Stewardship of Creation
Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture
Baylor University
October 24–26, 2018

Wednesday, October 24

9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Pre-conference Field Trip (Mission Waco and Jimmy Dorrell)

11:00 a.m.

Registration Opens (Bill Daniel Student Center, Second Floor Foyer)

12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Colloquium Sessions

Universities as Stewards (Baines, Second Floor)
- “Creation Care: A Christian Higher Education Responsibility”
  —Emmy Edwards, Baylor University
- “A Biblical Defense of Food Insecurity Efforts: Reimagining Stewardship on College Campuses”
  —Sarah Madsen, Baylor University
  —Michelle Cohenour, Baylor University
  Chair—Stephanie Boddie, Baylor University

Beast, Bird, Bug, and Bass: Thinking Ethically about Animals (Claypool, Third Floor)
- “And Also Much Cattle?: Theological Reflections of the Zoopolis”
  —Anthony Holdier, University of Arkansas
- “Stewards of Creation: For the Love of Companion Animals”
  —Carrie Peirce, Azusa Pacific University
- “Feeling Good: Moral Emotions in Non-human Animals”
  —Sabrina Little, Baylor University
  Chair—Paul Carron, Baylor University

The Romantic Imagination and Creation Care (Cowden, Third Floor)
- “The Red Side of Green Ground: W. B. Yeats on Conflict and Creation Care”
  —Sorina Higgins, Baylor University
- “Poetic Liturgies, Porous Individuals: Romanticism and Christian Eco-ethics”
  —David Smith, Baylor University
- “An Esemplastic Reconciliation: Coleridge’s Imagination as a Means to Creation Care”
  —Cooper Pinson, University of Cambridge
  Chair—Jennifer Hargrave, Baylor University

Climatic Effects (Beckham, Second Floor)
- “Environmental Change in Nigeria and Its Impact on the Society, the Church and Christian History”
  —Felix Enegho, Kogi State University
- “A Protestant Christian Response to Climate Refugees”
  —Chris Doran, Pepperdine University
- “God and the Defense Department: Partners for the Climate and Peace”
  —Fred Johnson, Hope College
  Chair—Craig Clarkson, Baylor University
Tending and Keeping Justly (Houston, Third Floor)

- “Agroecology and Natural Law”
  — Matthew Whelan, Baylor University
- “Is It Okay If I Do This? Theological Reflections on the Ethics of Animal Research”
  — Maria Boccia, Baylor University
- “Love Your Neighbor: A Discussion on Environmental Toxicology, Justice and Faith”
  — Lauren Wills, Charleston Southern University

Chair—Nathan Carson, Fresno Pacific University

1:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Break

2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Featured Panel Presentation

Christian Literary Ecologies: Victorian and Modernist (Cowden, Third Floor)

- Joshua King, Baylor University
- Julia Daniel, Baylor University
- Emma Mason, University of Warwick, England
- Andrew Tate, Lancaster University, England

Chair—Joshua King, Baylor University

Colloquium Sessions

Cinematic Visions of Creation and Its Care (Houston, Third Floor)

- “A Cinema of Collaborative Stewardship: Terrence Malick’s The Tree of Life”
  — Russell Powell, Princeton Theological Seminary
- “Baraka: The Choice Between Stewardship and Exploitation”
  — Stephen Parmelee, Pepperdine University
  — Bearden Coleman, Houston Baptist University

Chair—Christopher Hansen, Baylor University

Drawing Inspiration from Nature (Baines, Second Floor)

  — Jerry Terrill, Houston Graduate School of Theology
- “C. S. Lewis and the Conquest of Nature”
  — Brian Clayton, Gonzaga University
- “Drawn into the Bright Shadow: Imagination and the Natural World in C. S. Lewis’s Surprised by Joy”
  — Christine Pyle, Baylor University

Chair—Sara Perry, Baylor University

The Nature of the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings (Beckham, Second Floor)

- “Genesis in Light of Job: Reading the Whirlwind into Eden”
  — Savannah Clawson, Brigham Young University
- “Dominion and Devastation: Environmental Justice in Ezekiel, Zephaniah, and Contemporary America”
  — William Briggs, Baylor University
- “The Prophetic Undoing of the Pentateuch’s Creation”
  — Nicholas Werse, Baylor University

Chair—William Bellinger, Baylor University
3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

**Break**

4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

**Featured Presentations**

**Is Intrinsic Value Worth Enough? Shared Blessings, the Beatitudes and Biodiversity Conservation** *(Cowden, Third Floor)*
- Susan Bratton, Baylor University
  Chair—Jill Klentzman, Baylor University

**A Role for Christian Sustainable Engineering in the Stewardship of Creation** *(Houston, Third Floor)*
- William Jordan, Baylor University
- Ken Van Treuren, Baylor University
- Alex Yokochi, Baylor University
  Chair—William Jordan, Baylor University

5:30 to 6:00 p.m.

**Break**

6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

**Dinner** *(Barfield Drawing Room, Bill Daniel Student Center, Second Floor)*

7:15 to 8:30 p.m.

**Welcome and Opening Remarks** *(Barfield Drawing Room, Bill Daniel Student Center, Second Floor)*
- Darin Davis, Vice President for University Mission and Director of the Institute for Faith and Learning

**W. H. Brian Jr. Family Plenary Presentation**

**Introduction**
- George Cobb, Baylor University

**Disasters, Nature and Acts of God**
- Robert White, University of Cambridge

**Thursday, October 25**

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

**Panel Presentation**

**Pepperdine Undergraduate Responses to Climate Refugees** *(Cowden, Third Floor)*
- Undergraduate Students of Pepperdine University
  Chair—Chris Doran, Pepperdine University
Colloquium Sessions

**Considering Nature on Literary Grounds** (Houston, Third Floor)
- “Shakespearan Nature”  
  — Jason Crawford, Union University
- “Dangerous Ground: Faerie and the Feral in Sir Gawain and the Green Knight”  
  — Stephen Weathers, Abilene Christian University
- “Embodying Place: An Ecotheological Reading of Cormac McCarthy’s The Road”  
  — Richard Russell, Baylor University
  
  Chair—Douglas Henry, Baylor University

**Theologies of Stewardship** (Baines, Second Floor)
- “Against the Grain of the Universe: Christian Theology and the Witness of Creation”  
  — David Le, Duke Divinity School
- “Lebenswelt and Littering: Placing Sir Roger Scruton’s Conservatism in Conversation with Evangelical Theology”  
  — Bryan Baise, Boyce College
- “Forgetting the Language of Creation: Evangelical Climate Change Skepticism and the Natural Typology of Jonathan Edwards”  
  — Justin Hawkins, Yale University
  
  Chair—William Hoy, Baylor University

**Fauna for Food?** (Beckham, Second Floor)
- “Sacrificial and Sacramental Sustenance in a Hungry World: Wrestling with Wendell Berry”  
  — Andy Black, Baylor University
- “Animals on the Agenda, Not Just on Our Plates”  
  — Sarah Withrow King, CreatureKind/Eastern University
- “Reconciling the Food Chain with the Great Chain of Being: Or, a Philosopher Reflects on Raising Sheep for Meat”  
  — Gregory Poore, Shorter University
  
  Chair—Scott Huelin, Union University

**Technology and Its Temptations** (Lipscomb, Third Floor)
- “A Modern Man, a Machine, and an Improbable Martyr: On Flannery O’Connor’s ‘A View of the Woods’ and the Distorted Vision of Technological Progress”  
  — Rachel Toombs, Yellowstone Theological Institute
- “Nobility of the Ordinary: A Heideggerian Reading of Tolkien on Modern Technology and the Goodness of Creation”  
  — Lance Green, University of St Andrews
- “Stewardship Turned Inward: American Protestantism, Care of Creation, and the New ‘Consumer’ Eugenics”  
  — Charles McDaniel, Baylor University
  
  Chair—William Weaver, Baylor University

10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

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

**Featured Presentations**

**Theological Reflections on Hunting and Stewardship** (Baines, Second Floor)
- “Hunting and the Numinous”
  — Theodore Vitali, C.P., Saint Louis University
- “Christian Stewardship and the Practice of Hunting”
  — Michael Foley, Baylor University
Chair—Michael Stegemoller, Baylor University

**Stewarding Our Places and Buildings: Managing Material Resources, Supporting Our Social Economies, and Imagining Here and Ultimately the City of God** (Beckham, Second Floor)
- Christopher Miller, Judson University
Chair—André Hogue, Baylor University

**Panel Presentation**

**Soil, Souls, and Society in Lowndes County, Alabama** (Cowden, Third Floor)
- Ryan Juskus, Duke University
- Emma Lietz-Bilecky, Duke University
- Kristen Page, Wheaton College
Chair—David Le, Duke Divinity School

**Colloquium Sessions**

**Rooted and Grounded in Love** (Claypool, Third Floor)
- “Returning Home with Wordsworth and Berry”
  — Robert Creech, George W. Truett Theological Seminary
- “Putting Down Roots in a Digital Age: Virtues, Sacraments, and Sabbath”
  — Paige Gutacker, Regent College
- “The Consequence of Losing an Entwife: Male and Female Stewardship in The Lord of the Rings”
  — Jesse Watters, Baylor University
  — Hannah Rogers, Great Hearts Northern Oaks
Chair—Rachel Kilgore, Baylor University

**Philosophical Considerations for Stewardship of the Earth** (Houston, Third Floor)
  — Steve Bouma-Prediger, Hope College
- “Nature between Romantics and Technocrats: A Philosophical Defense”
  — Adam Myers, Baylor University
- “Co-creation and Conservation”
  — Clayton McReynolds, Baylor University
Chair—Michael Beaty, Baylor University

**Earthkeeping and the Ancient Church** (Fentress, Second Floor)
- “Contra Lynn White Jr.: Ecology with the Church Fathers”
  — Amelia Sims, Great Hearts Northern Oaks
- “The Word of God and the Subversion of Matter: Basil of Caesarea's Creational Anagogy”
  — Alexander Fogleman, Baylor University
- “Learning to Live in a Sacramental World: Invitations to Baptists from Franciscan Spirituality”
  — Eric Howell, DaySpring Baptist Church
Chair—Joe Coker, Baylor University

12:00 to 1:30 p.m.
Lunch (Bill Daniel Student Center, Barfield Drawing Room, Second Floor)

1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Featured Presentation

The Bible and Environmentalism (Houston, Third Floor)
- Calvin DeWitt, University of Wisconsin-Madison
  Chair—Lori Kanitz, Baylor University

Panel Presentations

The City and Creation Care (Claypool, Third Floor)
- Students of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
  Chair—Brent Gibson, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Look at the Birds of the Air: What Birds Can Teach Tomorrow’s Leaders (Cowden, Third Floor)
- David Ringer, National Audubon Society
- Frank Ruiz, Audubon California
- Suzanne Langley, Audubon Texas
- Brooke Bateman, National Audubon Society
- Christina Harvey, Audubon North Carolina
  Chair—Josh Pittman, Baylor University

Colloquium Sessions

The Words We Use, the Worlds We See (Fentress, Second Floor)
- “Can Our Words Save the World?”
  — Doug Sikkema, University of Waterloo
- “Cultural Cognition and Its Influence on Beliefs About the Environment”
  — Kevin Seybold, Grove City College
  Chair—Phillip Donnelly, Baylor University

What Our Christian Traditions Can Teach Us (Baines, Second Floor)
  — Jason Smith, Houston Baptist University
- “The Rains Have Come: Early Pentecostal Eschatologies and Their Implications for Creation Care”
  — Zachary Tackett, Southeastern University
- “A Place at the Table for Baptists”
  — Katherine Smith, Baptist Creation Care Initiative
  — R. Darrell Smith, Global Environmental Relief
  Chair—Christopher Richmann, Baylor University

Framing Wonder and Care (Beckham, Second Floor)
- “Flora in Dorothy Wordsworth’s Grasmere Journal”
  — Melinda Creech, Baylor University
- “An Assessment of Environmental Pollution in Nigeria from a Christian Socio-ethical Perspective”
  — Nicholas Okpe, Kogi State University
  — Carl Friesen, University of Notre Dame
  Chair—Alexander Fogleman, Baylor University
3:00 to 3:30 p.m.

**Break**

3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

**Featured Presentations**

**Making Renewable Energy Big Enough to Matter** *(Cowden, Third Floor)*
- Jeffrey Ball, Stanford University
  Chair—Ian Gravagne, Baylor University

**Climate History and the Remaking of Christianity** *(Houston, Third Floor)*
- Philip Jenkins, Baylor University
  Chair—Thomas Kidd, Baylor University

5:15 to 6:00 p.m.

**Vespers** *(Armstrong Browning Library, Foyer of Meditation)*

6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

**Dinner** *(Bill Daniel Student Center, Barfield Drawing Room, Second Floor)*

7:15 to 8:30 p.m.

**William Carey Crane Scholars Lecture**

**Introduction**
- James Nogalski, Baylor University

**The Land as Kin: Renewing Our Imagination**
- Ellen Davis, Duke Divinity School

Friday, October 26

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

**Panel Presentations**

**Wisdom and the Stewardship of Creation** *(Lipscomb, Third Floor)*
- Undergraduate Students of Union University
  Chair—Scott Huelin, Union University

**Partners in Sustainability: Baylor and the City of Waco** *(Baines, Second Floor)*
- Smith Geterman, Baylor University
- Dillon Meek, Waco City Council, District IV
- Megan Henderson, Waco Downtown Development Corp.
  Chair—Darin Davis, Baylor University
Colloquium Sessions

To Till it and Keep It—Theological Reflections on Agricultural Practices (Beckham, Second Floor)

- “Should all species be conserved? Thoughts on Trinitarian Ecology and the Problem of Parasites”
  —Jeremy Blaschke, Union University
- “Wendell, Gene, and Joel: On the Difficulties of Theology and Agriculture”
  —Scott Moore, Baylor University
- “Begin with the Grass: Sustainable Farming as a Contemplative Practice”
  —Nathan Beacom, John Jay Institute, Alumnus

Chair—Gregory Poore, Shorter University

Environment and the American Experience (Fentress, Second Floor)

- “James Fenimore Cooper’s Natty Bumppo: Early American Conservationist”
  —Jeannie Gauthier, Louisiana College
- “A History and a Home: Creation Care in Willa Cather’s The Professor’s House”
  —Mackenzie Balken, Baylor University
- “‘One Among and not Separate From’: Fallen Communion and Forfeit Community in Cormac McCarthy’s The Crossing”
  —D. Marcel DeCoste, University of Regina

Chair—Sam Kelley, Baylor University

Where Time and Eternity Meet (Houston, Third Floor)

- “Contemporary Wilderness Religious Experience, Environmental Focus, and Ultimacy: Reflections on Teilhard de Chardin’s The Mass on the World”
  —Susan Bratton, Baylor University
  —George Piggford, C.S.C., Stonehill College
- “Hope and Endurance in Romans: Agrarian Virtues for Citizenship in the Heavenly Commonwealth”
  —Julien Smith, Valparaiso University

Chair—Nathan Carson, Fresno Pacific University

10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Break

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

Featured Presentations

Culture, Agriculture, and Community (Houston, Third Floor)

- S. Kay Toombs, Baylor University

Chair—Jason Whitt, Baylor University

Newman and Hopkins on Nature as a Heraclitean Fire (Baines, Second Floor)

- Ralph Wood, Baylor University

Chair—Rachel Toombs, Yellowstone Theological Institute

God and Aristotle in the City: Imagining Burnham’s Chicago After Liberalism (Beckham, Second Floor)

- Philip Bess, University of Notre Dame

Chair—Christopher Miller, Judson University
Colloquium Sessions

*Laudato Si*—Caring for Our Common Home (Cowden, Third Floor)

- “The Greatest Danger is Accustomedness: Pope Francis on Wonder, Encounter, and Ecological Conversion”
  — Colin McGuigan, University of Dayton
- “*Laudato Si*’ and Fast Fashion: A Look Behind the Seams of What We Wear and Why It Matters”
  — Lanni Lantto, The Priory
- “Stewardship and the Promise of *Laudato Si*”
  — Sean Martin, University of Dayton

Chair—Scott Prather, Baylor University

Sustaining Sea and Sky (Fentress, Second Floor)

- “Multiverse Creation Theology and the Stewardship of Sentient Beings”
  — Gerald Cleaver, Baylor University
- “Navigating Spiritual Depths: The Development of an Interfaith Ocean Ethic”
  — David Krantz, Arizona State University

Chair—William Briggs, Baylor University

The Vocation of a Steward (Claypool, Third Floor)

- “*Laudato Si*, Mi Signore: The Liturgical-ecological Vocation of the Human Person”
  — John Monaco, Boston College
- “Work as Co-creation: A Theology of Labor for the Anthropocene?”
  — Bruce McCuskey, Duke Divinity School
- “Creation Care and Sacramental Living: A Way Leading to Human Flourishing and Vocational Integrity”
  — Cynthia White, Baylor University

Chair—Elesha Coffman, Baylor University

12:00 to 12:45 p.m.

**Lunch** (Barfield Drawing Room, Bill Daniel Student Center, Second Floor)

12:45 to 2:00 p.m.

**Carl F. H. Henry Lecture** (Barfield Drawing Room, Bill Daniel Student Center, Second Floor)

**Introduction**

- Darin Davis, Baylor University

**Creation to Culture Care: Emily Dickinson, Rachel Carson and the New Creation**

- Makoto Fujimura, Fuller Theological Seminary