

**New England Regional World History Association**

Spring 2019 Symposium

“Religion in World History”

Boston College High School

23 March 2019



Matteo Ricci, S. J. and Johann Adam Schall von Bell, S.J., missionaries to China, scholars and counselors at the imperial court

**8:30 Doors Open for Continental Breakfast, Cadigan Atrium**

**8:45-9:30 Registration, Cadigan Atrium**

Hackett Publishing Co. will display books, of which several will be raffled off at the end of the day

**9:30-9:45 Welcome, Cadigan Lecture Hall**

Leslie LaRocca, Chair, Social Studies Department, Boston College High School  
David Kalivas, NERWHA President

**10:00-11:00 Keynote Address, Cadigan Lecture Hall**

“The Jesuit Encounter with Hinduism: Many Lights, Some Darkness”

Francis X. Clooney, S. J., Parkman Professor of Divinity and Professor of Comparative Theology, Harvard Divinity School

Introduction of Rev. Clooney, Alfred J. Andrea, University of Vermont

**Session A: 11:05-12:35**

**Panel 1: A Teacher Roundtable: Creative, Student-Centered Projects Regarding Religion in World History, Cadigan Lecture Hall**

Lauren Connolly, Boston College High School

Whitney Howarth, Plymouth State University

Seth Kirby, Boston College High School

Angela Lee, Weston High School

Elise Wilson, Boston College High School

**Panel 2: Understanding Religious Practices across Time and Space, Great Books Room**

Chair: Thomas Pyke Johnson, University of Massachusetts, Boston and Bentley University

Eduardo Possidonio, Universidad Federal do Rio de Janeiro and Boston University, "*Entembes*, Cults of Affliction and Ancestry: The Central African Sacred in Rio de Janeiro in the Early Nineteenth Century"

Thomas Pyke Johnson, University of Massachusetts, Boston and Bentley University, "Migration, Conversion, Definition: How Hinduism Became a World Religion (Again)"

Parker Shipton, Boston University, "Animal, Metaphor, Monarchy: Belief and the Breaking Point in the Quasi-Religion of Sovereigns and States"

**12:35-1:30 Lunch and NERWHA News, Cadigan Atrium**

**Session B 1:30-3:00**

**Panel 3: Festivals, Food, and Art: The Ramifications of Religious Activities and Representations of Identity, Room C105**

Chair: Violetta Ravagnoli

Violetta Ravagnoli, Emmanuel College, “The orphans of Sicily in Boston: the “Transnational Reach of Religious Feasts”

Amanda Farina, Emmanuel College, “From Prayers to Pilaf: Armenian-Americans’ Christian Culinary Narration of the 20th Century”

Olivia Richards, Emmanuel College, “St. Luke, Watercolors, and the Madonna”

**Panel 4: Going Glocal: The Global Ramifications of Religion in a Parochial Setting, Great Books Room**

Chair: Nicholas Russell, Independent Scholar

Thomas Mounkhal, SUNY at New Paltz, “Insights into the Dominican Open-Air Churches of Sixteenth-Century Oaxaca

Annette Chapman-Adisho, Salem State University, “Considering the Local in the Global: A Revolutionary Bishop in France”

David Northrup, Boston College, “The Local and Universal in Religious Conversion: Understanding the Mass Movement to Christianity in Modern Sub-Saharan Africa”

**Panel 5: Religion and Violence, Cadigan Lecture Hall**

Chair: Whitney Howarth, Plymouth State University

A. J. Andrea, University of Vermont, “Holy War in World History”

Grant Schrama, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, "Crusade or Colonialism? The Papacy, Christian Imperialism and the Conquest of the Non-Christian World in the Late Middle Ages and Beyond"

Shawn Driscoll, University of Massachusetts at Lowell, "Bodhisattvas and Saints—Religious Violence, Political Strife, and Burgeoning War in Early 1960s Vietnam"

**3:05-3:20**

**Free Raffle of Books and Farewell, Cadigan Lecture Hall**

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