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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR MOT DU REDACTEUR

You will have noticed that there have been a number of changes since the last Bulletin. Perhaps the most obvious is that there has been a change of Editor of the Bulletin / Membership Secretary. After some four years of service in the position, Brian Aitken is taking a well-deserved break. For the next two years, I'll be taking over these responsibilities. If you have any suggestions for changes or additions to the Bulletin don't hesitate to drop me a note.

The second major change since the last Bulletin is the Society's new web site. The Corporation (CCSR) recently established a web site, and the Society has 'linked' to it. The Society's new home page, containing a number of useful links, is located at <http://www.ccsr.ca/cssr>.

Along with the new web site, management has been undertaken by Don Eldershaw. All items concerning the website should be brought to Don's attention at eldersha@ns.sympatico.ca On behalf of the Executive and the members of the Society, I'd like to thank Bruce Alton for his many years as the Society's "Webmaster."

Since many members of the Society are now 'on line,' more information about the Society and about related matters of interest will be placed on the web site.

In keeping with the increasing level of access to the internet, there has been a proposal that, effective the fall of next year, the Bulletin will be published on the Web, with print version copies available only to those who explicitly request it. If you have a view on this matter, please contact the President, Paul Bowlby, or any other member of the Executive. The matter will be discussed at next year's Annual General Meeting in Edmonton.

Items of interest in this issue:

Call for papers for the 2000 meeting in Edmonton, May 25-28.

- Details on the Call. A few gentle reminders:
- Failure to show without notice means that the Programme Committee will not consider a proposal for the following year.

- The Society is opposed to the practice of having someone else read a paper for an absent scholar.
- Members from the same institution may not make up more than half of any session or panel at the Annual Meeting, unless so authorized by the Programme Committee.
- Themes of the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences

1. Globalization,
Societies, Cultures;

2. The North;

3. Law, Culture and
Society

- Call for nominations for executive positions [President, Secretary, Member at Large]
- The agreement between the SQÉR and the CSSR\SCÉR
- Call for papers for the 2000 IAHR meeting in Durban, South Africa.

Contact the editor for copies of the membership brochure. The representation of the views of those in religious studies is made all the more effective if the membership of the Society is healthy and growing.



Call for nominations for Executive positions / Appel aux nominations

The Nominating Committee is currently seeking nominations for the following positions: President, Secretary, Member-at-Large. Please send nominations or suggestions to The Chair of the Nominations Committee, W. Sweet, or to D. Seljak or R. Marcotte, the other members of the Committee.

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Call for papers

The Programme Committee invites submissions for the 2000 Annual Meeting of the CSSR, to be held in conjunction with the Congress of the Humanities and the Social Sciences on the campus of the University of Alberta, Edmonton, from 25-28 May 2000.

Note: there are three principal themes of the Congress. They are:

Invitation à Proposer Une Communication

Le comité du programme vous invite à lui faire des propositions de participation pour la prochaine réunion annuelle tenue dans le cadre du Congrès des

1. Globalization, Societies, Cultures

2. The North

3. Law, Culture and Society

Submissions for the CSSR Annual Meeting may be of three types.

a. Special Papers

In order to effect a fuller discussion of complete studies by Society members, blocks of time may be set aside for the presentation of, responses to, and discussion of "special" or "major" papers. A special paper may be grounded in a special field, but it should address matters important to all students of religion. In order to be considered, a complete version of the paper together with an abstract is to be submitted by December 15, 1999.

b. Regular Papers

The Committee invites proposals for presentations of works in progress and shorter scholarly papers for presentation. Normally, the time for actual delivery is twenty minutes, with ten minutes for questions and discussion. A 150 (maximum) word abstract should be submitted by December 15, 1999. All audio-visual needs must be clearly noted with your initial submission. Submission

sciences sociales et humaines (CSSH) sur le campus de l'université de l'Alberta, à Edmonton, du 25 au 28 mai 2000.

Trois types de propositions sont recevables.

a. Conférence

Afin de permettre un débat plus en profondeur des travaux d'envergure préparés par nos membres, un certain nombre des périodes seront réservées à la présentation, à la réponse préparée à l'avance et à la discussion des conférences. Solidement appuyé sur une expertise précise, ce type de communication doit cependant déborder la spécialisation étroite pour aborder des questions générales intéressant tous ceux et celles qui étudient la religion. On prendra en considération que le texte complet de ce type de communication doit être soumis avant le 15 décembre 1999, accompagné d'un résumé.

b. Communication régulière

Le comité vous invite à proposer des communications faisant état de travaux en voie de réalisation ou des communications érudites plus brèves. D'habitude, la durée de l'exposé sera de vingt minutes suivi de dix minutes de questions et de discussion. Un précis de 100-150 mots (maximum) doit être soumis avant le 15 décembre 1999. La demande pour des machines audio-visuelles doit être signalée dans votre soumission initiale. Veuillez faire votre soumission sur disquette 3 1/2", format IBM, WordPerfect 7.0 si possible.

on a three-and-one-half-inch disk (IBM format/WordPerfect 7.0) would be helpful.

c. Panels

The Committee encourages proposals for panels, workshops and seminars. The organizer is responsible for setting the topic and involving the participants in a maximum two-and-one-half hour block of time. An abstract(s) as above, together with the names and institutional affiliations of the participants, equipment needs, and the name of a chair (who should not be making a presentation) is to be submitted by December 15, 1999. Panel organizers will be expected to coordinate communication between members of the panel(s) and the Programme Chair.

Completed special papers, abstracts of regular papers and panels, etc., are to be sent by December 15, 1999, to:

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c. Tables rondes

Le comité encourage les propositions pour l'organisation des tables rondes, des ateliers, ou des séminaires. La personne responsable du choix du sujet (l'organisateur/ l'organisatrice) s'occupe également de l'engagement des participant(e)s pour une période maximum de deux heures et demie. Un précis, comme ci-dessus, avec les noms et les institutions des participant(e)s, le matériel requis et le nom du président (de la présidente) de la séance [qui ne devrait pas faire de présentation] doit être soumis avant le 15 décembre 1999. L'organisateur/ l'organisatrice assurera la coordination nécessaire entre le président du comité du programme et les autres participants.

Envoyez les textes complets des conférences, le précis des communications régulières et des tables rondes à:

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Note: Le Conseil de la SCÉR a demandé au comité du programme de faire rappeler aux membres les points suivants:

Please note: the Executive of the CSSR has asked the Programme Committee to remind members of the following regulations and to ask their cooperation in following them:

1. Persons presenting papers at the Annual Meeting should be members in good standing and must have paid the Congress conference fee for the year.
2. A person delivering a paper to the CSSR Annual Meeting may not present the same or a similar paper to another society.
3. Due to shrinking SSHRCC funds and expanding travel costs, travel subsidies will be limited.

1. Ceux et celles qui présentent des communications doivent être membres réguliers de la Société et doivent avoir acquitté les frais d'inscription au Congrès.
2. On ne peut présenter la même communication à une autre Société pendant le Congrès.
3. La subvention du CRSHC étant réduite et les frais de voyage augmentant, la subvention de voyage sera limitée.

Please include the following information with your submission: institutional affiliation, mailing address, phone number(s), fax number, and E-mail address (if available).

Please note as well: The rule requiring that graduate students provide a letter from a faculty advisor has been revoked. Failure to show without notice means that the Programme Committee will not consider a proposal for the next year. The Society is opposed to the practice of having someone else read a paper for an absent scholar. Members from the same institution may not make up more than half of any session or panel at the Annual Meeting, unless so authorized by the Programme Committee.

The International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR)

XVIII Quinquennial Congress: Durban, 5-12 August 2000

Theme: The History of Religions: Origins and Visions

Venue: International Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa

For further information, check the Congress Web site: <http://www.udw.ac.za/iahr/index.html>

Early Registration for members (Before 31 December 1999) 200 US\$

Standard Registration (From 1 January to 10 August 2000) 250 US\$

Key Dates

1. The deadline for proposals for Panels, Symposia and Roundtables to reach the Secretariat has passed; it was 31 December 1998. The deadline for Proposals for individual papers was 30 April 1999. Notification of accepted proposals was 31 August 1999.
2. All participants whose proposals have been accepted should pre-register on or before 31 December 1999 in order to be on the final programme. No exceptions will be made in this regard.
3. Final Registration Materials will be sent to pre-registered participants by 30 April 2000.
4. On site registration will be available only for participants who are not presenting papers.

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Notes from the President, October 1999

At our last Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Conference in Lennoxville, Quebec we had a two-stage meeting. Our assigned room for the AGM at Bishops was booked to show a movie giving us less than two hours to get through our agenda. Forced out, we moved to the campus bar--also the site of our reception--and finished the meeting sitting on bar stools or standing on the dance floor. We are all too familiar with the tedious necessity of business meetings, so perhaps we should just plan to have it next year scheduled with the reception food and a bar besides. It will be an important meeting with important decisions to be made for the future of our Society.

More and more of the communication from the Society is going to have to be through our web site (<http://www.ccsr.ca/cssr/>). The CSSR/SCER site was originally developed and maintained by Bruce Alton. Our debt to him is immense both for his work on the Executive over many years, as a former President of the CSSR/SCER, and for his design of our website. Since its inception he has been webmaster. Put simply, it was the best! Bruce asked us a year ago to find a replacement to look after the annual maintenance of the site. The Executive has hired Don Eldershaw owner of Computers East: Consultants here in Nova Scotia to manage the site. We have moved the address to the new site of the Corporation for Studies in Religion (CCSR) and along with other Societies will be keeping our web page there for the foreseeable future. On this site you will find a vast array of information, links to the study of religions and to other departments and academic Societies. Check it out.

More and more it is going to be essential to use the web site as our principal means of communication. At our next Annual General Meeting in Edmonton, the Executive will be asking the Society to publish the Bulletin exclusively on the web site. We must either pay for the printing and mailing of the newsletter or pay to have our web site professionally managed.

As it stands now the Executive conducts all of its year-round business via e-mail because the days of a mid-year meeting have long since disappeared. There are limits to this means of communication. Some people I suppose do not use computers or e-mail. What is likely to be much more critical in terms of effective communication is the saturation many of us experience with e-mail. To open your e-mail program to ten, fifteen or twenty-five messages a day is an

invitation to ignore what's there. If you do attend to all the messages it demands unconscionable amounts of time. These kinds of difficulties are real. So are our budget's limitations!

The next meeting of the CSSR/SCER will be in Edmonton, Alberta. It is important for everyone to know that the Society will have additional funds from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council to assist its members and particularly students to attend the meetings. We will have meetings with the representatives of the Council and the Humanities Federation. These are the organizations through whom we can express our concerns about the future of the academy and give our support to their lobbying activities. We will be electing new members to the Executive, including a new president. Most important of course is the conference program itself. The call for papers is posted with this edition of the Bulletin and we invite all our membership to submit proposals for panels, papers, workshops and special papers. We look forward to seeing you there.

Check out the new web site. The address is <http://www.ccsr.ca/cssr/>. If you suggestions send them to our Webmaster or to a member of the Executive. See you in Edmonton!

Paul Bowlby

Undergraduate Student Essay Contest - Concours d'essai pour Étudiant.e.s du 1er cycle

Subject/Sujet: Any topic in the general field of religious studies/Un thème relevant du domaine des sciences religieuses

Length/Longueur: 10-15 pages, typed and double-spaced/10 à 15 pages dactylographiées, double interligne

Eligibility/Éligibilité: Any undergraduate currently registered in a Canadian university or college/Toute personne inscrite dans une programme du premier cycle dans une université ou un collège canadien

Prize/Prix: 1st prize: \$200/2nd prize: \$100; 1er prix: 200\$/2e prix: 100\$

Deadline/Echéance: One copy of the completed essay, with the accompanying letter, must be submitted no later than April 18, 2000/ La rédaction et l'attestation d'inscription doivent être reçues au plus tard le 18 avril 2000.

Essays do not need to be written specifically for this contest. They may be assignments from a religious studies course. All essays must be accompanied by a letter from a member of the sponsoring religious studies department, indicating that the student is an undergraduate in good standing in that university or college.

Les rédactions présentées dans le cadre du concours peuvent avoir été rédigées en vue de répondre aux exigences d'un cours de sciences religieuses. Une attestation d'inscription, rédigée par un professeur de département des sciences religieuses de l'institution, doit accompagner la rédaction.

A person entering the contest should send a copy of his/her essay, along with the letter of certification, to/ Envoyer une copie de la version finale de l'essai, accompagné de la lettre d'attestation, à l'attention de:

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Graduate Student Essay Contest - Concours d'essai pour étudiant.e.s diplômé.e.

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Subject/Sujet: A theme in the general field of religious studies/Un thème relevant du dans le champ général des sciences religieuses.

Language/Langue: English or French/Anglais ou français

Length/Longueur: 3000-5000 words/mots

Eligibility/Éligibilité: Full-time M.A. or PhD student status in a Canadian university/Tout.e étudiant.e présentement inscrit(e) à temps plein dans un programme de maîtrise ou de doctorat appartenant à une université ou un collège au Canada.

Prize/Prix: \$300

Deadline/Echéance: April 18, 2000/ le 18 avril 2000

The winner will be invited to give the paper at the next Annual Meeting and to submit the paper to Studies in Religion for publication.

Le gagnant / La gagnante sera invité à présenter son texte lors de la prochaine réunion annuelle. Il/elle est invité.e. à soumettre son texte aux Sciences religieuses.

All submissions must include a letter from the chairperson of the department certifying the status of the candidate.

Les essais doivent être accompagné d'une lettre rédigée par le directeur (la directrice) du programme de l'institution attestant que l'auteur.e est bien un.e étudiant.e présentement inscrit.e à temps plein dans un programme d'études supérieures.

A person entering the contest should send a copy of her/his essay, along with the letter of certification, to/Envoyer une copie de la version finale de l'essai, accompagné de la lettre

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**Undergraduate Student Essay Contest - 1998-99 Winner - Concours d'essai pour Étudiant.
e du 1er cycle / Gagnant 1998-99**

The prize of \$200 (first prize) for the undergraduate contest was awarded to Sarah Haynes and second prize to Benjamin Lyle Berger. An honorable mention was given to Piotr S. Bobkowski. Because it is impossible to notify all entrants personally, readers of the Bulletin are asked to notify their students who submitted essays.

Please post the (enclosed) notice of the contest for 1999-2000, and encourage students who submit outstanding papers in your courses to submit their papers for the contest.

Research Notes and News / The Editor's Bookshelf

Periodically, the Editor will note books, primarily by Canadian scholars or published by Canadian presses, that may be of interest to members of the CSSR

Anthony Savari Raj, - A New Hermeneutic of Reality. Raimon Panikkar's Cosmotheandric Vision

(Peter Lang AG, Bern • 1998) 193 pp. [Studies in the Intercultural History of Christianity. • Bd. 111 (ISBN 3-906760-31-6 / US-ISBN 0-8204-3445-0)]

This book is a comprehensive philosophical study and critical assessment of Raimon Panikkar's work. It explores the context, the unique approach and the impact of Panikkar's cosmotheandric vision of reality. A major contribution of this study is its analysis of the secular implications of Panikkar's vision from an Indian and cross-cultural perspective.

Jennifer E. Porter and Darcee L. McLaren, eds. - Star Trek and Sacred Ground: Explorations of Star Trek, Religion and American Culture

(Albany: SUNY Press, 1999)

Drawing on a number of methodologies and disciplinary perspectives, this book focuses on the interplay between Star Trek, religion, and American culture as revealed in the four different Trek television series, and the motion pictures.

Divided into three sections, this detailed study of religion, myth, and ritual in the Star Trek context explores the process of the (re)creation of culture. Explored from a 'Trek' perspective are the portrayal and treatment of religion; the religious and mythic elements; the ritual aspects of the fan following; and the relationship between religion and other issues of contemporary concern.

Thomas St. James O'Connor - Clinical Pastoral Supervision and the Theology of Charles Gerkin
Editions SR 22. Waterloo, ON: Wilfrid Laurier University Press

Looking at the theology of Charles Gerkin, a pastoral theologian and family therapist, O'Connor develops a conversation between Gerkin's theology and the texts. The theological methods in the three approaches are critiqued and Gerkin's praxis/theory/praxis method is endorsed. Case examples are used throughout to illustrate theory and issues discussed and to aid in the presentation of an adequate praxis.

Barbara Pell - Faith and Fiction: A Theological Critique of the Narrative Strategies of Hugh MacLennan and Morley Callaghan

Editions SR 23. Waterloo, ON: Wilfrid Laurier University Press

Is it possible to write an artistically respectable and theoretically convincing religious novel in a non-religious age? Both Hugh MacLennan and Morley Callaghan were religious writers during the period, before 1960, when Canada entered the modern, non-religious era, and both greatly influenced the development of our literature. Faith and Fiction is a significant contribution to the relatively new field of the relation between religion and literature in Canada.

James Gollnick - The Religious Dreamworld of Apuleius' Metamorphoses: Recovering a Forgotten Hermeneutic

Editions SR 25. Waterloo, ON: Wilfrid Laurier University Press

This study of Apuleius' Metamorphoses adds to an appreciation of Apuleius the dreamer and the second-century dreamworld in which he lived and wrote. Recognizing the centrality of the religious function and spiritual interpretation of dreams, this book illustrates their vital importance in the ancient world and the wide variety of meanings attributed to them.

William Sweet (ed.) - God and argument / Dieu et l'argumentation philosophique.

Ottawa: University of Ottawa Press, 1999.

This book provides a broad range of perspectives on the contemporary discussion of the place of argument in philosophical reflection on God and, more generally, on religious belief. It also presents a number of new insights into the role of argument in religious belief and its relevance in talking about God.

Paul Bramadat - The Church on the World's Turf: An Ethnography of an Evangelical Christian Student Group at a Secular University.

New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming (Spring 2000).

William Klassen's book on Judas, (Fortress Press, 1996) has been translated and published in Italian (Milan: Bompiani, 1999)

Philip Wallace Platt - Gentle eminence: a life of Cardinal Flahiff.

Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 1999.

Philip Wilkinson - The illustrated dictionary of religions of the world.

Toronto: Viking, 1999

Michel Gourgues - Les paraboles de Jésus chez Marc et Matthieu: d'amont en aval.

Montréal: Médiaspaul, 1999.

Pierre Lucier - La foi comme héritage et projet dans l'oeuvre de Fernand Dumont.

Sainte-Foy, Québec: Éditions de l'IQRC, 1999.

Roger Parisot (ed.) - L'expérience de Dieu avec Bérulle: introduction et textes choisis.

Saint-Laurent, Québec: Fides, 1999.

Michael Collins & Matthew A. Price - The Story of Christianity : a celebration of 2,000 years of faith.

Don Mills, Ont.: Oxford University Press Canada, 1999.

Donald L. Boisvert - Queering the Sacred: Meditations on Gay Spirituality.

Cleveland, Ohio: The Pilgrim Press, forthcoming (spring 2000)

Reginald Stackhouse - Alive again: recession and recovery in the churches.

Toronto: Anglican Book Centre, 1999.

Guy Durand - Introduction générale à la bioéthique : histoire, concepts et outils.

Saint-Laurent, Québec : Fides, 1999.

George Grant - Collected works of George Grant [edited by Arthur Davis and Peter Emberley]

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1933-1950. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1999-.

Benjamin Wall Redekop - Enlightenment and community: Lessing, Abbt, Herder and the quest for a German public.

(McGill-Queen's studies in the history of ideas; 28) Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2000.

New journals

Budhi: a journal of ideas and culture

Budhi provides a cross-disciplinary and cross-cultural forum for the free exchange of ideas, theoretical viewpoints, and methodological approaches that better define and further develop thought and practice in the study of philosophy, theology, literature, culture, the social sciences, and the arts. It is published three times per year.

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The South Pacific Journal of Philosophy and Culture

The South Pacific Journal of Philosophy and Culture aims at allowing a philosophical perspective on recent trends in religion, culture, and society that benefits from an outlook not available to those who are immersed within these events or rooted in a 'first world' viewpoint. Articles appearing in the journal are not restricted to this perspective, and may bear on topics and themes in religion, philosophy and culture in general. Political, historical, religious and anthropological studies which raise philosophical issues, though not necessarily offer technical discussion, will find a place.

Articles that deal with issues relevant to the indigenous people of the South Pacific region, to the third world, or to aboriginal peoples in general (e.g., interpretations of first world educational and intellectual trends focusing upon post modernism, hermeneutics, feminism, feminist studies, gender politics, political correctness and recent preference for communitarian rather than liberal discourse) are particularly invited.

Editorial correspondence to: Dr. David Lea, Editor, The South Pacific Journal of Philosophy and Culture, Department of Political and Administrative Studies, University of Papua New Guinea, P.O. Box 320, University Post Office, National Capital District - Papua New Guinea. e-mail: leadr@upng.ac.pg

News and articles of interest

John R. Williams received a CIDA Professional Development Award (administered by the Canadian Bureau for International Education) for a six-month sabbatical in South Africa, January-June 1999. While there he wrote a correspondence course in medical ethics for the South African Medical Association and gave eight talks to various academic and professional audiences. Together with a South African colleague he created an ethics web site: <http://www.ethics.co.za>

His recent publications include:

"Ethics and Regional Health Boards" (co-author, with Michael Yeo and Wayne Hooper), *The Ethics of the New Economy: Restructuring and Beyond*, ed. Leo Groarke, Waterloo, ON: Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 1998.

"The Ethics of Decentralizing Health Care Priority Setting in Canada" (co-author, with Michael Yeo), *The Global Challenge of Health Care Rationing*, ed. Angela Coulter and Chris Ham, Buckingham, UK and Philadelphia, USA: Open University Press, 1999.

John Badertscher is recently retired from the Department of Religious Studies of the University of Winnipeg. Last May he presented a paper on "The Nature of Religion and the Religion of Nature" to the Network for the Study of Implicit Religion at Dento Hall, U.K.

Randi R. Warne (Mount St. Vincent University) recently received an in-house research grant of \$4825 from MSVU for a research project entitled: "'Nellie McClung's `Other Side'?: Race, Eugenics, and Social Reform in Alberta." She spent most of August in Alberta doing research, with the result that the project will be expanded to book length (tentative title: "Canada's `Brave

New World': Race, Eugenics, and Social Reform in Alberta").

Her courses "Women in Christian Tradition," "Women, Religion and Social Change" and "Business Ethics" are being taught via DUET (distance university education via television) and will be broadcast on Canadian Learning Television as well.

Bill Klassen is a visiting fellow at Cambridge University this fall at the Centre for Jewish and Christian Studies. Some of his recent publications are:

"The Authenticity of Judas' Participation in the Arrest of Jesus," B. Chilton and C.A. Evans, eds., *Authenticating the Activities of Jesus*. Leiden, Brill, 1999: 389-410.

"The Authenticity of the Command: 'Love Your enemies,'" B.Chilton and C.A. Evans, eds., *Authenticating the Words of Jesus*. Leiden, Brill, 1999: 385-407.

"'Pursue Peace': A Concrete Ethical Mandate (Romans 12:18-21)." in Klaus Wengst and Gerhard Saß, eds. *Ja und Nein: Christliche Theologie im Angesichts Israels. Festschrift zum 70. Geburtstag von Wolfgang Schrage*. Neukirchner Verlag, 1998: 195-207.

"Normative Self-Definitions of Christianity in the New Testament," in *Common Life in the Early Church*. Festschrift for Graydon Snyder. Julian V. Hills, ed. Harrisburg, Trinity Press International, 1998: 91-105.

"Jesus and the Zealot Option," *The Wisdom of the Cross: Essays in Honor of John Howard Yoder*, Chris Huebner, Stanley Hauerwas, Harry Huebner, Mark Thiessen Nation, eds. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1999:131-149.

"The Ascetic Call to Nonviolence in the Apocalypse," in the volume, *Asceticism in the New Testament World*, edited by Leif Vaage and Vincent Wimbush, Routledge, 1999

Dictionary of Biblical Interpretation, (Abingdon Press, 1999) 2 vols. John H. Hayes, ed. Articles on: Auerbach Erich; 1,86; Cocceius; 1,202; Franck, Sebastian; 1,417-418; Inspiration of the Bible; 1,543-545; Kähler, Martin; 2:8-9; Marcion; 2:123; Marpeck, Pilgram; 2,131-132; Melito of Sardis; 2,144.

Donald L. Boisvert has recently published "Queering the Sacred: Discourses of Gay Male

Spiritual Writing," in *Theology & Sexuality*, no 10, March 1999 (Sheffield, England: Sheffield Academic Press), pp. 54-70.

Canadian Society for the Study of Religion/Société canadienne pour l'étude de la religion

Executive Committee Meeting (June 3, 1999) / Reunion du Conseil (3 juin 1999)

Université Bishop's/Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Québec

Present: Bowlby, Roy, Clarke, Larouche (SQER), Faulkner, Seljak, Aitken, James

Regrets: McCance, Porter

1. Welcome/Bienvenue

Bowlby welcomed the members of the Executive Committee to the meeting.

2. Adoption of the Agenda/Adoption de l'ordre du jour

MOTION: To adopt the agenda. James/Aitken carried

3. Adoption of the minutes of the 27 May and 31 May 1998 meetings of the Executive Committee/Adoption des procès-verbaux des reunions du conseil du 27 mai et 31 mai 1998

MOTION: To adopt the minutes. Roy/Seljak carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes/Suivis aux procès-verbaux

There was none.

5. Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada Representative/ Représentative/ Représentante de la Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines et sociales

Dr. Michael Owen, Director, Office of Research Services and professor at Ryerson Polytechnic University and Jacqueline Wright, Executive Assistant of the HSSFC/FCSHS explained role and nature of the Federation. M. Owen explained the three main functions of the Federation: i) advocacy and lobbying (especially for research dollars and money for the infrastructural needs of scholars in the human sciences; ii) the aid to scholarly publication programme (the federation supports the publication of 140-150 new texts every year); iii) the Congress (which unites 5000-8000 scholars each year. J. Wright noted that working on women's issues was also an important function of the Federation.

Bowlby explained his concerns about the lack of communication among society members especially since the elimination of the January Executive Committee meeting). He added that, since scholars are now working in teams, there is an even greater need for communication. Faulkner proposed that the HSSFC/FCSHS sponsor a network of video-conferencing centres that would allow each society to hold television conferences outside of their annual meetings.

Larouche asked about the Federation's progress in implementing its ethics in research policy. Faulkner asked about the Federation's response to the Draft Report of the Expert Panel on the Commercialization of University Research that expresses the conviction that commercialization ought to rank equally with teaching, research, and community service as the central goals of the Canadian university system. Owen and Wright stated that the Federation is currently working on both these issues.

Wright announced the dates for the CSSR/SCÉR's next Annual Meeting in Edmonton, at the University of Alberta: 25-28 May 2000.

6. Reports/Rapports

a) President/Président -- Paul Bowlby

Bowlby argued that, because of the cancellation of the January meeting of the Executive Committee in Montreal, there was a real loss of communication among committee members. He felt that the executive should reassess all of our methods of communication: the bulletin, email, conference telephone calls and even the Annual Meeting itself. He asked how we can use the Annual Meeting to inform members more effectively about what is going on in the Society.

b) Treasurer/Trésorier -- Brian Clarke

The Treasurer presented his report that included a memorandum from Anthony Lennie, BBM, CGA, the controller of Victoria University. He said that the membership fee increase of last

year meant more income to the society. The financial statement for the 1998-99 fiscal year shows a large surplus. However, when one deducts outstanding and foreseen expenses, the surplus is really about \$1135.

He reported that while there is no money for travel to the Executive Committee meetings, some money is available to cover the extra night committee members must spend to attend the all-day executive meeting before the Annual Meeting. Last year this amount was \$42. James and Roy did not receive the \$42 for one extra night accommodation at the University of Ottawa but should have. The treasurer agreed to send them that amount.

Clark also suggested that we transfer any surplus travel money from last year's budget which stood at \$1644.00 to next year to cover the higher travel expenses to Edmonton.

MOTION: To apply our travel grant reserves (at a minimum of \$1644.00) to the year 2000 to cover higher travel expenses to the University of Alberta. Clarke/James carried

James raised the idea of providing an opportunity to give gifts to the Society. The Canadian Society of Biblical Studies already does this with some success. Members asked if we would have to set up a charitable foundation? Would we require a formal audit each year? What were the administrative costs of that? James and Clarke agreed to research the idea and bring their findings to the executive.

Seljak noted that the American Academy of Religion, the Association of the Sociology of Religion and the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion allow members to donate money. In the ASR and SSSR, gifts can be directed to specific essay contests or prizes. He suggested the society rename the essay prizes after honored scholars and accept donations to fund them.

MOTION: That the treasurer's report be accepted. Clarke/James carried

c) Membership Secretary/Sécretaire aux admissions -- Brian Aitken

Aitken submitted his report. Section One of the report explained the breakdown of members fees, which are divided between the Society, the journal SR, and the HSSFC/FCSHS. For full members this means that \$59 goes to the society; \$24 to SR, and \$7 to the Federation. He noted that the student fees now cover the whole cost of subscribing to SR.

Sections Two, Three, Four and Five dealt with membership statistics over the last four years. Aitken reported that there were 263 members of the society as of 1 June 1999 and membership has remained stable. The big drop was between 1992-96 when membership declined from 402 members to 260. He noted that number of female members has increased during the past four

years. The Society's membership is heavily concentrated in Ontario and membership from every other area has declined. The number of members who have been involved in the society over ten years has decreased dramatically. Aitken also noted that several schools (McGill and U of Toronto especially) are still poorly represented in the Society.

Finally, Aitken noted that the membership form in the Bulletin should inform readers that they may pay their membership dues by credit card.

Bowlby thanked Aitken for four years of service on executive as membership secretary.

d) 1999 Program Chair/Présidence pour le programme 1999 -- William Closson James

James announced some programme changes including the cancellation of a major paper. He noted that the programme included more panels this year and fewer papers, which made the grouping of papers into logical units difficult. Another problem was the number of late withdrawals.

He also brought up the submission of two sessions on religion and critical theory from a number of graduate students from the University of Toronto. The students protested the requirement for a letter of reference for graduate student submissions to the Annual Meeting. There was some discussion of alternatives and experiences in other societies. It was noted that one of the problems with the UofT proposal was that all the participants came from the same institution. Seljak noted that the executive did not approve of a session several years ago because all the contributors (both professors and students) came from one institution. It was agreed to deal with the issues separately.

MOTION: to rescind the requirement for a letter from a faculty member for graduate student submission to the Annual Meeting. James/Clarke carried

MOTION: that members of the same institution shall make up no more than half of any session or panel at the Annual Meeting, unless so authorized by the Programme Committee. James/Clarke carried

Faulkner suggested that we resuscitate the practice of requiring that papers be submitted to respondents two weeks before the conference to ensure the quality of presentations.

James circulated a summary of the nature and origins of the Allied Associations and reported on their activities. He reported that the Associations received a substantial SSHRC grant to fund a secretariat and its activities. The CSSR/SCÉR, he said, must pursue the money available for joint sessions through the Allied Associations.

Bowlby thanked James for taking on the job of Programme Chair. Porter has agreed to be Programme Chair for next year.

e) Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion/Corporation canadienne des sciences religieuses --Paul Bowlby

Bowlby distributed the report of Michel Desjardins on the CCSR and reminded members of session on Friday June 4 on "Issues Facing the Societies and the Corporation" sponsored by all societies. He called attention to page 11 of Desjardins report, which highlighted problems of communication and the need to create a communications officer in each society.

Seljak asked why the report did not recommend the creation of a single society for the study of religion. Bowlby reported that the Corporation did not want to be seen as a centralizing agency but a coordinating one. If members want to move in that direction, the societies have to do it. Faulkner gave a history of the creation of the different societies and explained that resistance to consolidation talks comes out of that history. Bowlby noted that the CSSR/SCÉR has been more willing to move towards cooperation than others. Some societies feel they are working well and do not want to change. Seljak argued that Canadian societies will not attract senior colleagues unless we have prestige, which is often a function of size. As well, a united society would fare better as a lobbying group. Clarke warned that the smaller societies might see this proposal as a take-over attempt. Bowlby noted that discussions about consolidation are done better now when the societies are strong and not in state of crisis. If we wait until a crisis hits, negotiations will be difficult and possibly acrimonious.

f) CSSR/SCÉR Website/Site Web de la SCÉR -- Bruce Alton

Bruce Alton was not present to present his report. Bowlby informed the committee that Alton had communicated to him his desire to retire from his duties as "webmaster" for the Society.

g) Nominations Committee/Comité pour les nominations -- Brian Aitken

The nominations committee had not yet finalized the list of names for the two vacant positions. They promised to bring forward the names at the AGM.

h) Student Essay Awards/Prix pour les essais étudiant(e)s -- David Seljak/Marie-Andrée Roy

i) Undergraduate Essay Contest/Concours d'essai pour étudiant(e) du 1er cycle

Seljak read Jennifer Porter's report. There were 31 submissions for the undergraduate prize this

year, a marked improvement over last year. The breakdown by institution of entries is as follows: Mt. Alison University (4); University of Calgary (3); University of Alberta (3); University of Waterloo (2); Brandon University (2); University of Ottawa (2); Atlantic School of Theology (2); Mt. St. Vincent University (2); Université de Québec à Montréal (2); Memorial University (2); University of Regina (1); St. Jerome's University (1); Concordia University (1); Wilfrid Laurier University (1); University of British Columbia (1); York University (1); Simon Fraser University (1). Topics ranged from traditional historical or text-based research papers to experimental interpretive papers on topics as diverse as the holocaust, Disney films and Buddhism in America.

The winners of the contest were:

First Prize: "An Exploration of Jack Kerouac's Buddhism: Text and Life" by Sarah Haynes, Wilfrid Laurier University. A detailed and subtle examination of Kerouac's Buddhism, reading his texts in light of his life's experiences. The paper was sponsored by Dr. Kay Koppedrayer.

Second Prize: "Encountering the Infinite: Kabbalistic Hermeneutics and the Thought of Emmanuel Levinas," by Benjamin Lyle Berger, University of Alberta. A well written, well argued examination of the theoretical implications of kabbalistic interpretations of the Torah as viewed through the lens of Levinas' thought. The paper was sponsored by Dr. Ehud Ben Zvi.

Porter suggested that the committee declare a tie for second place. She felt that a paper by another U. of Alberta student deserved a prize. The paper was "A Contemporaneous Reading of the Book of Jonah," by Piotr S. Bobkowski. The paper was also sponsored by Dr. Ehud Ben Zvi. The consensus of the committee was to choose only one second place winner and that that winner should be Berger, whom Porter described as slightly more sophisticated in his writing.

MOTION: that the report of Jennifer Porter be received. Clarke/Aitken carried.

MOTION: that first prize for the undergraduate contest be given to Sarah Haynes and second prize to Benjamin Lyle Berger. Seljak/Clarke carried unanimously.

MOTION: that an honorable mention be given to Piotr S. Bobkowski. Seljak/Aitken carried unanimously

ii) Graduate Essay Contest/Concours d'essai pour étudiant(e) diplômé(e)

Roy reported that there were only two submissions, one in French and one in English. One paper was from her own institution and so she asked Seljak to look at both papers. One was on the psychotherapy of spirituality and the other on the concept of sacrifice in the Hebrew Bible.

Roy was to report the winner to AGM. Roy also noted that the amount of the prize was \$300 but the announcement in the Bulletin still had the old figure of \$500.

MOTION: Whereas there is a discrepancy between the published amount for prize and the amount approved by the executive and AGM, the winner be given \$500 as announced. James/Seljak carried

Roy noted the problem of publicizing the contest. Seljak noted that this was a chronic problem and asked why the contest was not open to PhD students. James recalled that the MA condition was initiated because MA students were not allowed to present papers at the Annual Meeting. The winner was invited to present their paper and the prize was to offset transportation cost. After some discussion, it was decided to open the contest up to all graduate students following the example of the American Academy of Religion which gives a prize to best student paper presented at their annual meeting.

MOTION: That the Graduate Contest Prize will now be given for the best paper presented at the CSSR/SCÉR Annual Meeting by a graduate student. James/Seljak carried

It was decided that submissions would be received by September after the conference and the award made at the following Annual Meeting. The report of the judge would be received by email and approved and received for information at the executive meeting.

i) International Association for the History of Religions/Association internationale pour l'histoire des religions -- Paul Bowlby

Bowlby circulated Morny Joy's report on the IAHR, which included the report from the chair of the Congress Academic Programme Committee. It discussed the activities of the Association in preparing for its 18th Quinquennial Congress in Durban, South Africa.

j) Société québécoise pour l'étude de la religion (SQÉR) -- Jean-Marc Larouche

SQÉR President Jean-Marc Larouche noted that it was the 10th anniversary of the Society. He circulated bulletins of the SQÉR which included the programme of the 1999 Annual Meeting at the University of Ottawa. He informed the committee that Michel Despland, outgoing president of SQÉR, was admitted to the Royal Society of Canada. He also noted that the SQÉR had launched its new site web: www.er.uqam.ca/nobel/sqer and wanted to ensure that there were links to the CSSR\SCÉR's site.

Membership in the SQÉR is now 90, down from 110 a few years ago. The principle activity of SQÉR is still the annual meeting held in the framework of l'ACFAS (l'Association canadienne-française pour l'avancement des sciences). This year's event was very successful and included 45 presentations by scholars from twelve institutions. Next year the SQÉR will meet with l'ACFAS at the Université de Montréal.

Larouche noted that the agreement between the SQÉR and the CSSR\SCÉR had expired some time ago. The SQÉR had mandated him to review and renew the agreement between the two societies. He stressed the importance of the mutually supportive relationship between two societies.

Larouche suggested that since the Congress will be in Quebec City in 2001 (U Laval), the CSSR/SCÉR and the SQÉR should cooperate to create joint sessions and special presentations for that conference. We should begin now to coordinate our activities. Bowlby said that he would like the SQER programme to be published along side the Corporation's joint program.

The consensus of the executive was that the Society should commit itself to renewing the agreement. Bowlby said that he would take the initiative. He thanked Larouche for his presentation.

k) Academic Freedom/Liberté académique -- Tom Faulkner

Faulkner reported that no new allegations of violation of academic freedom were brought to his attention in last 12 months. He found this surprising but not reassuring since not all cases are reported. In the case of John Franklin and Tyndale College (formerly Ontario Bible College and Theological Seminary) all reports have been filed with appropriate agencies. The Randi Warne/St. Stephen's case will be finished by end of summer.

Faulkner reported that the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) had appointed Don Savage, a former executive director to prepare a report on all church-related institutions. This report was in reaction to the impasse at which the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) had found itself after the debate on the "limitations" clause between 1993-95. (The "limitations" clause would exempt many church-related institutions from the academic freedom requirements.) Faulkner pointed out that the limitations clause in the US was the sole exception to full academic freedom in North America—not even military colleges, medical schools and law faculties were exempt. The exception is in force in the US but was never adopted in Canada. After the impasse, the AUCC froze admission to church-related colleges and universities. Faulkner warned against move to adopt the limitations clause in Canada. An attempt to set aside the clause in the US in the 1980s had failed because so many accrediting bodies had adopted it, each with the power of veto. Canadian societies, he argued, should learn

from American case.

Larouche noted that Pauline Côté of Université Laval was interested in issues of academic liberty on behalf of SQÉR and suggested contact between the two societies. Faulkner agreed to contact Côté on behalf of the Society.

Faulkner wanted to question the motion of the 31 May 1998 executive meeting to establish a three-person committee on academic freedom. He argued that the motion was out of order as the AGM did establish the Committee on Academic Freedom consisting of a chair and the membership of the Executive Committee in 1996. The consensus of the Executive Committee was to revisit the question. There was some confusion as to whether the Academic Freedom Officer (AFO) was an ex officio, voting member of the executive. Seljak and Aitken agreed to check the minutes of the 1996 AGM.

Faulkner then discussed two reasons for not going to a three-person committee. First, the chair pays their own travel expenses to go to sites to hear complaints; the cost of moving a three-person committee would be burdensome. Second, academic freedom committees that are not tied to an Executive Committee tend to become ideologically motivated and do not take into account responsibility to the membership.

Discussion centred on the lack of clarification of the status and duties of the AFO. The AFO for example travels to Executive Committee meetings and to sites where complaints are lodged but is not compensated. Faulkner expressed the need for an operations manual for the society. Too often motions are lost in history. He agreed to draw one up for his own office. Seljak noted that some positions already have such descriptions, including the Secretary and Treasurer.

Faulkner had been appointed AFO by the AGM in 1996 for three years with the possibility of renewal. His term was now over. It was the consensus of the committee to refer this matter to the nominations committee and to hold an election at the AGM.

7. Adjournment/Ajournement

Canadian Society for the Study of Religion/Société canadienne pour l'étude de la religion

Annual General Meeting (June 5, 1999) / L'Assemblée annuelle (le 5 juin 1999)

Université Bishop's/Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Québec

Present: P. Bowlby, D. Seljak, B. Clarke, R. Marcotte, M-A Roy, D. Juschka, H. Remus, H. Coward, W. James, B. Alton, N. Shuell, D. Shantz, T. Faulkner, B. Sinha, S. Dunbar, J. Mullens, M. Chernenkoff, K. Blackstone, M. DeGiglio-Bellemare, N. Salmond, P. Bramadat, A. W. Barber, L. Kawamura.

Regrets: B. Aitken, D. McCance, J. Porter, W. Sweet.

1. Welcome/Bienvenue

Bowlby welcomed the members to the Annual General Meeting.

2. Adoption of the Agenda/Adoption de l'ordre du jour

MOTION: To adopt the agenda. Sinha/Roy carried

3. Adoption of the minutes of the 30 May 1998 Annual Meeting /Adoption des procès-verbaux de l'Assemblée annuelle du 30 mai 1998

MOTION: To adopt the minutes of the 30 May 1998 AGM. Coward/Mullens carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes/Suivis aux procès-verbaux

There was none.

5. Reports/Rapports

a. President/Président -- Paul Bowlby

Bowlby introduced the executive members. He informed the assembly of the visit by the

representatives of the HSSFC/FCSHS to the Executive Committee meeting of June 3rd. He explained the main functions of the Federation: a) advocacy or lobbying; b) aid to scholarly publication; and the Congress. He also informed them of the Federation's commitment to address the issue of commercialization of university research.

Bowlby then spoke about the report of Michel Desjardins on the Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion/Corporation canadienne des sciences religieuses (CCSR). Copies of the report had been circulated at the meeting. Bowlby said that the session on Friday June 4 on "Issues Facing the Societies and the Corporation" sponsored by all societies was the beginning of a potentially fruitful renewal process. He pointed out that the CCSR was reorganizing in order to improve communications between the societies. To this end the CCSR has decided to develop a website with links to all of the other societies' sites and to publish the programmes of all the societies in a joint bulletin.

Bowlby also presented the report of Morny Joy on the IAHR's 18th Quinquennial Congress in Durban, South Africa scheduled for August 2000. The report will be put on the CSSR/SCÉR website.

b. Treasurer/Trésorier -- Brian Clarke

Clarke distributed copies of the 1998 financial statement. He thanked the former treasurer, Jordan Paper, for his "excellent stewardship" of the Society's records and his efforts to make the transition to a new treasurer as easy as possible.

Clarke took members through his report explaining that the surplus on financial statement looks large but it is not. The membership fee increase of last year indeed meant more income to the society. However the surplus comes mostly from the fact that SSHRC sent its 1999-2000 cheque in the 1998-99 fiscal year. Consequently, an amount of about \$3200 will have to be carried over to this year. He explained that a bill for the publication of the April 1999 bulletin was also due and should have been charged to last year. The real surplus is about \$1135.

MOTION: That the treasurer's report be accepted. Coward/Sinha carried

Clarke explained that this year he did not seek an auditor and instead had the Controller of Victoria University do the financial statement. One member suggested that the bylaws might stipulate that we need a real auditor to do the statement. Clarke said he would check. A certified audit would be more expensive.

Clarke also reported that the Executive Committee had recommended applying the travel grant surplus to next year's conference when travel expenses were bound to be higher for members.

MOTION: To apply our travel grant reserves (at a minimum of \$1644.00) to the year 2000 to cover higher travel expenses to the University of Alberta. Clarke/James carried

c. Membership Secretary/Sécretaire aux admissions -- Brian Aitken

Bowlby submitted Aitken's report. He noted that of the 263 members, there were 180 males 83 females. The percentage of members who are female has risen considerably during the past four years. A breakdown of membership by region shows that membership is very concentrated in Ontario. Membership from every other region has declined during the four years. He also noted Aitken's concern that the number of members who have been involved in the society between 10-20 years has declined steadily.

Discussion of the report ensued. A correction was noted. The acronym CFH (Canadian Federation of the Humanities) should be changed to HSSFC (Humanities and Social Science Federation of Canada).

It was noted that last year's membership fee increase did not affect the number of members. One member requested that future reports should have a breakdown of membership by category: full/associate/retired-part-time/student/student associate. The number of full members is critical because they alone pay the full fees. Last year full members made up slightly more than 50% of the total members.

MOTION: To receive the Membership Secretary's report. Shuell/Blackstone carried

d. 1999 Program Chair/Présidence pour le programme 1999 -- William Closson James

James reported on the 1999 Annual Meeting programme. He noted the relatively large number of panels. He formally thanked the Programme Committee, the chairs, participants, and especially the local organizer, Willi Braun.

James reported the controversy surrounding the submissions to the 1999 programme by a number of University of Toronto graduate students and the consensus of the executive to rescind the requirement of a letter from a faculty member.

MOTION: to rescind the requirement for a letter from a faculty member for graduate student submissions to the Annual Meeting. James/Juschka carried unanimously

A discussion ensued on controlling the quality of papers. T. Faulkner suggested that papers should be submitted two weeks early to a respondent. James reported that the executive had also

decided that part of the problem with the UofT graduate students' proposals was that all of the participants came from the same department.

MOTION: that members of the same institution shall make up no more than half of any session or panel at the Annual Meeting, unless so authorized by the Programme Committee. James/Clarke carried.

James explained that the motion was not meant to exclude a highly integrated research team reporting on their research at the Annual Meeting.

B. Sinha asked the Programme Chair if the rule that people may make only one presentation to the Annual Meeting was still in effect. James stated that it was but that he had made exceptions to it since allowing one or two people who had been on special panels to make another presentation did not prevent another person from participating in the programme. Bowlby explained that this is the preferred situation but exceptions are made on a case by case basis as long as this does not cause other participants to be dropped from the program.

B. Alton recommended that the Chair publicize the fact that the co-publication of the programme with other CCSR societies will mean moving submission deadline forward.

James reported on the Allied Associations. The Association linked together a number of text-based organizations. It promoted the collaborative sponsorship of speakers, publication of a combined programme, and application for joint funding. The ACCUTE office had successfully applied for SSHRC money for a secretariat for the Association.

e. Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion/Corporation canadienne des sciences religieuses -- Paul Bowlby

Bowlby reported on the important innovations in the CCSR regarding communication. A national tour by M. Desjardins of Wilfrid Laurier University resulted in a report (distributed at meeting), which was the subject of a special session at the Annual Meeting on June 4. Copies of the report are available on the CSSR/SCÉR website. He stated that the CCSR plans to publish a combined programme for the 2000 Annual Meeting. This would not be a "joint programme" but rather the publication in one booklet of all the independent programmes of each member society. He also mentioned that the Corporation has committed itself to creating a website. He discussed the activities of Corporation in aiding scholarly publication.

f. CSSR/SCÉR Website/Site web de la SCÉR -- Bruce Alton

Bowlby thanked B. Alton for creating an excellent website, the best among any of the RS

societies. He also noted that the Society was looking for new webmaster and new server to host the site.

g. Nominations Committee/Comité pour les nominations -- Brian Aitken

Seljak presented the report of the Nominations Committee in lieu of Aitken. He reported that the committee (composed of Aitken as chair, Seljak and Roy) was mandated to fill three positions this year: membership secretary, member-at-large, and Academic Freedom Officer.

For the position of Membership Secretary, the committee brought forward the name of William Sweet of St. Francis Xavier. Seljak asked if there were any nominations from the floor. None were forthcoming.

MOTION: That nominations be closed. Sinha/Clarke carried

Sweet was acclaimed as Membership Secretary.

For the position of member-at-large, Seljak reported that the committee had chosen three names: Mavis Fenn, St. Paul's College at the University of Waterloo; Roxanne Marcotte, Islamic Studies Institute, McGill University; Noel Salmond, Carleton University. Nominations were opened. None were forthcoming.

MOTION: That nominations be closed. Remus/Alton carried

The candidates were invited to give a brief presentation to the assembly. Fenn was not present. An election by secret ballot was held.

Roxanne Marcotte was declared elected.

Seljak then announced that the committee was recommending that T. Faulkner be renewed as Academic Freedom Officer. The motion which had created the office had allowed for a three-year term and the possibility of renewal. Nominations were opened. None were forthcoming

MOTION: That nominations be closed. Remus/Salmond carried

Faulkner was acclaimed as Academic Freedom Officer.

h. Student Essay Awards/Prix pour les essais étudiant(e)s -- David Seljak

i) Undergraduate Essay Contest/Concours d'essai pour étudiant(e) du 1er cycle

Seljak presented Jennifer Porter's report. There were 31 submissions for the undergraduate prize this year, an improvement over last year. Submission were made from 17 different institutions from coast to coast. Topics ranged from traditional historical or text-based research papers to experimental interpretive papers on topics as diverse as the holocaust, Disney films and Buddhism in America.

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Honorable Mention: "A Contemporaneous Reading of the Book of Jonah," by Piotr S. Bobkowski, University of Alberta. An original, unique reading of the Book of Jonah from the perspective of a "hypothetical modern reader". The paper was also sponsored by Dr. Ehud Ben Zvi.

MOTION: That the report of Jennifer Porter be received. Seljak/Blackstone carried

MOTION: That first prize for the undergraduate to Sarah Haynes and second prize to Benjamin Lyle Berger Seljak/Clarke carried unanimously

MOTION: That an honorable mention be given to Piotr S. Bobkowski of the University of Alberta for his paper "A Contemporaneous Reading of the Book of Jonah". Seljak/Clarke carried unanimously

ii) Graduate Essay Contest/Concours d'essai pour étudiant(e)

Roy reported that there were only two submissions, one in French and one in English. One paper was from her own institution and so she asked Seljak to look at both papers. One was on the psychotherapy of spirituality and the other on the concept of sacrifice in the Hebrew Bible. She could not recommend either paper for the prize. While both were good papers, neither were of the outstanding quality that the Society calls for in this contest.

Seljak then explained the chronic difficulty in getting a sufficient number of submissions for this contest and introduced the motion from the June 3rd Executive Committee meeting.

MOTION: That the Graduate Contest Prize will now be given for the best paper presented at the CSSR\SCÉR Annual Meeting by a graduate student. Seljak/Bowlby

Some members argued that the contest would exclude too many students simply because they did not have enough money to travel to the meeting. This put students from out West at a particular disadvantage since travel to the Society's meeting in eastern and central Canada was very expensive.

AMENDMENT: That the Graduate Contest Prize be open to all graduate students. Remus/Sinha. The mover and seconder agreed that this was a friendly amendment. The motion as amended carried unanimously.

It was understood that the winner would be invited to give the paper at the next Annual Meeting and to submit the paper to SR for publication. Other than the Society's regular travel grants, no further travel money was to be given to the winner. Defining the procedures for the new contest was left to the Executive Committee.

i. International Association for the History of Religions/Association internationale pour l'histoire des religions -- Paul Bowlby

Bowlby included the report on the IAHR as part of his President's report.

j. Société québécoise pour l'étude de la religion (SQÉR) -- Marie-Andrée Roy

Roy reported that the SQÉR now had 90 members. Its annual meeting took place under the umbrella of l'ACFAS (l'Association canadienne-française pour l'avancement des sciences). This year's event at the University of Ottawa was very successful. She also reported on the SQÉR's new website (www.er.uqam.ca/nobel/sqer). Next year the SQÉR will meet with l'ACFAS at the Université de Montréal. She hoped that the Society could work with the SQÉR next year, exchanging programmes and co-sponsoring sessions.

Because the room in which the assembly was gathered had been scheduled for another group, the meeting reconvened in another location.

k. Academic Freedom/Liberté académique -- Tom Faulkner

T. Faulkner spoke to his report, copies of which had been distributed at the meeting. He reported that his had been a quiet year for the Academic Freedom Committee (AFC) but there were still problems to be addressed.

The two most important issues were: the need for the role and make-up of the AFC and the rights and responsibilities of the Academic Freedom Officer (AFO) to be clarified and institutionalized. Without a clearly defined mandate and a degree of institutionalization, the AFO and the committee could not operate effectively. He noted that, among the RS societies, only the CSSR/SCÉR had contributed to the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) report on academic freedom in church-related institutions and that was because we were the only society with a formally defined standing committee dedicated to protecting the academic freedom of its members and of all scholars of religion.

He noted that the CSSR/SCÉR has recommended that all institutions be affiliated with CAUT. The problem is that some cannot because they limit the academic freedom of their faculty out of religious concerns. He warned against accepting a "limitations clause" such as the one adopted by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) in the 1940s. He stated that the AAUP cannot get rid of the clause because 90 different learned societies and 13 different accreditation bodies had adopted the clause, each with the power of veto. It was now impossible to undo. Not wanting to get caught in the same predicament, AUCC has frozen applications from universities and colleges who limit academic freedom and promote a Canadian version of this limitations clause.

Faulkner reported the overtones made by Jean-Marc Larouche, the president of the SQÉR and the work of Pauline Côté on academic freedom in Quebec universities.

He stated that there were really two main action items in his report. First, we must clarify and regularize the relationship of the AFO and AFC to the Executive Committee. Second, we need to publicize the activity of the AFC more widely.

MOTION: That the CSSR\SCÉR Annual Meeting accept the report of the Academic Freedom Committee. Faulkner/Seljak carried

6. Adjournment/Ajournement

Canadian Society for the Study of Religion/Société canadienne pour l'étude de la religion

Executive Committee Meeting (June 6, 1999) / Reunion du Conseil (6 juin 1999)

Université Bishop's/Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Québec

Present: Bowlby, Clarke, James, Marcotte, Seljak, Faulkner (as Academic Freedom Officer), Alton (as webmaster).

Regrets: Sweet, McCance, Porter

1. Welcome/Bienvenue

Bowlby welcomed the members of the committee and extended a special welcome to Marcotte, the newest member.

2. Adoption of the Agenda/Adoption de l'ordre du jour

MOTION: To adopt the agenda as amended. Seljak/Clarke carried

3. Business Arising from the Minutes/Suivis aux procès-verbaux

There were two items arising from the June 3rd Executive Committee meeting and the AGM.

3.i. CSSR/SCÉR Website Bruce Alton

Alton noted that the site gets 300 "hits" a month on average. Since January of 1999, this has increased to 350. He served official notice that he will not work on the site next year and that the Society has to find a replacement. This brings up two issues: who will maintain the site and where will it be hosted.

Alton recommended paying someone to maintain the site and estimated the cost would be approximately \$300 per year. This cost is reasonable. If, for example, the Bulletin were to be posted on the site instead of mailed out, the saving to the Society could be several thousand dollars per year. The Executive Committee committed itself to finding a member to oversee the

website.

Alton suggested that since the Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion/Corporation canadienne des sciences religieuses (CCSR) has recommended that every society should have a website, it should sponsor a common server. Faulkner noted that the Corporation has a surplus and should sponsor societies to create and maintain websites. He suggested that the Society pressure the Corporation immediately to sponsor the societies' websites. Alton agreed with the suggestion but stressed that the CSSR/SCÉR should maintain its own autonomy regarding web content and design.

The President thanked Alton for his work (again).

3.ii. Academic Freedom Committee Tom Faulkner

Faulkner stated the Executive Committee had to clarify the status of the Academic Freedom Officer (AFO). Seljak stated that, after searching the minutes of the 1996 AGM and Tom Faulkner's reports that led to the creation of the committee, he could find no mention of "ex officio" membership on the Executive Committee. The AFC was composed of a chair and the whole of the executive but the AFO was not a member of the executive. Faulkner stated that the AFO should be an ex officio member of the Executive Committee. This status would make the AFO more directly responsible to the membership; it would facilitate communication; it would give the AFO more credibility at those institutions under investigation. Furthermore, he argued that the AFC needs "institutionalization" for long-term viability and for credibility.

James suggested that a three-person committee made up of a chair and two members of the Executive Committee was the best way to achieve these ends. A larger committee means that each person feels less responsible for the work. As it is now structured, he argued, the work all rests on Faulkner and his excellent leadership and abilities. Finally, he argued a three-person committee would protect confidentiality for a longer period since the case would not be circulated among Executive Committee members until it had progressed.

Faulkner stated that some of the perception that the AFO was working alone arose over miscommunication. It was always his intention to work with the executive and for this reason, the three-person committee was a poor choice. It has been his experience that such committees become ideologically driven and detached from the membership.

Part of the confusion over the purported "ex officio" status of the AFO arose over the fact that the AFC "met" under an agenda item during regular Executive Committee meetings and not separately. It was the consensus of the executive to meet separately as the AFC before the Executive Committee meetings and then to have the AFO report on the meeting to the

Executive Committee so that its decisions could be entered into the minutes. From there, its recommendations would go to the AGM to be voted on.

It was agreed that the executive should clarify the status of the AFC. Is it a committee of the Society, a subcommittee of the Executive Committee, or a standing committee. Faulkner noted that the situations in which the AFC becomes involved always create a highly politicized atmosphere and so the functioning of the committee had to be transparently legal and regular.

Faulkner said he would draft a document outlining the process of AFC for the Society's operations manual.

4. Reports/Rapports

a) President/Président Paul Bowlby

Bowlby expressed his regret that we did not have enough time to discuss the issue of communication in the society. On another topic, he stressed the need for each officer of the executive to create a job description as part of creating an operations manual for Society.

b) Treasurer/Trésorier Brian Clarke

Clarke said that he would check the relevant bylaws and legislation to see if we need an official audit or a bookkeeper's review for our financial statements. He added that he would research what was necessary if we were to become an official charity.

c) 1999 Program Chair/Présidence pour le programme 1999

In light of the confusion and inconvenience regarding registration and access to the Book Fair (both located at the Université du Québec à Sherbrooke), it was the consensus that the executive make a formal recommendation to the HSSFC/FCSHS that they never use a split campus again for a Congress. It was decided to publish this letter in the Bulletin.

James said that he would search out attendance figures on this meeting.

Bowlby announced that Jennifer Porter had agreed to be Programme Chair for the 2000 Annual Meeting. James said that, in light of the many cancellations in this year's programme, it was his intention to update the website to show what actually happened at the meeting. The committee looked at ways to alert members to responsibility to show up for their papers. Bowlby suggested that the Call for Papers include instructions that stated that failure to show without notice means that the Programme Committee will not consider a proposal for the next year. He reemphasized

the Society's opposition to the practice of having someone else read a paper for an absent scholar.

A general discussion ensued about the 2000 programme with suggestions for speakers, papers and the special speaker and reception for Joint Session. Clarke and Seljak will organize the panels for the Religions and the Public Good in Canada discussion.

Clarke said that he would research sources of income to pay for the reception, speaker, (travel, honorarium, accommodation and meals). As soon as we are clear on the money situation, it was decided, the committee had to invite a speaker.

Seljak suggested that the Bulletin and Programme announcements include a notification of the offices open for election each year. This year several people approached the Nominations Committee to volunteer their time.

It was decided to contact a scholar at the University of Alberta to see if they could approach the Uof A for money for the speaker, serve as local representative, and host the breakfast for the department heads.

d) Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion/Corporation canadienne des sciences religieuses Paul Bowlby

Faulkner presented a proposal for a Canadian Videoconferencing Network in Support of Academic Research that he would present to the HSSFC/FCSHS. The proposal is to create centres for videoconferencing throughout Canada that would be open to learned societies to use for meetings. The gamble, he noted, was that computer software might make such conferencing available to us at a lower cost in the next few years. However, he felt that the gamble was worth it.

MOTION: That the executive recommends that the HSSFC/FCSHS examine the possibility of establishing a Canadian Videoconferencing Network in support of Academic Research. Seljak/Marcotte carried

Bowlby will write a letter to Dr. Michael Owen, Director, Office of Research Services, HSSFC/FCSHS.

e) CSSR/SCÉR Website/Site Web de la SCÉR

Bowlby suggested that an electronic version of the Bulletin could replace the "tree-ware" (i.e. paper) version that now costs the Society more than \$3000 for printing and mailing annually.

With a website version, one could email a notice or send a letter. Several options were discussed. It was decided to take the decision to the membership at the next AGM.

NOTICE OF MOTION: That the Society replace the Bulletin with a web version for the fall of 2001. Clarke/Seljak

Under this plan, members would receive a letter each year with a "Table of Contents" of the Bulletin, a web address for the electronic version, a call for papers, notice of the essay contests, and a tear sheet that would allow them to ask for the paper version.

f) Nominations Committee/Comité pour les nominations

The Chair of the Nominations Committee is the Membership Secretary, W. Sweet; D. Seljak and R. Marcotte are the committee members. The positions to be filled next year include: President, Secretary, Member-at-Large.

g) Student Essay Awards/Prix pour les essais étudiant(e)s

Porter will inform the winners of this year's undergraduate contest. Clarke will ensure that cheques are sent to each. For next year's contest, the judge of the undergraduate essay contest will be Marcotte. The judge of the graduate essay contest will be McCance. Seljak will forward the new rules regarding the graduate essay contest to McCance. Sweet will ensure that the announcement of the graduate essay contest in the Bulletin is corrected according to the new rules and that the amount is \$300.00.

h) International Association for the History of Religions/Association internationale pour l'histoire des religions

Seljak raised questions about the relationship of the Society to the IAHR. For a number of years, the minutes have reflected the dissatisfaction of our representatives to the IAHR with the procedures and culture of the organization. Other members wondered what benefit membership in the IAHR brings to the Society as a whole and Canadian scholars of religion individually. Sending delegates to IAHR meetings is expensive. Since most members of the Executive Committee agreed that they were not entirely clear on the situation, it was decided to ask Morny Joy to explain the importance of membership in the IAHR to the Executive Committee and the members of the Society at the next Annual Meeting.

i) Société québécoise pour l'étude de la religion (SQÉR)

Bowlby stated that the SQÉR would try to meet on the Friday before CCSR meeting in January

so that Bowlby could attend. This would be especially important since we must negotiate the renewal of the SQÉR/CSSR-SCÉR Accord. Bowlby suggested we might publish the accord in the Bulletin and ask for members to comment on it.

5. Adjournment/Ajournement

The 'accord' between the SQER and the CSSR:

Introduction

The agreement between the SQÉR and the CSSR\SCÉR expired in 1997. The SQÉR has contacted the Society, with a view to reviewing and renewing the agreement between the two societies.

At the request of the Executive of the Society, the text of the original agreement is published below. The Executive is interested in hearing from members who wish to comment on the it; it is expected that the executive will present a motion for a renewal of the agreement (with appropriate modifications) for approval at the next Annual General Meeting.

If you have any comments or suggestions for changes, please address them, as soon as possible, to

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ACCORD

entre

LA SOCIÉTÉ QUÉBÉCOISE POUR L'ÉTUDE
DE LA RELIGION (SQÉR)

et

THE CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR THE
STUDY OF RELIGION (CSSR)

LA SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE POUR
L'ÉTUDE DE LA RELIGION (SCÉR)

I. Introduction

1. Le présent accord définit les rapports entre la Société québécoise pour l'étude de la religion et the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion/ la Société canadienne pour l'étude de la religion.

2. La SQÉR, dont les membres sont majoritairement francophones, et la CSSR/ SCÉR, dont les membres sont majoritairement anglophones, sont toutes deux des organismes pancanadiens qui assument conjointement, pour l'ensemble du Canada, la défense, la promotion et la représentation des spécialistes des sciences ayant la religion pour objet d'étude.

3. Chaque société informe l'autre de ses activités principales et avise l'autre avant d'effectuer des demandes de subvention auprès d'agences du

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1. Introduction

1. This Agreement sets forth the relationship and agreements between The Canadian Society for the Study of Religion/la Société canadienne pour l'étude de la religion and la Société québécoise pour l'étude de la religion.

2. The CSSR/SCÉR, a majority of whose members are anglophone, and the SQÉR, a majority of whose members are francophone, are societies which together defend, promote, and speak for Canadian scholars in religious studies.

3. Each society will inform the other of its major activities and will notify the other about contemplated activities or applications to Canadian or other granting agencies which might affect its counterpart.

Canada ou de l'extérieur ou d'entreprendre des activités susceptibles d'affecter l'autre société.

II. Activités conjointes de la SQÉR et de la CSSR/SCÉR

A. Dispositions pour le maintien de rapports continus

4. Les rapports continus entre les deux sociétés sont maintenus de diverses façons, en particulier par

a) la participation, sans droit de vote, aux réunions du Bureau de la CSSR/SCÉR et du Conseil de la SQÉR, d'un représentant nommé à cette fin par l'autre société; ce représentant aura droit à toute la documentation normalement disponible aux membres de ce Bureau ou de ce Conseil;

b) un comité de liaison permanent, composé du président ou de la présidente ou de leur représentant et d'un membre de chaque société. Ce comité se réunira au moins deux fois par année, et le lieu d'une de ces rencontres sera alternativement les congrès de l'ACFAS et des Sociétés savantes.

B. Représentation conjointe des deux sociétés auprès d'autres organismes

5. Toute représentation conjointe des deux sociétés, à quelque organisme que ce soit, relève

II. Co-Operative Activities Undertaken by the CSSR/SCÉR and the SQÉR

A. Arrangements for Continuing Liaison

4. Continuing liaison between the two societies is to be maintained in a variety of ways. Among them are:

a) Provisions for the attendance, without vote, at the meetings of the Executive of the CSSR/SCÉR and le Conseil of the SQÉR, of one person appointed for the purpose by each society. These persons shall be entitled to all the documentation normally furnished to the members of these two bodies.

b) A permanent Liaison Committee formed of the Presidents, or their designates, and one member of each society. This Committee is to have at least two meetings a year, one of which is to be held at the ACFAS and the Learned Societies Meetings alternately.

B. Joint Representation of the Two Societies on other Organizations

5. All joint representation of these two societies on other organizations (and committees thereof), whatever these may be, is the responsibility of the Executive of the CSSR/SCÉR and of the Conseil of the SQÉR and is arranged as set out below, with due consideration to the relative number of members of the two societies.

du Bureau de la CSSR/SCÉR et du Conseil de la SQÉR. Cette représentation doit se faire, selon la formule suivante, compte tenu de la répartition des membres entre les deux sociétés:

a) quand la représentation est unique, le droit de nomination du représentant alternera entre les deux sociétés;

b) quand la représentation comporte deux ou trois personnes, la SQÉR en nommera une et la CSSR/SCÉR, l'autre ou les autres;

c) quand la représentation est supérieure à trois, la SQÉR en assurera au moins le quart.

C. Autres activités

6. Toute autre activité entreprise conjointement par les deux sociétés fera l'objet d'une entente spécifique avant sa mise en oeuvre.

III. Dispositions générales

7. Tout amendement au présent accord devra être soumis à la considération du Comité de liaison, avant son adoption par l'une et l'autre sociétés.

8. Le présent accord entrera en vigueur dès sa ratification par les deux sociétés, selon leur constitution, et s'appliquera jusqu'au 30 juin 1994. Après quoi, il sera automatiquement renouvelé pour une période additionnelle de trois ans, sauf si l'une ou l'autre société indique son intention de modifier l'accord ou d'y mettre

a) If only one representative is to be designated, the right to nominate shall alternate between the CSSR/SCÉR and the SQÉR.

b) If there are to be two or three persons nominated, one shall be named by the SQÉR and the others by the CSSR/SCÉR.

c) If there are to be four or more persons nominated, at least one quarter shall be named by the SQÉR.

C. Other Activities

6. Whatever further joint activities are undertaken by the two societies shall be governed by mutual prior agreements.

III. General

7. Any modifications to the present Agreement are to be submitted to the Liaison Committee for consideration before being brought for adoption to either society.

8. This Agreement comes into effect when each society so signifies in its own way in accordance with its own constitution. It continues in effect until June 30, 1994. After that, it will be automatically renewed for an additional period of three years, unless either society gives six months notice of the desire to modify or terminate the Agreement.

fin, au moyen d'un avis préalable de six mois.

9. Les versions française et anglaise de cet accord sont toutes deux officielles et adoptées comme telles par les deux sociétés.

9. The French and English versions of the Agreement are both official and are adopted as such by the two societies.

Adopted by The Canadian Society for the Study of Religions/la Société canadienne pour l'étude de la religion, at its Annual General Meeting, May 28th, 1991. and by la Société québécoise pour l'étude de la religion, at its Annual General Meeting 22 mai, 1991.

Martin Rumscheidt, President, CSSR / Jean-Paul Rouleau, President, SQÉR
30 mai/May 1991

Correspondence

In light of the confusion and inconvenience regarding registration and access to the Book Fair (both located at the Université du Québec à Sherbrooke), it was the consensus that the executive make a formal recommendation to the HSSFC/FCSHS that they never use a 'split site' again for a Congress. A copy of this letter is printed below.

Dear Dr. Ledwell,

Your e-mail message of May 24th identified two important issues about the 1999 Congress for delegates meeting at Bishop's University.

The CSSR/SCER very much enjoyed being on the campus of Bishop's University for its recent annual meeting. The ambience, classrooms, and food services were first-rate. However, the location of Registration and the Book Fair at Université de Sherbrooke was immensely inconveniencing. Some of us on the CSSR/SCER executive commissioned two among us to drive over to the UdeS at noon the first day to pick up the registration packages on our behalf. I

myself drove there with three others at noon for an hour the second day to visit the Book Fair. It took us, as it had our colleagues the day before, almost 1/2 hour to find our way. People who rode the shuttle bus reported that program scheduling made a short visit to either the Book Fair or Registration difficult.

I think it is possible that some of our members never set foot on the UdeS campus. We abandoned any attempt to use a CSSR/SCER table at the registration area at UdeS (and probably thereby missed the opportunity to contact interested colleagues). Unlike our experience in 1998, where collaboration at the U of Ottawa was much easier, we had almost no movement between our meetings and those of other societies in the Allied Associations, most of whom met at the UdeS location.

Directions and/or signage for what should have been an easy trip between Bishop's and UdeS were lacking or inadequate (both en route and in printed conference material). The Book Fair itself was disappointingly small, separated among three sites at the location, and sparsely attended. Publishers were grumbling about the arrangements.

In short, our view is that this experiment in holding the Congress on two nearby campuses should not be repeated. Though some of the problems mentioned above might have been foreseen, and could have been addressed, others are simply insurmountable. While we are all sympathetic to all the laudable reasons why the attempt was made to hold the Congress in this matter, in several crucial areas it was not a success.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. C. James,

Program Chair & Past President, CSSR/SCER.

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Conference on CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Philosophy of religion, as practised in English-speaking countries, faces challenges from the philosophical cultures of other countries; from feminist thought; and from a revival of interest in the continental European traditions of philosophy. This conference will focus on the latter of these three, drawing on the other two in relation to it.

Continental philosophy, the heritage of Kant, Hegel, Marx, Nietzsche and Freud, has developed through a critical engagement with religion. Although this engagement has defined its tradition, Continental philosophy of religion has not received sufficient institutional focus and prominence. In recent years, various strands of Continental philosophy have made a more positive evaluation of religion, perhaps by deconstructing the distinction between the secular

and the sacred. Such strands re-open the site of religion for critical interrogation.

The task of this conference is to develop some cohesion to the field of the Continental philosophy of religion. It is hoped that it will bring together researchers from departments of Philosophy, Religion, Theology, and many other disciplines where there is an engagement between Continental philosophy and religion. It will focus on the following four issues: · What is a Continental philosophy of religion? What are its problems and tasks? · What concepts in religion can be illuminated by a Continental approach?

· What do particular gender-specific or culturally-specific perspectives have to offer to a philosophical understanding of religion? · What is the place of religion for critical thought in the twenty-first century?

Papers, panels, and offers to lead seminar debates are welcomed, as well as any other suggestions for the conference. There will be some emphasis on group and plenary discussion. The conference will not be concerned with the place of religion in the thought of major Continental philosophers, except insofar as this may contribute to an exploration of the above issues.

Speakers include: Pamela Sue Anderson, Richard Beardsworth, John D. Caputo, Grace Jantzen, Richard Kearney, Graham Ward, Charles E. Winquist, Edith Wyschogrod

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