

RELIGIOUS COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION
First-Day Conference Schedule • November 16, 2022
Hilton Garden Inn New Orleans Convention Center

OPENING ACTIVITIES

8:00am-8:00pm. Continuous Registration
Registration and membership are processed at www.relcomm.org
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No additional cost is required beyond membership

8:00-8:30am Conference Opening

PANEL SESSION 1 • 8:40 to 9:55am

Session 1A **PLACE(s) of Mediated Religious Communication**
Chair: TBA

The Persuasive Appeal of Televangelism: Religion, Fear, and Celebrity Appeal, Mabel Myers, Indiana University South Bend; Cassidy Martenson, Indiana University South Bend; Glorianna Sorenson, Indiana University South Bend

The Rise and Fall of Mars Hill: An Ideological Analysis, Maggie Unruh, IUPUI

Local Christian Radio and the Local Church, Ryan Geesaman, Lancaster Bible College

From Performance to Pulpit: Bono's Song for Salvation, Autumn Neal, Colorado State University

Challenging #Sermongate Ontology: A Critical Rhetorical Analysis of Plagiarism in Sermonic Discourse, Lakelyn E. Taylor, University of Central Florida

Session 1B **Place and Planting: Considerations of Power and Coloniality in Faith-Based Organizing**
Chair: Andre E. Johnson, University of Memphis
Respondent: Joy E. A. Qualls, Biola University

Presenters:

Robert Ryan Beaty, University of Oklahoma

Elaine S. Schnabel, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Theon Edward Hill, Wheaton College

Alejandra Guajardo-Hodge, Lee University

Sarah J. Kornfield, Hope College

Session 1C **The PLACE of Technology in Religious Communication**
Chair: TBA

Digital Islam During COVID-19: Addressing the Pandemic, Abdulaziz Altawil, Syracuse University

When the WORD Becomes Tech: A Framework for Analyzing the Influence of Worship Media Technologies, Jim Trammell, High Point University

"Tonight, God is a DJ": How Electronic Music DJs used Natural Spaces, Urban Locations, Live Audience Events, and the Virtual to Minister to their Flock during Pandemic Times, Amy King, Charleston Southern University

The Dialogue and Deliberation Between God and Science: Testing the Relationship of College Students' Religiosity with Their Science Literacy and Attitude toward Science and Technology, Q. J. Yao, Lamar University

Session 1D

Surviving Belief: The Rhetoric of Religious Trauma and Race

Chair: TBA

Religion and the Rhetoric of Resentment: White Evangelicals, Donald Trump, and the Culture Wars, Mark Ward Sr., University of Houston-Victoria

We Shall Overcome: Analyzing the White Southern Baptist Identity Crisis in the Trump Era, Ashley N. McDonald, University of Texas at Austin

The Rhetoric of Black Church Trauma, Solomon W. Cochren, University of Memphis

HALLWAY CONVERSATIONS • 9:55 to 10:30 am

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ROOM A (to be determined at event)

ROOM B (to be determined at event)

ROOM C (to be determined at event)

ROOM D (to be determined at event)

PANEL SESSION 2 • 10:30 to 11:45 am

Session 2A

PLACE(s) of Pluralism and Religious Communication

Chair: TBA

Imagined Khalistan: An Analysis of Param Sahib's Illustrations, Aranveer Litt, Syracuse University

Yusuf Bilyarta Mangunwijaya's Diaspora Church and Its Implications for Plural Society, Andri Kosasih, Duquesne University

Learning and Listening in a Pluralistic Society: How Classical Education Impacts Engaging with Socio-Political Perspectives, Lauren Collins, Biola University

Gouverneur Morris and The Religious Constitution of American Public Discourse: The Case of the French Revolution, David Dockery, Texas A&M University

Session 2B

God Talk: The Problem of Divine-Human Communication

Chair: Mark Ward Sr., University of Houston-Victoria

PART 1: Focus on Informant Beliefs

Let Them Take the Lead: A Holistic, Culture-Centered Approach to Divine-Human Communication, Lakelyn E. Taylor, University of Central Florida

The Politics of Knowledge Production: Situating the "God Problem" in the Context of Decolonization, Elaine Schnabel, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Religion and Spirituality in Communication Research: Moving Toward a Sociocultural Identity Framework, Arielle Leonard Hodges, Chapman University

PART 2: Focus on Researcher Positionality

The Researcher as Translator: Locating the God Problem in Researcher Identity, Christine J. Gardner, Gordon College

"Silence is the Communication Behavior of God": Contemplation and Collaborative Autoethnography, Kathleen D. Clark, University of Akron

The "Still Small Voice": A Phenomenological Approach to Divine Communication, Joshua D. Hill, Pennsylvania College of Technology

PART 3: Implications

Toward a Theory of Divine Communication? Prospects and Problems, Mark Ward Sr., University of Houston-Victoria

Session 2C

PLACE(s) in and around Catholicism

Chair: TBA

The Rhetoric of Enumeration in Roman Catholic Discourse, Fred Jenga, University of Texas at Austin; Barry Brummett, University of Texas at Austin

Interviews with Roman Catholic Couples in First-time Long-term Marriages: Navigating the Landscape of Life-long Marriages with Spirituality as the Guiding Mechanism, Carl Thameling, University of Louisiana Monroe; Sovichan Scaria, University of Louisiana Monroe; Jana Sutton, University of Louisiana Monroe; Wendel Ray, University of Louisiana Monroe; David Hale, University of Louisiana Monroe

Integral Rhetoric Guiding an Aggiornamento of Catholic Ecological Teaching, Matt Farmer, University of Georgia

Sacred Succor/Rancor: Religious Rhetoric, Violence, and Immigration, Christopher Oldenburg, Illinois College; Adrienne Hacker Daniels, Illinois College

Session 2D

(Dis)PLACE(ments): (Re)imagining the PLACE(s) of Religious Communication

Chair: David P. Schulz, Concordia University

Presenters:

Lucas Hatlen, Concordia University Irvine

Bryan W. Moe, California State University Northridge

Dorothy Alston Calley, Biola University

Joy E. A. Qualls, Biola University

David P. Schulz, Concordia University

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING • 12:00 to 1:00 pm

PANEL SESSION 3 • 1:10 to 2:25 pm

Session 3A

Religious Dialogue in Public Place(s): Praxis as Challenge and Opportunity

Chair: Joel S. Ward, Geneva College

Narcissus in the Pew: Religious Friendship and Dialogic Community, Michael R. Kearney, Duquesne University

The Place of Dialogue: Creation's Invitation into Love and Justice, Preston Carmack, Duquesne University

Dorothy Day's Dialogic Response to a Crisis of Work, Natalia Wohar, Duquesne University; Susan Mancino, Saint Mary's College

Living The Questions: A Philosophy of Communication Propaedeutic to Interpreting Job 38, Rodney Adam Lyde, Duquesne University

- Session 3B **Religious Communication in Secular Places**
 Chair: TBA
- RePLACeIng Just World Theory: Ecclesiastes and the Rhetoric of Radical Agnosticism*, Luke Winslow, Baylor University; Addie Winslow, Baylor University
- Stanley Hauerwas and the Phenomenon of Rhetorical Secularization*, Andrew Tinker, Middle Tennessee State University
- Communicating the Spirit (Back) into Capitalism: A Communicative Review of the Protestant Ethic and the "Spirit" of Capitalism*, Casey Stratton, West Virginia University
- Midnight Mass and the Homology of Annihilation*, John Katsion, Northwest Missouri State University
- Session 3C **Provocations of Religion, Rhetoric, and Communication in "The Ethics of Oneness"**
 Chair: Scott Stroud, University of Texas at Austin
 Respondent: Jeremy Engels, Pennsylvania State University
- Presenters:
 Scott Stroud, University of Texas at Austin
 Santhosh Chandrashekar, University of Denver
 Adrienne E. Hacker Daniels, Illinois College
 Meenakshi Yadav, University of Texas at Austin
 Joy E. A. Qualls, Biola University
 James W. Vining, Governors State University
- Session 3D **Surviving Belief: The Rhetoric of Religious Trauma on Vulnerable Bodies**
 Chair: TBA
- "God's Never Gonna Let Me into Heaven:" College-aged Women's Sensemaking of Religious Sexual Oppression*, Julie Sisler, Western Kentucky University; Mary Pitts, Western Kentucky University
- "Let's Get the F*** out of Cairo": Breaking the Bonds of Trauma in TLC's Welcome to Plathville*, Lindsey A. Sherrill, University of North Alabama
- Filtered Motherhood: Hashtagging Religious Fundamentalism*, Rebecca Rea Ross, Clemson University
- Changing the Narrative: How Social Media Has Driven the Shift in the Narrative Surrounding Intimate Partner Violence in Evangelical Cultures*, Marianne Vanderbeke, Bowling Green State University

INTEREST GROUPS • 2:30 to 3:00 pm

- A **Performance Studies**
 Chair: Joy E. A. Qualls, Biola University
- B **Media Studies**
 Chair: Mark Ward Sr., University of Houston-Victoria
- C **Rhetorical Studies**
 Chair: James W. Vining, Governors State University
- D **Interpersonal and Organizational Communication**
 Chair: Renee J. Bourdeaux, Northwest University

PANEL SESSION 4 • 3:10 to 4:25 p m

- Session 4A **Historical PLACE(s) of Race and Identity in Religious Communication**
Chair: TBA
- Becoming a Better Community—Racial Covenants and a Communicative Ethic of Housing*, Chase Andre, Biola University
- Well-Wishes from Whitefield: A Close Reading of George Whitefield's Letter to the Inhabitants of Maryland, Virginia, and North and South Carolina*, John Dunkle, Liberty University
- We Have the Right to Breathe, Breath, and Life: The Pandemic, the Everyday Lives of Black Folks' Power*, Adam Clayton Powell, Sr., Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Rondee Gaines, La Guardia Community College
- Deified Definitions: The Rhetorically Constituted Oppression of Don't Ask, Don't Tell*, Sarah Walker, Northern Arizona University
- Session 4B **Religious Communication Association Scholarship Awards Panel**
Chair: Andre E. Johnson, University of Memphis
- Student Paper of the Year, TBD
- Article of the Year, TBD
- Dissertation of the Year, TBD
- Book of the Year, TBD
- Session 4C **Navigating the "Place" of Religious Practice for Scholars of Religious Communication**
Chair: Anthony M. Wachs, Duquesne University
- Presenters:
- Daniel S. Brown, Independent Scholar
- Blake Faulkner, Hillsdale College
- Eric Grabowsky, Dickinson State University
- Karen L. Lollar, Metropolitan State University of Denver
- N. Benton Parish, Texas A&M University
- Joy E. A. Qualls, Biola University
- James W. Vining, Governors State University
- Annalee R. Ward, University of Dubuque
- Joel S. Ward, Geneva College

AWARDS BANQUET • 5:30 to 8:00 p m

- 5:00pm Dinner Served
- 5:30-6:00pm Awards Program
- 6:00-7:00pm RCA Scholar of the Year Keynote Address
- 7:00-8:00pm Post-Conference Mingle