

2018 Women's Caucus Programming *Convention Center-112 (Street Level)*

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 - ▶ **Response-Ability of Feminist Scholars of Religion in the Public Sphere**
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 - ▶ **Response-Ability: Rethinking Economics in the Feminist Theological Discourse**
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 - ▶ **Response-Ability to Develop and Connect Women's Caucuses Across Regions**
 - ▶ Saturday 3:30-5:00 pm
- ▶ **Developing Civic Engagement and Planetary Response-Ability: A Postcolonial Ecofeminist Theological Perspective**
 - ▶ Sunday 9:00-11:30 am
 - ▶ **Publishing Panel: New Visions of Response-Ability: Assessing Opportunities and Risks**
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- ▶ **Response-Ability and Parliament of World Religion Women's Task Force: A Brown Bag Discussion**
 - ▶ Monday 11:45-12:45 pm
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- ▶ **Response-Ability and Emerging Scholars' Reflections on Keri Day's Monograph on Womanist and Black Feminist Perspectives**

Friday 2:00-3:45 pm

Response-Ability of Feminist Scholars of Religion in the Public Sphere

Come enjoy the camaraderie of the Women's Caucus and network with other scholars. Learn about the Women's Caucus and join in this workshop-style session as we engage the 2018 AAR conference theme, Religious Studies in Public with the Women's Caucus theme of Response-Ability. This session is facilitated by the co-chairs of the AAR/SBL Women's Caucus along with the Women's Caucus leadership team. Join in this exciting conversation as we reflect on how we responsibly engage the public sphere both in our scholarship, and in our personal and professional lives. Share your ideas on how we might offer responsible pathways in our research, within classroom settings, and beyond.

Elizabeth Ursic , Mesa Community College, Presider

Alicia Panganiban , Princeton Theological Seminary, Panelist

Women's Caucus Leadership Team Members, Moderators

Saturday 9:00-11:30 am

Response-Ability: Rethinking Economics in the Feminist Theological Discourse

In an era in which religion and the objectification of women is perpetually at the center of public controversy, how can the feminist study of religion and religious traditions participate in the intersection with the economy, media and government agencies more effectively? How does the critical engagement of global and local economics open up opportunities or generate risks for contingent and untenured feminist scholars, as well as scholars of minoritized status or communities? The AAR/ SBL Women's Caucus, in collaboration with the Feminist Liberation Theologian's Network (FLTNT), invites papers focused on the topic of local and global economics. Panelists from this Women's Caucus session will attend the pre-conference FLTNT session on Friday afternoon, and a FLTNT representative will attend this Caucus session on Saturday morning to continue the conversation. Panelists will include reflections on the FLTNT session in their presentations as well as present their own work.

Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School, Presider

Papers:

Informationalization and the Algorithmic, Automated, Underconnected, Surveilled, Misogynistic Nature of Women's Disempowerment in the 21st Century: Cyberfeminist and Cyberwomanist Theological Responses by Elonda Clay, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam

Religion's Response- to World Economic Forum's Ability: Working Hand in Hand to End Sexual Harassment and Violence by Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University

Salim, Women, and Oikos: A Planetary Expansion of Family by Jea Sophia Oh , West Chester University, Pennsylvania

Mary E. Hunt , Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual, Respondent

Saturday 11:45-12:45 pm

Response-Ability to Develop and Connect Women's Caucuses Across Regions

This Brown Bag seeks to bring together Regional AAR/SBL Coordinators and Executive Board members as well as those interested in working together to develop Women's Caucuses in their respective region. We will share experiences from existing regional Women's Caucuses and explore ways in which such Caucuses could be initiated and supported. We invite the perspectives and experiences of Regional Coordinators and Executive Board Members in order to learn how to most effectively move forward with this initiative. The Women's Caucus seeks to support and engage with scholars and initiatives-led by gender inclusive individuals--that give voice and visibility to scholarship that has been underrepresented in theology and religious studies.

Julia Berger , University of Kent, Presider

Alicia Panganiban , Princeton Theological Seminary, Panelist

Saturday 3:30-5:00 pm Convention Center-112 (Street Level)

Developing Civic Engagement and Planetary Response-Ability: A Postcolonial Ecofeminist Theological Perspective

- ▶ Reflecting on AAR/SBL's 2018 theme, "The Civic Responsibilities, Opportunities, and Risks Facing Scholars of Religion," this session seeks papers intersecting postcolonial theory, feminism and ecology. What are the emerging theoretical frameworks that feminist scholars of religion as well as theologians are developing in an era in which religion intersecting with ecology, gender and race constantly emerges at the center of public controversy and dispute all over the world? Is our work, as feminist scholars of religion and theologians more important than ever? Based on the works of feminist theologians such as Marcella Althaus-Reid, Ivone Gebara, Catherine Keller and Kwok Pui-Lan, emerging feminist scholarship has called attention to the connection between environmental justice, corporate globalization and gender in contexts of postcoloniality. In different ways, they have asked: "What is the theological task in an increasingly interdependent world?" The women's Caucus is inviting submission of proposals that envision strategies for social change from a public theological, queer, liberation or postcolonial ecofeminist perspective.

Jea Sophia Oh, West Chester University,
President

Papers:

Decolonizing Reality: An East/West Perspective on the Gnostic Mother Principle by Neela Bhattacharya Saxena, Nassau Community College

Thinking like an Ecofeminist by Sarah Robinson-Bertoni, Santa Clara University

Domestic Violence against Women and Animals: A Ecofeminist Liberation Theological Perspective by Patricia Friel, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School, Respondent

Sunday 9:00-11:30 am *Convention Center-112 (Street Level)*

Publishing Panel: New Visions of Response-Ability: Assessing Opportunities and Risks

This session invites women scholars who have published books in the discipline of women studies, gender, and religion in 2017 and 2018. This panel of AAR and SBL authors will provide an overview of their books and share their perspectives on current research being published in women studies, theology, biblical studies, gender, and religion; and focusing on theology and religion's relationship with the general public, public media, government agencies, corporate sector, nonprofit organizations, and legal cases addressing social justice issues. These scholars will also share their experiences regarding strategies and mechanics for getting Women studies and religion books published, and to offer advice for those seeking publication of their book manuscript.

Presiders:

Alicia Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary

Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University

Book Titles and Presenters:

Religious Studies Scholars as Public Intellectuals
ed. Gerald S. Vigna, Alvernia University

Violent Trauma, Culture, and Power: An Interdisciplinary Exploration in Lived Religion by Michelle A. Walsh, Boston University

Parenting as Spiritual Practice and Source for Theology: Mothering Matters by Claire Bischoff, St. Catherine University and Annie Hardison-Moody, North Carolina State University

Encountering the Sacred: Feminist Reflections on Women's Lives by Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology and Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University

Researching Female Faith: Qualitative Research Methods by Nicola Slee, The Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education

Sacred Inception: Reclaiming the Spirituality of Birth in the Modern World by Marianne Delaporte, Notre Dame de Namur University

Sunday 11:45-12:45 pm

Response-Ability and Parliament of World Religion Women's Task Force: A Brown Bag Discussion

Come participate in scholarship that reaches into the public square. In 2018, the AAR/SBL Women's Caucus has partnered with the Parliament of World Religions to increase knowledge of women's religious leadership and dignity in world religions. Come hear about the major outcomes of the November 2018 Toronto Parliament, and learn about the 1,000 Women in Religion Wikipedia Project and Dignity of Women Across the World's Traditions Poster. There will be instruction on how to become a Wikipedia author and an opportunity to participate in these ongoing projects.

Presider:

Elizabeth Ursic , Mesa Community
College

Panelists:

Colleen D. Hartung, Holy Wisdom
Monastery

Alicia Panganiban, Princeton Theological
Seminary

Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate
University

Monday 1:00- 3:00 pm *Convention Center-112 (Street Level)*

Response-Ability and Emerging Scholars' Reflections on Keri Day's Monograph on Womanist and Black Feminist Perspectives

Emerging scholars present their perspectives, thoughtful reflections, and critical engagement with Keri Day's most recent book, *Religious Resistance to Neoliberalism: Womanist and Black Feminist Perspectives* (2016). Her book is one of the only books intersecting womanism, sex, objectification of black bodies and economics. Thus, a diverse group of scholars address the theological and practical significance and implications of Day's book as they embrace this year's conference theme: *Religious Studies in Public: The Civic Responsibilities, Opportunities, and Risks Facing Scholars of Religion*. Keri Day provides a backgrounder and responds to the short papers. Come and join the conversation, the session allots time for audience participation; your insights and reflections are most valued.

Presiders

Meredith Minister, Shenandoah University

Alicia Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary

Theresa A. Yugar, California State University, Los Angeles

Panelists

Linda Claros, Claremont Graduate University

Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University

Jonathan Jodamus, University of Western Cape

Respondent

Keri Day, Princeton Theological Seminary

Monday 11:45-12:45 pm

Women's Caucus Business Meeting

Come join in the Women's Caucus Business Meeting. We will be reviewing feedback from this year's panels, discussing our ongoing projects, establishing the Women's Caucus leadership team for 2018, and planning for next year's conference. All are welcome.

Presiders:

Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College

Alicia Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary

Panelists:

Julia Berger, University of Kent

Kathryn Common, Boston University

Colleen D. Hartung, Holy Wisdom Monastery

Rosalind F. Hinton, LAOUTLOUD

Rosemarie Daher Kowalski, Northwest University

Meredith Minister, Shenandoah University

Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School,

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