Canadian Theological Society Annual Conference 2024
In association with the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences Congress 2024

Sustaining Shared Futures

McGill University, Montreal QC
Monday, June 17 – Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Unless otherwise specified, all presentations will take place at McIntyre Medical Building (3655 Promenade Sir William Osler), Rm. 206

MONDAY, JUNE 17

8:30-9:00 Introductory Remarks

9:00-10:00 Panel 1 – “Emerging Methods for Contemporary Issues”
- Merciful Dialogue as Theological Method (Meghan Bowen)
- Sin, Anxiety and Bowen Family Systems Theory (Fraser Elsdon)
- Social Reconciliation: The Generative Contention of Spiritual Gift and Social Task (Gordon Rixon)
- The United Church of Canada’s Theology of Inclusion (Don Schweitzer)

10:00-10:10 Transition (10 minutes)

10:10-11:00 Panel 2 – “Theologies of Treaty” (proposed panel)
- Ray Aldred, Christina Conroy, Matthew Anderson

11:00-11:20 Break (20 minutes)

- Dorothy Williams

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:30 Panel 3 – “Resistance and Critique of Normative Narratives”
- Refusing to “Sustain” the Future (Ryan Turnbull)
- Relinquishing Hope at the End (Kayko Driedger Hesslein)
- The Desire of Every Living Thing: Cosmotheandric Christology and Ecological Collapse (Brett Potter)
- The Naming of Eve in Genesis 3 and Anthropocentric Sin (Rosemary Boissoneau)
14:30-14:50  Break (20 minutes)

14:50-16:00  Newman Lecture – “From Vertical to Horizontal: World Repairing Work for the Common Good”
   - Lori Beaman

16:00-18:00  President’s Cocktail Hour (event presented by FHSS)

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

9:00-10:00  Panel 4 – “Problematising and Expanding Boundaries”
   - Healing as Journey toward Wholeness: Articulating the Complementary Roles of Psychology and Spiritual Theology in Human Development (Jean-Pierre Fortin)
   - Hans Urs von Balthasar’s Understanding of the Beatific Vision and the Art Form of Drama (Li-Wei Liu)
   - Christian Martyrdom, Violence, and the Catholicity of Interpretation (Jeremy M. Bergen)
   - Our Common Home as Sacramental Communion: The Interdependent Sacramentality of Creation at the Heart of the Ecotheology and Cosmology of Laudato Si (Fr. Warren Schmidt)

10:00-10:10  Transition (10 minutes)

10:10-11:00  Panel 5 – “Healing Haunted Histories” (proposed panel)
   - Joshua Zentner-Barrett, Erik Sorensen, SJ, Nnaemeka Ali, OMI, Dr. Christine Jamieson; Dr. Sheila Smith, RSCJ, moderator

11:00-11:20  Break (20 minutes)

11:20-12:30  DEJ Panel 2 – “Interrogating the (Im)Possibility of Shared Futures”
   - Ahmeda Mansaray-Richardson, Rubén David Bonilla Ramos, Deivit Montealegre Cuenca

12:30-13:30  Networking Lunch

13:30-14:20  Panel 6 – “Lonergan and Settler Colonialism” (proposed panel)
   - Reid Locklin, Kyle Ferguson, Deanna Zantingh, Christine Jamieson

14:20-14:30  Transition (10 minutes)
14:30-15:20  Panel 7 – “Decentring Epistemologies”
- Assessing the Development of Biblical Hermeneutics in Africa and its Effect on African Christianity and Society – A Case Study of the Chanaian Context (Felix Percy Longdon)
- A Story of Teepee in the St. Thomas More College Chapel, Postsecularism, and Inculturation: The Emic and Etic in Interdisciplinary Conversation (Christopher Hrynkow)
- “Renewing Rural Worship” through Receptive Ecumenism (Mykayla Turner)

15:20-15:40  Break (20 minutes)

15:40-16:30  AGM

16:30-18:00  Free Time – please take this time to socialize with other members of CTS, and make your way to the banquet location

18:00 – Banquet (Location TBD)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

9:00-10:30  Joint Lecture with the Canadian Society of Church History – “A Truly African Christianity: The Leadership of John G. Gatu.”
- Tim Larsen

Location: Otto Maass Chemistry Building (801 Rue Sherbrooke Ouest), Rm. 10

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10:30-11:00  Time to return to CTS conference location (McIntyre Medical Building, Rm. 206)

11:00-11:50  Panel 8 – “Experiments in Decolonization: On the Writing of Ethical Guidelines to Address Spiritual Violence Committed by Christian Among Indigenous Peoples in Canada” (proposed panel)
- Christine Jamieson, Ven. Roselyn Kantlaht’ant Elm, Christina Conroy; Lori Ransom, moderator

11:50-13:00  Lunch

13:00-13:50  Panel 9 – “Future Vision of Liberation and Inclusion”
- Theologizing Canadian Landscapes as Black Futures (Channelle Robinson)
- Harvey Milk and the Legacy of Hope: A Theological Virtue for Today (Tilly Flood)
- Pope Francis and the Politics of the New Evangelization (Nick Olkovich)

13:50-14:00  Transition (10 minutes)
14:00-14:50  Panel 10 – “Women: Advocacy and Liberation”
- Eros and Mysticism as Liberating Theology (Emmanuelle Christie)
- The Lord has Heard the Desire of the Poor: How Thomas Aquinas’ Commentary on Psalms can Help the Church Understand and Address the Crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (Liam Farrer)
- “Quieter, feminine, emotional”: Enacting and Disrupting Biblical Womanhood on the Contemporary Worship Stage (Anneli Loep Thiessen)

14:50-15:10  Break (20 minutes)

15:10-16:00  Presidential Address
- Sarah Kathleen Johnson

16:00-16:30  Closing Remarks