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## REPORTS AND NEWS

### Society for Hindu-Christian Studies 2015 Annual General Meeting November 20, 21 and 23, 2015 Atlanta, Georgia

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 2015 Annual Meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, November 20-23.

### 2015 Annual Meeting Program

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2015

7:00-9:00pm, Marriott-M101 (Marquis Level)

AAR Program: P20-405

Joint Session with the Dharma Academy of North America

#### **Theme: Rebirth: Hindu and Christian Perspectives**

Stephanie Corigliano, Boston College, Presiding

Bradley Malkovsky, University of Notre Dame  
*Reincarnation and Christianity: An Historical and Theological Overview*

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University  
*The Early Jesuit Critique of Rebirth: What Can We Learn from History?*

Ankur Barua, University of Cambridge  
*Revisiting the Rationality of Reincarnation*

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Jonathan Edelmann, University of Florida  
*One-life and Many-life Theisms: A Philosophical Discussion*

Responding: Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015**

7:30-8:30am, Hilton-407 (Level 4)

AAR Program: [P21-1](#)

**Society for Hindu-Christian Studies Board Meeting**

Chad Bauman, Butler University, Presiding

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015**

9:00-11:30am, Hilton-407 (Level 4)

AAR Program: [P21-105](#)

**Theme: God and Evil in Hindu and Christian Theology, Myth, and Practice**

Lance Nelson, University of San Diego, Presiding

Andrew J. Nicholson, Stony Brook University  
*Hindu Disproofs of God: The Sāṃkhya Sūtras on God's Psychology and the Problem of Evil*

Rico Gabriel Monge, University of San Diego  
*The Good and the Bad, the Beautiful and the Ugly: An Eastern Orthodox Perspective on Theodicy*

Lance Nelson, University of San Diego  
*Creation, God, and Evil in Plotinus, Augustine, Śaṅkara, and Abhinavagupta*

Graham M. Schweig, Christopher Newport University  
*From "Angry Curse" to "Poetic Verse": Aspects of Good and Evil in Bhakti Traditions*

Lavanya Vemsani, Shawnee State University  
*Narasimha, No Boundaries: Evil and Good in Myth and Practice*

James Ponniah, University of Madras  
*Subaltern Encounter of Evil: Subverting the Dominant and Appropriating the Indigenous*

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## **Business Meeting**

Chad Bauman, Butler University, Presiding

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### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2015**

9:00-11:30am, Marriott-M104 (Marquis Level)

AAR Program: [P23-100](#)

Joint Session with the Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies

### **Theme: Thomas Merton at 100: His Influence on the Study of Hinduism and Buddhism**

George Kilcourse, Bellarmine College, Presiding

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

*'All the Way from India:' Merton in the Mirror of Hinduism*

Thomas Forsthoefel, Mercyhurst University

*Merton and the Axes of Dialogue*

Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University

*Ambivalence in Shangri-La: Merton's Orientalism and Dialogue*

John P. Keenan, Middlebury College

*Thomas Merton's Unfinished Journey: From Encounter to Sharing*

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