

RESEARCH IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES CONFERENCE
6th Floor – D Section – University Hall

Saturday, May 2

8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast & Registration	Room D 635
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8:45 – 9:00	Opening Remarks: Hillary Rodrigues & John Harding	Room D 634
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SESSION 1	Buddhism in the West	Room D 634
	Anna Samuelson, University of Calgary, Presiding	
9:00 – 9:30	<i>Zen in the West</i>	
	Campbell Peat University of Lethbridge	
9:30 – 10:00	<i>Western Resistance</i>	
	Kyle Penn University of Lethbridge	
10:00 – 10:30	<i>The Rise in Popularity of Tibetan Buddhism in the West</i>	
	Daniel Heynen University of Lethbridge	
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10:30 – 10:45	Refreshments	Room D 635
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SESSION 2A	Japanese Religions	Room D 631
	Campbell Peat, University of Lethbridge, Presiding.	
10:45 – 11:15	<i>Two faces of Japan: Ecotheology as a Bridge of Discourse between over Industrialized Japanese Society and the Environmental Values in Shinto</i>	
	Naomi Shimosaka University of Calgary	
11:15 – 11:45	<i>Religious Expression in The Tale of Genji</i>	
	Tamara Gross University of Alberta	
11:45 – 12:15	<i>They Are Neither Depressed Nor Horrified: Male Homosexuality and Japanese Buddhism</i>	
	Kira Petersen-Martin Brandon University	
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SESSION 2B	Philosophy	Room D 632
	Presiding: TBA	
10:45 – 11:15	<i>Zarathustra's Down Going</i>	
	Stan Molchanov University of Calgary	
11:15 – 11:45	<i>From Cosmology to History in Eric Voegelin's Israel and Revelation: Putting the Controversy over Evolution in Context</i>	
	Brendan Foht University of Calgary	
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SESSION 2C	Christian Studies	Room D 633
	Sarah Ginn-Christianson, University of Lethbridge, presiding.	
10:45 – 11:15	<i>Place and Identity: The Impact of the Arena in The Martyrdom of Perpetua and Felicitas</i>	
	Katherine Hundt University of Calgary	
11:15 – 11:45	<i>Doom Town: A fear of purity lost and pollution gained</i>	
	Lindsey Skakum University of Lethbridge	

11:45 – 12:15 *Anabaptist Execution in 16th Century Germany*
Illana Huckell University of Calgary

12:15 – 1:00 Lunch (registrants only) Room D 635

SESSION 3A Eastern Religion and the Female Body Room D 630
Presiding: TBA

1:00 – 1:30 *Emphasizing White Drops: Phasing women and their vaginal fluids out of Vajrayana Buddhist initiation*

Anna Samuelson University of Calgary

1:30 – 2:00 *Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better: Ancient Daoism and Vagina Envy*

Kira Petersson-Martin Brandon University

2:00 – 2:30 *The Stridharma Paddhati*

Nicole Hembroff University of Lethbridge

SESSION 3B Methodology Room D 632

Leah Wotherspoon University of Toronto, presiding

1:00 – 1:30 *Religion Theorized*

Jessica McIntyre University of Calgary

1:30 – 2:00 *Divine Agency in the Narrative of Abraham and the Cognitive Science of Religion*

Kyle Nunweiler University of Calgary

2:00 – 2:30 *Epistemological Anarchy and the Study of Religion*

Tenzen Eaghll University of Calgary

2:30 – 2:45 Refreshments Room D 635

SESSION 4A Theology and Philosophy Room D 630

Presiding: TBA

2:45 – 3:15 *Troubling Possibilities: The Value of Human Life within Process Theology*

John Conway University of Calgary

3:15 – 3:45 *Predicating an Omnipotent-Infinite God*

Peter Casurella University of Lethbridge

SESSION 4B Syncretism Room D 631

Presiding: TBA

2:45 – 3:15 *Deleuze & Guattari go to Colonial Mexico: considering the value of “syncretism” for the study of religion in Mexico*

Leah J. Wotherspoon University of Toronto

3:15 – 3:45 *Al-Andalus as a model for the modern public sphere? Maimonides on the Accommodation of Religious Difference*

Basit Kareem Iqbal University of Alberta

3:45 – 4:15 *Lotu and Vanua: Fijian Concepts of Place, Identity, and Sustainability*
Lisa Kay Rosenthal College of the Atlantic

Sunday, May 3

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast Room D 635

SESSION 5A Representation and Interpretation Room D 630

Presiding: TBA

9:00 – 9:30 *The Secrets of My Prison-House: Hamlet and the Return of Repressed Catholicism in Reformation England*

Sarah Ginn-Christiansen University of Lethbridge

9:30 – 10:00 *Everything that is readable with the eyes is not everything: Arvo Pärt and the possibilities of postmodern listening*

Lara deBeyer University of Victoria

10:00 – 10:30

SESSION 5B Avatars and identification in Eastern Traditions Room D 631

Kira Peterssen-Martin University of Brandon, presiding

9:00 – 9:30 *Dakini: Devious Demon or Benevolent Buddha?*

Sarah Hagel University of Alberta

9:30 – 10:00 *The Doctrine of Avatara Exemplified in the Samudra Manthan*

Diana Shields Athabasca University

10:00 – 10:30 *Magical Origins: An Analysis of En the Acetic and His Relation to Shugendō Worship*

Megan Tupper University of Alberta

10:35 – 10:50 Refreshments Room D 635

SESSION 6 Civil Society and Religion Room D 634

Lindsey Skakum, University of Lethbridge, presiding.

10:50 – 11:20 *Exploring the Religiosity of American Civil Religion*

Lucas Stone University of Lethbridge

11:20 – 11:50 *The Implications of Catholic Theological Anthropology in the Development of a Theology of Political Participation*

Aaron Roth Lethbridge College/Newman Theological College

11:50 – 12:20 *Religion and Global Civil Society*

Kimberley Frazer University of Calgary

12:20 Closing Remarks – Hillary Rodrigues (Chair, Religious Studies)