

Comparative Theology at Boston College

Engaging Particularities VIII

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

Boston College
March 26-28, 2010

Schedule 2010:

March 26 (Friday), Barat House, Newton Campus

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

1. "Ratzinger and the Mission of Somatic Relationality"
Aaron Pidel, SJ (Boston College School of Theology and Ministry)
Respondent: Carolyn Chau (Regis College)
2. Dinner and Opening Remarks (6pm)
3. Keynote Address (7:30pm):
Dan Joslyn Siemiatkoski (Graduate Theological Union - CDSP)
"Comparative Theology and Monotheism: The Example of Judaism"

March 27 (Saturday), 9 Lake Street, Brighton Campus, Room 110

Session I: Islam and Religious Pluralism (10 am)

1. "The Islamic Theology of Divine Names - A Case for Religious Pluralism"
Zeyneb Salim, (Georgetown University)
Respondent: Bagus Laksana, (Boston College)
2. "Da'wa and Testimony - A Muslim Vision for Europe"
Rahel Fischbach, (Georgetown University)
Respondent: Jose Bellver, (University of Barcelona)

Lunch

Panel Presentation: "New Directions in Buddhist-Christian Studies" (1pm)

1. Leah Weiss Eckstrom, (Boston College School of Theology and Ministry)
2. Glenn Willis, (Boston College)
3. Kevin Johnson, (Boston College)
Respondent: Annewieke Vroom, (KU University of Amsterdam)

Session II: Practical Theology and Interreligious Dialogue (2:30pm)

1. "Engaging Particularities of Religious Beliefs in Ethics"
Robert Mundle, (University of St. Michael's, Toronto)
Respondent: Nicole Reibe, (Boston College)
2. "The Church as Sacrament of Interreligious Solidarity - Lessons from an Inner-City Catholic High School"
John Falcone, (Boston College School of Theology and Ministry)
Respondent: Jack Davidson, (Harvard Divinity School)

March 28 (Sunday), 9 Lake Street, Brighton Campus, Room 110

Session III: Social and Ecological Peace and Interreligious Dialogue (10am)

1. "From Brokenness to Planetary Wholeness: Emerging Themes in Eco-Feminist Interreligious Dialogue"
Monica Schaap Pierce, (Fordham University)
Respondent: Jen Wade, (Boston College)
2. "Global Social Action as an Effective Means for Interreligious Dialogue and Understanding"
Kevin Ahern, (Boston College)
Respondent: Kieran Conroy (Harvard Divinity School)