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The AAR's inaugural Online June Sessions of the Annual Meetings were held on June 25, 26, and 27, 2024. For program questions, please reach out to annualmeeting@aarweb.org.

This is the preliminary program for the 2024 in-person Annual Meeting, hosted with the Society for Biblical Literature in San Diego, CA – November 23–26. Pre-conference workshops and many committee meetings will be held November 22. If you have questions about the program, contact annualmeeting@aarweb.org. All times are listed in local/Pacific Time.

P22–304

[Søren Kierkegaard Society](#)

Theme: [Søren Kierkegaard Society Banquet](#)

Friday, 4:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Offsite–Offsite

Presidential Address: Michael Strawser, Professor of Philosophy, University of Central Florida

This year's annual banquet will take place at Union Kitchen & Tap Gaslamp in the Cask Room. Dr. Strawser's talk will begin at 5:30 PM and be followed by dinner. If you wish to attend, please contact the Society's Treasurer, Joseph Westfall, at westfallj@uhd.edu. Further details are available at <https://kierkegaardsocietyusa.com/>.

P23–104

[Søren Kierkegaard Society](#)

Theme: [Emerging Scholars](#)

Saturday, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront–Aqua 310A (Third Level)

[Lee Barrett, Moravian University, Presiding](#)

- [Amber Bowen, University of Aberdeen](#)

Phenomenology and Philosophical Hermeneutics

▸ [Abstract](#)

- [Tekoa Robinson, Villanova University](#)

Constructive and Systematic Theology and Spirituality

▸ [Abstract](#)

- [Troy Wellington Smith, University of California, Berkeley](#)

Scandinavian Languages and Literatures, Book History

▸ [Abstract](#)

- [Donnell Williamson, Brown University](#)

Philosophy of Religion

▸ [Abstract](#)

Business Meeting

[Michael Strawser, University of Central Florida, Presiding](#)

A23–421

[Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Unit](#)

Theme: [Kierkegaard and the Spiritualities of the Religiously Unaffiliated](#)

Saturday, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront–Indigo 202B (Second Level)

[Nigel Hatton, University of California, Merced, Presiding](#)

The unaffiliated, also termed Nones, are those who when asked about their religious identity or institutional affiliation check the box "none of the above." This session will explore the spiritualities of those who can be classified as Nones into conversation with Kierkegaard's writings on themes related to Christendom, the institutional church, the role of doctrine and tradition, the significance of the subjectivity of the single individual, and Religiousness A and Religiousness B.

- [Jung Lee, Northeastern University](#)

Believing in "Nothing in Particular": Religious Nones, Despair, and the Closing of the Immanent Frame

▸ [Abstract](#)

- [Tekoa Robinson, Villanova University](#)

Kierkegaard, Nones, and Encountering the Eternal for the Development of Authentic Selfhood Outside of Institutional Forms of Christianity

▸ [Abstract](#)

- [Carolyn Mackie, University of Toronto](#)

The Church as the Crowd: Kierkegaard's Attack on Christendom as his Critique of the Public

▸ [Abstract](#)

Responding

[Jung Lee, Northeastern University](#)

[Tekoa Robinson, Villanova University](#)

[Carolyn Mackie, University of Toronto](#)

Business Meeting

[Lee Barrett, Moravian University, Presiding](#)

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A24–217

[Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Unit and Men, Masculinities, and Religions Unit](#)

Theme: [Kierkegaard and the Construction of Masculinities](#)

Sunday, 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront–Sapphire 411B (Fourth Level)

[Deidre Green, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding](#)

This joint session with the "Men, Masculinities, and Religions" unit of the AAR explores themes related to masculinity in Kierkegaard's writings, including how depictions of masculinity vary among his pseudonyms and the authorial voices in his signed works, as well as the understanding of masculinity implied by his authorship as a whole. The papers consider the ways that Kierkegaard's constructions of masculinity and spirituality may inform, critique, expand, or reinforce conceptions of masculinity in contemporary culture.

- [Katarina von Kühn, Princeton Theological Seminary](#)

The Power of Silence: A Comparison Between Judge William and Kierkegaard's View of Women

▸ [Abstract](#)

- [Melissa Fox-Muratón, University Clermont Auvergne, France](#)

Mental Health and Being a Man: Depression and Gender in "Guilty/Not Guilty"

▸ [Abstract](#)

- [Casey Spinks, Baylor University](#)

Edifying Masculinity and Kierkegaard's Socratic Questioning

▸ [Abstract](#)

- [Oliver Norman, Université de Poitiers](#)

Manners of Being: Masculinities and Despair in the Contemporary World

▸ [Abstract](#)

A25–125

[Nineteenth Century Theology Unit](#)

Theme: [Political Theology and the Nineteenth Century](#)

Monday, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Hilton Bayfront–Aqua 310B (Third Level)

[Emily Dumler-Winckler, Saint Louis University, Presiding](#)

This session includes papers that draw on nineteenth century thinkers and movements to shed light on recent debates in political theology, as well as offering new perspectives on how questions now associated with political theology were being formulated in the nineteenth century.

- [Marilyn Piety, Drexel University](#)

Kierkegaard on the Paradox of Feminist Progress

▸ [Abstract](#)

- [Todd Gooch, Eastern Kentucky University](#)

Pantheism, Personalism, and Popular Sovereignty: The Politico–Theological Significance of The Essence of Christianity

▸ [Abstract](#)

- [Matt Jantzen, Hope College](#)

WITHDRAWN: The Confederate in Political Theology's Attic: Robert Lewis Dabney, the Lost Cause, and Nineteenth-Century Reformed Theology

▸ [Abstract](#)

Responding

[Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University](#)

Business Meeting

[Annette G. Aubert, Westminster Theological Seminary, Presiding](#)

[Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California, Presiding](#)

A25–312

[Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Unit](#)

Theme: [Kierkegaard and the Traditions of Universal Salvation](#)

Monday, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Convention Center–24B (Upper Level East)

[Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College, Presiding](#)

Søren Kierkegaard sometimes gestured toward the universally efficacious power of God's love even while he warned about the ultimate consequences of divine judgement. This session will explore Kierkegaard's nuanced and unique treatment of the issue of universal salvation. Attention will be given to the roots of universalism in the thought of patristic theologians like Origen and Gregory of Nyssa, and echoes of these theological voices in Kierkegaard's work.

- [Lee Barrett, Moravian University](#)

Kierkegaard, Damnation, and Universal Salvation: Reading "Works of Love" Backwards

▸ [Abstract](#)

- [Marilyn Piety, Drexel University](#)

In the Footsteps of the Fathers, Part II: Kierkegaard and the Early Church on Universal Salvation

▸ [Abstract](#)

- [Jaeha Woo, California State University, San Bernardino](#)

Why Kierkegaard Should Have Affirmed Universal Salvation

▸ [Abstract](#)