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<p>N.B. Rooms preceded by "V:" indicate a virtual presentation. The room is being provided for those on campus to gather.</p>	
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LOCATION	Damen Student Center: Sr Jean Ballroom South		
Saturday:	2:00 – 6:00 PM	Monday:	8:30 – 6:00 PM
Sunday:	8:30 – 6:00 PM	Tuesday:	8:30 – 10:00 AM

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

7:30 – 8:30 AM BREAK D DINING HALL

8:00 – 8:30 AM NEW PARTICIPANTS WELCOME D DINING HALL

8:45 – 9:30 AM **TASK FORCES AND CONTINUING SEMINARS**
(Resuming at 10:00 AM. See pp. 14-17 for a list of sessions.)

9:30 – 10:00 AM BREAK D SR JEAN SOUTH
(Exhibits/Book Displays are open.)

10:00 – 10:45 AM **TASK FORCES AND CONTINUING SEMINARS**
(Resumed from 8:45-9:30 AM)

11:00 – 12:00 PM SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS

- **Timothy J. Sandoval** D Den
Texas Christian University
“The Virtue Ethics of Proverbs and the Poem to the Woman of Valor”
- **Brittany E. Wilson** D Sr Jean North
Duke Divinity School
“Embodying the Divine: God, Jesus, and the Body in New Testament Christology”

12:00 – 1:00 PM LUNCH D DINING HALL

1:20 – 2:00 PM **RESEARCH REPORTS**
(See pp. 1-2 in the Abstracts booklet)

- **Andrew Garbarino**, *Princeton Theological Seminary* C 103
[Emerging Scholars Fellow]
“Psalm 24 as a Poetic Monument”
- **Frank E. Shaw**, *Retired* C 104
“Ancient Greek Ellipses: The Case of *καὶ γὰρ*
and *ἀλλὰ γάρ*”
- **Jeremiah T. Coogan**, *Santa Clara University* C 107
“Rethinking Gospel Genre: A Provocation”
- **Abigail Bodeau**, *St. Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology* C 111
“The Use of Prophetic Literature in Catholic Liturgical Music”

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

RESEARCH REPORTS CONTINUED (1:20 – 2:00 PM)

- **Joseph Kimmel**, *Boston College* C 116
“Strong Words: Empowered Speech in Christianity and Buddhism”
- **Jean Roméo Ntsama**, *Studium Biblicum Franciscanum* C 117
“In Search of the Feast of the Acclamations: Preliminary Reflections”

2:10 – 2:50 PM

RESEARCH REPORTS

(See pp. 3-4 in the Abstracts booklet)

- **Wenyue Qiang**, *University of Oxford* C 202
[Emerging Scholars Fellow]
“‘Lest the King be Captured’: Legal Scripturalization of the Law of the King’s Guards in the Temple Scroll”
- **Samuel Johnson**, *Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary and School of Theology* C 203
“Two-Level Dramas: Jewish Biblical Narrative, Luke-Acts, and the Origins of the Fourth Gospel”
- **John Kaltner**, *Rhodes College* C 217
“Wash Me Thoroughly from My Iniquity, and Cleanse Me from My Sin: Safeguarding David’s Reputation in the Islamic Tradition”
- **Nélida Naveros Córdova, C.D.P.** C 218
Spring Hill College
“Paul’s Christocentric Monotheism in Opposition to *Epithumia*”
- **Andrew Geist**, *Providence College* C 302
“Mammon or Purses that Wear Out? Trust in Wealth in the Bible and the Neo-Assyrian Court”
- **Mark Reasoner**, *Marian University* C 311
“Paul the Apocalyptic Theologian: Reflections on an Unquestioned Label”

2:50 – 3:20 PM

BREAK

D SR JEAN SOUTH

(Exhibits/Book Displays are open.)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

3:20 – 4:00 PM

RESEARCH REPORTS

(See pp. 5-7 in the Abstracts booklet)

- **Carlos García Alayon**, *University of Notre Dame* [Emerging Scholars Fellow] **C 103**
“Liturgy and Cosmology in Hebrews: The Son’s Enthronement and the Reconstitution of Heaven”
- **Paul L. Danove**, *Villanova University* **C 104**
“Christological and Anthropological Implications of a Rare Use of Δίδωμι (Give) in the LXX and NT”
- **Tomasz Koszarek**, *Studium Biblicum Franciscanum* **C 107**
“Kî Introducing a Rhetorical Question”
- **Kris Sonek**, O.P., *University of Divinity* **C 111**
“John Chrysostom and the Jewish Sages: A Rhetoric of Harmony”
- **Mark Enemali**, C.Ssp., *Duquesne University* **C 116**
“The Ark and the Idol: Exploring Divine Presence in Mesopotamian and Israelite Cultures”
- **Martin C Albl**, *Independent Scholar* **C 117**
“‘A Fisher of People’: Assessing the Role of Simon Peter in Transmitting Jesus Traditions”
- **John J. Peters**, *Independent Scholar* **C 302**
“The Synoptic Problem Stalemate and Ancient Historiography”

4:10 – 4:50 PM

RESEARCH REPORTS

(See pp. 7-9 in the Abstracts booklet)

- **Peter Vale**, *Boston College* [Emerging Scholars Fellow] **C 202**
“Deception and Dominance Cast in Bronze: Aspetti’s *Judith with the Head of Holofernes* vis-à-vis Jerome’s Vulgate Judith”
- **Julie Newberry**, *Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology* **C 203**
“Age, Education, and Allusion: Irony and Nicodemus’s Complex Characterization”

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

RESEARCH REPORTS CONTINUED (4:10 – 4:50 PM)

- **Ki-Eun Jang**, *Fordham University* C 217
“Representing Canaanites: Historiography, Heritage, and Hermeneutics”
- **Samuel Klumpenhower**, *Independent Scholar* C 218
“The *Glossa Ordinaria* on Exodus”
- **Melanie Peetz**, *Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule Sankt Georgen* C 302
“The *Mishkan*: A Project of all People”
- **Christopher W. Skinner**, *Loyola University Chicago* C 111
“Rethinking the Transmission History and Early Reception of the Gospel of Thomas”

5:15 PM

MADONNA DELLA STRADA CHAPEL



EUCHARIST

Presider and Homilist:
Rev. Kevin Zilverberg

6:30 – 7:45 PM BBQ

WEST QUAD

8:00 – 9:00 PM

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In Memoriam

A moment to remember those who have passed from this life since CBA met last year.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Carol J. Dempsey, O.P., *University of Portland*
“Moving Beyond Text Fetishism: Toward a Catholic Biblical Hermeneutics”

9:00 – 10:30 PM SOCIAL

D ATRIUM



MONDAY, AUGUST 4

7:00 AM EUCHARIST MADONNA DELLA STRADA CHAPEL
Presider and Homilist: **Rev. Brice Higginbotham**

7:30 – 8:30 AM BREAKFAST D DINING HALL

8:45 – 9:30 AM **TASK FORCES AND CONTINUING SEMINARS**
(Resuming at 10:00 AM. See pp. 14-17 for a list of sessions and locations.)

9:30 – 10:00 AM BREAK D SR JEAN SOUTH
(Exhibits/Book Displays are open.)

10:00 – 10:45 AM **TASK FORCES AND CONTINUING SEMINARS**
(Resumed from 8:45-9:30 AM)

11:00 – 12:00 PM SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS

- **Karina Martin Hogan** D Den
Fordham University
“Contextual Readings of the Book of Ruth in Southern Africa”
- **Michael P. Barber** D Sr Jean North
Augustine Institute
“Paul, A Pharisee in the Messiah: The Apostle’s Teaching within Judaism”

12:10 – 1:10 PM LUNCH D DINING HALL

1:20 – 2:00 PM **RESEARCH REPORTS**
(See pp. 9-11 in the Abstracts booklet)

- **Elizabeth Schick**, *Marquette University* C 103
“Drawing from the Well: Interpreting the Samaritan Woman of John 4”
- **Ethan Schwartz**, *Villanova University* C 104
“Tradition-Informed Historical Criticism: A Jewish Reading of *Dei Verbum* as an Invitation to Catholic-Jewish Dialogue in Biblical Studies”

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

RESEARCH REPORTS CONTINUED (1:20 – 2:00 PM)

- **Peter Dubovský**, *Pontifical Biblical Institute* C 107
“Conversion of Kings in the Books of Kings and Chronicles”
- **Kevin Zilverberg**, *Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca* C111
“Seed-Picker or Word-Planter? Latin Reception of σπερμιολόγος (Acts 17:18) in the Old Latin, Vulgate, and Latin Fathers”
- **Kevin Scott**, *Baylor University* & **Abigail Bodeau** C 116
Borromeo Seminary and Saint Mary Seminary
“Joel, Jonah, and the Subversive Depiction of Foreigners among YHWH’s Community”
- **Timothy Milinovich**, *Dominican University* C 117
“Closing Arguments: Rethinking the Structure of Romans, with a Focus on Rom 9-15”

2:10 – 2:50 PM

RESEARCH REPORTS

(Research Reports pp. 12-13 in the Abstracts booklet)

- **James B. Prothro**, *Augustine Institute* C 202
“Reading Jude: Biblical Interpretation for a Church in Crisis”
- **Michael Cover**, *Marquette University* C 203
“‘And the Sheep Will Be Turned into Wolves’ (Did. 16.3): Metamorphosis and Conversion in the Didache’s Little Apocalypse”
- **Hryhoriy Lozinskyy**, *Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius* C 217
“Is Jubilee Year a Pro-Levite Regulation?”
- **Olegs Andrejevs**, *Loyola University Chicago* C 218
“Minor Agreements 1992-2025 in Mark 4-8”
- **James Nati**, *SCU Jesuit School of Theology* C 302
“‘Truth’ as a Framing Principle in the Second Temple Period”
- **Christopher Frechette**, *Christopher Wellness LLC* C 311
“An Embodied Trauma Hermeneutic: Old Testament Applications”

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

2:50 – 3:20 PM **BREAK** **D SR JEAN SOUTH**
(Exhibits/Book Displays are open.)

3:30 – 5:15 PM **M ROONEY HALL**



BUSINESS MEETING
(Members only - name tag required)

5:30 PM

MADONNA DELLA STRADA CHAPEL



PRAYER SERVICE
Presiding: **Laurie Brink, O.P.**
Preaching: **Mary T. Brien, P.B.V.M**

6:15 – 7:00 PM **DINNER** **D DINING HALL**

7:30 – 9:00 PM **M ROONEY HALL**

GENERAL SESSION
PANEL DISCUSSION:
Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue

9:00 – 10:30 PM **SOCIAL** **D ATRIUM**



TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

7:00 AM EUCHARIST MADONNA DELLA STRADA CHAPEL
Presider and Homilist: **Rev. Eric Wagner**

7:15 – 8:30 AM BREAKFAST D DINING HALL

8:45 – 9:30 AM TASK FORCES AND CONTINUING SEMINARS
(Resuming at 10:00 AM. See pp. 14-17 for a list of sessions and locations.)

9:30 – 10:00 AM BREAK D SR JEAN SOUTH
(Exhibits/Book Displays are open.)

10:00 – 10:45 AM TASK FORCES AND CONTINUING SEMINARS
(Resumed from 8:45-9:30 AM)

11:00 – 12:00 PM M ROONEY HALL

GENERAL SESSION

Ariel Feldman

Brite Divinity School

“Praying (with) Deuteronomy: From Qumran
to Dura-Europos”

12:15 – 1:15 PM LUNCH D ATRIUM
Those who purchased a **9 or 6 meal plan** may pick up a boxed lunch.



TASK FORCES

“The New Feminist Biblical Criticism” (1989, renamed 2023) C 302

CO-CONVENERS: **Carol J. Dempsey, O.P.**, *University of Portland*
Sarah E. Kohles, O.S.F., *Briar Cliff University*
Susanne Scholz, *Perkins School of Theology*

SUNDAY: Review of *Doing Masculinity Studies as Feminist Biblical Studies*, ed. Susanne Scholz

MONDAY: Celebrating the Work of J. Cheryl Exum and Eloise Rosenblatt, RSM (In Memoriam)

TUESDAY: Reproductive Justice and the Bible (Numbers 5): A Panel Discussion

“Addressing Representations of Jews and Judaism in Catholic Exegesis, Homiletics, and Catechesis” (2019) C 218

CO-CONVENERS: **Chris Seeman**, *Walsh University*
Linda S. Harrington, *Independent Scholar*

SUNDAY: Review of Catholic Study Bible Essay: “Antisemitism, the Bible, and the Church”

Review of Task Force Video: “Teaching according to ‘the truth of the Gospel and the spirit of Christ’”

MONDAY: Review of Lectionary Texts

TUESDAY: Review of Lectionary Texts

“Baptism in Paul’s Letters” (2024) C 103

CO-CONVENERS: **Michael P. Barber**, *Augustine Institute*
Timothy M. Milinovich, *Dominican University Chicago*
Isaac Morales, O.P., *Providence College*
Paul D. Wheatley, *Nashotah House Theological Seminary*

SUNDAY: **Gregory Tatum, O.P.**, *Western Dominican Province*
“Justification and Baptism”

MONDAY: **Ronald D. Witherup, P.S.S.**, *St. Mary’s Seminary & University*
“Baptismal Identity in Galatians as a Key to the Galatian Controversy”

TUESDAY: **Najeeb Haddad**, *Orthodox Christian Mission Center*
“Clothed in Christ, Freed in Christ: The Baptismal Recasting of Onesimus”



CONTINUING SEMINARS

“Divinity in Ancient Israel” (1998)

C 311

CO-CONVENERS: **Mahri Leonard-Fleckman**, *Princeton Theological Seminary*

Andrew R. Davis, *Boston College Clough STM*

Garrett Galvin, O.F.M., *Franciscan School of Theology*

SUNDAY: **Thomas Bolin**, *Independent Scholar*

“From Book Religion to Ritual Reading”

RESPONDENT: **Heath Dewrell**, *University of Texas, Austin*

MONDAY: **Xenia Chan**, *Augustana University*

“The Incarnation of Many Living Gestures: A Counterpoetic

Reading of Jer 17:12-18 with Madeleine Thien’s ‘On Structure’”

RESPONDENT: **Ki-Eun Jang**, *Fordham University*

TUESDAY: **Mark S. Smith**, *Princeton Theological Seminary*

“Abraham’s Last and Greatest Challenge in Genesis 22”

RESPONDENT: **Mark Enemali**, *Duquesne University*

“Hebrew Poetry” (1999)

C 107

CONVENER: **Joseph E. Jensen**, *Georgetown University*

SUNDAY: **Joseph E. Jensen**, *Georgetown University*

“The Book of Proverbs and Its Poetic Features”

Sophia A. Magallanes-Tsang, *North Park Theological Seminary*

“Proverbs 1-17”

MONDAY: **Thomas P. McCreesh**, O.P., *Providence College*

“Proverbs 1:8-19”

John R. Jackson, *Milligan University*

“Proverbs 1:20-33”

TUESDAY: **Mirosław S. Wrobel**, *The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin*

“Proverbs 2:1-15”

Joseph E. Jensen, *Georgetown University*

“Proverbs 2:16-22”

“The Deuterocanonical Books” (2010)

C 111

CO-CONVENERS: **Francis Macatangay**, *University of St. Thomas, Houston*

Kelley Coblentz Bautch, *St. Edward’s University*

FOCUS: The Reception of the Deuterocanonical Books in Antiquity and Beyond

SUNDAY: **Vincent Skemp**, *St. Catherine University*

Nuria Calduch-Benages, *Pontifical Gregorian University*

MONDAY: **Kelley Coblentz Bautch**, *St. Edward’s University*

Noelle G. Johnson, *University of Notre Dame*

TUESDAY: **Jeremy Corley**, *St Patrick’s Pontifical University*

Patrick Pouchelle, *Facultés Loyola*

CONTINUING SEMINARS

“John’s Gospel and Letters” (2019)

C 116

CO-CONVENERS: **Mary Kate Birge, S.S.J.**, *Mount St Mary’s University & Seminary*
Peter Judge, *Winthrop University*

SUNDAY: A discussion of Christopher Seglenieks & Christopher Skinner (eds.), *The Johannine Community in Contemporary Debate* (2024). Presenters will be **Skinner**, *Loyola University of Chicago*, & **Seglenieks**, *Bible College of South Australia*, as well as contributors **Hugo Mendez**, *UNC at Chapel Hill*, and **Alicia Myers**, *Baylor University*.

MONDAY: A tribute to Professor **Francis J. Moloney, S.D.B.**

TUESDAY: Continuation of Monday's tribute to Francis J. Moloney, S.D.B.

“Paul’s Letters” (2021, renamed 2023)

C 104

CO-CONVENERS: **Timothy Milinovich**, *Dominican University*
Brian Lee, *Loyola University Chicago*

SUNDAY: **Marcin Kowalski**, *The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin*
“Interpersonal communication and emotions in Paul’s correspondence with the Philippians”

MONDAY: **Wendy Cotter**, *Professor Emerita, Loyola University Chicago*
“‘Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an Apostle’ (Rom 1:1)
The Resurrection of Paul to the Apostolic Tradition”

TUESDAY: **Business Meeting**

“Isaiah and the Twelve” (2022)

C 117

FOCUS: “Theophanies, theophanic text elements and theophanic language”

CO-CONVENERS: **Joachim Eck**, *Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität -- Munich*
Richard J. Bautch, *St. Edward’s University*

SUNDAY: **Renata Furst**, *Oblate School of Theology*
“Let Us Know: Let Us Press on to Know the Lord”: Theophanies and Knowledge of God in Hosea and Isaiah ”

Melanie Peetz, *Hochschule Sankt Georgen*
“Mercy, Vengeance, Wrath, and Justice: Theophany and the Attributes of God in Nahum, Exodus, and Isaiah’

MONDAY: Panel Discussion with **Todd Hibbard**, *University of Detroit Mercy*
and **Burkard Zapff**, *Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt*

TUESDAY: **Carol J. Dempsey, O.P.**, *University of Portland*
Joachim Eck, *Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität -- Munich*
“Divine Mercy in the Context of Theophanies: a Comparison between Isaiah 63:7 – 64:12; and Joël 2”

CONTINUING SEMINARS

“Second Temple Judaism and Christian Origins” (2024) **C 202**

CO-CONVENERS: **Archie T. Wright**, *The Catholic Biblical Association of America*

Ronald Herms, *Fresno Pacific University*

Angela Kim Harkins, *Boston College Clough STM*

SUNDAY: **Gregory E. Sterling**, *Yale Divinity School*

“It is Elemental: The Explanation of Miracles in Philo’s *De vita Mosis*”

MONDAY: **Angela Kim Harkins**, *Boston College CSTM*

“Psalm 72 and Solomonic Messianism”

TUESDAY: **José David Padilla**, *Barry University*

“The Hellenistic Impact on Second Temple Jewish Literature:

An Analysis of Virtue and Vice Catalogues”

“Theological Exegesis” (2025) **C 203**

CO-CONVENERS: **Antonio Portalatín**, *Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico*

Ahida Pilarski, *Saint Anselm College*

FOCUS: Exploratory Conversations on theological exegesis

SUNDAY: **Ahida Pilarski**, *Saint Anselm College*

“Historical Trajectory of Catholic Biblical Interpretation”

MONDAY: **Antonio Portalatín**, *Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico*

“Perspectives of theological interpretation from the PBC 1993's document.”

TUESDAY: Discussion of texts: From Sandra Schneider's *The Revelatory Text*;

from Emmanuel Levinas' “Interpretation in the Face of the Other.”





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