

Subverting the Norm II - Schedule (*Updated 6 March 2013*)

A = Academic Track

P = Practitioner Track

B = Both Academic and Practitioner Track

CDR = Center for Diversity and Reconciliation Track (the CDR track is open to both conference participants and the public)

Thursday, April 4 (*The Drink Before*)

7pm - The Hellish Pursuit of Heaven: An Evening with Peter Rollins

Seating for this special pre-event (at Farmers Gastropub in downtown Springfield) is limited.

To reserve a spot, please visit the "Pre-Event with Peter Rollins" page on the Subverting the Norm website.

Friday, April 5 (*all Friday activities held in Room 1 of the Findlay Student Center unless otherwise noted -- see room key at end of this document for details*)

7.30am – Registration begins (and continues throughout the morning)

8am – Kester Brewin, Talk I: “Pirate Christianity: What the Tragedy of the Prodigal Tells Us About a Religion of the Commons” (B)

9am – Micki Pulleyking, “God, Postmodernism, and Why I am Choosing to Stay in the Church” (B)

10am – Peter Rollins, “The Idolatry of God: Breaking Our Addiction to Certainty and Satisfaction” (B)

11am – Kester Brewin, Talk II: “Beyond Super-Nature: Faithful Renunciations of Super-Power from Shakespeare to Batman,” with a response by Peter Rollins and John Caputo (B)

12pm – Break for Lunch (*Several options for eating on or near campus are available; please see the registration packet for more info.*)

1pm – Breakout Session I

Room 1 – Post-Christianity. Christian Piatt, “PostChristian: What’s Left? Can We Fix It? Do We Care?” (P)

Room 2 – Encouraging Self-Critical Reflection in Churches Panel. Ronald Dickinson, Colby Dickinson, Robert Bayley and Elisabeth Bayley, “How Do Christians Form Self-Critical Perspectives in Today's Church? Four Interrelated Responses” (B)

Room 3 – Radical Theology I. Janet Abbey, “Reading DeLillo's *Cosmopolis* through Jesus: A Sermon for Today,” Janet Abbey (A) and J. Leavitt Pearl, “Living Faith as Embodied Faith: Religious Practice After Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology of the Body” (A)

Room 4 – Atheism for Lent. Katharine Sarah Moody, “Atheism as a Contemplative Practice and Philosophy as a Spiritual Discipline” (B) and Jim Kast-Keat, “I Believe in Atheism for Lent: Intellectualism for Everyone” (P)

Room 5a – Church Planting. Jared Witt, “Are Church Planters Entrepreneurs? The Hipster and the Kingdom of God” (P)

Room 5b – Ancient-Future Spiritual Practices. Tom Boone, “Ancient Spiritual Practices for Transforming a Postmodern World” (P)

2pm – Namsoon Kang, “*Community without Community: Postmodern De/Construction of Jesus-Community Toward a Life-Affirming Site of Planetary Hospitality*” (B)

3pm – Breakout Session II

Room 1 – Christianity, Church Practice and the Event I. Neal DeRoo, “Another ‘New Calvinism’? Postmodern Calvinism in Practice” (B) and Curtis Bronzan, “Deconstructing the Temple: Towards a Community for Which Those (Who Rightly Pass for) A/Theists Pray and Weep, or, What Evangelicals Could Learn from (Another) J.C.” (B)

Room 2 – Psychoanalysis and the Church. Tad DeLay, “Psychoanalysis and Piety” (B) and Katharine Sarah Moody, “A New Kind of Christian is A New Kind of Atheist: Psychoanalysis, A/Theism and the Philosophy and Politics of Identity Suspension” (B)

Room 3 – Care in and among Christian Collectives. Robert Saler, “Pastoral Care as Protest Theodicy” (B) and Mike Stavlund, “The Impossibility of Grief: Listening to and Learning from Loss” (B)

Room 4 – Campus Ministry. Patrick Cousins, “Passing on (a)theism: Reflections of a Postmodern Campus Minister” (B) and Andrea Folds, “Who's Counting?” (B)

Room 5a – Congregational Transformation. “Dancing on an Uneven Floor: The Postmodern Transformation of a Traditional Congregation in the None-Zone,” Paul Sundberg (P)

Room 5c – Church Practice and Postmodernism I. “Evangelism as Healing, Not Church Membership,” Gene Marshall (B)

4.15pm – Homebrewed Christianity podcast, “Is God Dead?” Roundtable conversation with Tripp Fuller, Peter Rollins, Namsoon Kang & John Caputo (B)

5.15pm – Break for Dinner

7.30pm – John D. Caputo, “Can Postmodern Theology Live in the Churches? Perhaps,” with a response by Tony Jones (B)

9.30pm – Theology of Rock, with Barry Taylor, Tripp Fuller and others (Off-site; this event sponsored and hosted by Homebrewed Christianity -- location TBA)

Saturday, April 6

8am – Breakout Session III

Room 1 – Christianity, Church Practices and the Event II. Hollis Phelps, “How to be Faithful to an Event: Alain Badiou, Christianity and the Practice of Generic Universality” (A) and Darryl Schafer, “Less is More: Pastoral Self-Destruction and the Event of God” (P)

Room 2 – Worship and Liturgy I. Erinn Staley, “On Not Knowing Together: Intellectual Disability and Christian Worship” (B) and Keegan Osinski, “Eucharist as a Deconstructive Act” (B)

Room 3 – Political Theology I. Kirsten Gerdes, “Resisting Consumerist Christianity: Rosi Braidotti’s Deleuzianism as a New Evangelism” (A) and Stephen Keating, “Debt Rules Everything Around Me (and other theological nightmares)” (A)

Room 4 – The Death of God. Matt Willis-Goode, “Deconstructing the Mainline: The Death of God in the Dying Church” (B) and Chris Rodkey, “Preaching the Death of God” (B)

Room 5a – Worship and Liturgy II (followed by *ikonNYC* roundtable and conversation in next session). Krista Dalton, “Does Belief Matter? Jewish

and Christian Communal Memory in Ritualized Liturgy” (B) and Matthew Lyon, “First as Sanctuary, Then As Sacrament: Towards a Radical Liturgical Theology” (B)

Room 5b – Language and Transformation. Wilson Dickinson, “Fools in the World of Budgets and Reports: Subverting Conventional Reading Practices with the Transformative Wisdom of Paul” (B) and Scott Cowan, “When the Hedonism of Heaven Expires: Towards Reifying an Expansive Concept of History” (A)

Room 6 – Radical Hermeneutics. Susan Wright, “Rekindling a Sacrificial Crisis in the Eucharist: John’s Homiletic of Deconstruction of the ‘Manna’ Metaphors in the Bread of Life Discourse” (A) and Adam Braun, “Meals Together: Material Space and Ideology in Luke 22:24-30 and in Korean Immigrant Congregations” (B)

9.15 am – Breakout Session IV

Room 1 – Materialism and Embodiment. Clayton Crockett & Jeff Robbins, “On Theological Materialism: Energy for the Church” (A)

Room 2 – Worship and Liturgy III. Phil Snider, “In Praise of a God Who Might Be: Liturgy and Preaching from a Postmodern Perspective” (P) and Matthew Mardis-LeCroy, “The End of Experience: Toward a Testimony Ethic for Preaching to Religious Liberals” (P)

Room 3 – Radical Theology II. Zihna Gordon, “Rending the Veil: Jesus and the Dialectic of Freedom (B)” and Justin Harrison, “The Gods Have Flown the Earth: The Importance of the Absence of God in Postmodern Christianity” (A)

Room 4 – Speculative Realism Panel, “Facing the Absolute: Christology and Gift after Speculative Realism,” convened by Jordan Skinner. Jon Cogburn & Mark Allan Ohm, “Actual Qualities of Imaginative Things: Religious Texts as True Fictions,” Jordan Skinner, “Gift and Contingency,” and Jazz Feyer-Sala, “Who’s Afraid of Speculation? Correlationism and Possibilities of the Speculative Turn” (A)

Room 5a – ikonNYC Roundtable and Conversation, facilitated by Krista Dalton and featuring *ikonNYC* participants (B)

Room 5b – Aesthetics, Interpretation and Possibilities for Preaching. Jon Russell, “The Wolf in Theology: Wild(er)ness and a More Aesthetic Theology” (B) and David Brodsky, “Parables as Postmodern Discourse” (B)

Room 6 – Queer Theory. Teresa Hornsby, “How Queer is Queer? Queer Theory and the Bible” (CDR) and Karen Bray, “Disidentifying with God: Queer Theory and the Future of Postsecular Theology” (CDR)

10.30am – Melinda McGarrah Sharp, “Wider than I Imagined and Deeper than I Thought: The Need for Postcolonial Pastoral Practice in Middle America” (B)

11.30am – Break for Lunch

1pm – Barry Taylor, “There ain't no devil – just God when he's drunk, and other tales from the underbelly” (B)

2pm – Breakout Session V

Room 1 – Emerging Christianity. Matthew Gallion, “The Less-Than-Great-Emergence: American Religion and the Current State of the Emergent Church Movement” (P) and Randy Reed, “The Problem of Identity for the Emerging Church” (B)

Room 2 – Heaven, Hell and the End Times. Clark West, “Deconstructing Hell: Preaching Trauma in the Postmodern Church” (B) and George Elerick, “Fate, The End Times and Heaven: Superstitions for Perverts” (A)

Room 3 – Poststructuralism and Justice. Andrea Stephenson, “Spirit of Multiplicity: Post-Structuralism In-spirit-ing Lived Theology for a Church of Action and Justice” (A) and Jon Gill, “Title Currently Unavailable: The Problem of Linguistic Naming of the Divine in Postmodern and Poststructuralist Theology” (B)

Room 4 – Youth Ministry I (continues into next breakout session), followed by **Roundtable on Youth and Campus Ministry.** Josh Linton, “What Am I Still Doing Here? My Life as a Progressive Youth Minister and Border-Line Agnostic” (P), John Vest, “Do(n't) Tell the Kids: Precritical and Postcritical Naivete in Ministry with Children and Youth” (B) and Timothy Wotring, “Approaching Youth Ministry from a Poststructuralist Lens” (B)

Room 5a – Worship and Liturgy IV. Adam Moore & Jonathan Perrodin, “An Experiment in Radical Liturgy” (P), followed by **Theopoetics and Transformance Art Roundtable** (continued into next breakout session) featuring Christian Piatt, Matthew Lyon, Adam Moore and Jonathan Perrodin (P)

Room 6 – CDR Keynote. Christena Cleveland, “The Social Psychology of Exclusion & Embrace: Loving well across cultural differences” (CDR)

3.15pm – Breakout Session VI

Room 1 – Process Theology. Tripp Fuller, “The Idolatry of Doubt (Or, Why I am trying to save the soul of Peter Rollins)” (B) and Bo Sanders, “Try (Not) to Think About God: The Event, Idolatry, and the Person in the Pew” (B)

Room 2 – Love and Violence. Johann Meylahn, “Imitatio Christi and the Holy Folly of Divine Violence: The Church as Ultimate Criminal” (A) and Timothy Huson, “The Church and the Outsider: Simone Weil on Christian Love” (A)

Room 3 – Political Theology II. Jeremy Fackenthal, “Repoliticizing the Church: Finding Postsecular Engagement in Adorno and Benjamin” (A) and Bo Eberle, “Overcoming Liberalism to Save the World: Deleuze, Connolly, and the Resonating Church” (A)

Room 4 – Youth and Campus Ministry Roundtable featuring Andrea Folds, Patrick Cousins, John Vest, Josh Linton and Timothy Wotring (P)

Room 5a – Theopoetics and Transformance Art Roundtable (continued) featuring Christian Piatt, Adam Moore and Jonathan Perrodin (P)

Room 5b – Church Practice and Postmodernism II. “A conversation (or support group?) for practitioners drawn to radical theology who consistently experience its resistance in established churches,” convened and facilitated by Barry Taylor and Kester Brewin (P)

Room 6 – CDR Straight for Equality. Phil Snider and Camielle Famous, “Why I am a Straight Ally” (CDR)

4.30pm – Closing Roundtables: “Where Do We Go From Here?”

Room 1 – Subverting the Norm Roundtable, with Peter Rollins, John D. Caputo and Katharine Sarah Moody (B)

Room 6 – Center for Diversity and Reconciliation Roundtable, with Christena Cleveland, Camielle Famous and Melinda McGarrah Sharp (CDR)

5.30pm – Close of conference

You are warmly invited to hang out, go eat, have fun, and make arrangements to continue the conversation throughout the evening and the following day! (a few options are listed below)

8pm – Post-Event Meet-ups

Q Enoteca (*One of Springfield's leading wine bars*)

308 W. Commercial St.
Springfield, MO 65803

The Coffee Ethic (*Serving single-origin coffee & a rotating selection of beer and wine*)

124 Park Central Square
Springfield, MO 65806

Sunday, April 7

9am – Post-Event Meet-up

The Coffee Ethic
124 Park Central Square
Springfield, MO 65806

The following conference participants are speaking at local churches:

Christena Cleveland – Brentwood Christian Church (*9am and 11am*)

1900 E Baratavia
Springfield, MO 65804

Tripp Fuller – National Avenue Christian Church (*10am*)

1515 S National Ave
Springfield, MO 65804

Tony Jones – Marshfield Christian Church

1061 State Highway A
Marshfield, MO 65706

Labyrinth

A labyrinth will be set up from 8am-5pm on Friday in Room 5b that you are welcome to walk (with thanks to National Avenue Christian Church and Central Christian Church for making it available).

Room Key (see map on next page)

Room 1 - Findlay Student Center Ballroom

Room 2 - Findlay Student Center Presidential Dining Room

Room 3 - Findlay Student Center Diversity Room

Room 4 - Findlay Student Center Classroom 204

Room 5 - Central Christian Church (two blocks north of Findlay Student Center at 1475 N. Washington Ave)

Room 6 - Freeman Hall Hoblit Room (building directly east of Findlay Student Center)

Schedule subject to change.



