

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
 - “Visions of Eden, Visions of Destruction in the Natural World: The Films of Terrence Malick and Robert Bresson”
—Bearden Coleman, Houston Baptist University
- Chair—Christopher Hansen, Baylor University

Drawing Inspiration from Nature (Baines, Second Floor)

- “Henry Ward Beecher: Environmentalist for God”
—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 Jordon, 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)

- “Shakespearean 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—Andy 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)

- “The Character of Earthkeeping: A Christian Ecological Virtue Ethic”
—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)

- “Undergreen: A Brief Sketch of American Christian Environmental Creed and Lived Belief Since 1967”
—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
 - “Beyond Stewardship of a Divine Gift: Ecological Natural Law as Framework for Christian Environmental Ethics”
—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 Getterman, 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
 - “Pope Francis’s *Laudato Si’*, ‘The Mass on the World,’ and Flannery O’Connor’s ‘Revelation’”
—George Piggford, C.S.C., Stonchill 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