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2020 Annual Meetings Sessions

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies

December 2 and 3

Annual Meetings

The society's annual meetings are normally 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.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Society's 2020 Annual Meeting sessions will be held online.

2020 Annual Meeting Program

Wednesday, December 2

9:00-11:30 am EST

Theme: *Politics and Religions in India: Religious Freedom for all Citizens of India*

Panelists:

Edward Ulrich (University of St. Thomas), "The Emergence of the Rhetoric of Hindu-Muslim Strife in India's Independence Movement,"

Jose Abraham (Fuller Theological Seminary), "Victimization and Ghettoization: A Girardian Reading of Recent Communal Violence in Delhi"

Anant Rambachan (Saint Olaf University), "Savarkar and Indian Identity"

Fuad S. Naeem (University of St. Thomas), "Examining the Roots of Religious Conflict in Modern South Asia: British Colonialism and Hindu-Muslim Polemics"

Chad Bauman (Butler University), "Constraining the Majority: Religious Freedom, 'Essential Practices,' and the Government Administration of Temples in India"

Responding: **Michael T. McLaughlin** (Old Dominion University)

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To be followed by: **Society for Hindu-Christian Studies Business Meeting**

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Thursday, December 3

3:00-5:00 pm EST

Theme: The Significance of Sri Ramakrishna for Hindu-Christian Studies: New Perspectives

Panelists:

Jeffrey Long (Elizabethtown College), “Ramakrishna’s Anekānta/Vijñāna Vedānta as a Resource for Hindu-Christian Studies.”

Rita Sherma (The Graduate Theological Union), “The Methodology of Bengal Bhakti in Ramakrishna’s Contemplative Praxis.”

Christopher Conway (College of St. Benedict and St. John’s University), “From Compassion to Service: Sri Ramakrishna’s Love of God and Swami Vivekananda’s Love of Neighbor.”

Pravrajika Vrajaprana (Vedanta Society of Southern California), “How Does an Avatar Behave Toward Women?”

Responding: **Reid Locklin** (University of Toronto)

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Past Annual Meetings

[2019 San Diego, CA](#)

[2018 Denver, CO](#)

[2017 Boston, MA](#)

[2016 San Antonio, TX](#)

[2015 Atlanta, Georgia](#)

[2014 San Diego, California](#)

[2013 Baltimore, Maryland](#)

[2012 Chicago, Illinois](#)

[2011 San Francisco, California](#)

[2010 Atlanta, Georgia](#)

[2009 Montréal, Quebec](#)

[2008 Chicago, Illinois](#)

[2007 San Diego, California](#)

[2006 Washington, D.C.](#)

[2005 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania](#)

[2004 San Antonio, Texas](#)

[2003 Atlanta, Georgia](#)

[2002 Toronto, Ontario](#)

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2000 Nashville, Tennessee

1999 Boston, Massachusetts

1998 Orlando, Florida

1997 San Francisco, California

1996 New Orleans, Louisiana

1995 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

1994 Chicago, Illinois