

**COV&R AT
THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION**

**Program of the Annual Meeting,
Baltimore, MD; November 23-26, 2013**

COV&R will offer two sessions at the 2013 AAR meeting in Baltimore, MD that will actually be listed as THREE sessions in the program book. Due to changes in the AAR listing protocol, our session on atonement has been divided into two sessions. As has become our custom, we will have our business meeting to plan the sessions for the 2014 AAR meeting at 3:00 pm Sunday, immediately following the panel on the Girard/Schwager correspondence and in the same room. Please see below for details.

Questions about COV&R sessions at the AAR may be directed to Martha REINEKE, coordinator of COV&R sessions at the AAR, martha. reineke@uni.edu

Session P23-102

Saturday 9:00 AM-10:10 AM: Hilton Baltimore-Tubman

Theme: Darrin Snyder Belousek's Atonement, Justice, and Peace: The Message of the

Cross and the Mission of the Church

Martha REINEKE, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

Speaker: Darrin SNYDER BELOUSEK, Ohio Northern University and Bluffton University

Responding:

Willard SWARTLEY, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

During this session, we will be discussing Darrin Snyder Belousek's book Atonement, Justice, and Peace: The Message of the Cross and the Mission of the Church. The session will begin with summary comments on the book by BELOUSEK. Willard SWARTLEY will offer a response to the book and there will be opportunity for discussion.

P23-110:

Colloquium on Violence and Religion

Saturday: 10:20 AM-11:30 AM; Hilton Baltimore-Tubman

Theme: Challenges in Teaching and Learning about Atonement Theories

Martha REINEKE, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

Panelists:

Darrin SNYDER BELOUSEK, Ohio Northern University and Bluffton University

Michael HARDIN, Preaching Peace

Suzanne ROSS, The Raven Foundation

Daniel LONDON, Graduate Theological Union

This session will immediately follow the first and will be in the same location. It will build on our conversation about atonement and focus on pedagogical challenges in teaching about atonement. Thinking about atonement in terms of penal substitution is so pervasive that when another perspective is presented, learners often fail to comprehend the alternative theory or they rework it in order to change it into a penal substitution theory. Our panelists will facilitate our exploration of ways we can promote more effective learning about atonement theory in educational settings.

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Sunday 1:00 PM-3:00 PM: Marriott Inner Harbor-Grand Ballroom A

Theme: Beautiful Minds in Dialogue: The Correspondence between René Girard and

Raymund Schwager (1974-1991)

Nikolaus WANDINGER, University of Innsbruck, Austria, Presiding

Panelists:

Mathias MOOSBRUGGER, University of Innsbruck

Józef NIEWIADOMSKI, University of Innsbruck

James G. WILLIAMS, Syracuse University

The inventor of mimetic theory, René GIRARD, and the developer of a special “Innsbruck brand” of Dramatic Theology, Raymund SCHWAGER, kept a longstanding, academic and personal correspondence, which was discovered when SCHWAGER unexpectedly died in February 2004. Ninety-nine available letters span almost two decades. These letters cover topics such as Christ’s death and sacrifice and how to talk about them best, mimeticism and freedom, original sin and the understanding of the story of temptation in Genesis, the meaning of the law, and many others. By the correspondents’ own admission and in accord with many scholars’ assessments, Schwager and Girard considerably influenced each other’s thinking. The correspondence documents this in a unique, historically verifiable, way and has already forced the correction of some previously held assumptions among those who have seen it through. The correspondence is currently being edited for a first bilingual (French-German) edition by a research project in Innsbruck; an English translation is sure to follow soon.

The AAR session will consist of a panel discussion featuring experts who are involved in this first edition and its commentary and can give a first-hand view of the interesting material.

Sunday 3:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott Inner Harbor-Grand Ballroom

A Business Meeting to plan the 2014 meeting begins at 3:00 in the same room as the session on the Schwager correspondence.

Compiled by Martha Reineke