



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

Boston College
March 22-23 2013

Friday, March 22: Barat House, Newton Campus

2:30 pm **Session I: Boston College Panel, Teaching Theology and Methodological Approaches**
"Doing Comparative Theology in 'The Middle of Things': Michael Barnes SJ's Theology of Dialogue"
Jillian Maxey, *Boston College*

"Advances in Contextualized Muslim-Christian Dialogue"
Tim Carey, *Boston College*

Respondent: Emma O'Donnell, *Boston College*

3:45 pm **Session II: University of Paderborn Panel on Contemporary Comparative Theology**
"Discourse and Deconstruction: On the Search for an Inter-religious Criteriology"
Anne Weber, *University of Paderborn*

"Arts and Comparative Theology: Debating Images of God's Femininity in Confrontation with Hinduism"
Anna Heiny, *University of Paderborn*

5:00 pm **Keynote Speaker**
Dr. Jon Paul Sydnor, *Emmanuel College*
"Comparative Theology in the Bible: On the Interreligious Nature of Revelation"

6:00 pm **Dinner**

Saturday, March 23: Stokes Hall, 3rd Floor Classroom N-301, Chestnut Hill Campus

9:30 am **Continental Breakfast**

10:15 am **Session I: Spirituality and Comparative Inquiry**
"A Critical Consideration of the Contributions of Mysticism and Spirituality to the Muslim-Christian Dialogue"
Gustave Ineza, *Oxford University*

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“Coping with Angst According to Machig Labdrön and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux”
Quang Tran, *Jesuit School of Theology*

Respondent: Neil R. Hutton, *Boston College School of Theology and Ministry*

11:30 pm **Session II: Philosophy of Religious Discourse**

“Theology of Religions in a Postcolonial Perspective: Epistemological and Ecclesiological Reflections”

Sigrid Rettenbacher, *University of Salzburg*

“Ecumenical Theology Revisited for the New Evangelization”

Fr. Thabang Nkadimeng OMI, *Catholic University of America*

Respondent: Philip Sutherland, *Boston College School of Theology and Ministry*

12:30 pm **Lunch**

1:30 pm **Session III: Ethical Dimensions of Anthropology**

“*Maya, Anava Mala* and Original Sin: A Comparative Study”

Nathan Halloran, *Jesuit School of Theology*

“Compassion as Water and Tea of Human Existence: The Dalai Lama’s Approach to Ethics Beyond Religion”

Enver Rahmanov, *Jesuit School of Theology*

Respondent: Hugh Kelly, *Franciscan University*

2:45 pm **Session IV: Theory and Religious Hermeneutics**

“The Economy of the Holy Spirit: Towards an Eastern Orthodox Theology of Religions”

Christopher Helali, *Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School*

“For Comparative Theology’s Christian Skeptics: An Invitation to Kenotic Generosity in the Religiously Pluralistic Situation”

Laurin Smelser White, *Vanderbilt University*

“Diversity and Ends: Finding Parallels in the Mutuality and Acceptance Models with Evolutionary Biology”

John Shea, *Jesuit School of Theology*

3:45 pm **Closing Remarks**

6:00 pm **Dinner (Location TBA)**

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