50th Annual Meeting
March 6-7, 2015

Wesleyan Philosophical Society
Wesleyan Historical Society
March 5, 2015
FROM THE PRESIDENT OF MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

It is my privilege to welcome the Wesleyan Theological Society to campus on behalf of the faculty, staff, and students of MVNU, especially the School of Theology and Philosophy. We have eagerly anticipated your arrival for this special occasion. Mount Vernon Nazarene University stands proudly in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition. Your presence and participation will further encourage our work with the integration of Wesleyan theology, philosophy, and psychology. The robust engagement of Wesleyan scholars with culture and life brings us together. We look forward to see what God will do in these days.

We hope that this gathering will be the occasion for serious scholarship, animated conversation, and celebration of friendship.

If you need anything while on campus do not hesitate to contact my office (x4100).

Dr. Henry Spaulding, II
President

WELCOMES

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FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Welcome to the Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society! But this is not just another meeting. This is our fiftieth annual meeting … our golden anniversary … so this is a great time to look back, to look ahead, and even to celebrate a little bit! We are glad you are here!

This year’s meeting, planned around the theme “50 Years of WTS: The Past and Future of Wesleyan-Holiness Identity,” promises to stimulate lots of thought and discussion. Our First Vice President, Doug Koskela, has worked with the section chairs to offer an outstanding lineup of concurrent sessions for our time together. And you do not want to miss the plenary sessions featuring our two outstanding keynote speakers, Douglas Strong and Beth Felker Jones. An added feature of this year’s meeting will be the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration of WTS during the Friday evening banquet, including a commemorative book for all WTS members in attendance.

We are grateful to Mount Vernon Nazarene University, President Henry Spaulding II, and the School of Theology and Philosophy for their hospitality in hosting this momentous occasion. May we be gracious recipients of their generosity.

I am looking forward to the unique blend of conversations, fellowship, thought, and the breaking of bread that typically characterizes meetings of our Society.

Richard Thompson
WTS President (2014-15)

WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY FUTURE MEETINGS

2016 March 11-12 Point Loma Nazarene University: San Diego, California
2017 March 3-4 Asbury Theological Seminary: Wilmore, Kentucky
2018 Pentecostal Theological Seminary: Cleveland, Tennessee
2019 Bethel College: Mishawaka, Indiana
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WPS WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP SESSION 1 - 11:00 AM  Foster Hall

Liturgy and the State  
Room A

Christina Smerick, Moderator
Matt Bernico, “The Liturgy of Capitalism”
Rustin E. Brian, “Beyond Syncretism: On the Competing Liturgies of North American Civil Religion”

Liturgy and Divine Goodness  
Room B

Brint Montgomery, Moderator
Thomas Oord, “Mermaids Can’t Ride Unicorns: Worshipping a God Whose Logically Preeminent Attribute is Love”
Isaac Wiegman, “The Evolution of Retribution: Theological Implications”

Liturgy and Autonomy  
Room C

Curtis Holtzen, Moderator
Bryan Ellrod, “Revisiting James Rachels’ ‘God and Human Attitudes:’ A Kierkegaardian Perspective on Worship and Autonomy”
Joyce Ann Konigsburg, “Worship as Compatible with both Proper Human Autonomy and Relational Autonomy”
Keegan Osinski, “Deconstructive Liturgy as Pedagogy for Christian Formation”
WORKSHOP SESSION 2 - 2:00 PM

Worship, Wonder, and Art

Curtis Holtzen, Moderator

John Thomas Brittingham, “Four on the Floor: Philosophical Reflections on Pop Culture and Christian Worship”

John McAteer, “The work of the people and the work of art: the world-projecting function of Christian liturgy”

Joel M. Potter, “Of Wonder and Worship: Aristotle’s Argument from Wonder in Metaphysics 982b 11-22”

Liturgy and Language

Thomas Oord, Moderator

Joshua Kira, “The Role of Phenomenological Description in Investigating Language: An Examination of Wolterstorff’s Methodology in Divine Discourse”

Reuben L. Lillie, “Punctuation in public worship: the semiotic language within our liturgies”

Eric Severson, “After Fire, Words: Levinas, Language and Liturgy”

Philosophical Reflection on the Liturgy and the Eucharist

Matthew Hill, Moderator

Craig Keen, “Need Toil Not, Neither Spin: Levinas and the Work of the People”

Brent Peterson, “The Eucharist as Linguistic Iconic Bodily Encounter”

James Waters & Gabriel Crooks, “Christ, Subaltern, and Eucharist”
WORKSHOP SESSION 3  - 4:00 PM        Foster Hall

Worship, Suffering, and Sacrament     Room A
Phil Hamner, Moderator
Daniel Jesse, “Untold Silence”
J. Edward Hackett, “A Jamesian Worry about Contemporary Liturgy and Worship”
Brannon M. Hancock, “The Scandal of Sacramentality: the Body/Language of the Word-Made-Flesh”

Marriage, Prayer, and the Bible     Room B
Curtis Holtzen, Moderator
Teri Merrick, “Methodist Marriage: What it was, what it is and what it could be”
Sangwoo Kim, “Making Christians Through Prayer: a rhetorical approach to performance, embodiment, and education in prayer”
Zachary DiMiele, “Listening In: Nancy and the Patristic Hermeneutic in Dialogue”
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SATURDAY, MARCH 7

7:00 AM Ariel Arena: Rm 135
Meeting of the Program Units Committee and Section Chairs

8:00 AM Ariel Arena: Foster Hall
Worship

8:30 AM Ariel Arena: Foster Hall
Plenary Address
Beth Felker Jones, Wheaton College

9:30 AM Ariel Arena: Lobby
Break / Refreshments

10:00 AM
Saturday Morning Concurrent Sessions

Noon
Lunch
Hyson Campus Center Cafeteria

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Dr. Dean Strong

Dean of SPU’s School of Theology since 2007, Dr. Doug Strong received a B.A. from Houghton College in 1978, an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1981, and a Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1990.

His field of study is American religious history, particularly the history of 19th-century revivalism, social reform, and the Wesleyan Holiness movement. An ordained clergyman in the United Methodist Church, he is especially interested in reviving the Wesleyan practice of small-group accountable discipleship among today’s Christians.

Dr. Beth Felker Jones

Session locations are listed below and correspond with the maps on pages 28-29.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSIONS - 11:00 AM

Biblical Studies

Moderator: William H. Malas Jr., Eastern Nazarene College

Presenters:
Jackson Lashier, Southwestern College, “Limited Indefectibility as a Wesleyan Hermeneutic”

Arseny Ermakov, Booth College, “Holiness as Presence: Reimagining the Biblical Theology of the Sacred”

Peter Benjamin Boeckel, Southern Methodist University, “Finding Our Identity: Wesley, Wesleyans, and Their Approaches to Scripture”

Historical Studies

Moderator: Jennifer Woodruff Tait, Christian History Magazine

Presenters:
Ryan N. Danker, Greensboro College, “Methodist Identity in a Newborn Republic: Anglican Upheaval and Methodist Narrative After the American Revolution”

Craig Drurey, Ashland Theological Seminary, “The Missing Component: The Importance of the Class Meeting in the Holiness Bodies Forming the Early Church of the Nazarene

Andrew C. Thompson, Memphis Theological Seminary, “A Pattern to the Flock: Holiness Exemplified in John Wesley’s Journal”
Moral Theology

Hyson Campus Center: Rm 303

Moderator: Andrew Schwartz, Claremont Graduate University

Presenters:
Christopher Momany, Adrian College, “The True Nature of Virtue: A Holiness Ethic for the Twenty-First Century”

Nathan Willowby, Marquette University, “Breakdown and Renewal of a Wesleyan: Revivalism and Social Reform or an Individual Moral Theology”

Kevin Austin, Set Free Movement (Free Methodist Church USA), “A Wesleyan Holiness Response to Modern Slavery”

Practical Theology

Hyson Campus Center: Rm 306

Moderator: Jane Kennard, Mount Vernon Nazarene University

Presenters:
David Ackerman, Spiritual Care and Bereavement Coordinator, Buhl, Idaho, “The God of All Compassion: A Wesleyan Theology of Grief”

Adam Schneider, Seattle School of Theology and Psychology and Daniel Skinner, Ohio University, “Wither Quackery? A Defense of Wesley’s Primitive Physic in the Age of Health Care Reform”

Timothy D. Radcliffe, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, “‘Come Holy Ghost, Thine Influence Shed’: Spirit, Sacrament, and Sanctification”

Practical Theology

Hyson Campus Center: Rm 302


Moderator: Josh Sweeden, George Fox University

Panelists:
Leah Payne, George Fox University
Eric Severson, Nazarene Theological Seminary
Josh Sweeden, George Fox University

Respondent: Dean Blevins, Nazarene Theological Seminary
Science & Theology        RR Hodges Chapel Thorne Performance Hall

Panel Discussion: “Evolution, Intelligent Design, and Wesleyan Theology”

Moderator: Eric Vail, Mount Vernon Nazarene University

Panelists:
Chris Devine, Mount Vernon Nazarene University
Paul Madtes, Jr., Mount Vernon Nazarene University
Joyce Miller, Mount Vernon Nazarene University
Thomas Jay Oord, Northwest Nazarene University

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Arial Arena: Foster Hall A

Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology

Moderator: Brandon M. Arbuckle

Presenters:
Anna R. Hawley, Bowling Green State University, “Becoming One: An Exploration of Premarital Sexual Activity and Biblical Conservatism among College Students”

Anthony Headley, Asbury Theological Seminary, “Getting it Right: Christian Perfection and Wesley’s Purposeful List”

Beverly Ann Hall, Pleasant Hills U.M. Church, Middleburg Heights, OH, “Riding the Sound Waves: The Psychology of Rhythm and Music in a Revitalized Methodist Faith”

Paul Shrier, Cahleen Shrier, and Sam Girguis, Azusa Pacific University, “A Wesleyan Theological Response to Trauma for the Twenty-first Century”
Systematic Theology

Moderator: Rusty Brian, Renton Church of the Nazarene and Northwest Nazarene University

Presenters:

Jason E. Vickers and Chad A. Clark, United Theological Seminary, “Fifty Years of Holiness Theology in the Church of the Nazarene: Patterns, Transitions, and Blind Spots in the Wesleyan Theological Journal”

Theological Education

Panel Discussion: “The Ecclesial Theologian in the Wesleyan Tradition: Retrospect and Prospect”

Moderator: Sarah Heaner Lancaster, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

Panelists:
Gerald Hiestand, Calvary Memorial Church, University of Kent
Randy Maddox, Duke Divinity School
Matthew O’Reilly, St. Mark United Methodist Church, University of Gloucestershire
Michael Pasquarello III, Asbury Theological Seminary

Theology and Popular Culture

Moderator: John Bechtold, University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology

Presenters:
Tim Hahn, Nazarene Theological Seminary, “The Un-Crucified god: How Superman is not like Jesus”

Jeremy Shunk, Nazarene Theological Seminary, “Video Games as Symbolic Mediation of Divine Revelation”

Brannon Hancock, Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesley University, “Dangerous Liaisons: Wesleyan-Holiness Encounters with Popular Culture”
FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS - 4:45 PM

**Biblical Studies**  
Jetter School of Business: Rm 106

Moderator: Rick Williamson, Mount Vernon Nazarene University

Presenters:
Dean Flemming, MidAmerica Nazarene University, “A Sent and Sanctified Community: Missional Holiness in the Gospel of John”


Abson Prédestin Joseph, Indiana Wesleyan University, “Holiness and Community in James and 1 Peter”

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**Ecumenical Studies**  
Hyson Campus Center: Rm 300

Moderator: Kelly Yates, Southern Nazarene University

Presenters:
Steven A. Perry, Duquesne University, "Wesleyan-Holiness Identity and the Roman Catholic Church: Convergence and Renewal"

Matthew Nelson Hill and Brent Walter Cline, Spring Arbor University, "If John Wesley had Guts he would have Converted to Orthodoxy: A Look at Theological East/West Tensions in the Founder of Methodism"

James E. Pedlar, Tyndale Seminary, "Is there a Wesleyan Charism? Another Approach to the Questions of Ecclesial Identity"
Historical Studies    Jetter School of Business: Rm 143

Moderator: Andrew C. Thompson, Memphis Theological Seminary

Presenters:
John Wesley Wright, Point Loma Nazarene University, “The Methodist Episcopal Church in the Church of the Nazarene: An Early Gesture toward the Right/Left Joachimite Malformation of the Methodist Tradition in the United States”

Andrew C. Russell, Bethel Seminary, “The ‘Higher Life’ Theology in the Imperial Age: Defeatism or Triumphalism?”

Harold Raser, Nazarene Theological Seminary, “‘Come Out from Among Them, and Be Ye Separate;’ Phoebe Palmer and the Construction of Holiness Identity in the Nineteenth-Century Holiness Movement”

Historical Studies    Jetter School of Business: Rm 133

Panel discussion of Geordan Hammond, John Wesley in America: Restoring Primitive Christianity (Oxford University Press, 2014)

Moderator: Ryan Danker, Greensboro College

Panelists:
Steve Hoskins, Trevecca Nazarene University
Sarah Heaner Lancaster, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
Howard A. Snyder, Asbury Theological Seminary

Respondent:
Geordan Hammond, Nazarene Theological College

Systematic Theology    Jetter School of Business: Rm 108

Panel Discussion: "And Think Not to Say Within Yourselves, We Have Abraham to Our Father: Idolatry and the Want of Identity”

Moderator: Henry Walter Spaulding III, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Panelists:
Eric Severson, Nazarene Theological Seminary
Craig Keen, Azusa Pacific University
Intercultural Studies

Hyson Campus Center: Rm 228

Panel Discussion of John Bechtold and Andrew Schwartz, eds., *Embracing the Past – Forging the Future: A New Generation of Wesleyan Studies*

Moderator: Nell Becker Sweeden, George Fox Evangelical Seminary

Panelists:
Rusty Brian, Renton Church of the Nazarene & Northwest Nazarene University
Andy Wood, Auburn University
John Bechtold, University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology
Andrew Schwartz, Claremont Graduate University
Nell Becker Sweeden, George Fox Evangelical Seminary

Practical Theology

Hyson Campus Center: Rm 303

Moderator: Matt Price, Mount Vernon Nazarene University

Presenters:
Stan Rodes, Administrative Director for Global Clergy Development, Church of the Nazarene, “When are the Lost Found? John Wesley in Conversation with Missiologist Paul Hiebert”

Robert E. Haynes, Durham University, “The overlooked globalizers: Wesleyan short-term missioners, the missio Dei, and world Christianity”

Dean Blevins, Nazarene Theological Seminary, “When Neuroscientists become Philosophers: Navigating Neuroscientific claims concerning philosophy and metaphysics”

Science and Theology & Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology

Hyson Campus Center: Rm 306

Joint Session: “Attachment Theory and Wesleyan Theology”

Moderator: Toddy Holeman, Asbury Theological Seminary

Presenters:
Ron Wright, Southern Nazarene University, “What Is Attachment Theory and Why It Matters in Psychology”
Theological Education

Hyson Campus Center: Rm 302

Moderator: Wendy Deichmann, United Theological Seminary

Presenters:
Dustin Benac, Duke Divinity School, “Affective Formation and United Methodist Higher Education”

Stephen Rankin, Southern Methodist University, “Evaluating Campus Ethos: Clearing Out Some Ideological Thickets”

Theology and Preaching

Hyson Campus Center: Rm 301

Moderator: Tammy Condon, International Board of Education, Church of the Nazarene

Presenters:
Nathan Crawford, Asbury Theological Seminary, “Quadrilateral: An Augustinian Approach to Recovering the use of the Wesleyan Quadrilateral in the Theology of Preaching”

Edward A. Thomas, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, “Building the Future: Partnering with Ministerial Training Programs to Equip the Clergy for Successful leadership”

Mark Mann, Point Loma Nazarene University, “Wesley, Word and Table: Putting Preaching in its Proper Place”

Women’s Studies

Hyson Campus Center: Rm 243

Moderator: Karen Winslow, Azusa Pacific University

Presenters:
Joseph Coleson, Nazarene Theological Seminary, “What’s in a Translation?: ‘Ezer Kenegdo’ in Gen 2:18, 20”

Laura Ziesel Azusa Pacific University, “I Will Greatly Increase Your Toil and Your Pregnancies: Carol Meyers' Translation of Gen 3:16a Reexamined”

SATURDAY MORNING SESSIONS - 10:00 AM

Biblical Studies

Hyson Campus Center: Rm 306

Moderator: Ryan L. Hansen, Chicago Grace Fellowship Church of the Nazarene

Presenters:


Ryan K. Giffin, Asbury Theological Seminary, “‘As Many as Are Perfect’: Paul’s Cruciform Pattern of Perfection in Philippians 3:15”

Matt O’Reilly, University of Gloucestershire, “From Mortal Body to Redeemed Body: Resurrection, Social Identity, and Time in Romans”

Historical Studies

Ariel Arena: Foster Hall B

Panel Discussion: WTS and the Wesleyan-Holiness Movement: Past, Present, and Future

Moderator: Kevin M. Watson, Candler School of Theology

Panelists:
Howard Snyder, Asbury Theological Seminary
Harold Raser, Nazarene Theological Seminary
Don Dayton, Visiting Professor, Seoul Theological University
Randy Maddox, Duke Divinity School
Historical Studies

Moderator: Scott T. Kisker, United Theological Seminary

Presenters:
Kayla Crousso, University of Edinburgh, “The Influence of the Apostolic Fathers on John Wesley’s Doctrine of Christian Perfection: The Role of the Atonement”

Kay Hardiman, “Reclaiming Holiness as Participation for a New Generation”

Randy Cloud, MidAmerica Nazarene University, “Theological Archeology: An expansion of Mildred Bangs Wynkoop’s 1971 WTS article: ‘A Hermeneutical Approach To John Wesley’”

Gregory R. Coates, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, “Believed Everywhere, Always, and By All: Scripture and Tradition in Vincent of Lérins and John Wesley”

Intercultural Studies

Moderator: Josh Sweeden, George Fox Evangelical Seminary

Presenters:
William Payne, Ashland Theological Seminary, “Hope and Liberation in Latino Pentecostalism”

Henry Walter Spaulding III, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, “Embodied Holiness: Global Bodies and Wesleyan-Holiness Theology”

Leah Payne, George Fox University, “Avoiding the Culture Wars: A Wesleyan Way to Move Beyond the Theological Binaries of the Fundamentalist-Modernist Controversy”

James Matthew Price, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, “Who Belongs Here: Notions of Belonging and Practices of Intensity in Cultures of Isolation and Alienation”
Moral Theology  
Hyson Campus Center: Rm 228

Moderator: Brint Montgomery, Southern Nazarene University

Presenters:
Andrew Schwartz, Claremont Graduate University, “Wesley and Whitehead: The Past and Future of Wesleyan-Holiness Identity”

Kent Dunnington, Greenville College, “Vices of learning: how the vice of curiositas became the virtue of curiosity”

John Bechtold, University of Denver, Iliff School of Theology, “A Scientific Theology of Nature: A Re-examination of Jürgen Moltmann’s 2009 Contributions to the WTS”

Timothy Gaines, Bakersfield First Church of the Nazarene, “Can Ethics Be Wesleyan? Moral Theology and Holiness Identity”

Practical Theology  
Hyson Campus Center: Rm 243

Moderator: Dean Blevins, Nazarene Theological Seminary

Presenters:
Sangwoo Kim, Duke University, “Is there a Wesleyan practice of prayer?”

Dirk R. Ellis, Grace Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Hooksett, NH, “Private vs. Corporate Faith: The Ramifications of Worship Practice for Christian Identity”

Nell Becker Sweeden, George Fox Evangelical Seminary, “Holiness Ecclesiology: Gathered as the Body of Christ”
Science and Theology

Hyson Campus Center: Rm 302

“Issues in Science and Theology”

Moderator: Thomas Jay Oord, Northwest Nazarene University

Presenters:
Earnest Maynard Moore, WesleyNexus, Inc., “John Wesley’s Engagement with the ‘Science’ of His Day”
Scott Mapes, Paden City, West Virginia, “Listening to All of the SSRIs: A Pastor/Patient Examines Psychopharmacology in Relation to Wesleyan-Holiness Concepts of the Renewal of the Mind”

Special Session

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