Colleagues,

Our meetings in San Diego are in just a few weeks. I am attaching an updated version of the Adventist Theological Society meeting schedule along with the Sabbath breakout session list. You are invited to attend any of these meetings you like. ATS will provide lunch and supper on Sabbath, November 22, at the Paradise Valley SDA Church for scholars attending.

I am also attaching a list of the abstracts for the Andrews PhD/ThD poster presentations that will be given at both the ASRS meetings on Friday, November 21, and at the ATS meetings at Paradise Valley SDA Church on Sabbath, November 22. Please circulate around and see what these growing scholars have been working on. A word of encouragement from a seasoned scholar helps inspire continued efforts.

**BUS SCHEDULE** — 3 buses for Friday, 2 buses for Sabbath. Each bus holds 55 people.

**Friday, Nov 21**, leaving Hilton Bay Front Hotel at 5:45 p.m., going to Paradise Valley SDA Church for ASRS/ATS banquet

**Friday, Nov 21**, leaving Paradise Valley SDA Church at 9:00 p.m. (or sooner if we are done earlier) returning to Hilton Bay Front Hotel

**Sabbath, Nov 22**, leaving Hilton Bay Front Hotel at 8:30 a.m., going to Paradise Valley SDA Church for ATS meetings

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Wednesday – November 19

Meeting at the Town & Country Hotel
500 Hotel Cir N, San Diego, CA 92108

3:00-3:10
Biographical Sketch of Gerhard Hasel
Michael G. Hasel, Professor of Religion, Southern Adventist University

3:10-3:40
The Legacy of Gerhard Hasel’s Old Testament Theology: Basic Issues in the Current Debate Revealed in Old Testament Scholarship of the Last Two Decades
Richard M. Davidson, J. N. Andrews Professor of Old Testament, Andrews University

3:50-4:30
The Hasel-Kaiser Discussions on the Search for a Center or Mitte to Biblical Theology
Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., President Emeritus (retired), Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

4:40-5:20
Narrative Structure of Daniel 8: A Text Linguistic Approach
Samuel Nunez, Former Professor of Old Testament, Montemorelos University

5:30-6:10
The Theology of the “Chronicler”: What Difference Does It Make?
Eugene H. Merrill, Distinguished Professor of Old Testament Interpretation, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Thursday – November 20

Meeting at the Town & Country Hotel
500 Hotel Cir N, San Diego, CA 92108

8:30-9:10
Does the Church Have the Authority to Adapt Scriptural Organizational Ideals?
Nicholas P. Miller, Associate Professor of Church History, Andrews University

9:20-10:00
Ecclesiology in the Old Testament: A Model for the Relevant Church
Mathilde Frey, Walla Walla, Washington

Friday Evening – November 21

Meeting at the Paradise Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church
2701 E 8th St, National City, CA 91950

6:30
Adventist Theological Society and Adventist Society for Religious Studies Banquet

7:30
Adventist Theological Society Presidential Address
“We Thank God for You”: Why Gratitude Is Essential in Theological Disputes
Tom Shepherd, President, ATS, Andrews University

7:50
Adventist Society for Religious Studies Presidential Address
The Meaning and Message of the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)
Ranko Stefanovic, President, ASRS, Andrews University
Sabbath – November 22

Meeting at the Paradise Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church
2701 E 8th St, National City, CA 91950

9:30-9:50
  Song Service and Report from International ATS Scholar

9:50-10:30
  Homogeneity and Diversity in Patterns of Leadership in the Early Church
  Denis Fortin, Professor of Historical Theology, Andrews University

10:45-12:00 – Divine Worship Service
  Power: To Whom Does It Belong?
  Artur Stele, Director, Biblical Research Institute, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

12:00-1:30 – LUNCH

1:30-2:10
  Development of the Seventh-day Adventist Ministerial Identity, 1863-1881
  Michael W. Campbell, Assistant Professor, Adventist Studies, Adventist Institute of Advanced Studies, Philippines

2:10-2:50
  How Does God “Head” Christ: Paul’s Use of Kephalē within the Body Metaphor
  Jonathan Leonardo, PhD Student, Andrews University

2:50-3:30
  Apostasy: An Ecclesiological Taboo in the SDA Church
  Armando Juarez and Abimael Lozano, Montemorelos University, Mexico

3:30-5:10
  Break Out Sessions

5:10-5:20 – BREAK

5:20-6:20 – Panel Discussion
  The Authority of the Church
  Félix Cortez (moderator), Denis Fortin, Michael W. Campbell, Nicholas P. Miller, Armando Juarez

6:30-7:30 – SUPPER

7:30
  Business Meeting – Tom Shepherd, ATS President

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**Rodrigo Galiza, PhD Student, Old Testament, Andrews University** | An Apostle or Elder? Defining the Role of the Ordained Adventist Minister  
**Blake Jones, Pastor, Colorado Conference** | Apostolic Succession and Teaching Authority in the Struggle against Gnosticism  
**Samuel Pagán, PhD Student, Andrews University** |
| **4:05-4:35  p.m.** | Sanctuary Typology and Ecclesiology in the Fourth Gospel and Acts  
**Leonardo Nunes, PhD Student, Andrews University** | “The Body of Christ” Figure and Its Functional Significance for the Seventh-day Adventist Church Ecclesiology  
**Anna Galeniece, DMin  
Director, Ellen G. White Estate Branch Office, Associate Professor of Applied Theology, Adventist University of Africa** | Paul and Irenaeus on the Images of the Christian Church: An Introductory Study  
**Abner Hernandez, PhD Student, Church History, Andrews University** |
| **4:40-5:10  p.m.** | The Multifunctional Purpose, Application and Implications of the Term Qāhāl in the Hebrew Canon  
**Eriks Galenieks, Director, MA in Pastoral Theology Program, Associate Professor of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis, Adventist University of Africa, Kenya** | Priesthood in Christology and Ecclesiology: a brief analysis of the relationship between the priesthood of Christ and the priesthood of all believers  
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**Shellie Berglin and Christopher Chadwick**

**2014 Excavation Season at San Miceli: Exploring Early Christianity in Rural Roman Sicily**

The 2014 season at San Miceli, an ancient Roman/Byzantine settlement near the modern town of Salemi, was excavated with the purpose of better understanding the emergence of Christianity in western Sicily. Previous excavations at this site, the first in 1893 by Antonio Salinas, provided a tantalizing glimpse into the early centuries of the Christian era. The site includes a partially (not stratigraphically) excavated basilica that some date as early as the 4th century CE, and which continued in use until it was destroyed sometime around the 6th century. This basilica was established within the confines of what appears to be a Roman/Byzantine village that surface sherdng indicates may go back as early as the 2nd century. The Andrews University project at San Miceli seeks to better understand both the establishment and socio-cultural development of this early Roman village, as well as the later emergence of Christianity within the context of a rural Roman town. In pursuit of these goals two fields were opened during the 2014 season: Field A was opened in order to expose the Roman/Byzantine village to the south of the basilica; Field B, the basilica itself, was opened with the hope of dating the structure and developing a better stratigraphic understanding of the basilica and its history. This poster will describe this initial season’s excavation and its results.

**Rodrigo de Galiza**

**Projections and prophecies - the new Brazilian Census and SDA Eschatology**

My work evaluates from an Adventist prophetic perspective the last Census of Brazil, one of the largest Catholic and Adventist country in the world, regarding the religious tendencies of the last decades. The numbers shows that Catholics are decreasing in number speedily while Protestants are rising. Since SDA prophetic interpretation suggests a Catholic "dominion" in the end times does the numbers of the Brazilian Census contradicts this interpretation? I give some suggestions based on Canale's historiography applied to prophetic interpretation that this is not so and the CENSUS when analyzed carefully show some tendencies that fits the SDA prophetic understanding.
Erick Mendieta

Typology and the Adventist Eschatological Identity: Friend or Foe?

For Seventh-day Adventists, the significance of typology is not only a matter of historical research. Davidson has rightly argued that “the historic Adventist interpretation of the sanctuary...stands or falls depending upon the validity of its hermeneutic method.”

This study has tried to show that typology in Adventism has proven to be a defining force in our theology, our thinking and even, at times, our practices. Since its first appearing in early Adventism, typology has provided assistance to our understanding of Scripture, but also has been the source of much misunderstanding. The need to explore its nature, characteristics, and application has been an ongoing concern for Adventism and it must continue to be so.

The poster will cover an overview of: (pointing out the major concerns about the use of typology across Adventist History)
- Typology and the Historical Theological Identity of Early Adventism
- Typology and Adventist Hermeneutical Identity
- Typology in Adventist Theological Controversies
- Typology in the Future of Adventism

Clinton Moriah


Luke’s crucifixion narrative is unique in comparison to the other synoptic Gospels, primarily in its depiction of the dialogue between Jesus and the two criminals on the cross in Luke 23:39-43. This dialogue raises a number of questions in relation to Luke’s theology and purpose. Narrative analysis data of setting, time and characterization depict Luke 23:39-43 as central to Luke’s theology. This pericope highlights the major theological motif of Luke’s gospel and depicts the “already” and the “not yet” nature of salvation and the kingdom of God. Salvation is not obtained through political revolution, but only by Jesus Christ and through faith in him. Jesus is messiah, savior and coming king. Salvation is provided in Christ and through his death, resurrection and ascension.
A Model of Contextualization Based on the Seventh-day Adventists Concept of Revelation

The remarkable work of Stephen Bevans in *Models of Contextualization* is considered a landmark source of information in regards to the contextual approaches most commonly applied by Catholic and Protestant missiologists throughout the globe. They are: the 1) translation, 2) anthropological, 3) praxis, 4) synthetic, 5) transcendental, and 6) countercultural. This poster is an attempt to evidence that each one of these models of contextualization are deeply rooted in different models of revelation. Even though the Seventh-Day Adventist Church has never formulated a precise doctrine of revelation or inspiration, over the past 100 years Adventists have confirmed and elaborated the traditional Christian convictions held by their pioneers. Therefore, Adventists believe that any contextual model, which minimizes the central and fundamental role of Scripture, should be disregarded as a valid option to be adopted.

Leanne M. Sigvartsen; Jan A. Sigvartsen (Graduate Student, PhD Religion); Paul B. Petersen (Chair, Religion and Biblical Languages Department)

Millennial Young Adults and their responses to the Seventh-day Adventist Creation Fundamental

The Beyond Beliefs study undertaken by ClergyEd.com and the Religion and Biblical Languages Department at Andrews University investigated responses to the Seventh-day Adventist Creation fundamental with a sample of 679 Millennial young adults. This component of the Beyond Beliefs study asked participants to select a statement that best described their belief regarding the origin of the world; to identify how strongly they felt about this belief; and if they would be bothered if life on earth came about differently or on a different time scale than what they currently believed. The findings suggest that Seventh-day Adventist Millennial young adults hold varying views relating to the origin of the world; that they claim they feel very strongly about these beliefs; however, if life on earth came about differently or on a different time scale than what they currently believe, most would not lose their faith.
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Millennial Young Adults and their responses to the Ordination of Women within the Seventh-day Adventist Church

The Beyond Beliefs study undertaken by ClergyEd.com and the Religion and Biblical Languages Department at Andrews University investigated responses to the ordination of women clergy within the Seventh-day Adventist Church with a sample 679 Millennial young adults, approximately a third of which were born outside of the United States. This component of the Beyond Beliefs study asked if Millennial young adults agreed or disagreed with the ordination of women clergy, if the decision to ordain would positively or negatively influence their perception of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and if the decision to not ordain would positively or negatively influence their perception. Participants were also asked if they identified with conservative or liberal ideologies and if they would withhold tithe if the corporate church organization endorsed inequality in hiring practices with regard to female ministers/corporate leaders. While Millennial young adults (18-32 years) largely support the idea of women being ordained to ministry and many would have a positive to very positive response to this action, it would seem the decision to not ordain women, for many, would not be a deal breaker when it comes to their perception of the Seventh-day Adventist church and their willingness to support this church financially.

Cory Wetterlin

Divine Presence and the Eschatological Remnant

This poster will display a description of the classical, panentheistic, and Adventist theological models of the interaction of divine presence with the people of God. Each model will be described in the following formula: (1) Ontology of divine presence (transcendent/timeless, temporal/immanent, or temporal/personal), (2) mode of dwelling (within, encompassing, or among), (3) the people of God (sacramental souls, the cosmos, or interpersonal disciples), which produces (4) a type of the eschatological remnant (spiritualism, consequent nature of God, or interpersonal devoted disciples).