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organized by
The World Christianity & History of Religions Program
Department of History & Ecumenics

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Princeton Theological Seminary, New Jersey, USA
Thursday, January 18

11:00am–1:00pm: Registration Desk Open/Guided Tours of Princeton Theological Seminary and Princeton University

1:00–1:30pm: Opening/Welcome/Orientation
- The Conveners [Afe Adogame/Richard Young/Raimundo Barreto]
- Prof. James F. Kay, Academic Dean, Princeton Theological Seminary
- Orientation: The Secretariat

1:30–3:20pm: PLENARY 1 (Theron Room—Library): EXPLORING THEORETICAL AND METHODOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES I

  Chair: David Daniels (USA)
  • Farhadian, Charles (USA) || What Polycentricism? A Reassessment of World Christianity
  • Seat, Thomas (USA) || Similar Objects, Divergent Approaches: Can World Christianity Learn from the Anthropology of Christianity?
  • Arrington, Aminta (USA) || World Christianity and the Ethnographic Imagination
  • Rodrigues, Felipe (Brazil) || Black Identities, Contemporary Literature, and Afro-Diasporic Traditions

3:20–3:50pm: Break

3:50–5:20pm: PAPER SESSION 1
Theron Room (Lib.): Roundtable Discussion of Relocating World Christianity
Chair and Respondent: Joel Cabrita (Swaziland/UK)

  • Panelists: Afe Adogame (Nigeria/USA), Monique Ingalls (USA), Chandra Mallampalli (USA), Isabel Mukonyora (Zimbabwe/USA)
  
Cooper (Erdman): Currents & Perspectives on Chinese Christianity
Chair: Corey Williams (The Netherlands/USA)

  • Sim, Joshua Dao Wei (Singapore) || Re-thinking Chinese Revivalism from a Transnational Perspective: A Methodological Analysis
  • Ng, Dennis (China) || Will Christianity in China be Removed?
  • Law, Easten (USA) || Toward a Chinese Lived Theology of Public Life and Religious Pluralism: Synthesizing Market, Ecology, and Lived Religion Models

Clarke (Erdman): Mediating African Christianities
Chair: Janice McLean-Farrell (Jamaica/USA)

  • Asamoah-Gyadu, J. Kwabena (Ghana) || “From Greenland’s Icy Mountains”: Africa, Western Hymnodies of Mission and World Christianity Today
  • Onovoh, Paul (Nigeria/USA) || Looking into the Future: Essential Ecumenism in Chinua Achebe’s Anthills of the Savannah (1987)
Alumni Rm. (Lib.):  
**Contested Concepts & Perspectives in World Christianity**  
Chair: Charles Farhadian (USA)  
- Lindenfeld, David (USA) || Reflections on Provincializing the Secular  
- Cochrane, Steve (Switzerland) || Charlemagne and Timothy I in the Year 800 C.E.: Addressing a Gap in Global Christian History  
- Gangri Gobu (China) || Binding the Wounded Among Our Warriors: A Methodology for Studying Missionary Leaders’ Malfeasance in Present Day Tibet  

5:30–6:30pm:  
**KEYNOTE 1** (Theron Room—Library):  
Chair: Richard Young (USA)  
- Dale T. Irvin (President, New York Theological Seminary, USA): *World Christianity: A Genealogy*  

6:30–7:45pm:  
**Dinner** (On your own)  

7:45–9:00pm:  
**PLENARY 2** (Theron Room—Library):  
Chair: Afe Adogame (Nigeria/USA)  
- The Future of World Christianity Scholarship: Perspectives from Graduate Researchers  

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**  
8:30–10:00am:  
**PAPER SESSION 2**  
Theron Room (Lib.): Panel: *Documenting International “Megachurches”*  
Chair and Respondent: Scott Thumma (USA)  
- Thumma, Scott (USA) || The Megachurch Model as a Global Reality  
- Garrard, Virginia (USA) || Latin American Case Study  
- Gitau, Wanjiru (Kenya/USA) || The Numbers in Retrospect: A Case Study of Mavuno Church and What Patterns of Growth Reveal about the Magnetism of Megachurches  
- Jennings, Nelson (USA) || Case Study of Documenting Onnuri Community Church  

Cooper (Erdman):  
**Currents & Perspectives on Korean Christianity**  
Chair: Joseph Tse-Hei Lee (USA)  
- Park, Shalon (Korea/USA) || The Vernacular Cosmopolitan: Linguistic Consciousness in Premodern Korea and Translatability  
- Park, John (USA) || Tyranny of Providence and the Figure of History: American Civil Christianity and Its Missionaries to the Korean Peninsula  
- Yu, K. Kale (USA) || National and Communal Deliverance as Catalyst: Korean Christianity in the Late Nineteenth Century  

Clarke (Erdman):  
**Women, Gender, and World Christianities**  
Chair: Isabel Mukonyora (Zimbabwe/USA)  
- Dah, Ini Dorcas (Burkina Faso/Ghana) || Exploring the Contribution of Birifor Women to the Growth of the Church through their Involvement in Christian Women’s Organizations in Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire and Ghana
Adasi, Grace Sintim & Harriet Aduako Boateng (Ghana) | Perspectives of Singleness and Marriage of Christian Women in Ghana
Jangalapalli Mesa, Sharath Souseelya (India) | Coping with Rape! Christianity, Patriarchy and Rape Culture in India

Alumni Rm. (Lib.): Agency, Diaspora and Dynamics of Mission I
Chair: Andrew Barnes (USA)

Vargas, Grace (USA) | Uncovering a Hidden Mission: Cuban Thought on Protestantism in the Early Twentieth Century
McLean-Farrell, Janice A. (Jamaica/USA) | Excavating the Shadows: An Examination of 19th Century Afro-Jamaican Missionaries in Africa and Beyond

10:10am–12:00pm: PLENARY 3 (Theron Room—Library): EXPLORING THEORETICAL AND METHODOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES II
Chair: Joel Carpenter (USA)

Zurlo, Gina (USA) | The Study of World Christianity Past, Present, and Future: History, Theology, Social Sciences, and Beyond
Barreto, Raimundo (Brazil/USA) | The Epistemological Turn in World Christianity: Engaging Epistemic Disobedience in Latin American and Caribbean Christian Discourses
Richman, Naomi (UK) | To Believe or Not to Believe: Post-Secular Ethnography and the Study of Global Christianity

12:00–1:00pm: Lunch (On your own)

1:00–2:30pm: PAPER SESSION 3
Theron Room (Lib.): Emerging Trends and Dynamics
Chair: Jason Bruner (USA)

Cabrita, Joel (Swaziland/UK) | The Longing for Belonging: Christianity, Photography, and Religious Selfhood in South Africa
Wong, Briana (USA) | “For the Healing of the Land”: A Methodological Exploration of Reverse Mission among Cambodian-American Christians
Cowen, Ben (USA) | Magic, Medievalism, and Conservative Coalitions: The Southern Cone as the Font of the Transnational Religious Right

Cooper (Erdman): The Politics of Spatial Identities
Chair: Gabriel Faimau (Botswana)

George, Geomon (USA) | Indian Pentecostal Diaspora and Christian Mission: A Case Study of Indian Pentecostals Living in New York City Metro Area
Elabo, Amidu (Nigeria/USA) | Take My House, Not the House of God: Broken Religious Sites and Unbroken Spatial Attachments
Pinheiro, Alexandre (Brazil) | The Ecotheology of the Sanctuary Christ the Redeemer
Clarke (Erdman):  *Diaspora & Transnationalism in World Christianity*  
Chair: Martha Frederiks (The Netherlands)  
- Lee, Yeonseung (Korea/USA) || Currents of the Radical Holiness Movement and the Formation of World Christianity: The Case of Yi Sung-Bong  
- Norton, Allison L. (USA) || Saving Transnationalism from Overuse: Addressing Methodological and Ethical Challenges in Research on the Local/Global Nature of World Christianity  
- Kim, Sun (Korea) || Mapping the New African Christian Diaspora in South Korea  

Alumni Rm. (Lib.):  *Currents & Perspectives in World Christianity I*  
Chair: Rose Mary Amenga-Etego (Ghana)  
- Müller, Retief & Helgard Pretorius (South Africa) || “The Hermeneutics of Contemplation” and World Christianity  
- Ngwa, Kenneth (Cameroon/USA) || African Biblical Hermeneutics in Global Christian Landscape: A Diasporic Approach  
- Adesina, Oluwakemi Abiodun (Nigeria) || Christian Youthscape: Polycentrism and the Shifting Configurations of Transnational Christian Songs in Sub-Saharan Africa  

2:40–4:10pm:  **PAPER SESSION 4**  
Theron Room (Lib.):  *Historiography & World Christianity*  
Chair: Ben Cowan (USA)  
- Eitel, Keith E. (USA) || Continuities in Contrast: World Christianity and the West  
- Ramirez, Daniel (USA) || Early Americano Pentecostalisms in Hemispheric Context: History and Historiography  
- Grant, Paul (USA) || Two Cheers for Heathenism: A Historiographical Discussion  

Cooper (Erdman):  *Author Meets Critics*  
Chair: David Lindenfeld (USA)  
- Devaka Premawardhana’s *Faith in Flux: Pentecostalism and Mobility in Rural Mozambique* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018)  
  - Panelists: Elias Bongmba (Cameroon/USA), Jason Bruner (USA), Isabel Mukonyora (Zimbabwe/USA)  
  - Respondent: Devaka Premawardhana (USA)  

Clarke (Erdman):  *Rethinking African Theologies*  
Chair: Oluwakemi Adesina (Nigeria)  
- Hartman, Tim (USA) || Can Africa Save Christianity?: Kwame Bediako’s Understanding of the Remaking of Christian Theology  
- Fretheim, Sara (Canada) || One of these things is Not Like the Others: Exploring Shifting Methodologies and Blurred Disciplinary Boundaries within World Christianity Using Kwame Bediako as Lens
Alumni Rm. (Lib.):  *Mediating Christianities*
Chair: Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu (Ghana)

- Gnanapragasam, Patrick (India)  ||  *Virtual Christianity in the Global World – An Asian Perspective*
- Faimau, Gabriel (Botswana)  ||  *Self-Positioning and Appropriation of New Media among Prophetic Ministries in Botswana*
- Cloutier, Mary (USA)  ||  *Institutional Memory and Ancestry.com: Retrieving “Lost” Mission History through Government and Family Documents Available on the Web*

4:10–4:30pm:  Break

4:30–5:30pm:  **KEYNOTE 2** (Theron Room—Library):
Chair: Jehu Hanciles (Sierra Leone/USA)

- Jacob K. Olupona (Harvard University, USA):  *Rethinking the Study of World Christianity in the 21st Century*

5:30–7:00pm:  **Conference Banquet**

7:00–8:30pm:  **PAPER SESSION 5**
Theron Room (Lib.):  *Re-envisioning Discourses in World Christianity*
Chair and Respondent: Deanna Ferree Womack (USA)

- Kirkpatrick, David C. (USA)  ||  *Reframing Latin American Protestantism: Violence and New Religious Movements*
- Lee, Joseph Tse-Hei (USA)  ||  *Testing Missionary Archives Against Chinese Christian Narratives*
- Williams, Corey L. (The Netherlands/USA)  ||  *Locating African Religions: Egúngún and Interreligious Encounter in Contemporary Nigeria*

Chair and Convener: Monique Ingalls (USA)

- Participants: Melvin Butler (USA), Zoe Sherinian (USA), Jeffers Engelhardt (USA), Jonathan Dueck (USA)

Clarke (Erdman):  **Constructing Theologies**
Chair: Kenneth Ngwa (Cameroon/USA)

- Ong, Andrew (USA)  ||  *Chinese American Theology: A Methodological Proposal*
- Kim, Yoon Ki (USA)  ||  *Toward a Refugee Christology: Introducing Three Types*
- Hwang, Tsung-I (Taiwan/UK)  ||  *A Paradigm of Social Trinitarian Relational Selfhood as a Synthesis between Individualism and Collectivism that World Christianity Encounters*

Alumni Room. (Lib.):  *Currents & Perspectives in World Christianity II*
Chair: Felipe Rodrigues (Brazil)

- Pascut, Beniamin (USA/Canada)  ||  *World Christianity and the Globalization of America’s Colleges*
- Sánchez-Perry, J. (USA)  ||  *Translating the New World: Early Images of Mesoamerica in Early Modern Europe*
- Swartz, David R. (USA)  ||  *“Go to the Peasant People”: World Vision, Jimmy Yen, and Transnational Exchange*
Saturday, January 20

8:30–9:30 am: PLENARY 4 (Theron Room—Library):
Chair: Klaus Koschorke (Germany)

- Roundtable—World Christianity: An Approach
  - Frederiks, Martha (The Netherlands)
  - Nagy, Dorotty (The Netherlands)

9:40–11:20 am: PAPER SESSION 6

Theron Room (Lib.): Regional Perspectives: South and Southeast Asian Christianities
Chair: Patrick Gnanapragasam (India)

- Boopalan, Sunder John (USA/India) || Understanding Caste and Race in Global Contexts
- Komanapalli, Kripanand Roy (India/USA) || Departure and Arrival: Christianity and Its Afterlives in Dalit Narratives

Cooper (Erdman): Regional Perspectives: East Asian Christianities
Chair: Tom Hastings (USA)

- Zhou, Yun (Australia) || Beyond the Western/Non-Western Perspective: Christianity in Modern China from 1891 to 1952
- Ikehata, Chikako (Japan) || Free Methodism in Japan and Japanese Missionaries
- Hu, Steven (USA) || “Transforming the City by God’s Grace”: Christian Publicity, Heterotopias and the Common Good in Shanghai, China

Clarke (Erdman): Regional Perspectives: West African Christianities
Chair: Sara Fretheim (Canada)

- Sims, Kirk S. (USA) || Methodist Deference or a World Parish: Paradoxical Realities of Territorial Christianity in the International Reach of the Methodist Church Ghana
- Igboin, Benson Ohihon (Nigeria) || Negotiating Contact Zones in a Non-Denominational Setting: The Perspective of Deeper Life Bible Church
- Adedibu, Babatunde (Nigeria) || From the Margins to the Centre: The Redrawing of the Political Map of World Christianity through the Lens of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Nigeria

Alumni Rm. (Lib.): Regional Perspectives: Global North Christianities
Chair: Moses Biney (Ghana/USA)

- Obinna, Elijah (Nigeria/UK) || Bottled Christianity: Interrogating Decline of Faith in a Scottish Community
- Andraos, Michel (Canada/USA) || From Reconciliation to Decolonization: The Church and Indigenous Peoples of Canada
- Bush, Peter (Canada) || The Poly-Centric World Church Comes to Winnipeg, Manitoba: A Preliminary Categorization

11:30 am–12:30 pm: Lunch (On your own)
12:30–2:00pm: **PAPER SESSION 7**

Theron Room (Lib.): *Author Meets Critics*
Chair: Afe Adogame (Nigeria/USA)

- Ayodeji Abodunde’s *Ayodeji Abodunde: Messenger: Sydney Elton and the Making of Pentecostalism in Nigeria* (Lagos, 2016)
  - Participants: Didi Saye Dolopei (Liberia/USA); Janice A. McLean-Farrell (Jamaica/USA); Michael Perry Tettey (Ghana); Kenneth Ofula (Kenya/USA)
  - Respondent: Ayodeji Abodunde (Nigeria)

Cooper (Erdman): **Pluralism and Interfaith Encounters**
Chair: Ganoune Diop (Senegal/USA)

- Nascimento, Luiz C. (Brazil) || *One among Many: Addressing the Challenge of Interfaith Dialogue in Brazilian Evangelical Christianity*
- Hong, Mideum (Korea/USA) || *Buddhist-Christian Dialogue of Ippolito Desideri: A Study on an Italian Jesuit Missionary and His Approach to Buddhism in Tibet*
- Gonçalves, Alonso de S. (Brazil) || *Latin American Protestant Theology and Religious Pluralism*

Clarke (Erdman): **Trailblazers of World Christianity**
Chair: Gina Zurlo (USA)

- Kwakye, Abraham Nana Opare (Ghana) || *Catherine Mulgrave, Pioneer Missionary and Teacher in the Gold Coast*
- Shaw, Mark (USA) || *Revisiting Revitalization: Assessing the Contribution of A.F.C. Wallace to the Study of World Christianity*
- Wingier-Rayo, Philip (USA) || *Devolution: The Dilemma for Bible Women in India*

2:00–2:30pm: **Break**

2:30–5:00pm: **PAPER SESSION 8**

Theron Room (Lib.): *The Politics of Translation, Interpretation and Narration*
Chair: Babatunde Adefolu (Nigeria)

- Harvey, Thomas (UK/USA) || *Plumbing the Sacred: Narrative Approaches to Understanding Non-Western Christian Ethical, Political, and Theological Discourse*
- Elawa, Nathan (Nigeria/Canada) || *“Think Globally, But Act Locally”: Understanding Global Christianity*
- Niang, Aliou (Senegal/USA) || *Divine and Human Agency and Identity Construction in Galatians 3:26-28 and the Poems of Aline Sitoé Diatta*

Cooper (Erdman): **Leadership & Indigenization in World Christianity**
Chair: Ngozi Emeka-Nwobia (Nigeria)

- Amenga-Etego, Rose Mary (Ghana) || *Indigenous Leaders and Christianity in Ghana*
- Moses N. Moore, Jr. (USA) || *Edward Blyden: Pioneer Religious Theorist, Theologian, and Historian of Global Christianity*
- Ganoune Diop (Senegal/USA) || *Reflections on the Multifaceted Dimensions of Christian Unity: The Witness of the Conference of Secretaries of Christian World Communions*
Clarke (Erdman):  
**Revisiting Theology and Ethnography**  
Chair: John Boopalan (India/USA)  
- Ndlovu, Lovemore (Zimbabwe) || Christianity as a Model of Exploitation: Re-Examining the Theology of Giving in the Celebration Church in Zimbabwe  
- Burlacioiu, Ciprian (Romania/Germany) || Confessional Categories and World Christianity  
- Marteijn, Elizabeth (The Netherlands/UK) || Combining Theology and Ethnography in the Study of World Christianity

Alumni Rm. (Lib.):  
**Agency, Diaspora and Dynamics of Mission II**  
Chair: Michael P. Tettey (Ghana)  
- Biney, Moses (Ghana/USA) || Collaboration or Competition? Exploring Existing and Potential Relationships between World Christianity and Diaspora Missiology  
- Barnes, Andrew (USA) || Missiology on the Regeneration of Africa in Late 19th Century Europe: Some Comparisons and Contrasts from a Social Perspective  
- Owusu-Ansah, Sylvia (Ghana) || “No Other Name”: Presenting Jesus Christ in a Multicultural/Multi-Religious Environment, Trends and Procedures: Case Study of Ghana and Nigeria

5:00—5:10pm:  
**Break**

5:10—6:30pm:  
**PLENARY 5** (Theron Room—Library):  
Chair: Raimundo Barreto (Brazil/USA)  
- **Revisiting the Munich School of World Christianity**  
  - Panelists: Klaus Koschorke (Germany), Peter Phan (USA), Ciprian Burlacioiu (Romania/Germany), David Daniels (USA)

6:30—7:00pm:  
**Closing Session/Remarks** (Theron Room—Library)