

Engaging Particularities VII

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

Boston College
March 27-29, 2009

Schedule 2009:

March 27 (Friday), Barat House, Newton Campus

Opening Dinner and Keynote Address (5:00–9:00pm)

1. "Words to the Rookies" Bede Bidlack (Boston College)
Respondent: Meg Gatza (Boston University)
2. Dinner and Opening Remarks (6pm)
3. Keynote Address (7:30pm):
"Living Witness: Making a Confession of Faith in a Pluralistic World"
Prof. Christiaan Jacobs-Vandegeer (Salve Regina University)

March 28 (Saturday), 024 Peterson, School of Theology and Ministry

Comparative Theology I: Sexuality and the Family in Christianity and Hinduism: (9:30am–11:30am)

1. "A Solemn and Sacred Commitment: An Examination of the Nature of Marriage and the Family in the Roman Catholic and Hindu Traditions"
Marita A. Hunchuk (Duquesne University)
Respondent: Andrew Salzmänn (Boston College)
2. "Christ as Grand Marshal of the Queer America"
Anne Marie Russo (Loyola Marymount University)
Respondent: Kieran Conroy (Harvard Divinity School)

(11:30-12:30) Lunch

"Contested Spaces for Lived Religion": Panel Presentation (12:30–2:30pm)

1. "Comparative Views of Divine Union in Kabbalah and Tantra"
Jake Jacobs (Loyola Marymount University)
2. "A Methodological Approach to Religious Pluralism: Interreligious Dialogue Rooted in Shared Experience of the Religious Practices of the 'Other'"
Leah Weiss Eckstrom (Boston College)
3. "Nice Little Things: Oom the Omnipotent and the Marketing of Yoga to the American Public"
Joe Laycock (Boston University)

4. "Pleading 'No Contest': Catholic Moral Education in Bangladesh"
Ray Ward (Boston College)
Respondent: Jen Wade (Boston College)

Muslim-Christian Dialogue: (3:30–5:30pm)

1. "Women in Dialogue: A Case Study"
Rhonda Miska (Boston College)
Respondent: Ashley Loetscher (Santa Clara)
2. "A Common Word: How Common Have Christians Found It?"
Jason Welle, OFM (Catholic Theological Union)
Respondent: Chris Hadley, SJ (Boston College School of Theology and Ministry)

March 29 (Sunday), 024 Peterson, School of Theology and Ministry

Comparative Theology II: (9:30–12:00 noon)

1. "Koans and the Eucharist: A Comparative Analysis of the Power of Language"
Andrew Prevot (University of Notre Dame)
Respondent: Carolyn Chau (Regis College)
2. "The Notions of Mediation in African Ancestral Religions"
Bienvenu Mayemba, SJ (Boston College)
Respondent: Mara Brecht (Fordham University)
3. "Sankara and St. John of the Cross: Non-Confessional Learning across Religious Boundaries"
Ben Williams (Harvard Divinity School)
Respondent: Deepti Shenoy (Santa Clara)