Society for the Anthropology of Religion
2017 Meeting
New Orleans

Department of Anthropology
Dinwiddie Hall
Tulane University
6823 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans LA 70118

Monday, May 15, 2017

2:45-4:30pm ~ 110 Weinmann Hall
*Presidential Panel:* Misty Bastian, Simon Coleman, Sondra Hausner, and Ramon Sarró

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*Rappaport Lecture:* Charles Hirschkind

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8:00-9:45 ~ 102 Dinwiddie Hall
Politicizing the Times
Chair: Paul Buehler (Loyola University)
- Paul Buehler (Loyola University): Evaluating Texts in Time: Censorship and Religious Conflict in Early Modern Europe
- Amy Flynn-Curran (Maynooth University, Ireland): “No Anti-church Diatribes, No Signs or Banners, and Sunday-best Dress”: Mormon Feminists and the Role of Clothing and Respectability in Activism
- Charles McCrary (Florida State University): “Pretend to a Knowledge of Futurity”: Anti-Fortune-Telling Statutes and the Regulation of Religion
- Moshe Kornfeld (Washington University in St. Louis): If Not Now: Politicizing Religious Time
- Jain Pankaj (University of North Texas): A Dharmic Categorization for the “Religions” of India, China, and Japan

8:00-9:45 ~ 103 Dinwiddie Hall
Temporality, Spiritual Ethics, and the Marketing of (Dis)Enchantment
Chair: Laurel Zwissler (Central Michigan University)
- Laurel Zwissler (Central Michigan University): Where the Heart Is: Nostalgia, Gender, and Consumption in a Religiously Motivated Fair-Trade Organization
- Laura L. Cochrane (Central Michigan University): Religiously Present and Past in a New Senegalese Sufi Community
- Lorraine V. Aragon (University of North Carolina): We Don’t Call Ourselves Creators: Ritual Arts, Time, and Copyright Law
- Michael Ostling (Arizona State University): The Protestant Ethic and the Spirits of Anti-Capitalism: Re-Rethinking Disenchantment, Again
- James Peacock (University of North Carolina): Discussant

8:00-9:45 ~ 108 Dinwiddie Hall
Dealings with the Dead
Chair: JoAnn D’Alisera (University of Arkansas)
- JoAnn D’Alisera (University of Arkansas): Proper Burial and the Afterlife: Reordering Space and Time in the Sierra Leonean Muslim Diaspora
- Ehler Voss (University of Siegen) The Time of the Ghost Hunters
- John A. Napora (University of South Florida): The Time of Spirits
- Greg Wright (University of Texas): Purity and the Atom: Cultural Scripts of Purity and Taboo and the Link between Japan’s Outcasts, Traditional and Modern
10:00-11:45 – 102 Dinwiddie Hall
Everyday and Lived Islams
Chair: Roberta Ricucci (University of Torino)
- Roberta Ricucci (University of Torino): Muslims’ Everyday Religious Life: News from the Moroccan Diaspora in Southern Europe
- Oguz Alyanak (Washington University in St. Louis): Conceptualizing Boş Zaman [Empty Time]: Revisiting the Notion of Leisure in Turkish Islam
- Abdoulaye Sounaye (Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Germany): Listen, the Time is Coming, Fill Your Ears with the Sunna! Women Listening to Sermons in Niamey
- Dilsa Deniz (University of New Hampshire): Time, Timelessness and Eternity in Alevi Belief

10:00-11:45 – 103 Dinwiddie Hall
Sleepless Nights: Rituals of Nocturnal Sociality
Chair: Zebulon Y. Dingley (University of Chicago)
- Sean M. Dowdy (University of Chicago): The Arrival of the Naked Men: Reflections on a Collective Panic
- Robert W. Blunt (Lafayette College): Doing Theory After Dark: Running at Night in Western Kenya and the Anthropology of the Good (Enough)
- Jane L. Saffitz (University of California Davis): Laying Bare the Work of Good Fortune: Albino Medicine, Visibility Politics and Fate as Bodily Practice
- Laura Meek (University of California, Davis): Dreams as Medical Practice in Tanzania
- Zebulon Dingley (University of Chicago): The Bitter Flesh of Man: Predation and Necrophagy in Uwanga
- James H. Smith (University of California, Davis): Discussant

10:00-11:45 – 108 Dinwiddie Hall
Traditions and Transformations in Indigenous and Amerindian Societies
Chair: Christopher B. Bolfing (University of Arkansas)
- Christopher B. Bolfing (University of Arkansas): Sacred Calendars and the Concept of Time in Traditional Mvskoke Religious Ceremonialism
- Whitney Cox (University of Houston): Time and Cosmology in the White Shaman Mural
- James Andrew Whitaker (Tulane University): Time and Transformation in Awacaipu's Religion
- Edward Abse (Virginia Commonwealth University): Timely Innovations/Divergent Futures: Shifting Temporal Modalities of Shamanic Visionary Experience in Mazatec Indian Religious Life

11:45 – 1:00 – Dinwiddie Hall (3rd floor)
Lunch
Monday Afternoon, May 15, 2017

1:00-2:30 ~ 102 Dinwiddie Hall
 Ontology, Cosmology, and the Politics of Ethno-Racial Difference
 Chairs: LaShandra Sullivan (Reed) and Elina I. Hartikainen (HCAS)
   • Brent Crosson (UT Austin): Is God a Trini or a Rock?: Time, Nation, and
     Ontological Difference in Amerindian and African Rituals of Sovereignty
   • Elina I. Hartikainen (Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies): “Oxalá Goes
     to War!”: African Deities Enter Politics in Salvador, Brazil
   • LaShandra Sullivan (Reed College): Guarani “Being” and Land Struggle
   • Kerry Chance (Louisiana State University): Habitable Air: Climate Politics in
     Urban South Africa
   • Michael Cepek (UT San Antonio): Discussant

1:00-2:30 ~ 103 Dinwiddie Hall
 Time and Taboos across Boundaries
 Chair: David Strohl (Colby College)
   • David Strohl (Colby College): Love Jihad, Inter-religious Marriage, and the
     Politics of Progress in Contemporary India
   • Jain Pankaj (University of North Texas): Discovering Neo-orientalist Blind
     Spots in the Research about Jains’ Interactions with Muslim Emperors
   • Vanja Hamzić (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London):
     Archival Violence: An Ethnography of (Un)Archiving the Life and Death of the
     Enslaved Gender-Variant Muslim
   • Ram Natarajan (University of Arkansas): The Cross on the Courtroom Wall:
     Trials of State Violence, Indigeneity, and Argentina

1:00-2:30 ~ 108 Dinwiddie Hall
 Technologies and Temporalities
 Chair: Heather Mellquist Lehto (University of California, Berkeley)
   • Heather Mellquist Lehto (University of California, Berkeley): “A New
     Paradigm”: Technology and the Future of Korean Christianity
   • Sydney Yeager (Southern Methodist University): Facebook Shrines: Blurring
     of the Secular and Sacred in the Time of Social Media
   • Mark Soileau (Hacettepe University): Synchronizing Moments in the Alevi
     Miraçlama Ritual
   • Hector Guazon (University of the Philippines-Diliman): Things, Selves, and
     the Local: Religious Inflections of Cosmopolitan Villagers

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 Mentoring Session for Graduate Students with Charles Hirschkind (University of
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8:00-9:45 ~ 102 Dinwiddie Hall
When the Gods Read What We Write (Part 1): Rhythms of Reading and Writing across Theology and Anthropology
Chair: Marc Roscoe Loustau (College of the Holy Cross)
- Marc Roscoe Loustau (College of the Holy Cross): Memoir and Sacred Ethnology in Contemporary Transylvania
- Robyn Henderson-Espinoza (Pacific School of Theology): Non-Hegemonic Subjectivities: The Role of Radical Interconnectedness and Theories of the Flesh
- Joel Christian Reed (Michigan State University): Unblinded: Coming to Grips with Demonic Possession at the Little Vatican"
- Todd Whitmore (University of Notre Dame): Ethnography as Askēsis: Beyond the Religious/Secular Divide in Anthropological Discourse
- Derrick Lemons (University of Georgia): Discussant

8:00-9:45 ~ 103 Dinwiddie Hall
Contrasting Models of Christian Temporality
Chair: Devaka Premawardhana (Colorado College)
- Devaka Premawardhana (Colorado College): Rupture Routinized: Rites of Passage(s) as Model for Christian Conversion(s)
- Jessica Johnson (University of Washington): Perpetually Born Again: Baptism and the Affective Politics of Joyful Encounter
• Douglas Bafford (Brandeis University): Lessons from an Ethnographer’s “Among the Text”: Some Comparative Notes on Epistemological Authority across History, Anthropology, and Christianity

8:00-9:45 ~ 108 Dinwiddie Hall
Spirits, Relationalities, and Time
Chair: Rachelle M. Scott (University of Tennessee)
• Rachelle M. Scott (University of Tennessee): Restless Ghosts and Karmic Time: Reflections on Temporality in Thai Buddhism
• Eugenia Rainey (Tulane University): The Role of the Spiritual Mass in Promoting Spiritual and Temporal Agency
• Samuel Ward (Queen’s University, Belfast): Authenticity, Orthopraxis and Efficacy in New Orleans Vodou: The Cases of Ancestor Veneration and Spirit Possession
• Seth Palmer (University of Toronto): Moving Spirits, Sarimbavy Mediums and the Transgenerational Sexual Socialities of Possession

10:00-11:45 ~ 108 Dinwiddie Hall
When the Gods Read What We Write (Part 2): Formation, Writing, and Divine Agency
Chair: Hannah Hofheinz (Ecumenical Theological Seminary)
• Katherine Dugan (Springfield College): “If you Pray About It, God’ll Give you an Opportunity to Do it”: Gendering Prayers, Catholic Millennials, and the Rhythms of Ethnography
• George Gonzalez (Monmouth University): Conjurations of Spiritual Capitalism: The Anthropology of Galina Lindquist Between the Imperatives of Critique and “Real Presence”
• Hannah Hofheinz (Ecumenical Theological Seminary): Liberating Lives in Text: When a Theologian Learns from an Anthropologist How to Write”
• Axel Marc Oaks Takács (Harvard Divinity School): The Demand for Subjectivity in Comparative Theology
• Don Seeman (Emory University): Inscribing Divinity: Writing Chabad Hasidism
• Mathew N. Schmalz (College of the Holy Cross): Discussant

10:00-11:45 ~ 103 Dinwiddie Hall
Temporal Reorientations, Renewals, and Revolutions
Chair: Nicole Eggers (Loyola University)
• Nicole Eggers (Loyola University): Narrating Spiritual Time: Revelation, Miracles, and the History of Wamalkia wa Ubembe
• Behrooz Moazami (Loyola University): Time, Religious Moments, and the 1979 Revolution
• Cleonardo Maricio Junior (Federal University of Pernambuco, Brazil): Politics of Everyday Life: How Young Pentecostal Believers Have Taken Political Stands Based on their Religious Affiliation in Brazilian Universities
• C. Travis Webb (Claremont Graduate University): “Religious” Time and National Renewal: The Miraculous Inauguration of Donald J. Trump
• Safet HadžiMuhamedović (University of Bristol): Waiting to Wait: Time, Religion and Politics in a Bosnian Landscape

10:00-11:45 ~ 102 Dinwiddie Hall
**Author Meets Critics:** Kabir Tambar (Stanford University): *The Reckoning of Pluralism: Political Belonging and the Demands of History in Turkey*
**Critics:**
• Yigit Akin (Tulane University)
• Mark Lewis Soileau (Hacettepe University)
• Rabia Harmansah (Lafayette College)
• Ozcan Esra (Tulane University)

10:00-11:45 ~ 201 Dinwiddie Hall
**The Politics of Religious Time and Secular Time**
**Chair:** Kim Knibbe (University of Groningen)
• Ruy Llera Blanes (Incipit, Spain): Re-remembering and the 'Usual Cyclicity': On the Value of Temporal Repetition in the Tokoist Church (Angola)
• Kim Knibbe (University of Groningen): Pentecostal Time and Secular Time in the Encounter between Nigerian Missionaries and the Dutch
• Brenda Bartelink (University of Groningen): Religion, Sexuality and Secular Politics of Time in Dutch Health Approaches
• Jelle Wiering (University of Groningen): “Either Dusty or Dangerous”: Cultural Sexualism in the Netherlands
• Miranda Klaver (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam): In Sync with the Time and Synchronizing Time: The Hillsong Megachurch Network
• J.H. Roeland (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam): Earthing in a "Modern" Age: Gardening, Sacralization and the Everyday Politics of Time

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**Lunch ~ Dinwiddie Hall (3rd floor)**

**Tuesday Afternoon, May 16, 2017**

1:30-3:15 ~ 102 Dinwiddie Hall
**Roundtable: Critique as Horizon, Critique as Specter: Reflections from the Anthropology of Religion**
[Sponsored by *Critical Research on Religion*, http://crr.sagepub.com]
Chairs/Organizers: James S. Bielo (Miami University), Rebekka King (Middle Tennessee State University)

- **Participants** (5-7 minutes each): James S. Bielo (Miami University), Saliha Chattoo (University of Toronto), Nofit Itzhak (University of California, San Diego), Rebekka King (Middle Tennessee State University), Jon Bialecki (University of Edinburgh), Discussant.

1:30-3:15 ~ 103 Dinwiddie Hall
Temporalities and Subjectivities in Islam
Chair: Nurhaizatul Jamil (College of the Holy Cross)
- Nurhaizatul Jamil (College of the Holy Cross) “God Tests Us with Both Hardship and Ease”: Islamic Self-Help Education and Minoritarian Subjectivities in Contemporary Singapore
- Michelle Hagman (Simon Fraser University): The Everyday Lives of Muslim Youths in Vancouver B.C.
- Meryem Zaman (City University of New York): Creating Antagonists, Constructing Identity: Islamic Movements and Recruitment in Pakistan
- Seema Golestaneh (Indiana University Bloomington): Whither Rupture? Time, Ritual and Definitions of the Everyday in Sufi Iran

1:30-3:15 ~ 108 Dinwiddie Hall
Religion, Time, and Economy
Chair: Amy Stambach (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
- Amy Stambach (University of Wisconsin-Madison): Spirit Possession: Alienation’s Opposite?
- Alexander Stewart (University of California, San Diego): The New Old-Fashioned Way: The Temporality of Islamic Revival in Modern China
- Jesse Miller (Florida State University): A View of the Past: The 1957 Funeral of the Mogho Naba and its Relevance Today
- Victoria Sheldon (University of Toronto): “The Road Back to Nature”: Reversing Secular Temporalities in Aspiration for Chronic Illness Empowerment through Nature Cure (Prakriti Jeevanam) Therapy in Post-Development Kerala, south India

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Time/Space in Global Christianity
Chair: Hilary Kaell (Concordia University)
• Jessica Hardin (Pacific University): Sisters in Christ: Gendered Mentorship in Global Christianity
• Hilary Kaell (Concordia University): That All May Be One: Simultaneity and Proximity in Child Sponsorship Programs
• Stephen Selka (Indiana University, Bloomington): Spiritual Pilgrimage as Time Travel: Chronotopes in African Diaspora Tourism
• Courtney Handman (University of Texas at Austin): The Spatiotemporal Transformations of Lutheran Airplanes

8:00-9:45 ~ 103 Dinwiddie Hall
Religious Rhythms and Ethical Practices
Chair: Nur Amali Ibrahim (Indiana University, Bloomington)
• Nur Amali Ibrahim (Indiana University, Bloomington): Improvising Islam: Muslims and the Secular Liberal Encounter
• Rabia Harmanşah (Lafayette College): Cyclicity of Life-Death, Hope and Motion: Time Perception of Bektashis and Esoteric Meanings
• Kalpesh Bhatt (University of Toronto): Temporal Religious Practices: Public Memory and Everyday Ethics in the Swaminarayan Hindu Tradition
• Isobel-Marie Johnston (Arizona State University): Jewish Marriage in Corporeal Time: The Rhythm and Rhyme of Niddah
• Jenna Stover-Kemp (University of California, Berkeley): Textual Authority and Utopia: An Examination of the Pentateuchal Passover Traditions

8:00-9:45 ~ 108 Dinwiddie Hall
National and State Narrative of Past, Present, and Future
Chair: Letha Victor (University of Toronto)
• Letha Victor (University of Toronto): Building Roads: Time and the Movement of Interpretation
• Mahshid Zandi (Arizona State University): Tehran's Holy Defense Museum: War as “Glorious Time”
• Huwy-min Lucia Liu (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology): One Ritual, Many Times: Religious Variations on Socialist Funerals in Urban China
• Jakub Havlicek (Palacky University, Czech Republic): Religion as a Chain of Memory and Education in Post-Socialist Societies: Slovakia, Poland, and the Czech Republic

10:00-11:45 ~ 103 Dinwiddie Hall
**Intersections of Time and Space in Evangelical Christianity**

**Chair:** Deana L. Weibel (Grand Valley State University)

- Deana L. Weibel (Grand Valley State University) and Joshua Ambrosius (University of Dayton): “Time from Eternity to Eternity”: Space Exploration and the Astronaut Experience of God’s Worldview
- Ingie Hovland (University of Georgia): “Pay Careful Attention to the Time”: Synchronized Prayer in an Evangelical Women’s Movement
- Alana Sá Leitão Souza (Federal University of Pernambuco, Brazil): Religion, Time and Morality among Children in Brazil’s Most Evangelical City

10:00-11:45 ~ 102 Dinwiddie Hall
**Roundtable: Religion and Migration in the Age of Trump**

**Participants:**
- Charles Hirschkind (University of California, Berkeley)
- Behrooz Moazami (Loyola University)
- Abdoulaye Sounaye (Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Germany)
- Catherine Wessinger (Loyola University)

10:00-11:45 ~ 108 Dinwiddie Hall
**Rethinking Cosmologies through Examining Temporalities**

**Chair:** Judith M. Maxwell (Tulane University)

- Judith M. Maxwell (Tulane University): Kaqchikel (Maya) ajq'ija': Ritual Specialists Counting the Days and Creating Time
- Christopher B. Rodning (Tulane University): Mounds, Bundles, and the Architecture of Memory: Native American Earthen Mounds and Townhouses in the American South
- Aaron Frederick Eldridge (University of California, Berkeley): Presence Reprised: Thinking Divine Time through the Practice of Apophasis