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2016 Annual Meetings Sessions

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

Discussion: *Divine Self, Human Self: The Philosophy of Being in Two Gita Commentaries* by Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Best Book in Hindu-Christian Studies—Philosophy/Theology (2011-2015)

Panelists:

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida

Gavin Hyman, Lancaster University

Catherine Cornille, Boston College

Laurie Patton, Middlebury College

Responding: Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad

Saturday, November 19

7:30-8:30 am, Hilton Palacio del Rio-La Corona (Mezzanine Level)

AAR Program: P19-1

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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 Toronto

Issues in Christian Encounters with Kundalini Yoga

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

Business Meeting

Chad Bauman, Butler University, Presiding

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:

CHAKRAVARTHI RAM-PRASAD for his *Divine Self, Human Self: The Philosophy of Being in Two Gītā Commentaries* (Bloomsbury Academic, 2013).

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)