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Society for Hindu-Christian Studies
November 18, 19 and 21, 2016
San Antonio, Texas

The society’s annual meetings are held in conjunction with the annual meetings of the American Academy of Religion. Please consult the AAR web site for details as to location, housing, and the like.

The format of our meetings typically consists of two sessions, the first on Friday evening and the other on Saturday, Sunday, or Monday, with a business meeting (open to all members) in the final half hour of the second meeting.

The society’s 2016 Annual Meeting will be held in San Antonio, Texas, November 18-21.

2016 Annual Meeting Program

Friday, November 18
7:00-9:00pm, Convention Center-215 (2nd Level – West)
AAR Program: P18-405


Panelists:

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida
Gavin Hyman, Lancaster University
Catherine Cornille, Boston College
Laurie Patton, Middlebury College

Responding: Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad

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Saturday, November 19
7:30-8:30 am, Hilton Palacio del Rio-La Corona (Mezzanine Level)
AAR Program: P19-1

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies Board Meeting

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Saturday, November 19
9:00-11:30am, Hilton Palacio del Rio-El Mirador C East (Conference Center – 22nd Level)
AAR Program: P19-112

**Theme: Yoga and God: Hindu and Christian Perspectives**

Veena Howard, California State University, Fresno, Presiding

Bradley Malkovsky, University of Notre Dame
*Comparative Reflections on the Divine from Christian and Yogic Perspectives*

Rita Sherma, Graduate Theological Union
*The Non-Systematized Iswara of Patanjali’s Yoga Sutra and Iswari of the Shakti Bhaktas of Bengal*

Stephanie Corigliano, California State University, Humboldt
*Devotion and Discipline: Christian Yoga and the Yoga of T. Krishnamacharya*

Michael Stoeber, Regis College, University of Tornoto
*Issues in Christian Encounters with Kundalini Yoga*

Responding: Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

**Business Meeting**

Chad Bauman, Butler University, Presiding

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Monday, November 21
1:00-3:30pm, Convention center-212A (2nd Level – West)
AAR Program: A21-217

Joint Session with the Religion in South Asia Section, the Sikh Studies Group, and the Space, Place and Time Group

**Theme: Religious "Site Visits" as Pedagogical Method**

Charles Townsend, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

This roundtable panel will discuss religious "site visits," "field trips," or taking (or sending) students "into the field"—especially for short visits—as a pedagogical method. What are the ways that it is pedagogically valuable to extend the classroom learning environment to visits with local religious communities?

Panelists who have taught in different institutional settings—from small private colleges, to large public universities, to leading study abroad groups—will discuss: the "mechanics" of how they conduct site visits with students (including issues such as transportation and institutional support); how they frame site visits as coursework and assignments; how they harness potential teaching moments before, during, and
after site visits; and stories and experiences about what has and has not proved effective and thoughts on
avoiding possible problems or pitfalls. Ample time will be given to open discussion with audience
members.

Panelists:
Brian J. Nichols, Mount Royal University
Anne Murphy, University of British Columbia
Andrea Marion Pinkney, McGill University
Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University
Jonathan H. X. Lee, San Francisco State University
Ravi M. Gupta, Utah State University
Award for Best Book in Hindu-Christian Studies
Category: Philosophy/Theology (2011-2015)

The award goes to:


Please note that the book is reviewed by Ankur Barua in this issue.

The other finalists were:

Francis X. Clooney, SJ, His Hiding Place is Darkness: A Hindu-Christian Theopoetics of Divine Absence (Stanford University Press, 2013)

Martin Ganeri, Indian Thought and Western Theism: The Vedānta of Rāmānuja (Routledge, 2015)