

**CENTRAL DIVISION MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHERS
CONFERENCE THEME: "ENGAGING EASTERN THOUGHT"**

**Union University
Jackson, Tennessee
May 8-10, 2008**

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 8, 2008

REGISTRATION: **6:00-7:00 p.m.**

Location: Harvey Hall Atrium

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION: **7:00-7:15 p.m.**

Moderator: Justin D. Barnard
Director, Carl F.H. Henry Center for Christian Leadership
Location: Harvey Hall

PLENARY SESSION I: **7:15-8:30 p.m.**

Address: **Was Confucius A Theist?**
Speaker: Kelly James Clark
Professor of Philosophy
Calvin College
Location: Harvey Hall

RECEPTION: **8:30-9:00 p.m.**

Friday, May 9, 2008

CONCURRENT SESSION I: **8:00-9:00 a.m.**

A. On the Possibility of an Effective Ontological Argument

Speaker: Matthew Siebert, M.Phil. (Oxford)
Location: PAC: C-16

**B. Religious Disagreement, Externalism and the Epistemology of Disagreement:
Listening to Our Grandmothers**

Speaker: James Kraft
Assistant Professor of Philosophy & Religion
Huston-Tillotson University
Location: PAC: C-17

C. A Double-Movement Model of Forgiveness in Buddhist and Christian Rituals

Speaker: Paul Reasoner
Bethel University
Co-Author: Charles Taliaferro
St. Olaf College
Location: PAC: C-18

CONCURRENT SESSION II:

9:00-10:00 a.m.

A. Bodies as Ecosystems

Speaker: David Vander Laan
Associate Professor of Philosophy
Westmont College
Location: PAC: C-16

B. Was Socrates a Christian before Christ? Kierkegaard and the Problem of Christian Uniqueness

Speaker: Michael A. Cantrell
Doctoral Candidate
Baylor University
Location: PAC: C-17

C. Hick, Humility, and the Transcendent

Speaker: David McKenzie
Professor of Philosophy
Berry College
Location: PAC: C-18

BREAK:

10:00-10:30 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSION III:

10:30-11:30 a.m.

A. Is There a Heavy Cost for the Theist in Denying the Noseeum Assumption?

Speaker: Larry Lacy
Professor of Philosophy (retired)
Rhodes College
Location: PAC: C-16

B. "What is Truth?" The Question of Religious Knowledge in Kierkegaard's *Practice in Christianity*

Speaker: Paul Carron
Baylor University
Location: PAC: C-17

C. Augustine, Modernity, and the Recovery of True Education

Speaker: Bradley G. Green
Assistant Professor of Christian Studies
Union University
Location: PAC: C-18

CONCURRENT SESSION IV:

11:30-12:30 p.m.

A. Ghazali and Duns Scotus on Omnipotence: Revisiting the Paradox of the Stone

Speaker: Majid Amini
Associate Professor of Philosophy
Virginia State University
Location: PAC: C-16

B. Pluralism, Parity Problems and Character

Speaker: Norman Lillegard
Professor of Philosophy
University of Tennessee – Martin
Location: PAC: C-17

C. Against Negative Mysterianism

Speaker: Dale Tuggy
Associate Professor of Philosophy
SUNY Fredonia
Location: PAC: C-18

LUNCH:

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Location: Coburn Dining Hall

PLENARY SESSION II:

1:45-3:00 p.m.

Address: **Words and Meanings: Can Hindu Concepts Address Western Questions?**

Speaker: Winfried Corduan
Professor of Philosophy & Religion
Taylor University

Location: Harvey Hall

CONCURRENT SESSION V:

3:00-4:00 p.m.

A. The Role of Logic in Christian-Buddhist Dialogue: Some Philosophical Reflections

Speaker: Anders Kraal
Fullbright Visiting Researcher
University of Notre Dame
Doctoral Candidate
Uppsala University, Sweden
Location: PAC: C-16

B. West Meets East: *Sati* and Universal Morality

Speaker: Bennie R. Crockett, Jr.
Professor of Philosophy & Religion
Co-director, Center for the Study of the Life and Work of William Carey,
D.D. (1761-1834)
William Carey University
Location: PAC: C-17

C. Is Belief in the Soul a Properly Basic Belief?

Speaker: G.T. Smith
Location: PAC: C-18

CONCURRENT SESSION VI:

4:00-5:00 p.m.

A. I Don't Want to Go to Heaven (or Hell)

Speaker: Brian Ribeiro
Assistant Professor in Philosophy & Religion
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Location: PAC: C-16

B. Abraham and Arjuna: Resignation and Faithfulness in the Bhagavad Gita and Kierkegaard's Fear and Trembling

Speaker: Daniel Johnson
Baylor University
Location: PAC: C-17

C. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's Hindu Apologetic Response to Christianity: An Assessment

Speaker: Randall Bush
Professor of Philosophy
Union University
Location: PAC: C-18

BREAK:

5:00-6:00 p.m.

BANQUET:

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Special Update: **SCP in China**

Speaker: Kelly James Clark

Location: Coburn Dining Hall

PLENARY SESSION III:

7:15-8:30 p.m.

Address: **Hindu and Buddhist Apologetics**
Speaker: Robin Collins
Professor of Philosophy
Messiah College
Location: Harvey Hall

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CONCURRENT SESSION VII:

8:00-9:00 a.m.

A. The Role of *Tian* in Xunzi's Ethics

Speaker: Thomas Vierra
Doctoral Candidate
Arizona State University
Location: PAC: C-16

B. The Temptations and Desires of Christ

Speaker: Adam Pelser
Baylor University
Location: PAC: C-17

C. Hermann Hesse's Asiatic Cosmology and Soteriology Viewed from an Evangelical Perspective

Speaker: Chandler H. Im
Doctoral Candidate
Fuller Theological Seminary
Location: PAC: C-18

D. The Religious Dimensions of Ethical Selfhood in Kierkegaard and Confucius

Speaker: George Connell
Professor of Philosophy
Concordia College
Location: PAC: D-54

CONCURRENT SESSION VIII:

9:00-10:00 a.m.

A. Hanging from Edwards' Infinite Chain: Is an Infinite Regress of Causes Possible?

Speaker: Gregory S. Poore
Baylor University
Location: PAC: C-16

B. A True Perception: Being and No Being in the *Diamond Sutra*

Speaker: Jerry Palms
Minneapolis, MN
Location: PAC: C-17

C. Extending Habermas and Ratzinger's *Dialectics of Secularization*: Eastern and Western Voices in the Postsecular Pursuit of Truth

Speaker: Jonathan Bowman
Assistant Professor of Philosophy
St. Charles Community College

Location: PAC: C-18

D. Divine deliberation (or lack thereof)

Speaker: Garrett Pendergraft
University of California, Riverside

Location: PAC: D-54

PLENARY SESSION IV:

10:15-11:15 a.m.

Topic: **Q and A with Plenary Panel**

Panelists: Kelly James Clark
Robin Collins
Winfried Corduan

Moderator: Justin D. Barnard

Location: Harvey Hall

CLOSING REMARKS:

11:15-11:30 a.m.