



# CBA Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting

## March 13-14, 2026

### Villanova University and Virtually



#### FRIDAY KEYNOTE:

**BYRON D. WRATEE**, *Villanova University*

**“A Charge to Keep: Covenant Theology, the Rule of Law, and Fidelity”**

**Respondents:** *Andre Price (United Lutheran Seminary)*  
and *Leslie Virnelson (United Lutheran Seminary)*



#### SATURDAY PAPERS INCLUDE:

- **MARK SMITH**, *Helena Professor of Old Testament Literature and Exegesis at Princeton Theological Seminary*  
**“Double Selves and Genres: The Case of Psalms 42-43”**
- **MATTHEW NOVENSON**, *Helen H. P. Manson Professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary*  
**“Apokatastasis in the Letters of Paul?”**

#### SATURDAY KEYNOTE:

**PETER ENNS**, *Abram S. Clemens Professor of Biblical Studies at Eastern University*

**“Scripture in a Loud World: Authority, Humility, and the Bible in Public Life”**



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## SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, MARCH 13

- 6:15–6:30 pm Welcome *Driscoll Hall – Rm 134*
- 6:30–8:00 pm **Keynote Lecture** *Driscoll Hall – Rm 134*  
Byron D. Wratee (Villanova University)  
"A Charge to Keep: Covenant Theology, the Rule of Law, and Fidelity"  
Respondents: Andre Price (United Lutheran Seminary) and Leslie Virnelson (United Lutheran Seminary)
- 8:00–9:30 pm Reception

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14

- 7:45–8:30 am Breakfast *Bartley Hall – Lobiondo Atrium*
- 8:30–9:30 am **Major Paper Presentation** *Bartley Hall – PWC Auditorium*  
Mark S. Smith (Princeton Theological Seminary)  
"Double Selves and Genres: The Case of Psalms 42-43"
- 9:30–11:00 am **Paper Session 1** *Bartley Hall – PWC Auditorium*
- Helen Buckwalter (University of Virginia), "A Weeping God: The Theological Development of Divine Mourning in MT and LXX Jeremiah"
  - Sr. MaryKristel Nwuba (Pontifex University), "Unveiling the Mystery of the Divine Name: YHWH in the Heart of Israel's Covenant and Worship"
- 11:00–11:15 am Coffee Break *Bartley Hall – Lobiondo Atrium*
- 11:15–12:45 pm **Paper Session 2** *Bartley Hall – PWC Auditorium*
- Jon Ahn (Howard University), "How Late is the Book of Numbers: Chapters 16-17 Are Telling"
  - Chris Moriconi (Catholic University of America), "Sir 15:11–20 and Sir 22:27(33)–23:6: A Comparative and Reception Exegetical Study"
- 12:45–1:45 pm Lunch *Dougherty Hall*
- 1:45–2:45 pm **Major Paper Presentation** *Bartley Hall – PWC Auditorium*  
Matthew Novenson (Princeton Theological Seminary)  
"Apokatastasis in the Letters of Paul?"
- 2:45–4:15 pm **Paper Session 3** *Bartley Hall – PWC Auditorium*
- Paul Danove (Villanova University), "Jesus's Procedure for Deducing What Is/Is Not Permitted (ἐξεστίν) in the Gospel of Mark"
  - Kim Gunter (Villanova University), "Demons, Dogs and a Daughter – How a Slave Woman Defied the Rules to Corner Jesus into Healing Her Child"
- 4:15–4:30 pm Coffee Break *Bartley Hall – Lobiondo Atrium*
- 4:30–6:00 pm **Paper Session 4** *Bartley Hall – PWC Auditorium*
- Lisa Deak (Villanova University), "God's Impartiality"
  - James Garcia (Villanova University), "Two Swords: The Gospels in Just War Theory"
- 6:00–7:30 pm Dinner (on your own)
- 7:30–8:30 pm **Keynote Lecture** *Bartley Hall – PWC Auditorium*  
Peter Enns (Eastern University)  
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- 8:30–10:00 pm Reception