

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF BLACK RELIGION

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2024

“Economies of Black Bodies:
Medicine, Music, Memory, and Black Religion”

Conference Agenda

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH – SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD
2024

Hotel Fraye
1810 Broadway | Nashville, Tennessee, 37203



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THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST



11:30 AM **Registration Opens** | Friesian Ballroom Foyer

12:00 PM **Lunch** | Friesian A

1:00 PM **Opening Session** | Friesian Ballroom
Presiding Officer, Dr. Evelyn Parker
President, Society for the Study of Black Religion

1:15 PM **Opening Plenary “Medical Apartheid and the New Testament”**
Dr. Mitzi Smith
Davison Phillips Professor of New Testament, Columbia Theological Seminary

Response

Theodora Pinnock, M.D.
Meharry Medical Group

Discussion

2:45 PM **Break**

3:00 PM **Panel: Black Bioethics**
Dr. Terri Laws, Moderator

Panelists:

Rev. Dr. Patrick Smith
Rev. Dr. Wylin Wilson
Rev. Dr. Leah Lomotey-Nakon

Discussion

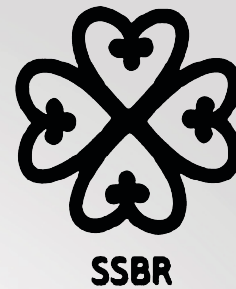
4:30 PM **The Dean’s Reception: Sponsored by Dean Yolanda Pierce**

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6:00 PM **Executive Committee Huddle** | Friesian A

6:30 PM **Dinner On Your Own**

FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND



- 8:45 AM **Breakfast** | Friesian A
- 10:30 AM **Tour - National Museum Of African American Music**
Depart with your uber group (group on badge)
- 12:30 PM **Lunch** | Friesian A
- 2:00 PM **Site Visit Debrief** | Friesian Ballroom
- 2:30 PM **The Teaching Legend - Dr. Victor Anderson** | Friesian Ballroom
Dr. Brandon McCormack, Moderator
- 3:30 PM **Business Meeting**
Induction of New Members
Memorial
Recognition of Achievements, Retirements, and Promotions
Reports
Discussion
Presidential Transition
- 6:00 PM **Fund for Theological Education Reception** | Friesian Foyer
- 7:00 PM **Society Dinner Theater**
Rev. Dr. Valarie Bridgeman
Dr. Emile Townes
Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD

- 8:00 AM **Breakfast & Recognition of New Scholarship in Black Religion** | Friesian A
- 8:30 AM **FTE Fellows** | Dr. Michele Watkins
- 9:30 AM **State of Black Religion Lecture | Memory and Black Religion** | Friesian Ballroom
Rev. Dr. Cheryl Townsend Gilkes
John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur
Professor of Sociology and African American Studies, Emerita Colby College
- 11:00 AM **Closing Discusison**