

McGill Center for Research on Religion

CREOR 2017-2019

Activities and Events (2017-2019)

[Attendance in bold between brackets]

CREOR “Buddha and the Other” Lecture Series 2017-2018:

September 21, 2017: Pure Land in Nara Schools Workshop: Mikael Bauer (SRS) [**30-35**]

October 5, 2017: Buddhism and Social Work: Fleet Maull (Founder of Prison Mindfulness Institute) [**35-40**]

October 19, 2017: Are Hinduism and Buddhism Two Different Religions?, Arvind Sharma (SRS) [**35-40**]

October 26, 2017: Tibetan Buddhism: Lara Braitstein (SRS) [**35-40**]

November 9, 2017: Japanese Buddhism: Mikael Bauer (SRS) [**35-40**]

January 11, 2018: Buddhism and Art History: Jeehee Hong (East-Asian Studies) [**35-40**]

January 25, 2018: Buddha and Indonesia: Phil Buckley (East-Asian Studies) [**35-40**]

February 15, 2018: Buddhism and the Barbarian in Chinese Zen: Chris Byrne (SRS) [**30-35**]

February 22, 2018: Buddhism and Orality: Caley Smith (SRS) [**35**]

March 15, 2018: Buddhism and Daoism in China: James Robson (Harvard University) [**50**]

April 5, 2018: Buddhism and Compassion: Julia Stenzel (SRS) [**20-25**]

April 12, 2018: Buddhism and Religious Diversity in Nepal: Chiara Letizia (UQAM) [**25-30**]

CREOR Multi-year Indigenous Lecture Series

November 29, 2017: Indigenous Leadership and Governance: Abel Bosum and Paul Martin [**160**]

March 20, 2018: Indigenous Rights and Spirituality and the Ktunaxa Case: John Burrows [**40-45**]

CREOR Lectures (other)

October 20, 2017: Why is the Holy Land Holy?: Archbishop of Jerusalem Suheil Dawani [**85**]

October 26, 2017: Women and Religion Special Lecture Series: Laurel Ulrich [**80**]

November 1, 2017: Religious Heritage in Quebec and Catalonia: Marian Burchardt [**50**]

February 9, 2018: Are Science and Religion compatible: Aaron Dominguez (with the Newman Center) [80]

CREOR Conferences and Panels

May 8-9, 2017: Reformation in the City May 8th and 9th (one day at McGill and one day at Concordia) [50-80]

September 14-16, 2017: Problematizing Religious Diversity in a Secular Age – Graduate Student Conference, with Charles Taylor and Rowan Williams [75-300]

October 30-31, 2017: The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and the World Religions [50] with a co-sponsored ecumenical Vesper in the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul [400]

February 16, 2018: Religion Today: with Ray Pennington of the Cardus Institute

March 16, 2018: Panel on Human Rights and Freedom of Conscience (with the Newman Center) [45-50]

April 14-18, 2018: Religion and Violence (with Concordia University) [125]

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a. CREOR “Women in the Ancient World” Lunch Lecture Series 2018-2019

This *Thursday lunch lecture* series focused on *Women in the Ancient World*. How did women live 1500-3000 ago, what did they feel, think and believe in, what did they produce and achieve? Recent research has uncovered many hidden treasures about the world in which women lived and were part of, from ancient Egypt and Babylonia to ancient Israel and Early Judaism, from the Greco-Roman world and India to Early Christianity and Byzantium, of which much is now accessible through ancient writings, art and archeology. This lecture series is organised by McGill’s Centre for Research on Religion, the Montreal Biblical Colloquium, the School of Religious Studies and the Department of History and Classics.

October 4, 2018: Ross Kraemer (Brown University): “Reconstructing Women’s History in Antiquity”

October 18, 2018: Lynn Kozak (McGill University): “The Ancient Origins of the Contemporary Horror Heroine”

November 1, 2018: Bernadette Brooten (Brandeis University): “Beyond the Binary: Rethinking Early Christian Opposition to Woman-Woman Marriage”

November 15, 2018 Carly Daniel-Hughes (Concordia University): "Truly I Tell You Prostitutes Will Go to the Kingdom of God before You: Sex Workers in Ancient Christianity."

- November 29, 2018: Anne Letourneau (Université de Montréal): “Tearing Through the Second Skin: Gender, Violence and Dress in the Hebrew Bible”
- December 6, 2018: Martin Seeger (University of Leeds): “Women in Early Indian Buddhism: Scholarly Debates on Gender in Pali Canonical Texts”
- January 24, 2019 Gerbern S. Oegema (McGill University): “Female Jewish Authorship in Antiquity”
- February 7, 2019 Bill Gladhill (McGill University): “Women, Lament, and Roman Spirituality”
- February 21, 2019 Cecily Hilsdale (McGill University): “Byzantine Brides and Diplomatic Gifts”
- February 28, 2019 Vanessa Sassoon (Marianopolis): “Telling the Story of Yasodhara, the Buddha’s Wife”
- March 21, 2019 Naftali Cohn (Concordia University): “Gender, everyday activity, and Jewish law in the Mishnah”
- April 4, 2019 Heidi Wendt (McGill University): “How the Wife Plays When Her Husband’s Away: Women and *Superstitio* in Early Imperial Rome”

b. CREOR Lectures (other)

- October 24, 2018: Public lecture on “The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Dignity, and the Protection of Freedom of Religion or Belief: Achievements and Challenges after Seventy Years” by Professor Cole Durham, Director of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies J Reuben Clark Law School. Co-sponsored by the Centre for Research on Religion (CREOR) McGill University, and BYU Law International Center for Law and Religion Studies.
- April 2, 2019: Special Lecture on “Jan Van Eyck (before 1395-1441) & Georges Rodenbach (1855-1898): Secularizing Medieval Devotional Space and Modernity” by Prof. Dominique Bauer, University of Leuven

c. CREOR Multi-year Indigenous Lecture Series

March 13, 2019: Special Lecture: “The Importance of Indigenous Spirituality” by Dr. Blair Stonechild, Professor of Indigenous Studies at First Nations University in Regina, Sas. The lecture was opened by the Medicine Bear Drummers.
Co-sponsored by OFNIE, the Newman Center and CREOR

d. CREOR Colloquia

September 28, 2018: Colloquium on “Buddhism and Ritual Performance in Pre-modern Japan”:
Mikael Bauer and others. Organized by the SRS and sponsored by BDK
Canada and CREOR (SRS)

November 28, 2018: Colloquium on “Children in Sectarian Religions and State Control” by Prof.
Susan Palmer and graduate students, sponsored by the SSHRC and CREOR.

March 20, 2019: Colloquium on “Viewpoints to Countering Religious Extremism in
Education and Public Policy”, co-sponsored by the SRS, the Faculty of
Education and the Academy of Finland and CREOR

April 12-14, 2019: CREOR Graduate Student Conference on “Medicine, Myth, and Magic”, in
cooperation with the SSHRC funded conference on “Angelical
Conjunctions” and the American Academy of Religion Eastern
International Regional Meeting.

April 18, 2019: Colloquium on “Minors in Minority Religions: A Delicate Balance
Between Freedom of Religion and the Well Being of the Child” by Prof.
Susan Palmer and graduate students, sponsored by the SSHRC and CREOR.