

CONVIVENCIA

RELIGIOUS IDENTITIES IN THE NEW WORLD

Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles
March 27-29, 2008

Paper Sessions

Friday March 28, 11.00 am – 12.30 pm

Session Title: *Convivencia and Justice*

1. Sr. Judith Ann Brady, O.P. (Fordham College of Liberal Studies) – “A Place at the Table: Justice for the Poor in a Land of Plenty”
2. Rev. James Fredericks (Loyola Marymount University) – “Hospitality and Hostility in Religions”
3. Lauren Ila Jones (University of California Los Angeles) – “The Theology of the People, the Education of the People: El Salvador, Nicaragua, Argentina, and Brazil”

Session Title: *The Jewish Roots of the Golden Age and the Branches of Today*

1. Rabbi Haim Ovadia (Kahal Joseph Congregation, Los Angeles and Yuval Ron (Musician, Los Angeles) - “The Sefaradim: Discriminated Against by a Minority”
2. Rabbi Michael Barclay (Loyola Marymount University) - “Lurianic Kabbalah as an Organizational Model of *Convivencia*”

Session Title: *Depicting the Other, Depicting the Self*

1. Carrie Peirce (Azusa Pacific University) – “Demythologizing Our Religious Identities at the Movies, the Place Where America Most Imagines Itself”
2. John Salesses (Salve Regina University) – “Religious Assimilation: the Loss of Religious Identity in Early American Fiction”
3. Shawn Schuyler (Virginia Tech)– “Sunken Debts at Onondaga Lake”

Session Title: *Faith and Politics*

1. Derrick Abdul-Hakim (San Francisco State University) –“ What Machiavelli Begot: A Philosophical Perspective on the Separation of Church (Mosque) and State in Islam”
2. Gregory Freeland (California Lutheran University) –“Faith Places and Political Spaces: The New Sanctuary Movement”
3. Rebecca Sager and Omar Sayyed (Loyola Marymount University) – “Faith Based Initiatives and the Power of Privatization in America”

Friday 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm

Session Title: *Im/migration, Diaspora, and Exile*

1. Gunther Jikeli (International Study Group for Education and Research on Anti-Semitism, London) –“Identity and Religious Practices of Young Male Muslims in Europe”
2. Jordan Elgrably (Levantine Cultural Center, Los Angeles) –“Cultural Commuters: Sephardim in the New Millennium”
3. Saba Soomeekh (Loyola Marymount University) –“Tehrangeles: Capital, Culture, and Faith among Iranian Jews”

Session Title: *Education for Co-existence*

1. Michael Lee, S.J. (Loyola Marymount University) –“Speaking of Religious Identity: Bilingual Aesthetic at the Intersection of U.S. Latina/o Religion and Lilly Endowment’s Christian Practices Movement”

2. Sven Ensminger (Yale University) –“Forming Religious Identities of a New Generation in the New World: Higher Education as Basecamp for Tolerance and Faithfulness”
3. Rowan Crews (Columbia College) –“The Other Depicting Itself: *Convivencia* through a Worship Visitation Program for Undergraduate Religion Students”

Session Title: *Fusions, Hybrids, Multiplicities*

1. Ann Redding (Seattle University) –“Both Muslim and Christian: Convergence, not Conversion – A Case Study”
2. Karen Mary Davalos (Loyola Marymount University) –“Guadalupe: Collective Feminist Empowerment”
3. Timothy Posada (Azusa Pacific University) –“Children of a Babbling Labyrinth: The Reforming *Other* and Mexican Filmmakers”

Session Title: *New Worlds, Old Worlds*

1. Kim Lockwood (University of Dayton) –“Creating an Identity and Protecting Inclusivity: The Challenge Facing Progressive Christianity”
2. Douglas Jacobsen (Messiah College) –“Christian Minority Identity: Differing Strategies in Egypt and India”
3. Kerry San Chirico (University of California Santa Barbara) – “Ambedkar, Azariah, Gandhi: Three Indian Visions, Three Religions, Three Hinduisms”

Session Title: *Convivencia Revisited*

1. Christoffer Grundmann (Valparaiso University) –“*Convivencia* - Living the dialogue”
2. Doug Thorpe (Seattle Pacific University) –“The Dream of the Poem: *Convivencia* as the Way of Wisdom”

Saturday 10.00 am – 12.00 pm

Session Title: *Theories of Identity*

1. Jalaledin Ebrahim (Pacifica Graduate Institute, Depth Psychotherapy)–“Removing the Mask of Religious Identity: A Psychological Assessment”
2. Jonathan Rothchild (Loyola Marymount University) –“Constructing and Reconstructing Models of Self and Other: Modernity, Postmodernity, Secularity, and Theology”
3. Brian Treanor (Loyola Marymount University) –“*Tolle, Legge*: Religious Identity and Narrative Figuration”
4. Barbara Rico (Loyola Marymount University) – “‘Holding the Threads’: The Reshaping of European Religious and Cultural Inheritance in the Writing of Judith Ortiz Cofer”

Session Title: *Human Relations in Los Angeles*

1. Rabbi Allen I. Freehling (Executive Director, City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission) – “Building Bridges and Knocking Down Walls”
2. Students from the City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission University Students Advisory Board – “Middle East Issues at Universities in Los Angeles”

Session Title: *Church and State*

1. Obdulia Castro (Regis University) –“The relationship between church and state at the root of Spanish institutions: from Isidore of Seville to Zapatero”
2. David Burden (Indiana Wesleyan University) –“Saving the State or Defending the Faith: The politics of religious toleration in Mexico at the eve of the Reform Period”
3. Ernest Sweeney, S.J. (Loyola Marymount University) –“The Church in Castro’s Cuba: A Study in Struggle, Survival, Adaptation, and Growth”

Session Title: *Religion, Violence and Peace*

1. Thomas Bremer (Huntington Library) –“All are of one army: the Paradox of Pluralism in Postbellum America”
2. John Sheveland (Gonzaga University) –“Undoing Religious Violence: Buddhist-Christian Resources”
3. Jonathan Brockupp (Pennsylvania State University) –“Visions of Peace and Justice in the Qur’an”
4. Moshe Lazar (University of Southern California) – “Writings by Spanish and Portuguese Jews after the Expulsion”
