Kierkegaard: A Christian Thinker for Our Time?

2013 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture

Schedule

Thursday, October 31

12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Registration/Check In (Second Floor Foyer—Bill Daniel Student Center)

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Plenary Panel (Barfield Drawing Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

“Secrecy, Corruption, and the Exchange of Reasons: Malesic Meets Haidt and Yoder”—Jennifer Herdt, Yale Divinity School

“Kierkegaard and the Peaceable Kingdom, or, Why Kierkegaard and Hauerwas Would Be Frenemies”—Paul Martens, Baylor University

Chair—William Bellinger, Baylor University

2:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Colloquium Presentations

Exploring Kierkegaard through the Arts (Cowden Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

- “Understanding ‘Despair’ through Renaissance Allegory: Spenser’s *The Faerie Queene* and Kierkegaard’s *The Sickness unto Death*”—Courtney Bailey Parker, Baylor University
- “Kierkegaard, Hilarius Bookbinder’s *Stages on Life’s Way* and Woody Allen’s *Blue Jasmine*”—Carrie Peirce, Azusa Pacific University
- “In Madness Lies Sanity: Kierkegaardian Paradox in Shakespeare’s *King Lear*”—Brian Warren, The University of Texas-Pan American and Thomas Pearson, The University of Texas-Pan American

Chair—Sarah Walden, Baylor University
Time and Temporality (Gregory Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “Original Time Consciousness: Constructing a Kierkegaardian Temporality”—Gregory Floyd, Boston College
- “Since I Have the Occasion: Why Every Understanding of Time Is a Misunderstanding”—Michael Jones, University of Dallas
- “Living, Like the Lilies, in the Present: Kierkegaard on Our Attitudes towards Time”—Karl Aho, Baylor University
Chair—Brian Clayton, Gonzaga University

American Religion (Baines Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “Church Hidden and Revealed in Søren Kierkegaard and John Howard Yoder”—Jason Mahn, Augustana College
- “Practice in Evangelicalism”—Charles Royal, United States District Court, Middle District of Georgia
- “Kierkegaard and the American Dream”—Matthew Wilson, Baylor University
Chair—Mark Tietjen, University of West Georgia

Religious Worldviews (Houston Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “Judaism is a Coachman; Muhammadanism is a Groom: Kierkegaard and the Religious Other”—A. Christian van Gorder, Baylor University
- “Transfiguration in Kierkegaard and Beyond: Tracing the Dynamics of a Religious Symbol”—Markus Kleinert, University of Erfurt
- “Resignation and Faith as Spiritual Ideals: A Lesson from Kierkegaard on Worldview Patterns”—Daniel Johnson, Shawnee State University
Chair—Chris Rios, Baylor University

Spiritual Formation (Lipscomb Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “Prayer as Christological Mode of Existence”—Matthew Moser, Loyola University Maryland and Daniel Marrs, Baylor University
- “Preliminary Investigations into the Relationship between Kierkegaard and St. John Climacus”—Brandon Pierce, University Avenue Church of Christ
- “In Search of a Kierkegaardian Pneumatology”—Matthew Brake, George Mason University
Chair—Walton Padelford, Union University

Miguel de Unamuno Engaging Kierkegaard (Fentress Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “Kierkegaard Encountering Unamuno: A Non-foundationalism for Our Time”—Mark Griffin, Oklahoma City University
- “A Kierkegaardian Understanding of Despair and Miguel de Unamuno’s San Manuel Bueno, mártir”—Jan Evans, Baylor University
Chair—Robert Baird, Baylor University
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**Break**

5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

**Reception** (White Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

**Evening Plenary Session** (Barfield Drawing Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

**Welcoming Remarks**
Darin Davis, Director of the Institute for Faith and Learning and Assistant Professor of Christian Philosophy and Ethics, George W. Truett Theological Seminary

Judge Ken Starr, President of Baylor University

**W. H. Brian, Jr. Family Lecture**
“Kierkegaard on Natural Theology: Why We Can Know There Is a God without Proofs”—C. Stephen Evans, Baylor University

8:30 p.m.

**Dessert Reception** (Barfield Drawing Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

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**Friday, November 1**

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

**Panel Discussion**

**Kierkegaard as a Prophet to the Church Today** (Houston Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)


- Silas Morgan, Loyola University Chicago
- Sylvia Walsh, Stetson University
- Jason Mahn, Augustana College
- Respondent—Kyle Roberts, Bethel Seminary

Chair—Matthew Wilson, Baylor University
Colloquium Presentations

**Communication and Phenomenology** (Lipscomb Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “Receiving Isaac Back with Joy: Søren Kierkegaard, Jean-Luc Marion, and a Phenomenology of Sacrifice”—Mark Tazelaar, Dordt College
- “Heidegger’s ‘Indirect Communication’? Heidegger’s Appropriation of Kierkegaard’s Method in *Contributions to Philosophy*”—Victoria Davies, University of Oxford
- “The Glorification of the ‘Subjective I’ in Kierkegaard’s Quest for Truth: A Philosophical Appraisal”—Simeon Omale, Kogi State
  Chair—Lenore Wright, Baylor University

**Reading Scripture with Kierkegaard** (Beckham Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “Gird Your Loins: Reading Kierkegaard and Job”—Lewis Pearson, University of Saint Francis
- “Kierkegaard’s Perception and Appropriation of Paul: An Evaluation”—Todd Still, Baylor University
- “Would Kierkegaard Have Written *Fear and Trembling* Differently Had He Been a Literary Critic?”—Wayne Brouwer, Hope College
  Chair—Will Williams, Baylor University

**The Possibility of God** (Fentress Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “Kierkegaard’s Call for an Infinitely Intense Imagination”—Bryan Yorton, Hardin-Simmons University
- “Toward an Existential Proof of God”—Anthony Malagon, Purdue University
- “*Works of Love* and Inquiry: An Evaluation of Edification in Kierkegaard and Peirce”—Roger Ward, Georgetown College
  Chair—David Calhoun, Gonzaga University

**Walker Percy Interpreting Kierkegaard** (Cowden Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “Found in the Cosmos: Self and Individuality in the Psychology of Percy and Kierkegaard”—Evan C. Rosa, Biola University
- “Walker Percy as ‘A Thief of Kierkegaard’?”—Brian Clayton, Gonzaga University
- “Kierkegaard and Walker Percy’s *The Last Gentleman*: A Christian Thinker contra the *Felo-de-se* of Hegelian Scientism”—Troy Wellington Smith, University of Mississippi
  Chair—Stephen Barnes, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

**Art and Authority** (Claypool Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “Kierkegaard, Aesthetics and the Social Imaginary”—Peder Jothen, St. Olaf College
• “As One With/Out Authority: Genius and Kierkegaard’s Apologetic Response”—Steve Reagles, Bethany Lutheran College
Chair—Scott Geis, Christian Brothers University

Ethics and ‘the Ethical’ (Gregory Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “Is It Lonely at the Assessor’s Office? The Loss of the World in Either/Or”—Nate Jackson, Baylor University
• “Narrative and the Moment in Three Kierkegaardian Pseudonyms”—Randall Colton, Cardinal Glennon College
• “Is There a Kierkegaardian Ethical Project?”—Luke Johnson, University of Georgia
Chair—Karl Aho, Baylor University

The Individual and the Community (Baines Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “Kierkegaard on the Individual, Equality, and the Modern Conception of Social and Political Authority”—David Diener, Covenant Classical School
• “Kierkegaard’s Critique of Individualism”—Charles Bellinger, Brite Divinity School
• “Community and Comfort; or, Why the Late Kierkegaard Is an Individualist”—Thomas Millay, Duke Divinity School
Chair—Scott Huelin, Union University

10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Plenary Panel (Barfield Drawing Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

“Kierkegaard: In Praise of Heteronomy”—Merold Westphal, Fordham University

“Kierkegaard: the Rule of Chaos and the Perturbation of Love”—Cyril O’Regan, University of Notre Dame

Chair—Robert Kruschwitz, Baylor University

12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Lunch (Cashion Banquet Room—Fifth Floor, Cashion Building)
1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Featured Speaker (Barfield Drawing Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

“In the Mirror of God's Word: Kierkegaard and the Epistle of James”
—Richard Bauckham, University of St Andrews

Chair—Bruce Longenecker, Baylor University

3:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Featured Presentation (Baines Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

“Kierkegaard's Christian Platonism”—Anthony Rudd, St. Olaf College

Respondent—Daniel Marrs, Baylor University
Chair—Heidi Bostic, Baylor University

Panel Discussion

Some Contributions of Kierkegaard to Medical and Psychiatric Practice (Cowden Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “Approaching Existential Distress in the Face of Death: A Kierkegaardian Contribution”—John Peteet, Harvard Medical School
- "Kierkegaard, Self-referentiality, and Psychopathology”—Gerrit Glas, VU University Amsterdam
- “Inwardness and Mindfulness”—Thomas Peteet, Boston Medical Center
Chair—Bill Nielson, Baylor University

Colloquium Presentations

Kierkegaard in Theological Reflection (Beckham Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “‘Eternity will nail him to himself’: The Logic of Damnation in The Sickness unto Death”—R. Zachary Manis, Southwest Baptist University
- “Crumbs of Truth: Kierkegaard and Socrates in Dialogue on the Concept of the Eternal”—Mark Wells, Montreat College
- “Søren Kierkegaard and Karl Barth on the Question of the Contemporaneity of Disciple and Witness”—Kimlyn Bender, Baylor University
Chair—Jonathan Sands Wise, Georgetown College
Confronting Evil (Lipscomb Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “Learning to Reflect with Christians and Jews in Times of Terror and Occupation: Kierkegaard and Buber”—Robert Andrew Cathey, McCormick Theological Seminary
- “Tyrant: A Paradigm of the Inhuman Understood through Kierkegaard’s Analysis of Despair”—Marina Denischik, Boston College
- “Obstacles on the Road to Selfhood: A Reflection on Kierkegaard’s Notion of the Demonic”—Angela Sager, Fordham University
Chair—David Echelbarger, Baylor University

Faith and Life (Claypool Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “Kierkegaard, Nothingness, and Faith”—William Marsh, Westminster Christian High School
- “Faith as Therapy: David Lodge’s Use of Kierkegaard”—John Sykes, Wingate University
Chair—Nate Jackson, Baylor University

Lutheranism and Kierkegaard (Gregory Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “Was Kierkegaard a Good Lutheran?”—Thomas Pearson, The University of Texas-Pan American
- “Kierkegaard and Bonhoeffer on Costly Grace and Cheap Grace”—Walton Padelford, Union University
- “Law and Gospel, Distinction and Dialectic: Walther, Kierkegaard, and the Rich Young Ruler”—David Coe, Trinity Lutheran Church
Chair—Brian Brewer, Baylor University

Prescription for Melancholy (Fentress Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “Ligatio ex Nihilo: Original Sin and the Hope for Redemption. An Alternate Path through the Darkness of Kierkegaard’s Phenomenology of Anxiety”—Daniel Bradley, Gonzaga University
- “Situating Melancholy in Kierkegaard’s The Concept of Anxiety”—Hannah Venable, University of Dallas
- “Rehearsing Death: Kierkegaard’s Missionary as Example for Individuals and Churches”—Eric Black, B. H. Carroll Theological Institute
Chair—Kyle Queal, The Covenant School of Dallas

Kierkegaard: ¿Un pensador cristiano para nuestros tiempos? Sesión I (Houston Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
This session will be convened in Spanish.
- “La contemporaneidad y el movimiento eterno del amor. Una propuesta de Kierkegaard para tiempos de diversidad” (“Contemporaneity as the Eternal
Movement of Love: Kierkegaard’s Proposal for Times of Diversity”—Rafel García Pavón, Universidad Anáhuac

- “Argumentos en torno a Mat. 11, 30 en el segundo discurso del Evangelio del sufrimiento” (“Arguments in Reference to Mt. 11:30 in the Second Discourse of The Gospel of Suffering”—Leticia Valadez, Universidad Anáhuac

- “Una herencia existencial para el cristianismo: la angustia en la comprensión teológica de Hans Urs von Balthasar” (“An Existential Inheritance for Christianity: Anxiety in the Theological Understanding of Hans Urs von Balthasar”—Christopher Barba, Universidad Iberoamericana

Chair—Paul Larson, Baylor University

5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Break

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Dinner (Cashion Banquet Room—Fifth Floor, Cashion Building)

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Evening Plenary Session (Cashion Banquet Room—Fifth Floor, Cashion Building)

Carl F. H. Henry Lecture
“False Pretenses: My Teenage Crush on Søren Kierkegaard, and Trying on Faith for Size”—Kathleen Norris, Essayist, Poet, and Author

Chair—David Lyle Jeffrey, Baylor University

Saturday, November 2

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Panel Discussion

Kierkegaard and the Search for Wisdom (Houston Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

- Students of Union University
  Co-chairs: Scott Huelin, Justin Barnard, and Walton Padelford, Union University

Colloquium Presentations

Anxiety, Idealism, Religion (Claypool Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

- “The Terror of Testimonies: How Religion Invokes Anxiety and Despair”—Tom Ryan, University of Denver
• “‘A Cherub with a Flaming Sword’: Intimations of Original Sin in Kierkegaard’s Fear and Trembling”—Daniel Conway, Texas A&M University
• “Kierkegaard and Schelling in Perspective: Integrating Existence into Idealism”—Rasmus Larsen, University at Buffalo
  Chair—Andrew Wisely, Baylor University

Conscience and Confession (Baines Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “Sociality and the Single Individual: Conscience in the Theology of Søren Kierkegaard”—Jeff Morgan, University of Notre Dame
• “Christo-logic: Kierkegaard contra Hegel on Sin and Incarnation”—Grant Francis, Baylor University
• “Kierkegaard and Foucault on Self-Examination, Confession, and Love”—Brad Underwood, Duke University
  Chair—Jared Brandt, Baylor University

Humility and Experiential Knowledge (Lipscomb Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “The Abuse of Reason: Kierkegaard and Hayek on the Virtue of Epistemic Humility”—Joshua House, Supreme Court of Nevada
• “Too Much Coffee and Not Enough Walking: Kierkegaard on the Ambivalence of Experience”—Will Williams, Baylor University
• “Encountering the Truth: Kierkegaard’s Existential Mysticism as a Corrective for the ‘New Atheism’”—M. G. Piety, Drexel University
  Chair—Christine Pyle, Baylor University

Psychology and Pastoral Care (Beckham Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “Survival and the Temptation to Despair: Kierkegaard and the Traumatized Self”—Emily Stetler, Mount St. Mary’s University
• “Kierkegaard’s Influence in the Lives of J. Patocka and V. Frankl”—Jerry Terrill, Houston Graduate School of Theology
• “Kierkegaard, Psychology and the Psychomachia of Everyday Life”—Richard McCombs, St. John’s College, Santa Fe
  Chair—Melinda Creech, Baylor University

Belief and Despair (Cowden Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “Two Axes of Despair”—John Giannini, Baylor University
• “Kierkegaard and the Constituents of Belief”—Caleb Lee, University of Calgary
• “Neither Silence nor Speech: Kierkegaard’s Communication Problem and the Space of Literature”—Damon Boria, Our Lady of the Lake College
  Chair—B. J. Parker, Baylor University

10:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Break
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Panel Discussions

Kierkegaard on the Art of Existing (Gregory Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “Unrivalled Professors in the Art of Living: Kierkegaard on the Lily of the Field and the Bird of the Air”—Brian Gregor, California State University, Dominquez Hills
- “Fear and Trembling as Kierkegaard’s Consolation of Philosophy”—Jeffrey Hanson, Australian Catholic University
- “Two Rival Askeses: Kierkegaard and Foucault on Becoming a Self”—James Taylor, Gordon College
  Chair—Lesley-Anne Dyer, Baylor University

Society for Christian Psychology (Cowden Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “Finite Common Sense”—Mark Tietjen, University of West Georgia
- “Kierkegaard and Acedia”—Jonathan Sands Wise, Georgetown College
- “Stages on Christ’s Way”—Eric Johnson, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
  Chair—Paul Carron, Baylor University

Colloquium Presentations

Reflections of Kierkegaard in Literature (Baines Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “Kierkegaard and the Parabolic Tradition”—Stephen Barnes, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
- “The Logic of Irony: An Examination of Kierkegaard’s The Concept of Irony with a Critique of Richard Rorty’s Use of Irony”—Dennis L. Sansom, Samford University
- “A Kierkegaardian Narrative in Post-9/11 American Literature”—Justin Ness, Northern Illinois University
  Chair—Phillip Donnelly, Baylor University

Loving God and Neighbors (Houston Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
- “And on the Last Page . . .: Kierkegaardian Love in the Works of Camus”—Jesus Luzardo, Fordham University
- “Being with the Neighbor in Kierkegaard and Heidegger”—Lisa Watrous, Michigan Technological University
  Chair—Ryan West, Baylor University

Kierkegaardian Challenges to Epistemology (Fentress Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “Subjectivity and Conscience: A Kierkegaardian Resolution to the Problem of the Criterion”—Aaron Fehir, Saint Leo University
• “Subjectivity as Virtue: Kierkegaard’s Virtue Epistemology”—Michael Stark, Colorado Christian University
Chair—Justin Barnard, Union University

Kierkegaard: ¿Un pensador cristiano para nuestros tiempos? Sesión II (Beckham Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
This session will be convened in Spanish.
• “Renacimiento espiritual. Kierkegaard y la dialéctica religiosa” (“Spiritual Rebirth: Kierkegaard’s Religious Dialectic”)—Luis Guerrero Martínez, Universidad Iberoamericana
• “Søren Kierkegaard y la reconstrucción de la filosofía mediante la duda subjetiva y la repetición en De omnibus dubitandum est.” (“Søren Kierkegaard and the Reconstruction of Philosophy through Subjective Doubt and Repetition in De omnibus dubitandum est”)—Catalina Dobre, Universidad Anáhuac México
Chair—Michael Thomas, Baylor University

Embodiment and Philosophical Anthropology (Claypool Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “After the Manner of Women: Kierkegaard and Madonna Lactans”—Jon Kara Shields, Yale Divinity School
• “Kierkegaard’s Philosophical Anthropology”—David Calhoun, Gonzaga University
• "Søren Kierkegaard and Second Life: A Second Look" —Erik Hanson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Chair—Nathan Cartagena, Baylor University

Teaching, Learning, and Higher Education (Lipscomb Room—Third Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)
• “The Hound’s Distant Baying, the Attentive Teacher, and Kierkegaard’s Point of View”—Scott Geis, Christian Brothers University
• “Teaching Twaddle?: A Kierkegaardian Critique of Christian Schools”—Kyle Queal, The Covenant School of Dallas
• “Kierkegaard, Higher Education, and the Search for Meaning in an Information Age”—Trent Davis, St. Mary’s University College
Chair—Ginger Hanchey, Baylor University

12:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Lunch (Cashion Banquet Room—Fifth Floor, Cashion Building)

Featured Speaker (Cashion Banquet Room—Fifth Floor, Cashion Building)

"On Becoming a Person of Character”—Sylvia Walsh, Stetson University
Chair—Jason Whitt, Baylor University
2:30 to 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 to 4:15 p.m.

Featured Speaker (Beckham Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

“Four Comic Cases of Kierkegaardian Despair: A Reading of Walker Percy's Love in the Ruins”—Ralph Wood, Baylor University
Chair—Scott Moore, Baylor University

Featured Speaker (Baines Room—Second Floor, Bill Daniel Student Center)

“Forgetting and the God-forsaken: The Apophasis of Forgiveness”—Simon Podmore, Liverpool Hope University
Chair—Eric Johnson, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

4:15 to 5:00 p.m.

Break

5:00 to 5:45 p.m.

Vespers (Foyer of Meditation—Armstrong Browning Library)

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Dinner (Cashion Banquet Room—Fifth Floor, Cashion Building)

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Evening Plenary Session (Cashion Banquet Room—Fifth Floor, Cashion Building)

William Carey Crane Scholars Lecture
“Kierkegaard on Authority and Autonomy: A Countercultural Perspective?”—Paul Griffiths, Duke Divinity School
Chair—Michael Beaty, Baylor University

8:30 p.m.

Dr. Pepper Float Reception (Blume Conference/Seminar Room—Fifth Floor, Cashion Building)