

Engaging Particularities V

New Directions in Comparative Theology,
Interreligious Dialogue,
Theology of Religions and Missiology

Boston College
30 March - 1 April 2007

Schedule:

Friday March 30

Location: Barat House, Newton Campus

- **Dinner**, 6:00-8:00 PM
- **Keynote Speaker**, 8:00-9:00 PM: Dr. Tracy Tiemeier (Assistant Professor, Loyola Marymount University), "Looking Back, Moving Forward: The Place of the Engaging Particularities Conference Series and the Future of Comparative Theology"

Saturday March 31

Location: McGuinn 5th Floor Lounge, Chestnut Hill Campus

- **Comparative Theology Session 1: Aquinas in Comparison**
10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
 - "The Universe as the Body of God: Thomas Aquinas, Vedanta Desika, and Eco-Theology"
 - Dan Scheid (Boston College)
 - Respondent: Ray Ward (Boston College)
 - "The Virtue of Humble Authority in Saint Thomas Aquinas and Master Chu Hsi"
 - Catherine Hudak (Boston University)
 - Dorothy Cummings (Boston College)
- Lunch, 12:00 - 1:00 PM
- **Panel Presentation - Perspectives on Interreligious Dialogue**
1:00 - 3:00 PM
 - "Beyond Tolerance: Benedict XVI's fresh approach to Interreligious Dialogue"
 - Christopher Gross (Catholic University of America)
 - "Making Friends in Iran: Lessons learned from Mennonites"
 - Matthew Pierce (Boston University)
 - "Bede Griffiths: A Model for Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue and Praxis"

- Kevin Haley (University of Notre Dame)
 - Respondent: Jason Welle, OFM (Catholic Theological Union)
- Break, 3:00 - 3:30 PM
- **Comparative Theology Session 2**
3:30 - 4:30 PM
 - “He Became Man: Seeing through the Birth Narratives of Laozi and Jesus”
 - Bede Bidlack (Boston College)
 - Respondent: James Wu (Boston University)
- Eucharist (optional), 5:00 - 6:00 PM
- Dinner, 6:00 PM

Sunday April 1

Location: McGuinn 5th Floor Lounge, Chestnut Hill Campus

- **Missiology**
10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
 - “Encounter between Protestant and Telugu Women's Paradigms of Scripture”
 - James Taneti (Union Theological Seminary)
 - Respondent: Chris Conway (Boston College)
 - “Making Disciples of All Nations: Adaptation and Christian Civilization in the Missiological Thought of Charles Lavigerie”
 - Jay Carney (Catholic University of America)
 - Respondent: Jacqueline Azetsop, SJ (Boston College)
- Lunch, 12:00 - 1:00 PM
- **Protestant approaches to Theology of Religions**
1:00 - 3:00 PM
 - “Lesslie Newbiggin's Missional Theology of Religions”
 - Deanna Womack (Princeton Theological Seminary)
 - Respondent: Erik Ranstrom (Boston College)
 - “Ernst Troeltsch and Robert Neville: Two Methodologies for Discerning Christian Normativity”
 - Echol Lee Nix (Boston University)
 - Respondent: Nathaniel Barrett (Boston University)