 am

Session 1A
Chandalar

A New Media Reformation

Chair: Joel S. Ward, Geneva College

New Media Reformations and the Christian Church. Joel S. Ward, Geneva College

Augustine, the Word, and the Reformation. Calvin L. Troup, Geneva College

The New "Holy Humor": Counter Symbols and Christian Parody. Zachary Sheldon, Baylor University

Till I Meet You Once Again by Way of Radio: Broadcast Ministries, Parasocial Interaction, and Faith Formation. Michael Kearney, Duquesne University

Session 1B
Pegasus 2

Contemporary Christian Culture: Messages, Missions, and Dilemmas

The Constitution of a "Moral Issue." Joshua Hoops, William Jewell College

Segregating the Dial: Institutional Racism in Christian Radio. Mark Ward Sr., University of Houston-Victoria

Jesus and His Multi-Ethnic Bride: A Case Study of Organizational Identification and Unity Among Believers. Joel Solomon, Regent University

Race and Christian Music: A Social Identity Approach to Christian Listeners' Attitudes towards Racialized Christian Music. Omotayo O. Banjo, University of Cincinnati; Kesha Morant Williams, Penn State University, Berks

Session 1C
Allegheny

The Legacy of Choices Made: Communication and the Crisis of Faith in an Era of Trump

Chair: Nicole Tara Allen, St. Lawrence University

Respondent: John L. Pauley, Eastern University

Social Justice vs. the Prosperity Gospel: Competing Narratives of Civil Religion in the 2016 Presidential Campaign. Ben Krueger, Northern Arizona University

Donald Trump's Dystopian Populism: "American Carnage" and the Unraveling of the Rituals of Civil Religion. Ronald E. Lee, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Tweaking the Good News: Conservative Evangelical Narratives in the 2016 Presidential Campaign. Dayle C. Hardy-Short, Northern Arizona University; Brant Short, Northern Arizona University

Session 1D
Pegasus 1

Storied: The Public Narrative of Private Colleges

Chair: Patrick Loeb, Grace College

Respondent: Matthew Warner, Hillsdale College

As one small contribution to the field of narrative-based cultural studies, this project employs a narrative analysis to examine cultural language norms in an effort to understand the cultural identity of a small, religiously affiliated, Midwestern college.

Presenters:

Madison Cowman, Grace College

Chloe Mann, Grace College

Karly Poyner, Grace College

Mitchell Randall, Grace College

PANEL SESSION 2 • 11:10am to 12:25pm

Session 2A
Chandalar

Mediated Faith: The Role of Technologies in Religious Communication

Brazos Fellowship: A Case Study in Digital Religious Authority. Adam Bajan, Texas A&M University

Building King Jesus Radio: Debating the Place of Technology in American Fundamentalism. Steven Classen, George Fox University

Physical Faith Practices and the Missing Laity. Corey Hamilton, Wayne State University

The King of Kings is Dead: Religion, Art, and Technology on a Secular Discussion Board. Frances J. Ranney, Wayne State University

Session 2B
Pegasus 2

Disclosing Faith: Using Relational Dialectics Theory to Explore Strategies for Muslim and Christian Instructors' Self-Disclosure in the Workplace

Chair: Megan Pope, Texas A&M University, San Antonio

This panel which seeks to discuss how three individuals, of religious faiths ranging from Islam to Protestantism, experience religious self-disclosure through verbal and nonverbal messages. Panelists will examine how instructors and communication professionals can negotiate dialectical tensions of identity management and religious displays all the while building connections with students and peers.

Presenters:

Megan Pope, Texas A&M University, San Antonio

Barry Regan, Grand Canyon University

Mariam Zamila, Chandler-Gilbert Community College

Session 2C
Allegheny

Jarring the Genres of Political Religious Tradition: Exploring the Sacred in the Rise of Trump

Chair: Sean Connable, Christopher Newport University

Presenter:

Joseph Sery, Christopher Newport University

Denise P. Ferguson, Azusa Pacific University

Molly Waters, Christopher Newport University

Sean Connable, Christopher Newport University

Mark A. E. Williams, California State University, Sacramento

Joy E. A. Qualls, Biola University

Session 2D
Pegasus 1

Built on the Legacy of the Reformation: The Continuing Reformation of Religion

An examination of the continuing changes of the English Reformation taking place in the worldwide Anglican Communion. Thomas J. Carmody, Vanguard University of Southern California

A Reformed Protestant Response to the Shift toward the Spiritual. Kathleen D. Clark, University of Akron

Martin Luther's 1518 Heidelberg Disputations: Challenges to Medievalist Aristotelian Assumptions and Contemporary Rhetorical Thought. Mark A. Gring, Texas Tech University

Exploring the effect of the Reformation on Catholic worship: Renewal or "Protestantization"? Fred Jenga, University of Texas, Austin

The Continuing Reformation in Preaching. Cecil V. Kramer, Liberty University

Not a "Pen-House" or a "Screen-House" but a "Mouth-House": Retrieving Verbal Orality's "Interiority" Effects in a Culture of Cinematic "Exteriority." Steven L. Reagles, Bethany Lutheran College

BUSINESS MEETING and LUNCH ● 12:35 to 2:15 pm

Cumberland N/S **Religious Communication Association Annual Business Meeting**

Registration **Box Lunch Provided to All Conference Registrants**

PANEL SESSION 3 ● 2:30 to 3:15 pm

Session 3A
Chandalar

Making Sense of Conversion Experiences: Conversion Narratives in a New Technological Milieu

Chair: Terry Lindvall, Virginia Wesleyan College

Respondent: Mark Steiner, Christopher Newport University

Making Sense of Conversion Experiences: Messages, Meaning, and the Interpretation of Lived Experience. Hanisha Besant, Regent University; Jonathan Beutel, Regent University; John Dunkle, Regent University

Conversion Experiences and Identity Construction. Dianne Gravley, North Central Texas College; Seth Pierce, Regent University

Conviction or Convenience: Religious Conversion Narratives. Beryl Nyamwange, Regent University

Session 3B
Pegasus 2

Isolation, Confrontation, and Trauma: Religion's Response to the Human Condition

Chair: Kristen Majocha, University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown

Legacy-Making as a Function of Illness: The Impact of Social Media Messages on Patients Faith, Spirituality and Post-Traumatic Growth. Kristin Geer, Johns Hopkins University

Metaphorical Reframing as "Equipment for Living": Confronting Death with Exuberance in the Exit Interviews of Heaven's Gate Followers. Lindsey Harvell-Bowman, James Madison University; Olivia Szendey, James Madison University

The LDS Effect: Exploring the Confluence of Religious Affiliation and the Psychological Effects of Isolation. Lindsey Harvell-Bowman, James Madison University

Session 3C
Allegheny

Separated States: Religious Communication in Civil Society

Chair: Mark Allan Steiner, Christopher Newport University

Sincerity Under Suspicion: The Case of Religious Freedom in the U.S. Prison System. Victoria Ambruso, California State University, Long Beach

WWJD in the 2016 Primaries: US Evangelicals' and Politicians' Christian Nationalist Rhetoric Demonizing Syrian Refugees. Laura Partain, Indiana University-Bloomington

Partisan Pastors: A Content Analysis of U.S. Protestant Christian Sermons on the 2016 U.S. Presidential. Ethan Stokes, University of Alabama

The Media's Shaping of Pope Francis's Interview in America, The National Catholic Weekly. Nancy Parish, Duquesne University

Session 3D
Pegasus 1

Sacred Rhetorics: Speaking to the Heart

Chair: Denise Ferguson, Azusa Pacific University

Paul, Prosopopoeia, and Persuasion in Romans 1:18-32. Thomas Fuerst, University of Memphis

Relevance of Religiosity and Spiritual Communication in Emerging Adults Romantic Relationships. Joshua Danaher, Grand Canyon University

The Sacred and Profane Dichotomy in Enlightenment Rhetoric. Adam Blood, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Contemplating as Communication: Attending and Acting from the Heart. Kathleen Clark, University of Akron

PANEL SESSION 4 • 3:30 to 4:45 pm

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Religious Communication Association Scholarship Awards Panel

Chair: Adrienne Hacker-Daniels, Illinois College

Presenters:

Student Paper of the Year Recipient

Dissertation of the Year Recipient

Article of the Year Recipient

Book of the Year Recipient

AWARDS BANQUET • 6:00 to 8:30 pm

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Religious Communication Association Annual Awards Banquet

Keynote Speaker: RCA Scholar of the Year, Heidi Campbell, Texas A&M University