

Religion & Sexual Abuse Project (R&SAP) Conference

University of California, Riverside
March 4-5th, 2022

Conference Schedule



Friday, March 4th

All times are in PST (Los Angeles, CA)

8:30am – 9:00am

Conference location is open,
participants pick up name badges,
light breakfast on 1st floor patio

Welcome Remarks

9:00 – 9:15am

Location: SSC Multi-Purpose Room 1 (1st floor)

Session 1
9:15 – 10:30am

Panel Title: Islamic Hierarchical Systems, Organizational Responses, and Chaplain Care

Location: SSC Multi-Purpose Room 1 (1st floor)

Presenters:

Rose Deighton (Emory University), “The murid is a corpse in the hand of the shaykh”: How Spiritual Training and Hierarchical Authority Create and Normalize the Conditions for Spiritual and Sexual Abuse in Sufism”

Wietske Merison (Chaplain), “Sisterhood, Shame and Spiritual Healing: Islamic Chaplaincy for Female Victims of Sexual Abuse”

Nisa Muhammad (Howard University), “Only Allah Knows”

Lori Saroya (Civil Rights Advocate), “Suffering in Silence for the Greater Good: Sexual Harassment, Exploitation, and Discrimination inside a Muslim Civil Rights Organization”

Convener:

Panel Title: Centering Survivors

Location: SSC Multi-Purpose Room 2 (1st floor)

Presenters:

Sara Bawany (FACE) and **Alia Salem** (FACE), “Centering Survivors of Religious Trauma”

Brian Clites (Case Western Reserve University), “Centering Survivors’ Voices”

Ann Gleig (University of Central Florida) and **Amy Langenberg** (Eckerd College), “Speaking as, with, and for Survivors’ Survivor-Centered Responses to Sexual Abuse in American Buddhist Communities”

Convener: Kent Brintnall (University of North Carolina-Charlotte)

Session 1
9:15 – 10:30am (cont.)

Panel Title: Authority, Secrecy, and Enabling Structures in Religious Communities, Part I

Location: SSC Multi-Purpose Room 3 (1st floor)

Presenters:

Véronique Lecaros (Catholic University of Peru), “Interpreting the Silence of Latin American Victims of Sexual and Spiritual Abuse in an Ecclesiastical Surrounding”

Maryyum Mehmood (University of Birmingham) and **Lisa Oakley** (University of Chester), “Surviving Spiritual Abuse in Britain: Christian and Muslim Women’s Perspectives”

Sarah-Jane Page (Aston University), “Religion and the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA): Public Inquiries as Social Constructions”

Convener: Tessi Muskrat Rickabaugh (University of Missouri)

Practice: Trauma-Informed Yoga

Location: SSC Group Meeting 2 (1st floor)

Teacher: Christine Marcella (Yoga Alliance)

Quiet space with stations set up for reflection, art, tactile engagement, somatic experiences, and meditations

Location: SSC Group Meeting 1 (1st floor)

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10:30 – 10:45am
BREAK
(light refreshments on 1st floor patio)

Session 2
10:45am – 12:00pm

**Panel Title: Sexual Abuse and White Supremacy: Taking
Account of Popular and Religious Discourses on Sexual
Violence**

Location: SSC Multi-Purpose Room 1 (1st floor)

Presenters:

Stephanie Krehbiel (Into Account), “Calling to Account: White Supremacy in Institutional Responses to Survivors”

Sara Moslener (Central Michigan University), “‘Believe Women’: Sexual Purity and the Myth of White Women’s Sexual Vulnerability”

Hilary Jerome Scarsella (Crozer Divinity School), “Lynching as Historical Testimony and the Problem of Belief”

Hannah Waits (Dartmouth College), “Abuse on the Mission Field: Enabling Structures and Ideologies in US Evangelical Missionary Work”

Convener: Jane Wang (Independent Scholar)

Session 2
10:45am – 12:00pm (cont.)

Panel Title: 3HO, Yoga, and Dethroned Gurus

Location: SSC Multi-Purpose Room 2 (1st floor)

Presenters:

Jens Augspurger (SOAS) and **Angela Gollat** (Lakehead University), “By Guru’s Disgrace: Renegotiating Practitioner–Practice Relations after a Guru’s Debunking”

Philip Deslippe (University of California-Santa Barbara) and **Stacie Stukin** (Journalist), “The Sole of Abuse: How the Organizational Structure of Yogi Bhajan’s 3HO Facilitated Exploitation and Abuse”

Amelia Wood (SOAS), “Spiritual and Sexual Abuse in Modern Yoga Contexts: Re-defining Parameters as a Means to Resist Injustice”

Convener: Amanda Lucia (University of California-Riverside)

Networking Session: Non-Profit Organization Meet and Greet

Location: SSC Multi-Purpose Room 3 (1st floor)

Description: This session is a designated space for the multiple conversation partners in attendance who are non-profit employees, leaders, and activists to meet each other, connect, and collaborate. (*refreshments provided*)

**Workshop: “Responding with RAHMA: Removing Roadblocks
for Muslim Survivors of Sexual Assault”**

Location: SSC Group Meeting Room 1 (1st floor)

Convener: Nadiah Mohajir (HEART Women and Girls)

Session 2
10:45am – 12:00pm (cont.)

Open quiet space with stations set up for reflection, art, tactile and somatic experiences, and meditations

Location: SSC Group Meeting Room 2 (1st floor)

12:00 – 1:00pm
LUNCH
(lunch served on 1st floor patio)

1:00 – 2:30pm
KEYNOTE: Dr. Robert Orsi (Northwestern University)

“Send Us a Boy/Get Back a Man: Gender, Sexuality, and Religion at a Jesuit High School in the Bronx in the 1960s”

Location: SSC Multi-Purpose Rooms 2 & 3 (1st floor)

2:30 – 2:45pm
BREAK
(light refreshments served on 1st floor patio)

Session 3
2:45 – 4:00pm

Title: Authority, Secrecy, and Enabling Structures in Religious Communities, Part II

Location: SSC Multi-Purpose Room 1 (1st floor)

Presenters:

Siobhán Fleming (University of Texas-San Antonio), “When the Walls Came Tumbling Down: A Case Study in the Secrecy of the Catholic Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston”

Carrie Seigler (Princeton University), “Pastors, Perpetrators, and Perceptions of Guilt: The Influence of Religious Context on Assessments of Sexually Violent Acts”

Sarah Wagner-Wassen (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven), “Internal Safeguarding in Institutes of Consecrated Life: Systems that Create At-Risk Adults and Their Canonical Effects”

Convener: Jo Scott-Coe (Riverside City College)

Film: Screening of *Predation*, A Short Documentary

Location: SSC Multi-Purpose Rooms 2 & 3 (1st floor)

Presenter: Andrea R. Jain (Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis)

Workshop: Using Restorative Practices for Collective Healing

Location: SSC Group Meeting 1 (1st floor)

Convener: Kristine Hill (Collective Wisdoms [www.collectivewisdoms.org], and Ahimsa)

(Pre-registration required - 20-25 participant maximum)

Session 3
2:45 – 4:00pm (cont.)

Quiet space with stations set up for reflection, art, tactile and somatic experiences, and meditations

Location: SSC Group Meeting 2 (1st floor)

End of Conference Day 1

(Lyft/Uber shared rides back to The Mission Inn)

5:00 – 7:00pm
Cocktail-Mocktail Happy Hour
(@ The Mission Inn, location TBA)

Saturday, March 5th

8:30 – 9:00am

Conference location is open,
participants pick up name badges,
light breakfast in 3rd floor atrium

Welcome Remarks

9:00 – 9:15am

Location: SSC General Classroom 329 (3rd floor)

Session 1
9:15 – 10:30am

Panel Title: Working with, through, and against the Law
Location: SSC General Classroom 308 (3rd floor)

Presenters:

Carol Merchasin (Lawyer), “When the Door to the Criminal Justice System is Closed.”

Jeffrey S. Robbins (Lawyer), Title TBA

Zalman Rothschild (Lawyer), “Clergy Sex Abuse and Church Autonomy”

Patrick J. Wall (Canon Lawyer), “Church Leadership Acts Surprised, When Did They Know?”

Convener: Amanda Lucia (University of California-Riverside)

Panel Title: R&SAP Partner Organizations: Activism, Response, and Resistance

Location: SSC General Classroom 329 (3rd floor)

Presenters:

Terry McKiernan (Bishop Accountability), Title TBA

Suzanne Newcombe (Inform), “New Religions, Abuse and Inform: Reflections on over 30 Years of Institutional History”

Christa Kuberry (Yoga Alliance), Title TBA

Lauren D. Sawyer (FaithTrust Institute), “Spiritual Communities and the Justice-Making Agenda”

Convener: Brian Clites (Case Western Reserve University)

Session 1
9:15 – 10:30am (cont.)

**Panel Title: How Theological and Institutional Norms Hinder
Protestant Responses to Sexual Violence**

Location: SSC General Classroom 335 (3rd floor)

Presenters:

Michael Buttrey (Regis College, University of Toronto)

Carolyn Mackie (Regis College, University of Toronto)

Kimberly Penner (University of St. Michael's College)

Convener: Carrie Seigler (Princeton University)

**Quiet space with stations set up for reflection, art, tactile
engagement, somatic experiences, and meditations**

Location: SSC General Classroom 316 (3rd floor)

10:30 – 10:45am

BREAK

(light refreshments in 3rd floor atrium)

Session 2
10:45am – 12:00pm

Panel Title: Investigating the Sexual Abuse of Nuns in the Catholic Church

Location: SSC General Classroom 329 (3rd floor)

Presenters:

Chantal Goetz (Voices of Faith), “Voices of Faith: Contesting the Treatment of Nuns in the Catholic Church”

Rocio Figueroa (Catholic Theological College, New Zealand), “Living in Obedience and Shattered by Silence. Spiritual Abuse: Responses from Former Nuns”

Mary E. Hunt (*Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual [WATER]*), “Confronting Catholic Contradictions”

Ute Leimgruber (University of Regensburg, Germany), “Telling as Resistance: Researching the Sexual Abuse of Nuns”

Kathleen McPhillips (University of Newcastle, Australia) and **Tracy McEwan** (University of Newcastle, Australia), “The Sexual Economies of Clericalism”

Convener: Ana Lourdes Suarez (Catholic University of Argentina)

Panel Title: Planet Scientology

Location: SSC General Classroom 308 (3rd floor)

Presenters:

Lara Anderson (Activist/Advocate) and **Serge Del Mar** (Activist/Advocate), “Growing Up in Scientology and Growing Beyond Its Totalizing Narrative”

Convener:

Session 2
10:45am – 12:00pm (cont.)

Panel Title: Doctrinal Justifications of Abuse

Location: SSC General Classroom 335 (3rd floor)

Presenters:

Christy Cobb (Wingate University), “Euclia’s Story: Coordinated Sexual Assault, Violence, and Willfulness in the Acts of Andrew”

Cristina Rosetti (Dixie State University), “The Pure Lineage of Christ: Blood, Incest, and the Kingdom of God”

Eric Vanden Eykel (Ferrum College), “Assaulting the Virgin: How a Second-Century Christian Text Hides Sexual Violence”

Ruth Westoby (SOAS), “Kuṅḍalinī: Seize with Force”

Convener:

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Location: SSC General Classroom 316 (3rd floor)

12:00 – 1:00pm

LUNCH

(lunch served on 1st floor patio)

1:00 – 2:30pm

KEYNOTE: Dr. Monica A. Coleman (University of Delaware)

“Behind The Dinah Project: Exploring a Congregational Approach to Addressing Sexual Violence”

Location: SSC General Classroom 329 (3rd floor)

2:30 – 2:45pm

BREAK

(light refreshments served in 3rd floor atrium)

Session 3

2:45 – 4:00pm

Panel Title: Narrating and Historicizing Sexual Abuse

Location: SSC General Classroom 308 (3rd floor)

Presenters:

Kent Brintnall (University of North Carolina-Charlotte), “Narrating Catholic Sex Abuse”

Suzanna Krivulskaya (California State University-San Marcos), “The Trouble with Childhood: Some Methodological Considerations for the Study of Age and Protestant Sex Abuse in the Gilded Age and Progressive Era”

Jo Scott-Coe (Riverside City College), “Breaking the Narrative Seal: Inconvenient Stories of Catholic Abuse”

Convener: Siobhán Flemming (University of Texas-San Antonio)

Session 3
2:45 – 4:00pm (cont.)

**Panel Title: Return to Crisis: Lokanath Swami and Child Abuse
in ISKCON**

Location: SSC General Classroom 329 (3rd floor)

Presenters:

Sara Jones (Independent scholar/Activist), “The Making of a Child Molester
Guru: The Lokanath Swami Case”

Amanda Lucia (University of California-Riverside, “Whose Law? Whose
Authority?: Questioning the Role of Law in Adjudicating Abuse”

KD McComb (Independent scholar/Activist), “Wielding God Power: The
Governing Body of the Hare Krishna Movement”

Sanja Nilsson (Malmö University), “Protecting the Movement at the Expense of
Its Children? A Study of the Dissonance between Child Protection Policies and
Implementations within the International Society for Krishna Consciousness”

Convener:

**Panel Title: Buddhism as the Site of and Epistemological
Response to Abuse**

Location: SSC General Classroom 335 (3rd floor)

Presenters:

Namal Rathnayake (Canterbury Christ Church University), “Child Abuse in the
Buddhist Monastery in Sri Lanka”

Tenku Ruff (Chaplain), “Interdependent Ethics: A Systems Approach for
Addressing Sexual Misconduct in Buddhist Communities”

Jane Wang (Independent Scholar), "Catching up with the Feminists: Reframing Sexual Abuse and Misconduct as Gendered Violence"

Convener: Ann Gleig (University of Central Florida)

Session 3
2:45 – 4:00pm (cont.)

**Workshop: "Fleshing Breath & Spirit
through Meditation and Art"**

Location: SSC General Classroom 316 (3rd floor)

Convener: Yohana Junker (Claremont School of Theology)

4:00 – 4:15pm

BREAK

(light refreshments served in 3rd floor atrium)

Session 3

4:15 – 5:30pm

Panel Title: Mapping Networks of Catholic Abuse

Location: SSC General Classroom 335 (3rd floor)

Presenters:

Jack Downey (University of Rochester) and **Kathleen Holscher** (University of New Mexico), "Desolate Country: Wilderness, Extraction, and Sexual Abuse in Catholic Missions in Native America"

Ana Lourdes Suarez (Catholic University of Argentina), “Networks of Complicity and Complacency. How They Relate to Spiritual Abuse and Sexual Harassment in Catholic Organizations of Religious Life”

Convener: Kathleen McPhillips (University of Newcastle, Australia)

Session 3
4:15 – 5:30pm (cont.)

Panel Title: Purity Culture Research Collective: Perspectives on Abuse and Agency

Location: SSC General Classroom 329 (3rd floor)

Presenters:

Victoria Houser (Methodist University), “Reproducing Purity: The ‘Ex-Gay’ Movement and Queer Reproductive Futurities”

Jennifer McGrath (Independent Scholar, Mental Health Professional), “Embodied Sexuality: A Way Forward from Purity Culture”

Tessi Muskrat Rickabaugh (University of Missouri) and **Madison Worley** (University of Missouri), “‘I didn’t know it was abuse’: Sexual Assault in Purity Culture”

Olivia Schultz (Concordia University), “The Role of Affect in the Covering Up of Evangelical Sexual Abuse Cases”

Rebecca Wolfe (University of California-San Francisco), “You’re making him stumble by wearing that”: Purity Culture, Rape Culture, and Bodily Control in the Form of Eating Disorders”

Convener: Sara Moslener (Central Michigan University)

Quiet space with stations set up for reflection, art, tactile engagement, somatic experiences, and meditations

Location: SSC General Classroom 316 (3rd floor)

Session 3
4:15 – 5:45pm (cont.)

**Workshop: Working with and through Trauma in Research on
Sexual Abuse**

Location: SSC General Classroom 308 (3rd floor)

Convener: Juliane Hammer (University of North Carolina)

Pre-registration required (11 participant maximum)

6:30 – 8:30pm
Dinner
HUB 302 South (3rd floor ballroom)

End of Conference

(Lyft/Uber shared rides back to The Mission Inn)

Thank you for sharing this time with us!

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