

VIRTUAL GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE

PANDEMIC & RELIGION

Saturday, February 27th, 2021

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:45-8:55AM: Welcome

9-10:45AM: Concurrent Paper Session I

Liturgical Theology and Ecclesiology
Respondent: John Baldovin, S.J., Boston College

"Liturgy in Lockdown: Expanding the Notion of Church"

Deborah Ann Wong, Duke Divinity School

"Virtual Catholicism?: An Anthropological and Sacramental Critique"

Edmund Lazzari, Marquette University

"Is the Laity Non-Essential?: Clericalism and Mass Suspension for COVID-19"

Dominic Pigneri, The Catholic University of America

"Social Distancing During the Last Supper: Catholic Emotions, Sacramental Adaptation, and Authority During the COVID-19 Pandemic"

Tyler J. Fuller, Boston University

Historical and Contemporary Theology
Respondent: Mark Massa, S.J., Boston College

"Loving God and Neighbor: Reflections on Martin Luther's Whether One May Flee from a Deadly Plague (1527)"

David C. Quackenbos, Duke Divinity School

"Three Simple Rules: How Birmingham Methodists Conveyed a Wesleyan Theological Framework and Reframed Their Practices to Save Lives from Both Cholera and Influenza"

Emily Nelms Chastain, Boston University School of Theology

"Mapping Martyrological Language: The Martyrdom of Polycarp and The Life of St. Francis in Conversation with American Christian Uses During the COVID-19 Pandemic"

Derek Uejo, Duke Divinity School

"'A Portent and a Wonder': Tzara'at, Leprosy, and Its Contemporary Jewish Metaphors"

Ranana Dine, University of Chicago Divinity School

11AM-12:30PM: Concurrent Paper Session II

Ethics
Respondent: Kristin Heyer, Boston College

"Responsibility's Roots: Looking at and beyond Iris Marion Young's Social Connection Model in the Time of Coronavirus"

Nick Mitchell, Loyola University Chicago

"Pandemic and Wealth: A Theological Exploration"

Wade Casey, Loyola University Chicago

"COVID, Fratelli Tutti, and the Rise of OnlyFans: How a Pandemic Has Magnified a Digital Throwaway Culture"

Jack Barsody, Yale Divinity School

"Hoarding Grace: The Amazon, COVID-19, and the Corporate Vice of Liturgical Exclusion"

Andrew J. Hoy, Duquesne University

"Masking a Shouting People: The Impacts of COVID-19 on the Black Church Experience"

Dawrell Rich, Drew University

"'A Scourge in Our Ummah': Wellness and Racial Liberation in U.S. Muslim Pandemic Responses"

Lucy Ballard, Harvard University

12:30--1:30PM: Lunch Break

1:30-3:15PM: Concurrent Paper Session III

Law, Liberty, and Disobedience

Respondent: M. Cathleen Kaveny, Boston College

"Religion as the Most Favored Nation: COVID-19 and the First Amendment at the Supreme Court"

Danny Ballon, Emory University

"Individual Liberty and the Common Good: COVID-19 Orders and Civil Disobedience"

Anthony Harrison, Boston College

"Religious Liberty and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Ignoring Social Responsibility in the Name of Freedom During a Public Health Crisis"

Leonardo D. Mendoza, Loyola Marymount University

"Reading Karl Barth in the COVID-19 Era: What Even Is Freedom?"

Kristoff Reese Grosfeld, Princeton Theological Seminary

Religious Institutions and Practices

Respondent: Nancy Ammerman, Boston University

"Congregational Preparedness on the Eve of COVID-19"

Anna Holleman and Joseph Roso, Duke University

"Basic Human Communities: An Interreligious Alternative to Zoom Worship in the Era of COVID"

Andrew Gertner Belfield, Kelly Kossar, Laurel Marshall Potter, and Elli Pripas, Boston College & Hebrew

"Reframing Liturgical Discourse: Exploring Parish Online Programs in a Time of Pandemic"

James P. Ferus, S.J., Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University

"Kicking & Screaming: The Catholic Church's Innovation Problem in the Time of COVID-19"

Nicholas D. Sawicki, Fordham Law

3:20-3:30PM: Presentation of the Award for Best Student Paper and Concluding Remarks