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A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

In the Fall newsletter I usually write about process – how to. How to register for the Winter Meeting or how to renew one’s membership: these are important questions (and I shall deal with them shortly). Before dealing with process, I must mention some new things.

The first new thing is related to membership. In response to several requests, from January 2012 members who chose not to receive paper copies of Church History will pay five dollars less for their membership dues. Check the Upcoming Events page on the ASCH web site for more details about access to the electronic edition of Church History and the reduced membership dues.

The second new thing is an addition to the web site – a ‘Positions Open’ page. On this page will be a listing of any jobs which may be of interest to members. Such listings can only work if they are accurate and current; that being the case, please pass any notices of open positions to me by e-mail.

The third new thing is the ASCH’s venture into the world of social media. On October 17, or thereabouts, the Society’s Facebook pages and Twitter feed will go live. It will then be possible to catch up on the latest ASCH news through these platforms. For those of you who want to participate rather than “like” or “follow,” there will be regular blog posts on the web site from the beginning of November onwards.

Pre-Facebook and Twitter, information on the 2012 Winter Meeting can be found on the Conferences & Meetings page of the web site. A couple of points to note: graduate students should register for the Graduate Student Reception even though there is no charge; also, women who wish to attend the Women in Theology and Church History Breakfast should do the same (and will pay the fee at the event itself). In both cases registration is necessary in order to obtain a head count.

As ‘always,’ members can register for the Winter Meeting by mail or online: the same is true of membership renewal. Send any questions about either to the ASCH Office, asch@churchhistory.org.

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT: BARBARA NEWMAN

Warm greetings as the season turns! With the new term now well underway, here's a multiple-choice question: that autumnal nip in the air means it's time to (a) get your furnace checked; (b) grade that big stack of papers that suddenly materialized; (c) take your winter coat to the cleaners; or (d) make your plans to attend the January meeting in Chicago? If you answered (d), you're probably an officer of the Society. But even if you're not, I hope the program that just went online can tempt you to visit our fair city! We're winding up the quadracentenary year of the King James Bible, and in addition the program holds a tantalizing mix of Jesuits, Arians, missionaries, digital Mormons, Southern Baptists, slaves and imperialists, and that whole motley crew we call the Church—or if you prefer, the churches.

I'm happy to say that the ASCH remains in good financial shape, but on the negative side, the AHA has (predictably) once again rejected our proposal to reduce fees for joint registration. Watch your inbox, though, for an important member survey. Our executive director, Keith Francis, will soon be polling ASCH members with a simple question: are you concurrently a member of the AHA, the American Academy of Religion (AAR), or any other learned societies? If it turns out that we have as many AAR as AHA members, we may experiment with an occasional joint meeting with that society in November. It's also high time for a new digital snapshot of who and what we are.

In other news, we will soon launch an ASCH blog, moderated by graduate assistant Shaun Horton. I'll write the first post, making it bracingly controversial so you will all chip in and argue! Let's aim for a lively and engaging online presence—all members are invited to contribute. Argument is welcome, but please maintain a friendly and professional tone at all times.

Barbara Newman,
ASCH President

A WORD FROM THE NEWSLETTER CO-EDITORS

Greetings from the ASCH Newsletter Co-Editors! We hope you are looking forward to the upcoming Winter Meeting in Chicago. We also hope you are enjoying the new features in the Society's newsletter such as the listing of member announcements. Many responded to our request for announcements, and we are delighted to be part of sharing news of each other's publications, job placements, and other relevant updates of teaching and research. The editors are already planning how we can expand this feature in upcoming newsletters and the ASCH's other social media.

If you have suggestions for future newsletter features, we encourage you to email courtney_lyons@baylor.edu, dscott@bu.edu, or georgian@udel.edu. We welcome your input on how the newsletter can better support the ASCH and its members.

Elizabeth Georgian
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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT: LAURIE F. MAFFLY-KIPP ON THE WINTER MEETING IN CHICAGO

We may be meeting in Chicago in January, but our program promises an array of offerings that will take participants from the Marshall Islands to Paraguay to the Danish Caribbean. We'll visit diverse topics such as domestic metaphors for the divine in late antiquity, Korean Christianity, teaching Mormonism, and the globalization of Pentecostalism. Thanks to the hard work of a terrific program committee, the ASCH winter meeting includes 35 sessions featuring a wide variety of scholars working on Christianity in myriad times and places.

We are particularly pleased to offer a trifecta of sessions co-sponsored with the Conference on Latin American History that probe missionary encounters from the sixteenth century to the present. Other sessions are offered jointly with the Society for Reformation Research, the Mormon History Association, and the American Historical Association. Highlights also include a luncheon reflecting on the influence of the late Edwin S. Gaustad, a former president of the ASCH, along with book sessions exploring the after-life of Harry Stout's *The New England Soul* at 25 and Esther Chung-Kim's recently published *Inventing Authority*.

There also will be time for gathering and reflection on our common mission. Please join in the annual WITCH (Women in Theology and Church History) breakfast Friday morning or the reception for graduate students on Friday evening. Peter Williams and Jeanne Kilde will lead all hardy hikers in a walking tour of Chicago religious sites on Friday afternoon. We will gather for our business meeting Saturday evening, followed by Barbara Newman's presidential address, "*The Passion of the Jews of Prague: The Pogrom of 1389 and the Lessons of a Medieval Parody.*"

Grab your warm coats and explore the world via Chicago with us! Keith Francis has worked hard to make the hotel rooms affordable. We promise lively conversation and good company.

Laurie F. Maffly-Kipp
Winter Meeting Program Chair and President-Elect

INTRODUCING MELANIE A. PICKARD

Keith Francis' new assistant is Melanie A. Pickard. (Her official title is 'Assistant to the Executive Secretary': that is what you will see if Melanie writes to you.) Melanie is a graduate of Pacific Union College in Northern California: she has degrees in history, mathematics, and education. Melanie is also a former student of Keith's.

Melanie has taken over the position held by Benjamin Wetzel - thanks for all of your help, Ben! - and will deal with most matters concerning membership. Melanie's office e-mail address is melanie.pickard@churchhistory.org.

Welcome, Melanie!

CONFERENCE DETAILS

WINTER MEETING, CHICAGO 2012

The annual Winter Meeting of the American Society of Church History will be held from Thursday to Sunday, January 5-8, 2012, in Chicago, IL, in conjunction with the 126th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association.

Program

The latest draft of the Winter Meeting program is available online. Find it at <http://www.churchhistory.org/conferences-meetings/> Participants in the program should inform the Executive Secretary, Keith Francis (keith.francis@churchhistory.org), and the chair of program committee, Laurie Maffly-Kipp (maffly@emial.unc.edu), immediately by e-mail of any errors or changes that need to be made to the Program.

Headquarters Hotel

The ASCH headquarters hotel is the Westin Chicago River North, 320 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60654. All the sessions except one will be held in the Westin. Most of the conference events will be held in the Westin. The exceptions are: the Women in Theology and Church History (WITCH) breakfast and the meals for graduate students.

Conference Registration

Conference registration is now open. There is a discount of \$10 for registering early. Early registration is available until Friday, December 2. Members can register for the conference online at <https://www.churchhistory.org/membership/> or by sending in the form printing on page 10 of this newsletter. NOTE: All participants in the program sessions must be members of the ASCH at the time of the conference. Participants can register for membership online or by filling out the form on page 11 of this newsletter.

WINTER MEETING PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Here are the members of the Winter Meeting Program Committee.

They should be praised mightily for their hard work!

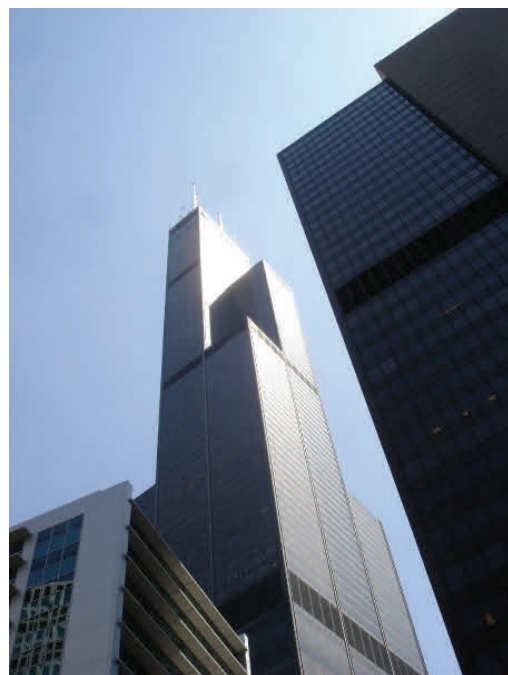
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CONFERENCE HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown

600 N. State Street, Chicago, IL 60654

<http://www.embassysuiteschicago.com/>

ASCH members may reserve a room at the Embassy Suites for the group rate of \$89 per night. The rate includes free Wi-Fi, breakfast, and an afternoon manager's reception. The rate is available from Tuesday, January 3 to Monday, January 9.

Reservations can be made by phone or online. The reservations phone number is 1-800 Embassy (1-800-362-2779). Members must use the group code SCH in order to receive the cheaper rate.

NOTE: The rate will apply until the room block is filled.

Westin Chicago River North

320 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60654

<http://www.westinchicago.com/>

The American Historical Association (AHA) has a room block of 400 rooms set aside.

Rates are: \$109 – Single; \$129 – Double (2 people); \$149 – Triple (3 people); \$169 – Quadruple (4 people).

Members who wish to reserve a room must register for the AHA Meeting first (<https://www.historians.org/annual/2012/index.cfm>).

Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers

301 East North Water St., Chicago, IL 60611

<http://www.sheratonchicago.com/>

This is the headquarters hotel for the AHA Meeting. Most of the major AHA events will be held in this hotel.

The AHA has reserved a block of 1,150 rooms in this hotel.

Rates are: \$109 – Single; \$129 – Double (2 people); \$149 – Triple (3 people); \$169 – Quadruple (4 people).

Members who wish to reserve a room must register for the AHA Meeting first (<https://www.historians.org/annual/2012/index.cfm>).

Chicago Marriott Downtown

540 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/chidt-chicago-marriott-downtown-magnificent-mile/>

This is the co-headquarters hotel for the AHA Meeting. Any major AHA events not held in the Sheraton will be held in this hotel.

The AHA has reserved a block of 1,100 rooms in this hotel.

Rates are: \$109 – Single; \$129 – Double (2 people); \$149 – Triple (3 people); \$169 – Quadruple (4 people).

Members who wish to reserve a room must register for the AHA Meeting first (<https://www.historians.org/annual/2012/index.cfm>).

Courtyard Chicago Downtown/River North

30 East Hubbard Street, Chicago, IL 60611

<http://www.courtyardchicago.com/>

The AHA has reserved a block of 200 rooms in this hotel. There is free in-room Wi-Fi available in this hotel.

Rates are: \$99 – Single; \$119 – Double (2 people); \$129 – Triple (3 people); \$139 – Quadruple (4 people).

Members who wish to reserve a room must register for the AHA Meeting first (<https://www.historians.org/annual/2012/index.cfm>).



MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

Ellen Blue. *St. Mark's and the Social Gospel: Methodist Women and Civil Rights in New Orleans, 1895-1965*. (University of Tennessee Press, 2011).

Candy Gunther Brown, ed. *Global Pentecostal and Charismatic Healing*. (Oxford University Press, 2011).

Jeanne Halgren Kilde. "The Park 51/Ground Zero Controversy and Sacred Sites as Contested Space." *Religions* 2, no. 3: 297-311.

Religions is an open access, online journal. The article can be found at

<http://www.mdpi.com/2077-1444/2/3/297/>

Glen Olsen. *The Turn to Transcendence: The Role of Religion in the Twenty-First Century*. (Catholic University of America Press, 2010).

Greg Peters. *Peter of Damascus: Byzantine Monk and Spiritual Theologian*. (Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, 2011).

Rachel Erickson-Rui. *The Beginnings of the Wenzhou Church: How the Cross-Cultural Engagement of the First Missionaries to Wenzhou Gave Birth to the 'Jews of China,' 1866-1911.* (Published in Chinese).

Rachel also received a grant to gather oral histories in China.

Timothy Sailors, ed. *Bibel, Byzanz und Christlicher Orient: Festschrift für Stephen Gerö zum 65. Geburtstag* (Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta, 187; Leuven: Peeters, 2011).

The essays are published in honor of Stephen Gerö, Professor Emeritus of the Languages and Cultures of the Christian Orient at the University of Tübingen. It contains 36 studies covering a wide spectrum of topics on the Christian Orient, from the earliest period until modern times, including essays on early Christianity, Egypt and Nubia, Syriac Christianity, Armenia, Georgia, and Central Asia, Byzantium, and the Arab World.

Anne Jacobson Schutte. *By Force and Fear: Taking and Breaking Monastic Vows in Early Modern Europe*. (Cornell University Press, 2011).

Do you have a recently published book? We'd love to hear about it. Send information about your recent publications to the ASCH Newsletter Editors for inclusion in future issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Technology in Church History

Professor Bradley Nassif is looking for people interested in discussing new ways to use technology in courses on church history and theology. If you have ideas or would like to join the discussion, contact him at bnassif@Northpark.edu.

Von Humboldt Fellowship

Caroline T. Schroeder of The University of the Pacific has received an Alexander Von Humboldt Foundation Fellowship to be at the Georg-August University in Goettingen, Germany, for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Church History Set Available

Jacob H. Dorn (jdorn1@woh.rr.com) has a virtually complete set of the ASCH's journal, *Church History*, from March 1966 to the present and would like to make it available to any individual or library that would want it and can cover the cost of packaging and shipment.

Job Posting: Assistant Professor of Liturgical Studies, Yale Institute of Sacred Music and Yale Divinity School

The Yale Institute of Sacred Music and Yale Divinity School seek an Assistant Professor of Liturgical Studies (tenure track) with a specialty in the history and theology of North American Protestant and/or evangelical traditions. Successful candidates will have strong scholarly credentials (Ph.D. in liturgical studies or equivalent) and commitment to teaching in an interdisciplinary environment. Secondary expertise in sacred music and hymnody is preferred. Send curriculum-vitae, letter of application, and a list of three references to Martin Jean, Director: Yale Institute of Sacred Music, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511. (www.yale.edu/ism) Applications will be read beginning October 15, 2011, and the appointment begins July 1, 2012. Yale is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Yale values diversity in its faculty, staff, and students and especially encourages applications from women and underrepresented minorities.

ASCH Newsletter Job Posting Policy

The ASCH is committed to the principle of equal opportunity for all prospective employees and recognizes that open hiring on the basis of merit begins with fair practices in recruitment. Job discrimination is illegal and the ASCH does not publish advertisements that discriminate based on age, color, disability, genetic information, ideology, marital status, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status, except in those cases in which federal law allows or requires specific preference in hiring. The ASCH retains the right to reject or edit advertisements containing discriminatory wording. The ASCH does make exceptions for ads that require religious identification or affiliation for consideration for the position, a preference that is allowed to religious institutions under federal law. Such institutions are strongly encouraged to make the extent of their religious requirements clear, including affiliation, membership, and/or the signing of faith statements.

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STELLA FLETCHER

As the Ecclesiastical History Society marks the fiftieth anniversary of its foundation, it seeks to celebrate with members and non-members alike by reflecting on its own history, from its foundation by Clifford Dugmore through to the present day. The Society’s publications, *Studies in Church History*, are well known to historians working in every period of the Christian era, particularly in the English-speaking world. This is the story behind those volumes. ‘*A Very Agreeable Society*’ tells of the key individuals who moulded the EHS into a much-loved institution, and sets the Society’s activities in evolving academic and ecclesiastical contexts. Stella Fletcher is Honorary Secretary of the EHS.

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GRADUATE STUDENT PROFILE: DOUGLAS D. TZAN

Where and with whom do you study?

I am Ph.D. student at Boston University. I study with Professor Dana L. Robert in the History of Christianity program in the Division of Religious and Theological Studies.

What area of church history interests you most?

I am most interested in the history of Christian mission. I am fascinated by the relationship between Christianity and culture, and that issue is particularly important in cross-cultural Christian mission. Most of my study has focused on Protestant missions in the long nineteenth century.

What is your current research interest/dissertation topic?

My dissertation is a study of William Taylor, the late nineteenth century Methodist missionary, evangelist, mission promoter, and bishop. Taylor spent significant time on every inhabited continent and was a part of the leading edge of American religious engagement in several contexts. Through his own preaching and the work of hundreds of missionaries he recruited, Taylor introduced into those settings American evangelicalism.

I examine the contextual factors that either allowed this form of Christianity to flourish or contained its spread, and I argue that individuals who already loosely identified with Christianity, but for whom that identity had been weakened by migration, social disruption, or marginalization, responded most favourably to Taylor. His theological emphases of conversion and sanctification provided an ideology that crystallized individuals into new forms social organization.

Taylor's career also shows how American evangelicalism could be changed by encounters with different cultures, languages, and religions. I trace the way he fused his global experiences with a theology informed by the nineteenth century Holiness movement to develop a novel and important theory for Christian mission. His most lasting contribution has been the theory often known today as "tent-making" in which the missionary is dependent on indigenous economic resources, not a foreign mission board.

What do you hope to do after you graduate?

I would like to teach in a theological seminary or school of theology.

How did you hear about ASCH, and why did you decide to join?

I heard about ASCH through Professor Robert and joined because I wanted to attend the annual meeting and receive Church History.

What do you most appreciate about ASCH student membership?

I love the annual meeting in January. Of course, I am interested in hearing what work other people are doing in my areas of focus, but I always make it a point to attend a few tangentially related sessions of the American Historical Association, too. I like to look for historiographic insights from historians who are concerned with things other than religion.

ASCH WINTER MEETING , JANUARY 5-8, 2012 REGISTRATION FORM

Members and attendees may choose from the following event options (*All pricing is per person*):

*Early Registration for ASCH Members:	\$85.00	_____
*Early Registration for Non-ASCH Members:	\$95.00	_____
Women in Theology and Church History Breakfast Registration (Friday Morning): (\$15.00 to be paid at the event)		_____
Walking Tour (Friday Afternoon):	\$25.00	_____
Lunch Celebrating the Life of Edwin Gaustad (Friday Afternoon):	\$35.00	_____
Graduate Student Reception (for graduate students only; Friday evening)	\$0.00	_____
Renewal of Membership (Regular: \$70; Retired: \$45; Student: \$30; Outside U.S.A.: Regular: \$90; Retired: \$50; Student: \$45)		_____
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