



**Eastern International Meeting of the  
American Academy of Religion, 2019**

**RELIGION**

**IN HARM**



**& HEALING**

**HOSTED BY THE MCGILL SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**APRIL 13 -14**

**In Conjunction with  
CREOR - Medicine, Myth & Magic  
Angelical Conjunctions:  
Crossroads of Religion and Medicine, 1200-1800**

## DESCRIPTION OF THE CONFERENCE

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The Eastern International Region of the American Academy of Religion proudly partners with McGill University's Department of Religion to host the annual EIR meeting and conference, "Religion in Harm and Healing," April 13-14, 2019 at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec. We are delighted to be running concurrently with McGill's History/Islamic Studies conference "Angelical Conjunctions: Crossroads of Medicine and Religion," McGill-CREOR's graduate student conference Medicine, Myth & Magic, and the Society for Comparative Research on Iconic and Performative Texts (SCRIPT).

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## ABOUT AAR

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The American Academy of Religion's mission is to foster excellence in the academic study of religion and enhance the public understanding of religion.

In a world where religion plays so central a role in social, political, and economic events, as well as in the lives of communities and individuals, there is a critical need for ongoing reflection upon and understanding of religious traditions, issues, questions, and values. The AAR seeks to promote such reflection through excellence in scholarship and teaching in the field of religion.

As a learned society and professional association of teachers and research scholars, the American Academy of Religion has more than 8,000 members who teach in some 900 colleges, universities, seminaries, and schools in North America and abroad. The Academy is dedicated to furthering knowledge of religion and religious institutions in all their forms and manifestations. This is accomplished through Academy-wide and regional conferences and meetings, publications, programs, and membership services.

Within a context of free inquiry and critical examination, the Academy welcomes all disciplined reflection on religion—both from within and outside of communities of belief and practice—and seeks to enhance its broad public understanding.

The Academy is committed to promoting academic excellence, professional responsibility, free inquiry, critical examination, diversity, inclusion, respect, and transparency within the academic study of religion and in the work of the Academy itself.

## ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

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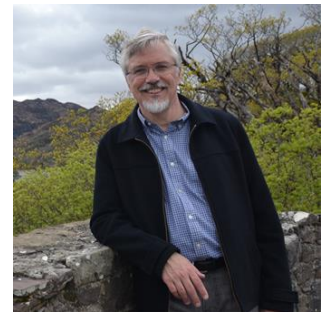


**Cynthia Hogan** Welcome to the Eastern International Region of the American Academy of Religion's 2019 Annual Meeting and Conference at McGill University. This year's conference is busy and exciting with Linda Barnes presenting the keynote lecture on Saturday afternoon, the diverse offerings of panels and presentations, and AAR members-only events. Be sure to attend the EIR Business Meeting on Sunday to share your ideas on how to make the EIR better serve the needs of our members. We hope that you enjoy your time with colleagues and friends and have many opportunities to share your research with fellow scholars here in Montreal.

Best Wishes,  
Cynthia A. Hogan  
Regionally-Elected Coordinator  
Eastern International Region  
American Academy of Religion

**James Watts** This is the sixth year that SCRIPT has sponsored special sessions at the EIR. We invite you to join us in discussing the social functions of iconic and performative texts in diverse cultures and time periods.

James Watts  
Professor of Religion  
Syracuse University  
Founding SCRIPT Board Member



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**Garth Green** Thank you sincerely for having come to Montreal, to McGill, and to the School of Religious Studies. We appreciate sincerely the opportunity to host the conference *Religion in Harm and Healing* this year, and to learn from your richly varied and intriguing papers in that context. We are grateful to the AAR, to the AAR-EIR and Regional Director Cynthia Hogan, and to the conference organizers, particularly Aaron Ricker and Amanda Rosini, for the chance to host this year's event. While here, we hope that you will have the occasion to explore a multicultural, multilingual, multireligious city, an international and inclusive research university, and a School of Religious Studies that appreciates your sharing of your work with us. *Welcome!*

Garth W. Green  
John W. McConnell Professor of Philosophy of Religion  
Director, McGill School of Religious Studies

### Event Organizers:

**Aaron Ricker** is the former AAR Graduate Student Director and received his Doctorate degree from McGill's School of Religious Studies in 2018

**Amanda Rosini** is the CREOR Liaison Officer and a PhD Candidate in Biblical Studies at McGill University.

**Aarti Patel** is the RGO Co-President and a PhD Candidate in Religious Studies at Syracuse University

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 <sup>th</sup> AAR-EIR MEETING MCGILL UNIVERSITY	
Registration: 8:30-9:00	
Panel 1 – Theological and Devotional Perspectives 1 9:00-10:15	
Birks 105	<b>Molly Kate Been</b> ( <i>Boston College</i> ) – Resisting Forgiveness: Towards a Trauma-Informed Theology
	<b>Steven Tutino</b> ( <i>Concordia University</i> ) – The Relevance of Bernard Lonergan’s Theological Methodology and the Role of the Supernatural for Religion in Harm and Healing
	<b>Sarju Patel</b> ( <i>Rutgers University</i> ) – A Comparative Philosophy Framework: Drawing from the Principles of New Comparative Theology and Phenomenology of Religion
Break: 10:15-10:20	
Panel 2 – Theological and Devotional Perspectives 2 10:20-12:00	
Birks 105	<b>Joseph D. Smith</b> ( <i>Duquesne University</i> ) – Surveying the Wondrous Cross: A New Taxonomy for Modern Atonement Theology
	<b>Douglas FitzHenry Jones</b> ( <i>Binghamton University</i> ) – Dissemble Not Your Repentance: Perfection and Atonement in Seventeenth-Century Antinomianism
	<b>Hanbyul Park</b> ( <i>Emmanuel College</i> ) – Hospitality Standing Between a Gift and a Debt: Re-Moralizing a Debt to Reformulate a Gift as Relational in the Context of Migration
	<b>Ryan Scruggs</b> ( <i>McGill University</i> ) – ‘And Forgive Us Our Debts’: The Economy of Reconciliation in Irenaeus of Lyons
Lunch: 12:00-12:50	
Panel 3 – Theological and Devotional Perspectives 3 12:55-2:10	
Birks 105	<b>James Robert Wood</b> ( <i>Wycliffe College</i> ) – The Doctrine of Sovereignty and the Reformed Passion for Public Life
	<b>Derrick Muwina</b> ( <i>Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts</i> ) – Examining Martin Luther King Jr.’s Letter from a Birmingham Jail as a Prophetic Methodology for the Church in Trump’s America
	<b>Liam A. Farrer</b> ( <i>Regis College</i> ) – The Relationship Between David, Solomon, and Christ as Hermeneutical Key in the Political Theology of Thomas Aquinas’ Exposition of the Psalms of David
Break: 2:10-2:15	
Panel 4 – Theological and Devotional Perspectives 4 2:15-3:55	
Birks 105	<b>Samuel Needham</b> ( <i>Emmanuel College</i> ) – Revisiting the Kerygmatic-Apologetic Distinction in Paul Tillich
	<b>Mark Wiebe</b> ( <i>Lubbock Christian University</i> ) – Pain and Privation: A Constructive Defense of an Augustinian View of Evil
	<b>Daniel Theodore Fishley</b> ( <i>McGill University</i> ) – Christian ‘Truth’ and Michel Henry
	<b>Simon R. Watson</b> ( <i>Emmanuel College</i> ) – God In Creation: A Consideration of Natural Selection as the Sacrificial Means of a Free Creation
Invited Speaker’s Remarks 4:30-5:00	
Birks 204	“Religious Meanings in Harmful Healing and Healing Harm” <b>Linda L. Barnes</b> Professor, Boston University School of Medicine and Graduate Division of Religious Studies, <i>Boston University</i>
Wine and cheese in the Birks Building Foyer: 5:00-7:00	

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<b>Panel 1 – Religion and Health 1: Authority in Religion and Healing</b> 9:00-10:15	
Birks 111	<b>June Manjun Zhang</b> ( <i>McGill University / Cambridge University</i> ) – The ‘Sinister Way’ in China’s ‘Dark Age.’
	<b>Augustine Dickinson</b> ( <i>University of Toronto</i> ) – Sorcerers, Snakes, and Devils: Non-Christians in the Gadlāt of Ethiopian Evangelizing Saints
	<b>Austin M. Simoes-Gomes</b> ( <i>University of Toronto</i> ) – Decentering the Shaman: An Exploration of the Role of the Audience in Newar Healing Rituals
Break: 10:15-10:20	
<b>Panel 2 – Religion and Health 2: Science, Technology, and “Authenticity”</b> 10:20-12:00	
Birks 111	<b>Estella Ruth Brenneman</b> ( <i>Hamilton College</i> ) – The Millennial Pilgrim: The Influence of Technology and Questions of Authenticity and Spirituality on the Camino
	<b>Philip S. Cho</b> ( <i>Yonsei University</i> ) – Interpersonal Neural Synchrony Markers of Perceived Ritual Efficacy in Collective Religious Rituals
	<b>Roland Shainidze</b> ( <i>York University</i> ) – Canada’s (Post-) ‘New Age’ Spiritual Centers and the Impact of the Internet in the Context of Digital Religion
	<b>Laurel Andrew</b> ( <i>Concordia University</i> ) – ‘Pro-Life is Pro-Science’? North American Evangelical Trends in Reasoning About Abortion
Lunch: 12:10-12:55	
<b>Panel 3 – Religion and Health 3: Esoteric and Popular Healing Practices</b> 1:00-2:15	
Birks 111	<b>Cynthia A. Hogan</b> ( <i>Ithaca College</i> ) – Reiki: Psycho-Spiritual Harm or Healing?
	<b>Arun Chaudhuri</b> ( <i>York University</i> ) – Religion, Race, and the Cosmic Rays of A.K. Mozumdar
	<b>Chris Miller</b> ( <i>University of Waterloo</i> ) The Sephora Witch Kit Trials – An Exploration of Opposition to the Commodification of Religion
Break: 2:15-2:20	
<b>Panel 4 – Religion and Health 4: The Science of Health</b> 2:20-4:00	
Birks 111	<b>Song-Chong Lee</b> ( <i>University of Findlay</i> ) – Spiritual Intelligence for Happiness
	<b>Tara Flanagan</b> ( <i>Maria College</i> ) – Ethical, Theological, and Existential Themes in Life Review for Hospice Patients
	<b>Janina Sochaczewski</b> ( <i>University of Toronto</i> ) – The God Questionnaire: Religion, Healing, and Psychometrics
	<b>Diane Fereig</b> ( <i>University of Alberta</i> ) – Secular Contemplative Science: Is it Religious?
<b>Invited Speaker’s Remarks</b> 4:30 -5:00	
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<b>Panel 1 – Indian Traditions 1: Healing, Life and Death 9:00-10:15</b>	
Birks 203	<b>Stephanie Duclos-King</b> ( <i>McGill University</i> ) – An ‘Institution of Christ-Filled Doctors’: Ida Scudder and the Christian Medical College
	<b>Pranati Parikh</b> ( <i>Harvard University</i> ) – Antyeṣṭi Saṃskāra
	<b>Atreyee Majumder</b> ( <i>O. P. Jindal Global University</i> ) – Who is the Modern Krishna?
Break: 10:15-10:20	
<b>Panel 2 – Indian Traditions 2: Community, Politics, Authority 10:20-12:00</b>	
Birks 203	<b>Sujata Chaudhary</b> ( <i>McGill University</i> ) – Deities as Juristic Persons: A Genealogy of “Judicialization” of Religions in India
	<b>Vincent Brillant-Giroux</b> ( <i>Université de Montréal</i> ) – Ancestor Worship, Ethics and Leadership in a Tribal Community in Kerala, South India
	<b>Tamara Cohen</b> ( <i>University of Toronto</i> ) – What if the Author of the Mokṣopāya were a Woman?
	<b>Ana de Souza</b> ( <i>Concordia University</i> ) – Muslim Gauseva in India: Patterns of Violence
Lunch: 12:00-12:45	
<b>Panel 3 – Buddhist Traditions 12:50-2:30</b>	
Birks 203	<b>Magdalena Maria Turek</b> ( <i>University of Toronto</i> ) – Guardians of Remembered Places: Ritual, Myth and Collective Trauma among Yushu Tibetans
	<b>Rachel H. Pang</b> ( <i>Davidson College</i> ) – Shabkar’s Advocacy of Vegetarianism within the Tibetan Buddhism Context
	<b>Ryan Anningson</b> ( <i>Wilfred Laurier University</i> ) – ‘On December 7th, 1941, one billion black people struck for freedom’: African Americans and Buddhism in the United States, 1910-1945
Break: 2:30-2:35	
<b>Panel 4 – Books and Publishing 2:35-4:15</b>	
Birks 203	<b>Lisa Blake</b> ( <i>McGill University</i> ) – Caste and the Printing of the Māriyamṇ Tālaṭṭu in Colonial South India
	<b>Adil Mawani</b> ( <i>University of Toronto</i> ) – Shiblī Nu ‘mānī’s Historiographical and Epistemological Challenges in Publishing the Sira
	<b>Julia Carroll</b> ( <i>Boston University</i> ) – Potential Health Benefits of Challenging the Canon: How a Trip to the Archive May Reveal – and Heal – Old Wounds
	<b>Francis X. Charet</b> ( <i>Goddard College</i> ) – Jung’s <i>Red Book</i> and the Spiritual Realm
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<b>Panel 1: Christian Traditions 1: Church Bodies and the Eucharist</b> 9:15-10:05	
Birks 204	<b>Ian Jordan Kissell</b> ( <i>Toronto School of Theology</i> ) – Forging Apostolic Christian Identity through Symbols: A Sociological Study of the Eucharist in the Second Century
	<b>Gwendolen Jackson</b> ( <i>Duquesne University</i> ) – Now We See Face to Face, But Still Partially: Christophanies and Medieval Eucharistic Visions
Break: 10:05-10:15	
<b>Panel 2: Christian Traditions 3: Orthodox/Catholic History</b> 10:15-11:55	
Birks 204	<b>Jeff Brubaker</b> ( <i>SUNY Geneseo</i> ) – Doomed to Fail? Negotiations Toward Union Between the Greek and Roman Churches
	<b>Mariia Ivaniv</b> ( <i>Toronto School of Theology</i> ) – The Development of the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church and the Missionary Work of the Redemptorist Fathers and Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate among the Ukrainian Emigrants in Canada at the 19th and 20th Centuries
	<b>Paul Ladouceur</b> ( <i>Trinity College</i> ) – Orthodox Christianity and the Other in Romania
	<b>Anatolii Babynskyi</b> ( <i>Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies</i> ) – The Patriarchal Movement of the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church and Diaspora Studies
Lunch: 12:00-12:45	
<b>Panel 3: Christian Traditions 2: Critical Perspectives</b> 12:50-2:30	
Birks 204	<b>Alison J. Downie</b> ( <i>Indiana University of Pennsylvania</i> ) – Shame as Religious Trauma in Christianity
	<b>Lucas Cober</b> ( <i>Concordia University</i> ) – Healing as Harm: The Imposition of Able-Bodied Normativity in the Gospels
	<b>Aaron Ricker</b> ( <i>McGill University</i> ) – Social Trauma, Conspiracy Theories, and Social Identity in Ancient Apocalyptic Literature
	<b>Jerry Piven</b> ( <i>Rutgers University</i> ) – The Violence of Inculcating Hell
Break: 2:30-2:35	
<b>Panel 4 – Christian Traditions 4: Sexual Abuse, Sexual Identity, Sexual Politics</b> 2:35-4:00	
Birks 204	<b>Fiona Li</b> ( <i>Regis College</i> ) – “Forgive Me Father, For I Have Sinned”: A Feminist Critique of the Relationship Between Roman Catholic Clerical Abuse, the Catholic Understanding of ‘Sin,’ and Healing
	<b>Meghan Bowen</b> ( <i>University of Toronto</i> ) – Whoever Has an Ear to Hear, Let Them Hear: Dialogue, the Roman Catholic Church, and the LGBTQ+ Community
	<b>Margaret Beth McCutcheon</b> ( <i>Regis College</i> ) – Heterosexist Humanists: Harm and Healing
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Undergraduate Student Panel 1: “Harm and Healing in the Evolution of Religion” 9:30-10:30	
Birks 205	<b>Christian Copper</b> ( <i>Mercyhurst University</i> ) – Divine Destruction: Analyzing the Religion-Terrorism Nexus
	<b>Vincent Marrazzo</b> ( <i>Mercyhurst University</i> ) – Populism & Protestantism: An Analysis of the United States’ Efforts to Maintain Protestant Hegemony on the World Stage
	<b>Katelin Snable</b> ( <i>Mercyhurst University</i> ) – Religious Understanding in the Health Care Field
Break: 10:30-10:45	
Undergraduate Student Panel 2: “Race, Religion, and the Politics of Healing in America” 10:45-11:45	
Birks 205	<b>Gabriel Malheiros Marques Fernandes</b> ( <i>Ithaca College</i> ) – Umbanda, Racialization and Identity Formation in Brazil and the United States
	<b>Emma Fleisig</b> ( <i>Ithaca College</i> ) – Scholar-Activist Debra Schultz and Jewish Involvement in the Civil Rights Movement
	<b>Aryanna Myles</b> ( <i>Ithaca College</i> ) – Race and Prison Chaplaincy in the USA
Lunch: 12:00-12:45	
Graduate Student Panel: “Translocal Interactions in Contemporary Chinese Religious Life” 12:50-2:55	
Birks 205	<b>Yang Shen</b> ( <i>Boston University</i> ) – Mobility and Imagination: Cultivation Lodgers in Residential Buddhist Temples in East China
	<b>Daniel M. Murray</b> ( <i>McGill University</i> ) – Burning Boats as Cultural Exchange: The Ritual of Sending Off Royal Lords, Fujian-Taiwan Relations, and Intangible Cultural Heritage
	<b>Gareth Fisher</b> ( <i>Syracuse University</i> ) – Finding Chinese Buddhism in the United States (and Bringing it Back to China): A Story of Three Students
	<b>John Abercrombie</b> ( <i>Syracuse University</i> ) – Commercialism, Daoist Education, and Foreign Discipleship in Wudang Shan
	<b>Thomas Borchert</b> ( <i>University of Vermont</i> ): Respondent
Break: 2:55-3:00	
Panel 4 – Retrospective: Rwanda 3:00-4:15	
Birks 205	<b>Jolene Chu</b> ( <i>Independent Scholar</i> ) – “Two-Edged Sword”: Religious Tropes and Traditions on the Road to Genocide in Rwanda
	<b>Tharcisse Seminega</b> ( <i>Independent Scholar</i> ) – My Religious Journey in Connection with my Experience as a Tutsi in 1994
	<b>Spyridon Loumakis</b> ( <i>Concordia University</i> ) – ‘It Was as If God and Satan Had Agreed to Cloud Our Eyes’: Religion and Genocide in Post-Genocide Rwandan Narratives
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Birks 105	<b>Michael J. Rogers</b> ( <i>Regis College</i> ) – Lourdes: Ritual and Meaning
	<b>Anna Lee White</b> ( <i>McGill University</i> ) – Self-Sacrifice and the Saving Power of Devotion in the Hagiographies of Anantadās
	<b>Sarang Patel</b> ( <i>Rutgers University</i> ) – Reconceptualizing Misfortune as Fortune: God’s All-doership and Omnibenevolence
Lunch 12:00-12:45	
AAR members-only discussion in Room 115 with Joe Schwarcz and invited guests on the harm of fake healing	
<b>Panel 2 – Retrospective: World War 2 12:50-1:40</b>	
Birks 105	<b>Lily Kim</b> ( <i>McMaster Divinity College</i> ) – Esther and Empathy: A Postcolonial View of the Megillah and its Significance to Survivors of the Holocaust
	<b>Eileen Groth Lyon</b> ( <i>University of New York at Fredonia</i> ) – The Sanctification of Life Among Jews and Christians in the Nazi Concentration Camps
Break 1:40-1:45	
<b>Panel 3 – Pratiques de Guérison Ésotériques et Populaires 1:45-2:35</b>	
Birks 105	<b>Keira Mecheri</b> ( <i>Université Paris-Sorbonne-Cité / Université de Montréal</i> ) – Penser une psychiatrie du soi au regard des traditions mystique et philosophique: la sophiatrie
	<b>David Brême</b> ( <i>Université du Québec à Montréal</i> ) – ‘Guérir de la mort’: les paradoxes du paradigme spirituel de Sri Aurobindo et de la mère et ses enjeux philosophiques anthropologiques contemporains
<b>Workshop – Indigenous Traditions and Pathways Room 204 2:45-4:00</b>	
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Birks 111	<b>Joshua Hollmann</b> ( <i>Concordia College</i> ) – Healing Harm and Building Trust Between Christians and Muslims in Oman and Beyond
	<b>Linh Hoang</b> ( <i>Siena College</i> ) – Asian Slavery in the Americas: Christianity’s Harm in Race Relations
	<b>Shehnoor Khurram</b> ( <i>York University</i> ) – Religion as Harm and Healing: Neoliberal Subjectivity and Political Islam
Lunch 12:00-12:45	
AAR members-only discussion in Room 115 with Joe Schwarcz and invited guests on the harm of fake healing	
Panel 2 –SCRIPT 2019: Ritualizing Iconic Texts 12:50-2:05	
Birks 111	<b>Michael Como</b> ( <i>Columbia University</i> ) Buddhist Scriptures in an Age of Reproduction
	<b>Joseph R. Chaney</b> ( <i>Indiana University South Bend</i> ) “Performing Readers: The Authority of Iconic Books in Hamlet”
	<b>David A. Palmer</b> ( <i>University of Hong Kong</i> ) Writing to Rule: Performative Textuality in the Daoist Rituals of the Lanten Yao of Laos
Break 2:05-2:10	
Panel 3 – SCRIPT 2019: Performing Texts, Expressing Identity 2:10-3:30	
Birks 111	<b>Rachel Fell McDermott</b> ( <i>Barnard College</i> ) A Revolutionary Experiment in 1932 Calcutta, and the Dangerous Delights of Performed Texts
	<b>Eirini Afentoulidou</b> ( <i>Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften</i> ) Performing Initiation, Asking for Protection: Byzantine Prayers for Churching the Newborn
	<b>James W. Watts</b> ( <i>Syracuse University</i> ) Aniconic Language and Immaterial Texts
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Panel 1 – Religion and Migration 10:40-11:55	
Birks 203	<b>Rachel Kelleher</b> ( <i>Queen’s University</i> ) – Adjudicating Harm and Healing in Islamic Immigrant Groups: Reinterpreting FGM Within a North American Human Rights Framework
	<b>Paul Lubieniecki</b> ( <i>SUNY Fredonia</i> ) – German-Prussian Immigrants in Western New York: The religious and cultural values of Old Order Lutherans, the Ebenzer Society and Roman Catholics that formed the Niagara Frontier in the 19th Century
	<b>Frédéric Dejean</b> and <b>Emerson Jean-Baptiste</b> – Coping with the experience of displacement: Christian Churches and the social anchorage of Syrian Refugees and Haitian Asylum Seekers
Lunch 12:00-12:45	
AAR members-only discussion in Room 115 with Joe Schwarcz and invited guests on the harm of fake healing	
Panel 2 – Popular Culture and Literature 12:50-2:30	
Birks 203	<b>Barry Stephenson</b> ( <i>Memorial University</i> ) – Fictive Harm, Fictive Healing in Two Catholic Novels
	<b>Christopher William Hrynkow</b> ( <i>St. Thomas More College</i> ) – Save the Whales, Save our Selves: The Confluence of Social and Ecological Salvation as a Voyage Home in Star Trek IV
	<b>Mark MacWilliams</b> ( <i>St. Lawrence University</i> ) – Healing Humor: Nakamura Hikaru’s <i>Seinto Oniisan</i> ( <i>Saint Young Men</i> )
	<b>Robert Revington</b> ( <i>Knox College</i> ) – Hell, Devils, and the Afterlife in Superman Comics
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Birks 204	<b>Wojciech Tworek</b> ( <i>University of Toronto</i> ) – Nostalgia and Renewal: The Town of Lyubavichi in the Writings of Yosef Yitshak Schneersohn
	<b>Catherine Hinault</b> ( <i>Rennes 2 University, France</i> ) Temperance and French Protestants in 19th-century Quebec: On Grappling – or Not – with a Cleft Habitus
Lunch 12:00-12:45	
AAR members-only discussion in Room 115 with Joe Schwarcz and invited guests on the harm of fake healing	
Panel 2 – Perspectives on Indigeneity 12:50-2:20	
Birks 204	<b>Connor Feliu</b> ( <i>Lemoyne College</i> ) – Erotic Revolution or Erotic Reconstitution? Control in the Oneida Community
	<b>Phoebe Duke-Mosier</b> ( <i>Hamilton College</i> ) – Marginalizing Discourses Appropriated and Subverted by Twentieth-century Pueblos and Present-Day Apaches
	<b>Valeria Vergani</b> ( <i>University of Toronto</i> ) – ‘Hope For a New Tomorrow’: Sacred Legitimacy, Temporality, and Indigeneity at the 2018 Parliament of the World’s Religions
Break 2:20-2:30	
Workshop – Indigenous Traditions and Pathways 2:45-4:00	
Birks 204	<b>Dr. Christine Jamieson</b> ( <i>Concordia University</i> ) in conversation with <b>Dr. Philip P. Arnold</b> ( <i>Syracuse University</i> ), Moderated by <b>Dr. Daniel Cere</b> ( <i>McGill University</i> )
Wine and cheese in the Birks Building Foyer: 4:00-5:00	

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SUNDAY, APRIL 14 <sup>th</sup> AAR-EIR MEETING MCGILL UNIVERSITY	
Registration: 8:30-9:00	
AAR-EIR Business Meeting 9:00-10:30	
Birks 100	EIR 2019 Business, AAR Members-only breakfast and discussion with Marlene Winell and invited guests on “Religious Trauma Syndrome”
Panel 1 – Music and Poetry 1 10:40-11:55	
Birks 205	<b>Savannah DiMarco</b> ( <i>Yale Divinity School</i> ) – The Art of Formation: Affect, Self-Knowledge, and the Terrace of Pride
	<b>Catherine Ambler</b> ( <i>Columbia University</i> ) – The Way of the Lover is Separate: Sectarian Ambiguity Across the Rise of the Safavids
	<b>Laurel Harig</b> ( <i>University of Chicago</i> ) – My Country, How Can I Defend You Except with My Wings? Lebanon on the Brink of Environmental and Social Collapse
Lunch 12:00-12:45	
AAR members-only discussion in Room 115 with Joe Schwarcz and invited guests on the harm of fake healing	
Panel 2 – Music and Poetry 2 12:50-2:05	
Birks 205	<b>Golam Rabbani</b> ( <i>Queen’s University / Jahangirnagar University</i> ) – The Protest Music of Baul Spirituality against Hyper-Consumption: The Songs and Performance of Baul Taskir Ali in Bangladesh
	<b>Robert Michael Edwards</b> ( <i>University of Ottawa</i> ) & <b>Alyssa Woods</b> ( <i>University of Guelph</i> ) – Lead Me Not into Temptation: The Struggle between ‘Authentic’ Faith and Hip-Hop Norms
	<b>Brian A. Butcher</b> ( <i>University of St. Michael’s College</i> ) – Liturgical Singing as a Source and Criterion for Philosophical Aesthetics
Break 2:05-2:15	
Workshop – Indigenous Traditions and Pathways 2:45-4:00	
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## GUEST SPEAKERS

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### **SPECIAL SPEAKER – APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 “Religious Meanings in Harmful Healing and Healing Harm”**

**LINDA BARNES**, Professor of Medicine and Religious Studies, Boston University



Linda Barnes is a medical anthropologist and a scholar in the study of world religions. She is a Professor of Family Medicine at Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM), and in the Division of Religious and Theological Studies in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Boston University. Her research and teaching interests address the intersections of cultural, religious and therapeutic pluralism, particularly in the United States. She is committed to including an understanding of the healing practices of culturally complex patient populations in the training of researchers and clinicians, and to helping both to better understand how religious worldviews play a part in patient and family understandings of illness and healing. As a historian and medical anthropologist, her research expertise addresses the cultural and social history of Western responses to Chinese healing traditions, in relation to histories of race, medicine, and religion

### **SPECIAL SPEAKER – APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 “On the Harm of Fake Healing”**

**JOE SCHWARCZ**, Director of the McGill Office for Science and Society, McGill University

Joe Schwarcz is well known for his informative and entertaining public lectures on topics ranging from the chemistry of love to the science of aging. Dr. Joe has received numerous awards for teaching chemistry and for interpreting science for the public and is the only non-American ever to win the American Chemical Society’s prestigious Grady-Stack Award for demystifying chemistry. He hosts "The Dr. Joe Show" on Montreal's CJAD and has appeared hundreds of times on The Discovery Channel, CTV, CBC, TV Ontario and Global Television. He is also an amateur conjurer and often spices up his presentations with a little magic. Dr. Joe also writes a newspaper column entitled “The Right Chemistry” and has authored a number of books including best-sellers, Radar, Hula Hoops and Playful Pigs, The Genie in the Bottle, The Right Chemistry, An Apple a Day, Is That a Fact?, and Monkeys, Myths, and Molecules. In 2015 he was named winner of the Balles Prize for critical thinking by the US based Committee for Skeptical Inquiry in recognition of his 2014 book, Is That A Fact?





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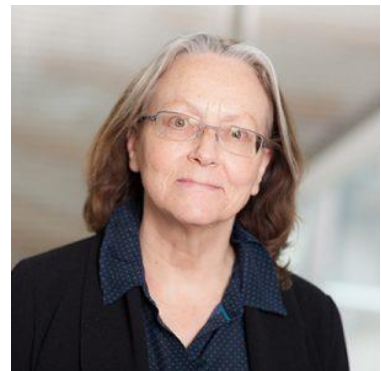
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### SPECIAL WORKSHOP – APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 “Indigenous Traditions and Pathways”

**CHRISTINE JAMIESON**, Professor of Theological Studies, Concordia University

Christine Jamieson specializes in social ethics, bioethics, as well as in indigenous studies, women and violence. Her research draws on the work of Canadian theologian and philosopher Bernard Lonergan and psychoanalyst and linguist, Julia Kristeva. Her recently published book is titled: *Christian Ethics and the Crisis of Gender Violence: Exploring Kristeva's Reading of Religion, Culture and the Human Psyche*. Jamieson also worked on foundational issues concerning human identity and human dignity through various lenses. She has done extensive research for Health Canada on ethical and social issues concerning genetic technology, stem cell research and research involving human subjects. Elsewhere, she has probed foundational questions in relation to end of life issues such as euthanasia, care of the frail elderly, and withholding and withdrawal of treatment.



**PHILIP P. ARNOLD**, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Religion, Syracuse University

Philip Arnold is also a faculty member of Native American and Indigenous Studies. He is the Founding Director of the Skā-noñh—Great Law of Peace Center, which repurposes the site that formerly celebrated the Jesuits coming to Onondaga Nation Territory in 1656-58. The new Center now tells the ancient story of the formation of the Longhouse tradition known as the Great Law of Peace at Onondaga Lake and its influences on American culture. The Skā-noñh—Great Law of Peace Center is a collaborative enterprise between the Onondaga Nation, Onondaga County, the Onondaga Historical Association, Syracuse University and 4 other educational institutions in the Syracuse area. His books are *Eating Landscape: Aztec and European Occupation of Tlalocan* (1999); *Sacred Landscapes and Cultural Politics: Planting a Tree* (2001); *The Gift of Sports: Indigenous Ceremonial Dimensions of the Games We Love* (2012) and *Urgency of Indigenous Religions* (University of New Mexico Press, forthcoming).



**DANIEL CERE**, Associate Professor of Religion, Law and Public Policy, MCGILL University

Daniel Cere is also chair of the CREOR Religion and Globalization committee as well as the Catholic Studies committee in the Faculty of Arts. Cere collaborated with former Dean Ellen Aitken in forging a McGill partnership with an international network of universities, the Faith and Globalization Initiative. He has directed the international summer course for the Faith and Globalization Initiative that networks with over 30 universities across the world. He also helped to design and direct the Birks Forum on the World's Religions and Public Policy launched in 2011. His work on religion and public policy has focused on debates over issues related to gender, sexuality and marriage. He is the director of the Institute for the Study of Marriage, Law and Culture, and a founding director of the Newman Institute of Catholic Studies.



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