

COV&R AT THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION ANNUAL MEETING

November 7-10, 2009, Montreal, Canada

At the upcoming AAR Annual Meeting, COV&R will be represented in the following ways:

**M7-106 Saturday, November 7, 9-11:30 a.m.: La Centre Sheraton Hotel-Musset.
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Martha REINEKE, Coordinator of COV&R at the AAR, Presiding

9-10:10 a.m.: Book session: *Abraham's Curse: The Roots of Violence in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam* by Bruce Chilton

Presentation by Bruce CHILTON, Bard College

Respondent: Zijad DELIC, National Executive Director of the Canadian Islamic Congress.

10:20-11:30 a.m.: Book session: *The Virgin Mary, Monotheism, and Sacrifice* by Cleo Kearns

Presentation by: Cleo KEARNS, Princeton University, Center for the Study of Religion

Respondent: Martha REINEKE, University of Northern Iowa;

Discussion will follow each presentation/response.

For the mentioned books see review in Bulletin No. 34.

M8-302, Sunday, November 8, 4-6:30 p.m. COV&R,

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René Girard's *Achever Clausewitz*; (Title in English translation from Michigan State University Press: *Battling to the End: Politics, War, and Apocalypse*)

Ann ASTELL, Executive Secretary, COV&R, Presiding

Panelists: Paul DUMOUCHEL, Ritsumeikan University; Stephen GARDNER, University of

Tulsa; Sandor GOODHART, Purdue University; William JOHNSEN, Michigan State

University; Charles MABEE, Oakland University/Ecumenical Theological Center.

A8-215 Sunday, November 8, 1-2:30 p.m. Christian Spirituality and COV&R Group,

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Bruce LESCHER, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Presentations by: Denise STARKEY, College of St. Scholastica: "Towards a Spirituality of Natality: Transforming Trauma for Survivors of Violence"

John ROEDEL, Graduate Theological Union: "An Argument in Support of the Effectiveness of Principled Nonviolence using Girardian Mimetic Theory"

Gregory LOVE, San Francisco Theological Seminary: "Trauma, the Cross, and the Christian 'Virtue of Self-Sacrificial Love': Is Girard a Help, or a Problem?"

Ann ASTELL, University of Notre Dame, responding

A8-313 Sunday, November 8, 5:00-6:30, Teaching Religion Section:

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Theme: Globalization and Pedagogy: Practical and Theoretical Approaches

Second-half of session Presenters: Martha REINEKE, University of Northern Iowa;

Suzanne ROSS, Raven Foundation: *Thinking Global, Teaching Local: Mimetic Theory on YouTube*

This session will focus on REINEKE's course on "Violence and Religion: Strangers and Scapegoats in a Time of Terrorism" and explore how YouTube *Mimetic Theory 101* sessions on Girard produced by the Raven Foundation help students to use mimetic theory to better understand global conflict.

Martha Reineke