Wesleyan Theological Society
5-7 March, 2009
Anderson University

‘ALL THE TREASURES OF WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE: THE CENTRALITY OF CHRIST’

Thursday, 5th March

Wesleyan Philosophical Society and Society for Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology events

2.00 p.m. - WTS Registration

Evening
Banquet (WTS, WPS, and SSPWT)
Speaker: John D. Caputo

Friday, 6th March

7.30 a.m. - Registration

8.00 – 8.10 am Welcome and Opening Announcements

8.10 – 8.25 Prayers

8.30 – 10.00 Parallel Group Sessions (1)

Systematic Theology (1)

James Gregory Crofford, “The ‘Light of Christ’: Robert Barclay’s Impact upon John Wesley’s Doctrine of Prevenient Grace”

Craig Keen, “She Turned to Him and Said to Him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (Which Means Teacher): Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life”


Church History (1)

Panel Celebrating the Centennial of the Church of the Nazarene
Moderator: Andrew J. Wood, Auburn University
Panel: Paul M. Bassett, Nazarene Theological Seminary
Floyd Cunningham, Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary
Steven Hoskins, Trevecca Nazarene University
Respondent: Stanley Ingersol, Archivist, Church of the Nazarene

Practical Theology (1)

Todd Alan Stepp, “Authentic Christian Worship: Discovering Wesley’s Criteria”
Gary Don Ballard, “Benediction: The Bridge from Worship to Ministry”

Moral Theology (1)

Timothy Gaines, “Beauty with the Grotesque: A Wesleyan Suggestion for an Aesthetic Intersection of Tragedy, Justice, and the Suffering of Christ”
Dave Mowers, “No King but Jesus: The Four-fold Gospel and Pacifism in the Early Assemblies of God”
Jeff Stark, “Christ within Community: Possibilities of Postliberal Theology for an Ecclesial Ethic of Nonviolence”

Philosophical Theology (1)

Timothy Crutcher, “Dodging the Pitfalls of Substance: An Ontology for Chalcedon”
Nathan Crawford, “The One Who Attunes: Pursuing an Ontology of Attunement through St Augustine’s Christology”
Rustin E. Brian, “The Epistemic Priority of Christ or Prima Philosophia: Recent Developments in Roman Catholic Christology”

10.05-11.15 First Plenary Session: Prof. I. Howard Marshall (University of Aberdeen), “Where are We Now? New Testament Christology Today”

11.30-1.00 pm Parallel Group Sessions (2)

Systematic Theology (2)
Christina M. Gschwandtner, “Sharing Our Weakness: Christ, Creation, and Fallenness”


E. Jerome Van Kuiken, “Fallen Hero? Barth, Torrance, and Us on Christ’s Win Over Sin in the Flesh”

Church History (2)


Jackson Lashier, “‘Accipio te me’: The Function of the Marriage Analogy in Johann von Staupitz’s Libellus”

Scott B. Dermer, “Augustine and the Virtue of Studiositas”

Moral Theology (2)

Nell Becker Sweeden, “The Church ‘On the Way’ as the Way of Jesus: Explorations in Hospitality and Pilgrimage in Relation to Global Migration”

Rodney Reed and Gift Mtukwa, “Christ Our Ancestor: An African Vision of Christology and Its Moral and Social Implications”

Nathan Willowby, “A Reappraisal of the Role of Christology in Christian Holiness”

Practical Theology (2)

Steve Johnson, “It All Depends on Your Perspective: John Wesley’s Liturgical Theology and Practice as Key to Understanding Certain Aspects of His Christology”

Joshua R. Sweeden, “The Witness of a Way of Life: Engaging Contextual Economic Order through New Monasticism and The Catholic Worker”


Philosophical Theology (2)
Virgil W. Brower, “Word without Beginning: Weslerrancy between Freud and St John”

Thomas Bridges, “Christology ‘after God’: Incarnation and the Rise of Secularism”

Eric Severson, “Proximity/Alterity: A Redemption of Levinasian Philosophy for Christology”

1.00 Lunch


4.00-5.30 Parallel Group Sessions (3)

Biblical Studies (1)

Karen Strand Winslow, “Treasures Both New and Old: Figuration in Biblical Interpretation”

Kent E. Brower, “‘Who Then Is This?’ Christological Questions in Mark (with Particular Attention to 4:35-5:43)”

Anthony J. Tomasino, “How Jewish is the Concept of Jesus as ‘Son of God’?”

Systematic Theology (3)

Kenneth F. Yossa, “Symbol and Synaxis: The Significance of the Creed of Nicea for the Churches”

Stephen Sours, “All the Treasures of Sacrifice and Sanctification: Christology in the Eucharistic Theology of the Wesleys”

Steven Sorrell, “Blessed Inversion: Incarnation and Deification according to Saint Maximus the Confessor”

Church History (3)

Geordan Hammond, “John Wesley and the Imitatio Christi.”

Rhonda Carrim, “Glory as in a Glass: The Christology of Mary Bosanquet Fletcher”

Barry W. Hamilton, “Divine Sonship and the Renewal of Middle Methodism”
Practical Theology (3)


Jeffrey T. Barker and Philip N. LaFountain, “The Question of Cosmology: A Real Test for a Practical, Theological Method”

Stephen Franklin, “Divine Impassibility, the Atonement, and Elder Care.”

Intercultural Studies/Missions

Kenton M. Stiles, “Freeing Christ from Jesus’ Image”

Luther J. Oconer, “Holiness Revivalism in the Methodist Episcopal Church in India, 1870-1910”

Shelley Ashdown, “The Uniqueness of Christ in the Ndorobo Context”

5.30-6.30 Annual General Meeting of Members of the Society: reports and elections.

7.00 Banquet:
Society Awards: Dissertation, Pastor-Preacher-Scholar, Smith-Wynkoop Book, and Life-Time Achievement Awards

Presidential Address – Thomas J. Oord (Northwest Nazarene University)
“Love as a Methodological and Metaphysical Source for Science and Theology”

Saturday, 7th March

8.00-9.30 am Parallel Group Sessions (4)

Biblical Studies (2)


David Allen Ackerman, “The High Priesthood of Jesus and the Sanctification of Believers: New Covenant Possibility in Hebrews 7-10”

Systematic Theology (4)
Andrew Jacobs, “Christology, Theology, and Creation – Reflections on Pannenberg’s Dialectical Method”

Kyle R. Tau, “Embodying the Identity of Jesus Christ through the Power of the Spirit: The Sacramental Intersection of Christology and Pneumatology”

David Belcher, “The Christological Basis of Election: Arminius and Barth on Christ as Electing and Elected God”

Church History (4)

Brian Curtis Clark, “Christology and ‘Corporate’ Culture Among Early Methodists and Moravians: Of the Comportment of Earthly Bodies, the Formation of Corporate Bodies, and Partaking of the Body of Christ”

Michael Brandon Winstead, “‘Winning Black Souls for Christ’: Warren Rogers, Segregation, and Evangelization of the Church of the Nazarene’s Gulf Central District, 1958-1969”


Theology and Science (1)


Moderator: Thomas Jay Oord (Northwest Nazarene University)

Panel: Sharon Harvey
    Eric Severson (Eastern Nazarene College)
    Craig Boyd (Asuza Pacific University)
    Michael Lodahl (Point Loma Nazarene University)

Ecumenical Studies

R. M. Keelan Downton, “Narratives of Testimony, Witness, and Reconciliation at the Echos Commission on Youth”

Timothy D. Dumfer, “Taking the Incarnation Seriously—Why a Radical, Faithful Ecclesiology Should Forgo the Creeds”

Don Thorsen, “Jesus and Interfaith Relations: A Wesleyan Perspective”

10.00-11.30 Parallel Group Sessions (5)

Systematic Theology (5)
Richard Riss, “A Review of Some of the Literature on John Wesley’s Christology”

Doug Matthews, “The Kingdom of Christ: The Emerging Evangelical Consensus and Wesleyan Thought”


Church History (5)

Woodrow W. Whidden, “The ‘Incarnational Theology’ of Edward Irving”


Chris Armstrong, “Mapping the Holiness Self: The Emotional Shape of Nineteenth-century Holiness Theology”

Theology and Science (2)

Nathaniel J. Napier, “Creativity Incarnate: The Christology of Gordon D. Kaufman”

Maynard Moore, “Jesus Christ as Lord in a Postmodern Age”

David Dault, “The Sphinx at Chalcedon: Scientific Progress, Christology and the Question of Full Humanity”

Book Discussion


Moderator: David Belcher (student, Nazarene Theological Seminary)

Panel: John Wright (Point Loma Nazarene University)
    Scott Daniels (Pasadena First Church of the Nazarene)
    Samuel Powell (Point Loma Nazarene University)
    Nathan Kerr (Trevecca Nazarene University)

11.40-12.20 The Lord’s Supper: Paul M. Bassett
12.30 pm Departure