

# 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, martir*”—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)

**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)

A Book Review Panel on Kyle Roberts' *Emerging Prophet: Kierkegaard and the Postmodern People of God* (Cascade Books, 2013)

- 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)

- “The Genius and the Apostle: Søren Kierkegaard and W. H. Auden on Authority”—Daniel Benyousky, Baylor University

- “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
  - “The Commended Surgeon: Irony in Søren Kierkegaard and Richard Rorty”—Kyle Bennett, The King’s College
- 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 Sufferings*”)—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, Dominguez 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)

- “Is Love God? Kierkegaard and the Catholic Tradition on God and Human Love”—Jack Mulder, Jr. Hope College and Chikara Saito, Hope College
  - “‘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 *Apophysis* 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)