Yale-Edinburgh Group Conference, 28-30 June 2022

“World Christianity: Legacy and the State of the Field”

NB: This program is accurate as of May 5. All presentations will be available online. Those noted as at Yale or at Edinburgh will be in-person and online. An updated program and links/passcodes for the Zoom sessions will be sent to registrants.

Tuesday, June 28

SESSION 1 - 8:00 – 8:50 a.m. New Haven time  (Chair: Yale)
(1:00 p.m. Edinburgh; 3:00 p.m. Nairobi; 9:00 a.m. Sao Paulo; 8:00 p.m. Singapore)

Welcome & Edinburgh Keynote: Brian Stanley: “Seeing Through the Ears, and Hearing Through the Eyes: Orality and Textuality in Christian History”

SESSION 2 – 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. (Chair: Yale)
(2:00 p.m. Edinburgh; 4:00 p.m. Nairobi; 10:00 a.m. Sao Paulo; 9:00 p.m. Singapore)

Heritage and Future of World Christianity – 1

Dana Robert: “Incubating World Christianity: Gerald Anderson, the OMSC, and the Yale-Edinburgh Conference” at Yale
Dietmar Schulze: “Post-Postcolonial World Christian Studies”

Break - 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

SESSION 3 - 11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m (Chair: Yale)
(4:00 p.m. Edinburgh; 6:00 p.m. Nairobi; 12 noon Sao Paulo; 11:00 p.m. Singapore)

Heritage and Future of World Christianity – 2

Kaley Carpenter: “American Model or Manipulation? Correcting the Record of Protestant Missionaries in War-Torn Turkey and Washington, DC, 1914-1923” at Yale
Andrew Barnes: “Ethiopianism and Its Legacy for African Christianity” at Yale
Eduardo Romero: “The In/coherence of Peruvian Protestantism After a Century of Foreign Missionary Impact”

Break / Socializing time – wonder.me – 12:30–1:30 p.m

SESSION 4 – 1:30–3:00 p.m.  (Chair: Yale)
(6:30 p.m. Edinburgh; 8:50 p.m. Nairobi; 2:30 p.m. Sao Paolo; 1:30 a.m. Singapore)

In Conversation with Sanneh and Walls - 1

Aminta Arrington: “Eating Together With Andrew Walls and Nico Smith Around the Ephesian Table” at Yale
McKenzie Fergus: “Whose is the Next Generation of World Christianity Without Theological Ethnography?: Reimagining the Practical Value of Religious Studies in Modernity” at Yale

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Break – 3:00–3:30 p.m

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SESSION 5 – 3:30-5:00 p.m.  (Chair: Yale)
(8:30 p.m. Edinburgh; 10:30 p.m. Nairobi; 4:30 p.m. Sao Paolo; 3:30 a.m. Singapore)

Diverse Christianities in Conversation – 1

Korklu A. Laryea: “Sources: What Library/Information Studies Did Not Teach Me”
Byung Ho Choi: ”Reburying the Dead: Practicing Christianity in Tana Toraja” at Yale
Alan Guenther: “From Jihad to Pacificism: Lamin Sanneh’s legacy in interpreting the spread of Islam”

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Dinner for those in New Haven – 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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SESSION 6 - 6:00 -7:30 p.m.  (Chair: Yale)
(11:00 p.m. Edinburgh; 1:00 a.m. Nairobi; 7:00 p.m. Sao Paolo; 6:00 a.m. Singapore)

Chinese Theologies  all at Yale

Martin Chan: “Towards a Theology of Place: A Theological Critique of Hong Kong Progressive Evangelical Theologies”
Jackie Hwang: “Longing for Belonging -- Andrew Walls’ Thoughts on Migration and Mission as an Interpretative Lens for the Interactions between Chinese Students in Singapore and Their Local Christian Hosts”
Anthony Miller: “Dr. Pak-Chue Chan’s ‘Promise’ to the World: The Bible, Medicine, and Sweet Corn in Iowa, Mexico, Philippines, and Hong Kong”

Wednesday, June 29

SESSION 7 - 8:00 – 8:50 a.m. New Haven  (Chair: Dr Andrew Peh, TTC, Singapore)
(1:00 p.m. Edinburgh; 3:00 p.m. Nairobi; 9:00 a.m. Sao Paolo; 8:00 p.m. Singapore)

Singapore Keynote: Hwa Yung “The Shift of the Center of Gravity of the Church from the West into the Majority World: Challenges for Majority World Christianity”.

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SESSION 8 – 9:00-10:30 a.m.  (Chair: Dr Andrew Peh, TTC, Singapore)
(2:00 p.m. Edinburgh; 4:00 p.m. Nairobi; 10:00 a.m. Sao Paulo; 9:00 p.m. Singapore)

Chinese Christians, Transnationalism, and the Cold War

Joshua Tan: “Beyond the “Chinese Problem”: Diasporic Chinese Christians and “Cold War Religion” in British Malaya and Singapore, 1950s-60s”
Ting Guo: “Transforming the Cold War Religious Ecology in Hong Kong Protests”
Philip Wickeri: Respondent

Break - 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

SESSION 9 – 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m  (Chair: Edinburgh)
(4:00 p.m. Edinburgh; 6:00 p.m. Nairobi; 12 noon Sao Paulo; 11:00 p.m. Singapore)

Connected Histories, Contested Values: Loyalties, Competing Loyalties and Transloyalties in World Christianity

Frieder Ludwig: “Contested Concepts in Lutheran Theology, Education, and Health Care: The Mission Centre Umpumulo (Natal/South Africa) and Transloyalties”
Marina Xiaojing Wang, Silje Dragsund Aase: “The Lutheran Church of China and World Lutheranism: Through the Lens of Loyalties and Transloyalties, 1920-1949”

Break / Socializing time – wonder.me – 12:30–1:30 p.m

SESSION 10 – 1:30–3:00 p.m.  (Chair: Yale)
(6:30 p.m. Edinburgh; 8:50 p.m. Nairobi; 2:30 p.m. Sao Paolo; 1:30 a.m. Singapore)

Panelists: Brian Stanley, Jacob Olupona, Richard Young, Deanna Ferree Womack, David Maxwell, and David Lindenfeld
Moderator: Thomas Hastings

Break – 3:00–3:30 p.m

SESSION 11 - 3.30-5.00 p.m.  (Chair: Edinburgh)
(8:30 p.m. Edinburgh; 10:30 p.m. Nairobi; 4:30 p.m. Sao Paolo; 3:30 a.m. Singapore)

Diverse Christianities in Conversation – 2

Risaw Walls: “Revisiting the Relation between the Cultures of Indigenous Peoples and Christianity: Speaking from the Sediq Mother-tongue Bible” at Edinburgh
Braulio Barbosa-Ribeiro: “Morunguetá: The intercultural dialogue that gave birth to a new civilization” at Edinburgh
Piero Gorriti: “Transnational Identity and the Struggle for Belonging: A Case Study of a Lebanese - Australian Working in NYC” at Yale
Dinner for those in New Haven – 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

SESSION 12 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  (Chair: Yale)
(11:00 p.m. Edinburgh; 1:00 a.m. Nairobi; 7:00 p.m. Sao Paolo; 6:00 a.m. Singapore)

A Documentary Film Project Bringing Andrew Walls to Life

James Ault: Viewing and discussion of footage from an ongoing project to document Andrew Walls’ life and work at Yale

Thursday, June 30

SESSION 13 - 8:00 – 8:50 a.m. New Haven  (Chair: Yale)
(1:00 p.m. Edinburgh; 3:00 p.m. Nairobi; 9:00 a.m. Sao Paulo; 8:00 p.m. Singapore)


SESSION 14 – 9:00-10:15 a.m.  (Chair: Yale)
(2:00 p.m. Edinburgh; 4:00 p.m. Nairobi; 10:00 a.m. Sao Paulo; 9:00 p.m. Singapore)

World Christianity: African Perspectives

Peter Ndaita: The Mbiti Option: John S. Mbiti’s Kiikamba New Testament and the Case for Bible Translation as Entrepreneurship in Contemporary Africa at Yale
Chammah Kaunda: “‘The Indigenous Discovery of Christianity’: The Idea of Mother Tongue in Lamin Sanneh’s World Christianity”

Break - 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.

SESSION 15 – 10:45 a.m. - 12.00 noon  (Chair: Yale)
(3:45 p.m. Edinburgh; 5:45 p.m. Nairobi; 11:45 a.m. Sao Paulo; 10:45 p.m. Singapore)

In Conversation with Sanneh and Walls - 2

Dorcas Dah: “Andrew F. Walls, the ‘Great Commission’ and Structural Evil: insights for Christian Mission related to Gold Mining in South-west Burkina Faso”
Kale Yu: "Revisiting Lamin Sanneh's "Western Guilt Complex"

Break / Socializing – wonder.me – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
SESSION 16 - 1:00-1:30 p.m. (Chair: Martha Smalley)

Resources & Documentation update

SESSION 17 – 1:45–3:00 p.m. (Chair: Pedro Feitoza)
(6:45 p.m. Edinburgh; 8:45 p.m. Nairobi; 2:45 p.m. Sao Paolo; 1:45 a.m. Singapore)

World Christianity: Latin American Perspectives

Vitor Santos: “Mission and education in Brazil: transnational history approach”
David Nogueira da Silva: “At play in-between the fields of the Lord: Foreign Mission Board Missionaries in the State of Piauí, Brazil”

SESSION 18 - 3:00–3:30 p.m. (Chair: Yale/Edinburgh)

Wrap-up, thanks, looking forward to next year in Edinburgh