

**Clear Minds, Burning Bodies, and Illicit Substances: Embodiment and Religion
Room 115**

Moderator: Jordan Conley, Boston University

Greer Cordner, Boston University School of Theology, “Contesting the Lord’s Law of Health: Perceptions of the Word of Wisdom in the Context of Mormon Schism”

Marta Illueca, MD, FAAP¹ & *Michael E. Schatman*, PhD,² Yale Divinity School,¹ Tufts University School of Medicine,² “The Future of American Pain Medicine? Potential Directions in Patient Care Paradigms with a Specific Focus on a Biopsychosocial-Spiritual Model”

Shira Telushkin, Harvard Divinity School, “The Desert Fathers on Fire: What Does it Look Like, to be Holy?”

Randal Williams, MA, Antioch University New England, “Heart as Neural Circuit: Convergence of Indian Samkhya and Western Psychology Systems of Cognition”

**All Together Now? Exploring Relationships Between Governments and Faith-Based Organizations
Room B-19**

Moderator: Kate Long, Boston University School of Public Health

Thomas J. Carrico, Jr., Florida State University, “Evil Wrought from Want of Heart: Contests of Moral Authority in Victorian Matchstick Production”

Felicia Nicole Davenport, University of Maryland, College Park, School of Public Health, “Building Communities of Health and Faith”

Arianna T. Eaton,¹ *Derek J. Stefanovsky*,² & *Katherine M. Vaillancourt*,³ Alma College,¹ Yale Divinity School,² Frank H. Netter School of Medicine at Quinnipiac, “The Impact of Religious and Secular Interactions on Maternity Care at St. Peter’s Hospital, Likoma Island”

4:45-5:00 Break

5:00-5:30 Concluding Remarks **Room B-19**

“Reflections on Interdisciplinary Work”

Conference Organizing Committee:

Benjamin Austin ■ John Balch ■ Ylisse Bess ■ Jordan Conley ■ Kaitlyn Martin
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GOING VIRAL: RELIGION AND HEALTH

SCHEDULE

8:45-9:15 Registration (1st floor by the elevators)

9:15-10:30 First Concurrent Panel Session

Livin’ on a Prayer: Spiritual Practices and Health Outcomes Room 115

Moderator: John Balch, Boston University Department of Religion

Ying Chen, ScD & *Tyler J. VanderWeele*, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, “Religious Upbringing and Health in Later Life: An Outcome-Wide Analysis”

Allison DeLaney, Virginia Commonwealth University, “Harnessing Invisible Resources for Better Informal Caregiving Health: Religion and Spirituality Considered in Public Health”

Albert Ly,¹ *Anondah Saide*, MA,² & *Rebekah Richert*, PhD,² Loma Linda University,¹ University of California, Riverside,² “How Effective is Prayer for Illness? Prayer Context, Illness, Religious Activity, and Conventional Medicine in the Perceived Efficacy of Prayer”

Shadi Salehian, Johns Hopkins University, “Is Spirituality Effective in Addiction Recovery and Prevention?”

**Morality, Mandates, and Medicine: Ethical Dilemmas of Preserving Tradition
Room 325**

Moderator: Kira Ganga Kieffer, Boston University Department of Religion

Johnathan Kelly, Boston University, “Holocaust-Era Rabbinic Responsa and the Life-for-Life Problem in Jewish Bioethics”

Butana Petros Molefe, Harvard Divinity School, “Faith Healing and the Quandary of Choice in South Africa”

Victoria Strang, Yale Divinity School “Sincere and Genuine Belief: The Role of Government in Determining Religious Exemption for Mandatory Vaccines”

The Problem of Suffering: Theologies of Oppression and Liberation Room 306

Moderator: Hyebin Hong, Boston University School of Theology

Bar Guzi, Brandeis University, “Jewish Process Thinking and the Problem of Evil: The Cases of Hans Jonas and Bradley Shavit Artson”

Christine Mitchell, MDiv¹ & David Williams, PhD,² Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health,¹ Department of African American Studies, Harvard University,² “Black Lives Matter: Why Racism’s Impact on Health Demands a Religious Response”

Rabbi Gavi S. Ruit, Hebrew Union College, “Rape, Rape Myth, and Jewish Tradition and the Modern Age”

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:45 Keynote Address Room B-19

Dr. Ellen Idler

“Religion and Public Health: What Grows Where the Fields Meet?”

Dr. Idler is the Director of the Religion and Public Health Collaborative, Samuel Candlert Dobbs Chair of Sociology in Emory College, Joint Faculty in the Department of Epidemiology, Rollins School of Public Health, and a Senior Fellow at the Emory Center for Ethics.

12:00-2:00 Lunch and Expert Panel Room 325

“On the Frontlines: A Conversation with Professionals Working at the Intersection of Religion and Health”

Moderator: Dr. Lance Laird, Boston University

Rev. Jennie Gould, PhD, BCC, Lead Hospital Chaplain, Boston Medical Center

Stacy Nam, MPH, Knowledge Manager at the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities

Albert Pless, MS, President of the American Muslim Health Professionals and Program Manager for the Men’s Health League at the Cambridge Public Health Department

2:00-3:15 Second Concurrent Panel Session

Childbirth and Faith: Current Lessons from Yesterday’s Experiences Room 115

Moderator: Kate Stockly, Boston University Department of Religion

Christina Gebel, Boston University School of Public Health

Hannah Jung, Brandeis University “‘Woman Know Thyself!’ Mormon Negotiations Between Religion and Science”

Staci Rosenthal, MS, Boston University, “Birthing into Death: Stories of Jewish Reproduction from the Holocaust”

Early Modern Interpretations of Sin, Sickness, and Suffering Room 306

Moderator: Andrew Henry, Boston University Department of Religion

Timothy Grieve-Carlson, Rice University, “‘In the name of Jesus, amen, may these cows be led’ Animal Subjects and Religious Healing in an American Esoteric Tradition”

Fred Kim, Union Theological Seminary, “Plague and the Eucharistic Body: How Confessional Debates on the Eucharist Impacted Early Modern Perceptions of the Plague”

Jonathan D. Riddle, University of Notre Dame, “Believer, Heal Thyself: Religion, Health, and Individual Responsibility in Antebellum Physiological Reform”

Dell J. Rose, University of California, Santa Barbara, “The Divine Hatter: The Behemist Medical Model of Roger Crab, a 17th Century Practical Physician”

Sustaining the Spirit: How the Clergy Shapes Healthcare Room B-19

Moderator: Ylisse Bess, Boston University School of Theology

Leslie Chatelain, Research Associate for the Institute for Community Health, “Chaplaincy, Health, and Spirituality at Boston Medical Center”

Samantha Melton, Harvard Divinity School, “Affirming Communal Responsibility and Healing at the Front: Discovering Responsibility as a Community and Healing for Survivors through Further Considerations of ELCA’s Theology and Policy of Domestic Abuse”

Kyle Potter, Marquette University “Healing, Faith, and Doubt: An Analysis of Sacramental and Charismatic Healing”

Benjamin Steiner, Brandeis University, “Pastoral Care and the Making of the Post Holocaust Conservative Rabbinate”

3:15-3:30 Coffee Break Room B24

3:30-4:45 Third Concurrent Panel Session

It Moves Us All: The Responsibility of the Living to the Dying Room 325

Moderator: Scott Possiel, Boston University Department of Religion

Michelle Bentsman, Harvard Divinity School, “Death Doulas Rising: the Case for Transnational Companionship”

Joshua Carpenter, Florida State University, “Dying Responsibly: Rethinking Euthanasia in Catholic Hospitals”

Kaitlyn Martin Fox, Boston University, “Through Death Do Us Impart: Trauma, Otherness, and Survival as Creative Act”