



iss Institute for Signifying Scriptures

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

February 21 – 23, 2019

Memphis TN

Welcome to the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Institute for Signifying Scriptures. We are pleased to have you join us in helping us set up, model and participate in honest, high-level, challenging critical conversation about things that matter. The Meeting as usual is organized as a seminar around a compelling theme. All attendees are invited to participate in respectful conversation.

Seminar Theme: CLASSIFICATION

Everywhere we turn the practices, politics, and ramifications of classification are with and around us. So many questions go begging—why have we been historically compelled to classify things and one another? How? In what different ways and respects? How are we differently affected by such practices?

Our common springboard text this year—*Sorting Things Out: Classification and Its Consequences* by Geoffrey C. Bowker and Susan Leigh Star (MIT Press)

SCRIPTURALIZING HERE AND THERE: Ongoing Collaborative Research Project

This year we continue our ongoing signature collaborative research project. It is designed to facilitate running commentary on and analysis of fraught human-making—across cultures and time periods—in terms of scriptural politics, formations, practices and play, dynamics, phenomena. Conceptualized as a project in the politics of language, it holds the promise of facilitating needed transgressive and transformative thinking and practices for our times. All attendees are expected to participate in the launch. All members will be able to contribute on an ongoing basis to the project in special AM sessions and by submitting a formatted document to be considered for the collective project.

Special Events

Visits to: Jay Etkin Gallery; and Lorraine Motel/Civil Rights Museum

INTERVIEW/DISCUSSION

In Gratitude

Donors

Rosamond C. Rodman Judith McWillie Kenneth R. Weisshaar and Susan Lee
Vincent L. Wimbush Saad Michael Saad

In Kind

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Institutional Affiliates

Perkins School of Theology | Southern Methodist University
Religious Studies and Africana Studies Departments | Williams College

PROGRAM

THURSDAY EVENING

RECEPTION – Court Square Room 8:00 – 9:00PM

FRIDAY

Venue: Riverview Meeting Room

LIGHT BREAKFAST (available) 8:00 – 9:00AM

OPENING SESSION 9:00 – 10:15AM
Charles McKinney, Moderator

WELCOME

INTRODUCTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS

“WHO COUNTS’?: CLASSIFICATION AS SCRIPTURALIZATION”

SEMINAR: CLASSIFICATION

SEMINAR SESSION I 10: 30AM - 12 NOON

GENERAL THEORETICS: FRAMING ISSUES AND PROBLEMS
Tamara Siuda, Moderator

LUNCH (on your own)

SEMINAR SESSION II 1:30 – 3:00PM

DOMAINS, CONTEXTS, PRACTICES
Ron Serino, Moderator

BREAK

SEMINAR SESSION III 3:15 – 4:45PM

CONSEQUENCES, EFFECTS, REACTIONS
Lee Butler, Moderator

VISIT TO Jay Etkin Gallery 5:30PM—
942 S. Cooper St, Memphis, TN 38104
Judith McWillie, Moderator/Facilitator

DINNER (on your own)

SATURDAY

Venue: Riverview Meeting Room

Light Breakfast (available) 8:00 – 9:00AM

Scripturalizing Here and There: SESSION I 9:00 – 10:30AM
Benny Liew, moderator

BREAK

Scripturalizing Here and There: SESSION II 10:45 – 12:00PM
Susanne Scholz, moderator

LUNCH (provided)/BUSINESS MEETING 12:00 – 1:00PM
Arthur Carter, Moderator

VISIT TO
LORRAINE HOTEL/
NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM/
FREE TIME
450 Mulberry Street, Memphis 38103 2:00 – 5:00PM

CLOSING SESSION
Venue: Riverview Meeting Room

Leif Vaage, Moderator
Interview/Conversation with Elaine Turner,
Heritage Tours

Music
DINNER 6:00—8:30 PM