

# IARPT Annual Conference

June 20-23, 2022

University of Utah · Salt Lake City

## **Atheisms, Atheologies, Naturalistic Theologies, and Religious Naturalisms**

Program Chairs: Dan Ott, LeRon Shults, and Demian Wheeler

Local Hosts: James McLachlan and Bob King

### **Monday, June 20**

7:00: Intellectual Autobiography by Walter Gulick (Introduction by Donald Crosby)

8:00: Opening Reception ([Lucky H Lounge at Little America Hotel](#))

### **Tuesday, June 21**

9:00 – 10:30 (Chair: William Hart)

Robert Smid: “Philosophical Atheism in Comparative Perspective”

Lisa Landoe Hedrick: “Holism, Genealogy, and Pragmatic Multi-Naturalism”

10:45 – 12:00

Keynote—“In Dialogue: Nancy Frankenberry and Wesley Wildman Discuss ‘The Myth of Symbolic Meaning’ and ‘The Nature of Ultimacy’”

1:30 – 2:00

James McLachlan: “‘No Reason We Can’t Make It True’: William and Ralph Chamberlin and Mormon Naturalism?”

2:15 – 3:45 (Chair: Ben Chicka)

Greylyn Hyding: “God: A Peircean Index to the Ground of Being and Depths of Nature”

Brandon Daniel-Hughes: “Atheist Hypotheses and the Economics of Inquiry”

4:00 – 4:45

LeRon Shults, Demian Wheeler, and Dan Ott (in spirit): Conveners’ Forum

6:30: Evening Banquet ([Caffe Molise](#))

## **Wednesday, June 22**

9:00 – 10:30 (Chair: Aaron Shepherd)

Jeffrey Speaks: “Transcendence, Immanence, and Ultimacy: The Theological Adequacy of Religious Naturalism”

Donald Crosby: “The Sacredness of Nature: Defenses of Religious Naturalism in Response to Six Objections”

10:45 – 12:00

Keynote—Carol Wayne White: “Religious Naturalism and the Wonders of Materialism and Relationality”

1:30 – 3:00 (Chair: David Breeden)

J. Thomas Howe: “Learning and Living the Lessons of Tragic Beauty”

Andrew Stone Porter: “The Note of Interpretation: Theistic Finitism as an Aesthetics of Religious Naturalism”

3:30: Board Meeting and Excursions

## **Thursday, June 23**

9:00 – 10:30 (Chair: James McLachlan)

David Breeden: “Lived Theologies of First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis”

Aaron Pratt Shepherd: “The New Atheism is Dead: Long Live the New Atheism!”

10:45 – 12:00

Keynote—John Shook (Read by LeRon Shults): “Atheism without Naturalism and Naturalism without Atheism”

1:30 – 3:30 (Chair: Demian Wheeler)

William Hart: “*Homo Sapiens*: The Anatomy of Our Religious Capacities”

Andrew Irvine: “Imagining Revelation, Naturally: Toward a Critique of Religious Taste”

Thomas Byrnes: “The Invisible Philosopher: H. Richard Niebuhr’s Pragmatic Historicist Construal of Historic Faith as Responsible Action”

5:30: Closing Business Meeting and Dinner ([Chile-Tepin](#))