



Friday, October 12

All Friday Events are at the John Evans Alumni Center

3:00 – 4:30 PM REGISTRATION

Please pick up your conference materials and enjoy some refreshments.

4:30 – 5:00 PM WELCOME ADDRESS

Kenneth Seeskin (Department Chair), **Cristina Traina** (Director of Graduate Studies), and **Matthew J. Cressler** (Conference Chair).

5:00 – 6:30 PM FIRST KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Thomas Csordas (University of California, San Diego), “Across the Threshold of Possession”
Introduced by: **Justine Howe**

6:30 – 7:30 PM RECEPTION

Please join us for hors d’oeuvres and drinks.

Saturday, October 13

Saturday’s Events are in Two Locations: Harris Hall & the McCormick Tribune Center

8:00 – 8:30 AM CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (Harris 108)

8:30 – 10:30 AM SESSION 1 - TRANSFORMATIVE TRANSGRESSIONS (Harris 108)

How can a religious tradition create opportunity to challenge existing social norms?

- **Jeff Fitzkappes** (Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago), *Towards a Christian Adoption of Transhumanism*
- **Trevor Burrows** (Purdue University), *Battling Spiritual Illiteracy: Interfaith Activity, Religious Education, and the Judeo-Christian Tradition, 1920-1945*
- **Laura McTighe** (Columbia University), *Chicago’s Transcendent Third: Lived Religion in a Time of Mass Incarceration*
- Moderator: **Candace Kohli** (Northwestern University)

10:30 – 10:45 AM COFFEE BREAK (Harris 108)

10:45 – 12:45 PM SESSION 2A: TRANSNATIONAL TRANSITIONS (Harris 108)

How do religions engage with political borders?

- **Jenna Nigro** (University of Illinois at Chicago), *Religion, Education, and Authority in Colonial Senegal, 1830s-1860s*
- **Guy Emerson Mount** (University of Chicago), *When the Prophet Meets the Prophetic: Persian Mysticism, Black Activism, and The Transnational Journey of African American Lived Religion*
- **Kate Peisker** (Yale University), *At the Edge of Catholic Europe: The Stolen Soul in 19th-Century Galicia*
- **Ryan E. Gillen** (Valdosta State University), *“The howl of the anti-Mormons was to be expected”:
How conflict, policy, and culture led the Latter-Day Saints to Mexico*
- Moderator: **Kate Dugan** (Northwestern University)



10:45–12:45 PM SESSION 2B: TRANSLATION & TRANSMISSION (MTC 3119)

How do religious texts and language mediate between traditions and their changing circumstances?

- **P.J. Johnston** (University of Iowa), *Comparative Theology and the Globalization of Catholicism: The Role of Translation*
- **Lucas Taylor Carmichael** (University of Chicago), *Transmission, Translation, and Transformation of the Daode jing*
- **Michael Heyes** (Rice University), *The Translation, Transformation, and Transportation of Demons in the Life of St. Antony*
- **Corey Hackworth** (The Ohio State University), *Words are for Cutting: The Unifying Power of Name-Calling*
- Moderator: **Jennifer A. Callaghan** (Northwestern University)

12:45 – 2:15 PM LUNCH (on your own)

Please see the conference website for a list of local restaurants and cafés.

2:15 – 4:15 PM SESSION 3A: TRANSPORTED TRADITIONS (Harris 108)

How does movement between cultures impact the development of religious traditions?

- **David Scott** (Boston University), *American Mission Agencies as Transnational Corporations*
- **Justin Stein** (University of Toronto), *Translating Transoceanic Transmissions, or Of Orishas and Reiki—Applying Lessons from the Afro-Atlantic to the Asian-Pacific*
- **Rita Biagioli** (University of Chicago), *Hindu Summer Camps in the Diaspora and “Trans”-mitting Religious Values in an Altered Context*
- Moderator: **Justine Howe** (Northwestern University)

2:15 – 4:15 PM SESSION 3B: TRANSVERSE SPACES (MTC 3119)

How do religions create or reconfigure their places in the world?

- **Jason M. Sprague** (University of Iowa), *Where the Hell is Cross Village?: Crossing Boundaries and Sacred Space*
- **Sarah Riccardi** (Missouri State University), *Living Between Heaven and Russia: Evoking and Embodying Spiritual Nostalgia in Ozarkian Eastern Orthodoxy*
- **Justin M. Doran** (University of Texas at Austin), *Hogueras Santas: Transnational Sacrifice in a Pentecostal Church*
- **Julie Knoller TelRav** (The New School for Social Research), *Thresholds of Jewish Identity*
- Moderator: **Ariel Schwartz** (Northwestern University)

4:15 – 4:30 PM COFFEE BREAK (McCormick Tribune Center Forum)

4:30 – 6:00 PM SECOND KEYNOTE ADDRESS (McCormick Tribune Center Forum)

Thomas A. Tweed (University of Texas at Austin), *Prefixes and Prepositions: On the Study of Religion in Motion*

Introduced by: **Brian J. Clites**

6:00 – 7:30 PM RECEPTION (Harris 108)

Please join us for hors d'oeuvres and drinks.



Sunday, October 14

All Sunday Events are in Harris Hall

8:00 – 9:00 AM **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** (Harris 108)

9:00 – 11:00 AM **SESSION 4: TRANSMUTED BODIES** (Harris 108)

How do religious imaginations and practices constrain or expand the possibilities of the human body?

- **Jessica Chen** (Stanford University), *Body and Practice in Chinese Islamic Cosmology: Liu Zhi's Explanation of the Five Practices*
- **Emily Fortune Hancock** (University of Chicago), *Sin and Self-Pollution: Negotiating Borders among the Body, Society, and God in Early America*
- **"Ryan" John T. Adams** (University of California, Santa Barbara), *Transformers: Chinese Self-Cultivation Transformed in Taiwan's Falun Gong*
- Moderator: **Victoria Prussing** (Northwestern University)

11:00 – 12:30 PM **THIRD KEYNOTE ADDRESS** (Harris 108)

Elizabeth Shakman Hurd (Northwestern University), *Dilemmas of Secular Power: Religion, Law, and Globalization*

Introduced by: **Ariel Schwartz**

