

# Engaging Particularities XV:

## Exclusivity and Inclusion in Religious Communities

April 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017  
Boston College  
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> at the Hovey House Library, Boston College

- 12:00-12:45            Registration and lunch
- 12:45-1:00            Welcome and introduction from conference director
- 1:00-2:30            First Presentation, moderated by Bethany Slater (1:00-1:45):  
                          **Evan Goldstein**, *Union Theological Seminary*  
                          “Heinrich Graetz and the Oriental Jesus”  
First Response: Prathiksha Srinivasa, *Harvard Divinity School*
- Second Presentation, moderated by Bethany Slater (1:45-2:30):  
                          **John Schweiker Shelton**, *Duke Divinity School*  
                          “Can we Read with Rival Traditions? Settling a Debate between  
                          Nazianzen and Julian the Apostate”  
First Response: Christina Perez, *John Carroll University*
- 2:30-2:45            Coffee break
- 2:45-4:15            First Presentation, moderated by Won-Jae Hur (2:45-3:30):  
                          **Ellen Willert**, *Andover Newton Theological School*  
                          “Sex Workers in America and their Exclusion from the Christian  
                          Community”  
First Response: Hans Harmakaputra, *Boston College*
- Second Presentation, moderated by Won-Jae Hur (3:30-4:15):  
                          **Haruka Umetsu Cho**, *Harvard University*  
                          “Engaging the World Being ‘Onna’ and Religious Minority:  
                          Second Wave Feminism and Christian Social Activism in Japan  
                          during the 1970s”  
First Response: Kristopher Norris, *University of Virginia*
- 4:15-4:30            Coffee Break
- 4:30-6:00            First Presentation, moderated by Andrew Massena (4:30-5:15):

**Melissa Coles**, *Harvard Divinity School*  
“Interreligious Pilgrims”

First Response: John Schweiker Shelton, *Duke Divinity School*

Second Presentation, moderated by Andrew Massena (5:15-6:00):

**Yujia Zhai**, *Boston College School of Theology and Ministry*  
“The Jewish ‘Three Blessings’ and Galatians 3:28”

First Response: Nicholas Krause, *Baylor University*

6:00-7:00

Keynote address

**Chris Conway**, *Professor at St. Benedict and St. John’s University*  
“Meeting at the Margins: Cokhāmeḷā, Community, and  
Comparative Theology”

7:30-8:30

Dinner

**MONDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> at the Hovey House Library, Boston College**

9:00-11:00

Round Table Presentation, moderated by Michael VanZandt Collins

**August Tamawiwiy**, *Boston University*

“Challenging the Religious Violent Narratives in Indonesia: An  
Islamic Groups Blasphemy Allegations on the Jakarta's Governor  
Basuki 'Ahok' Tjahaja Purnama”

**Cheikh Seye**, *Emory University*

“Black Muhammad in Africa and Black Jesus in America: Race,  
Reform and Resistance in Two Muslim and Christian Leaders:  
Cheikh Ahmadou Bamba and Martin Luther King”

**Zain Allam**, *Harvard Divinity School*

“Exile and Sacrifice in Pakistani Imagining: Islamic Narratives  
and the ‘Muhaji’”

11:00-11:15

Coffee break

11:15-12:45

First Presentation, moderated by Katie Mylroie (11:15-12:00):

**Su-Chi Lin**, *Graduate Theological Union*

“Symbol as Mediator of Transformation: Etan Pavavalung's  
Verdant Cross and Cheng Chian-Chang's Creation Myth”

First Response: Yujia Zhai, *BC School of Theology and Ministry*

Second Presentation, moderated by Katie Mylroie (12:00-12:45):

**Christina Perez**, *John Carroll University*

“Socialization Processes Within Wicca and Cultivation of Wiccan Religious Identity”

First Response: Evan Goldstein, *Union Theological Seminary*

12:45-1:45

Lunch

1:45-3:15

First Presentation, moderated by Greg Baker (1:45-2:30):

**Hans Harmakaputra**, *Boston College*

“Contesting the Meaning of ‘Unbelievers’ in Indonesia: An Islamic Fatwa on Christmas and a Christian Response”

First Response: Su-Chi Lin, *Graduate Theological Union*

Second Presentation, moderated by Greg Baker (2:30-3:15):

**Prathiksha Srinivasa**, *Harvard Divinity School*

“Scriptural Suicide: Sati, Colonialism, and Textual Hegemony”

First Response: Ellen Willert, *Andover Newton Theological School*

3:15-3:30

Coffee break

3:30-5:00

First Presentation, moderated by Won-Jae Hur (3:30-4:15):

**Kristopher Norris**, *University of Virginia*

“The Possibility of Racial Reconciliation in Postcolonial Pastoral Theology and Black Liberation Theology”

First Response: Melissa Coles, *Harvard Divinity School*

Second Presentation, moderated by Won-Jae Hur (4:15-5:00):

**Nicholas Krause**, *Baylor University*

“The Church and Radical Democracy: Ecclesial Identity, Pluralist Politics, and Interreligious Encounter”

First Response: Haruka Umetsu Cho, *Harvard University*

5:00-5:15

Closing thoughts and remarks