



COLLEGE THEOLOGY SOCIETY

Dave Gentry-Akin, M.Div., STL, STD
Executive Director of National Conventions
Saint Mary's College of California
dgentry@stmarys-ca.edu
925.631.4790

CALL FOR PAPERS 2010

The College Theology Society holds its fifty-sixth annual convention from **June 3-6, 2010** at the University of Portland, in Portland, Oregon. The theme will be *Religion, Economics, and Culture in Conflict and Conversation*. Our colleagues in the Department of Theology at the University of Portland will serve as the local coordinating team, chaired by Carol Dempsey. Laurie Cassidy of Marywood University and Maureen O'Connell of Fordham University are co-editors for the annual volume.

This announcement invites proposals for papers to be presented in the various seminar sections that form an integral part of the annual meeting. Members are invited to submit paper proposals pertaining to the convention theme or on topics called for by specific sections. Sections welcome all proposals, but papers that are devoted to the convention theme or that relate specifically to the direction set by a particular section may receive priority. Presentations that require computer availability or audio/visual aids should state this clearly in the proposal. The College Theology Society looks forward to submissions from scholars of all dimensions of theological study.

Scholars who are invited to present their work at a national convention of the College Theology Society must hold membership in the Society when their work is presented. No person may submit more than one proposal for consideration nor may submissions to multiple sections be considered.

College Theology Society sections with their Conveners are listed below. Proposals of approximately 250 words for papers, panels and/or other presentations should be sent to one of the Conveners by **December 1, 2009**. By **December 31, 2009** the Conveners will notify each person who has submitted a proposal whether it is accepted. The program for the annual meeting with housing and transportation information will be posted on the CTS Website in early Spring 2010. The National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion will be joining us this year.

COLLEGE THEOLOGY SOCIETY - SECTIONS AND CONVENERS**AMERICAN CATHOLIC LIFE AND THOUGHT**

**Sharon Perkins, University of Dayton, perkinsk@notes.udayton.edu.
Nicholas Rademacher, Cabrini College, nrademacher@cabrini.edu,
610.902.8419**

In accord with the conference theme, the American Catholic Life and Thought section seeks papers pertaining to "Religion, Economics, and Culture in Conflict and Conversation," including but not limited to papers that consider the historical tension between Roman Catholics and the United States political and economic system; the diversity of political and economic options taken by contemporary U.S. Catholics including liberal, conservative, and radical approaches; and the ongoing "culture wars," especially surrounding electoral politics and the recent economic crisis. This section also welcomes papers related to the city or region of our conference venue, the Great Northwest and Portland, Oregon, in particular. Papers related to the "conflict and conversation" surrounding the arrival and ongoing presence of Catholics in this region would be especially relevant.

ART, LITERATURE, AND RELIGION

**Jonathan Malesic, King's College, jonathanmalesic@kings.edu, 570.208.5900,
ext. 5482**

This section welcomes all papers examining religions' interactions with literature and art (visual, musical, and performing). We are especially interested in receiving proposals for papers dealing with religion, art or literature, and the conference theme of "Religion, Economics, and Culture in Conflict and Conversation." Topics could include religious analysis of works of art or literature that deal with economic issues (especially global ones), Marxist-theological analysis of art or literature, religious art as a commodity, the economics of producing religious art, or artisanship as a religious vocation. Please include any A/V requests with your proposal.

CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGIES

Jane Linahan, Saint Bonaventure University, jlinahan@sbu.edu, 716.375.2450

The *Contemporary Theologies* section welcomes proposals for papers on all aspects of contemporary theologies and especially encourages proposals dealing with the conference theme, *Religion, Economics, and Culture in Conflict and Conversation*.

This very timely theme intersects well with a wide range of current theological discussion about Christ, God, and the human person as well as that which engages issues such as globalization, poverty, diversity, inculturation, and inter-religious and inter-cultural dialogue. What resources do contemporary theologies provide for reflecting upon and addressing the challenges the 21st century poses for the diverse peoples of a shrinking world? Do such theologies include “voices” that have hitherto been “unheard” or “under-heard”? Proposals dealing with pedagogical issues, strategies, and resources relating to this theme are also welcome. Those who hope to submit papers for inclusion in the annual volume are encouraged to consider the questions that will be engaged by the plenary speakers in their addresses to the convention: *“How is the dynamic relationship among religion, economics and culture unfolding in your specific area of theology? What conflicts and conversations arise there?”* Please send proposals by December 1 to Jane E. Linahan at the above address, preferably by email. If possible, please provide information about any AV/media equipment you would need for your presentation. Be sure to include complete contact information and your institutional affiliation with your proposal.

ETHICS

**Rachel Bundang, College of Saint Catherine, rbundang@alumni.princeton.edu
Margaret R. Pfeil, University of Notre Dame, mpfeil1@nd.edu, 574.631.9378**

The ethics section will entertain first those papers that attend to the meeting theme “Religion, Economics, and Culture in Conflict and Conversation.” Other papers dealing more generically with ethics, theoretically and practically, or the pedagogy and teaching of ethics, are also invited. Please submit proposals in the body of an e-mail message directed to both convenors, and please list pertinent information, including institutional affiliation (if any) and current status.

CONSULTATION: CATHOLIC EVANGELICALS AND EVANGELICAL CATHOLICS

**Christopher McMahon, Saint Vincent College,
christopher.mcmahon@email.stvincent.edu 724.805.2841
Mark Medley, Baptist Seminary of Kentucky, mark.medley@bsky.org,
859.455.8191**

This consultation is a collaborative CTS-NABPR effort. It focuses on the challenges and possibilities for doing theology and living the gospel across an increasingly permeable Catholic-Evangelical divide. This year’s session will be limited to one meeting that will revolve around the theme of “Globalization, Economics, and Worship.” Several members of CTS and NABPR have already

agreed to make presentations on this theme, and we invite all interested CTS and NABPR members to participate in the discussion. Although we are not accepting any paper proposals for this year's meeting, we are interested in hearing from members of either society about ideas for the 2011 meeting.

HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN LIFE AND THOUGHT

Brian Doyle, Marymount University, Brian.Doyle@marymount.edu, 703.526.6817

Johann M. Vento, Georgian Court University, ventoj@georgian.edu, 732.987.2381

History of Christian Life and Thought welcomes proposals dealing with any period of Christian history. Proposals that wrestle with the conference theme, "*Religion, Economics, and Culture in Conflict and Conversation*" are specifically solicited. Papers can explore figures, movements, or theologies that examine tensions that can be found between culture and Christian life – especially in the areas of economics and politics.

Please submit proposals as an attachment to an e-mail message directed to both Brian Doyle and Johann Vento. Please list pertinent information, including institutional affiliation (if any) and current status.

JUSTICE AND PEACE

Tobias Winright, Saint Louis University, twinrigh@slu.edu, 314.977.2888

The Justice and Peace section invites proposals addressing the convention's theme, "*Religion, Economics, and Culture in Conflict and Conversation.*" Possible topics include: the relation between justice, peace, and globalization; Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical *Caritas in veritate* (2009); recent theological work on economics such as William T. Cavanaugh's *Being Consumed: Economics and Christian Desire* (Eerdmans, 2008); the upcoming silver anniversary of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' pastoral letter "*Economic Justice for All*" (1986); etc. Papers that relate to the theme of the convention have better prospects for getting published in the Annual Volume of the College Theology Society. Nevertheless, other proposals relating to themes of justice and peace that are not directly related to the convention's theme, including proposals that deal with pedagogy and teaching, are also welcome.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Mary M. Doyle Roche, College of the Holy Cross, mroche@holycross.edu, (508) 793-2585.

Daniel Olsen, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, dolsen@smumn.edu

This section welcomes proposals related to the study of marriage and family, including papers relating to the engagement/courtship time, from across theological disciplines. Of particular interest are proposals relating to the conference theme "Religion, Culture, and Economics: in Conflict and Conversation." Potential topics include but are not limited to: the ethical impact of the current economic crisis on families, the economy of the home, theological assessment of cultural trends regarding marriage, parenting, and family life, and families in global perspective.

MYSTICISM AND POLITICS

Laurie Cassidy, Marywood University, lcassidy@maryu.marywood.edu

Alex Mikulich, Loyola University, mikulich@loyno.edu

We invite papers to address any of the following questions, which relate to this year's conference theme. 1) What difference does mystical-political theology make to how Christian theologians interpret the enactment of economics, culture and religion in a globalized world? For example, must we ask who suffers in a globalized economy and how their memory interrupts cultural amnesia? 2) How does mystical-political theology critique dominant forms of globalization? 3) How does mystical-political theology suggest that Christians respond to the concrete material conditions of suffering in a globalized world?

We will give priority to those papers that not only utilize primary sources of political theology, but that construct a political theology that is responsive to North American reality. Our goal is to propose an edited collection for publication.

Please email your proposal simultaneously to the conveners of the section, Laurie Cassidy at lcassidy@marymount.edu and Alex Mikulich at mikulich@loyno.edu. Be sure to include all relevant contact information and institutional affiliation with your proposal.

THE NEW PEDAGOGIES (TECHNOLOGICAL OR EXPERIENTIAL) AND THE SPIRITUALITY OF LEARNING

David C. Robinson, SJ, Loyola Institute for Spirituality, robinson@usfca.edu

Jerry Vigna, Alvernia College, Jerry.Vigna@alvernia.edu, 610.769.8365

The 2010 conference theme embraces religion, economics, and culture, with a particular emphasis on "*theological engagement with the inter-related components of globalization.*" In the New Pedagogies and The Spirituality of Learning section, it seems particularly pertinent to focus on the ways in which media, learning networks, and software/hardware components (potentially coupled with the international dimensions of immersion and service-learning experiences) impact pedagogical practice and theological reflection in 21st century academic circles. Individual items need not be directly concerned with international outcomes; however, explorations of the implications of current/developing programs and educational praxis on the future of pedagogy and the spirituality of learning on a global scale are enthusiastically encouraged.

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Gerald McCarthy, Assumption College, gmccarth@assumption.edu, 508.767.7022

Proposals are welcome on any topic in the relationship between philosophy and theology, although those dealing with the convention theme, "Religion, Economics, and Culture in Conflict and Conversation" are being actively solicited. Panel presentations, joint program proposals and book discussions are particularly encouraged. The editors of the Annual Volume encourage those who hope to submit papers for possible publication in the volume to consider the following questions in light of the theme: "How is the dynamic relationship among religion, economics and culture unfolding in your specific area of theology? What conflicts and conversations arise there?"

PSYCHOLOGY AND RELIGION

Andrew McCarthy, Saint Anna Maria College, amccarthy@annamaria.edu, 401.855.5014

Denise Starkey, College of Saint Scholastica, dstarkey@css.edu, 218.723.6124

In keeping with the Convention theme of "*Religion, Economics, and Culture in Conflict and Conversation*," the Psychology and Religion Section invites paper proposals that employ psychological theory or research to explore religious themes or dimensions in either of two forms of poverty: traumatic or voluntary. By "traumatic" we have in mind any non-voluntary poverty which impacts individual or communal well-being.

Proposals are also invited in any area of the interrelation between theology and psychology, whether practical, pastoral or theoretical. Papers addressing the theological and/or psychological implications of economics and culture are

particularly welcome.

RELIGION AND SOCIETY

KC Choi, Seton Hall University, choikijo@shu.edu, 973.761.9481

This section welcomes all submissions, but papers addressing the conference theme, "Religion, Economics, and Culture in Conflict and Conversation," will be given preference. Possible themes include how current economic and social trends offer new opportunities for thinking about the relationship between church and state, church and society; the ramifications of the "new" economic realities for religious, theological perspectives on consumerism and asceticism; the significance of economic and social analysis for theological-ethical method and inquiry; also, specific papers dealing with (from both Catholic and Protestant perspectives) the implications of Benedict XVI's encyclical *Caritas in veritate* for various issues pertaining to religion, economics, and society.

SCRIPTURE

Mary Kate, Birge, SSJ, birge@msmary.edu, 301.447.5370 x 4540
Sue Calef, Creighton University, scalef@creighton.edu

We invite proposals for papers addressing topics associated with the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and Christian Scriptures/New Testament, as well as with extra-canonical, early patristic, and intertestamental literatures. Proposals on material related to contemporary hermeneutical studies and approaches to texts, women and gender, biblical theology, Near Eastern Studies are also welcome. Proposals for papers that consider texts and hermeneutical issues relating to this year's conference theme Religion, Economics, and Culture in Conflict and Conversation will be especially welcomed. These proposals should be no longer than 250 words.

SPIRITUALITY

Tim Hessel-Robinson, Brite Divinity School, tim.robinson@tcu.edu, 817.257.7598
Anita Houck, Saint Mary's College, ahouck@saintmarys.edu, 574.284.4918

We invite proposals for papers engaging the theme of the annual meeting, "Religion, Economics, and Culture in Conflict and Conversation." Of particular interest are proposals for papers exploring these topics: (a) for a co-sponsored session with the World Religions section, spirituality in a global context (e.g., inculturation, spirituality in interreligious dialogue, comparative studies of

spirituality in different religious traditions); (b) spiritualities of political engagement (e.g., spirituality in current debates about the economy and health care; spirituality, war, and peace; applications of spirituality studies to the work of figures like Wangari Maathai, Thomas Merton, Paolo Freire, Dorothy Day); (c) the implications of postcolonial thought for the study of Christian spirituality; (d) teaching spirituality in light of economic realities and cultural diversities. Compelling proposals on topics unrelated to the annual meeting theme will also be considered. Proposals should be clearly situated within the academic field of spirituality and demonstrate familiarity with contemporary methodologies in the field. Given the interdisciplinary nature of the field, papers may draw on biblical, historical, theological, scientific, social scientific, political, literary, or other relevant disciplinary perspectives on spiritual experience and practice. Proposals should be 150-250 <callto:+1150-250> words long; please do not send complete texts. Send proposals simultaneously to Tim Hessel-Robinson at tim.robinson@tcu.edu and Anita Houck at ahouck@saintmarys.edu. Proposals for the shared session with World Religions should be sent as well to John Sheveland at sheveland@gonzaga.edu.

SYMBOL, RITUAL, AND SACRAMENT

James T. Cross, Carroll College, jcross@carroll.edu, 406.447.5561
Andrew Getz, Saint Mary's University of Texas, agetz@stmarytx.edu, 210.431.4348

We invite proposals for papers, panels, and/or discussions in the area of sacramental theology. Primary consideration will be given to proposals that also significantly incorporate the theme of the 2010 annual convention. Of particular interest would be papers that address the symbolic and ritualistic "language" of an economically focused culture in tension with religiously rooted symbolic and ritual practices. All proposals must include a title, author name(s) and street address(es), and are to be emailed by December 1, 2009 to jcross@carroll.edu and agetz@stmarytx.edu. Please also include an estimate of the time span, and a list of the technologies, required for your potential presentation. Decisions will be communicated to the email address(es) from which the proposal is sent. A formal letter of acceptance, if necessary, may be requested by the proposal author(s).

THEOLOGY, ECOLOGY, AND NATUAL SCIENCE

Gloria L. Schaab, SSJ, Barry University, gschaab@mail.barry.edu, 305.899.3982
Daniel Scheid, Duquesne University, schneidd@duq.edu, 412.396.6524

The Theology, Ecology and Natural Science section invites papers and panels that address the intersections among theology, ecology and the natural sciences and their relationship to the “inter-related components of globalization,” as suggested by the conference theme of “Religion, Economics, and Culture in Conflict and Conversation.” Below are some of the questions that could be explored:

1. How does Neo-Darwinian evolutionary theory inform theological responses to the globalization of economics? Does an evolutionary approach support or oppose a just distribution of resources within the global community?
2. How might what is termed the “new cosmology” or “common creation story” shape moral decision-making regarding economic relationships? How might this cosmological perspective support Catholic Social Teaching on “economic justice for all”?
3. Based on the insights of quantum physics, Margaret Wheatley asserts in her book *Leadership and the New Science*, “In the quantum world, relationships are not just interesting. To many physicists, they are all there is to reality” (p. 34). How might this constitutive relationality impact the distribution of resources and the scope of participation in a global economy? What might “right relationship” (social justice) look like in the global marketplace?
4. Recently we have seen the “globalization” of various ecological issues (climate change, loss of biodiversity). In what ways does globalization enhance efforts at ecological ethics, and in what ways does it hinder it? When ecological problems span cultural and national boundaries, how should theologians respond?
5. Globalization is making human communities increasingly economically interdependent. How does the ecological notion of interdependence relate to, align with, or critique the growing economic interdependence among countries and nations?

Compelling topics not directly related to the annual conference theme will also be considered. Clarity, focus, and pertinence to the topic area are the hallmarks of successful submissions. Proposals, including title, abstract, author, institutional affiliation, and contact information, should be sent via email to Gloria L. Schaab at gschaab@mail.barry.edu by December 1, 2009.

THEOLOGY OF THE CHURCH

**Michael T. Dempsey, Saint John’s University, dempseym@stjohns.edu,
718.990.1680**

The Theology of the Church Section invites papers on contemporary ecclesiology that engage the conference theme on religion, economics, and culture in conflict and conversation. Special preference will be given to those proposals that offer a creative and constructive attempt at dialogue and/or critique of contemporary ecclesial practices and culture on the foundation of scripture and/or tradition (e.g., prophetic, evangelical, apostolic sources and/or monastic, mendicant, scholastic, reformed, magisterial sources, etc). Of particular interest will be those papers that ask questions about the relation between Church and culture, and make use of biblical and traditional resources to engage in constructive dialogue and criticism to inform the mission of the Church in a globalized world. Please send proposals directly or by attachment to Michael T. Dempsey. Email: dempseym@stjohns.edu.

WOMEN AND RELIGION

**Susie Paulik Babka, University of San Diego, sbabka@sandiego.edu
Janice Thompson, King's College, janicethompson@kings.edu**

In relation to the conference theme, we welcome paper proposals that explore the religious implications of poverty on women; women and children make up the vast majority of the world's poor, but because poverty reaches beyond the material into the lack of rights, privileges and opportunities women endure, what does it mean to discuss the "feminization of poverty" in a spiritual sense? Other areas of interest: assessment of cultural conflicts regarding women, between East and West or between religions; what parameters mark feminism in southeast Asia, for example, or in the Middle East? How might cultural awareness, understanding, and appreciation be fostered among women? Please submit a proposal via email, 150 words max, to both Prof. Janice Thompson of King's College, janicethompson@kings.edu, and Prof. Susie Paulik Babka of the University of San Diego, sbabka@sandiego.edu, by Dec. 1, 2009.

WORLD RELIGIONS

John Sheveland, Gonzaga University, sheveland@gonzaga.edu, 509.313.6784

First, this section invites proposals that probe the world religions in light of the conference theme, *Religion, Economics, and Culture in Conflict and Conversation*. In what ways do the world's religions engage these interrelated components of Globalization? Papers may deal with traditions discretely or in a comparative/interreligious fashion.

Second, the World Religions section joins the Spirituality section for a co-

sponsored session probing 'World Religions' and 'Spirituality' in a global context (e.g., inculturation, spirituality in interreligious dialogue, comparative studies of spirituality in different religious traditions).

Proposals outside of the conference theme are also welcome, as are those from scholars who teach in the area of world religions but do not consider themselves experts in those religions.

Please e-mail proposals to John Sheveland at sheveland@gonzaga.edu.

Proposals for the joint session with Spirituality should be sent simultaneously to sheveland@gonzaga.edu, Tim Hessel-Robinson at tim.robinson@tcu.edu, and Anita Houck at ahouck@saintmarys.edu

CONSULTATION: RACE, DIVERSITY, AND PEDAGOGY

Michael Lee, SJ, Loyola Marymount University, Michael.lee@lmu.edu, 310.568.6237

Jennifer Reed-Bouley, College of Saint Mary, jreed-bouley@csm.edu, 402.399.2632

This consultation, now in its third year, is part of an initiative of the Society to institutionally, theologically, and pedagogically explore race and diversity. Our focus is the exploration of interdisciplinary research on race and diversity and how this material may be interpreted theologically and morally for use in the classroom.

For the 2010 conference, we invite papers on how pedagogy and theological engagement with racism, diversity, and gender are affected by one or more of the interrelated dynamics of globalization, namely transnationalism, economics, culture or other dynamics.

Please email your proposal to both conveners by December 1, 2009: Michael Lee (Michael.lee@lmu.edu) and Jennifer Reed-Bouley (jreed-bouley@csm.edu). Be sure to include all relevant contact information and institutional affiliation with your proposal.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST PROFESSORS OF RELIGION REGION AT LARGE

Richard Crane, Messiah College, RCrane@messiah.edu

Cameron Jorgenson, Campbell University, jorgensonc@campbell.edu

The NABPR Region-at-Large welcomes proposals from NABPR and CTS members on topics related to the conference theme, "Religion, Culture, and Economics in Conflict and Conversation." Possibilities for paper proposals include, but are certainly not limited to, themes and issues such as:

(1) Culture, Economic Realities, Theology, Ecclesial Practices

How have cultural and economic realities influenced contemporary or past theological reflection and interpretation of Christian doctrinal themes such as salvation (atonement, grace, justification, etc.), Christology, God, Trinity, church, sin, etc.? What is the impact of culture, and in particular, forms of social imagination (e.g., consumerist practices, competitiveness) produced by a society dominated by the capitalist market, on contemporary Christian life, worship, community, and other ecclesial practices? How do cultural and economic factors shape past and current Baptist life and thought?

(2) Re-visiting Christ and Culture

In our context(s), how should we think about faithful ecclesial witness in relationship to the classical questions raised by H. Richard Niebuhr's *Christ and Culture*? How should the church understand itself and position itself vis-à-vis the nation-state, corporations, the global economy, and efforts to construct alternative (e.g., local and small-scale) economic practices, etc.?

(3) Theology and Biblical Studies in the Classroom

How do economic realities and culture, in all its complexity, impact the way theology and biblical studies are taught, and how these subjects are engaged by students, in college, university, or seminary classrooms?

(4) Saints

Since the NABPR Region-at-Large Presidential Address will take up the theme of "saints," proposals on this topic are also welcome. Is there an "unofficial" hagiography in Baptist life in North America or other Baptist contexts? How might an emphasis on the lives of saints contribute to ecclesiological reflection among Baptists or Baptist theologians?

(5) Portland, Oregon and Urban Planning

Since the conference is located in Portland, Oregon, an interesting possibility for paper proposals, which, of course, is closely related to the conference theme, is the question: does Christian thought have something to contribute to scholarship, reflection, and political debates concerning the range of issues associated with urban planning in relationship to concerns such as environmental sustainability, the construction of spaces to facilitate community, and quality of life issues?

Proposals on other topics not listed are also welcome. Please email Richard and Cameron by December 1 for full consideration.

For further information contact:

Local Coordinating Team for the Convention:

Department of Theology, University of Portland:

Russell Butkus, butkus@up.edu, 503.943.7370

Carol Dempsey, OP, chair, dempsey@up.edu, 503.943.7366

Patrick Hannon, CSC, hannon@up.edu, 503.943.7700

Kathleen McManus, OP, mcmanus@up.edu, 503.943.7153

Co-Editors of Annual Volume:

Laurie Cassidy, Marywood University, lcassidy@marywood.edu

Maureen O'Connell, Fordham University, 212.636.7674

Executive Director, National Conventions:

Dave Gentry-Akin, Saint Mary's College of California, dgentry@stmarys-ca.edu,
925.631.4790

CTS web address: <http://www.collegetheology.org>