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***The Society for
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Annual Meeting

March 2- March 4, 2017

The Omni Oceanfront Resort Hotel

Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

The Society for Philosophy of Religion
2017 Annual Meeting

Thursday, March 2, 2017

8:45-9:00 Welcome and Announcements

Session I: Analytic and Continental Meta Discussion

Session Chair: John Woell (Albion College)

9:00-10:30 John Schellenberg (Mount St. Vincent University/Dalhousie University), "Illicit Assumptions in the Philosophy of Religion"

Commentary: Terrence Tilley (Fordham University)

10:30-12:00 Aaron Simmons (Furman University), "Continental Philosophy of Religion in a Kenotic Tone"

Commentary: L. Manning Garrett (University of Memphis)

Session II: Religious Commitment

Session Chair: Edwin Bagley (Wingate University)

2:00-3:30 Bernie Cantens (Moravian College), "On the Nature of Religious Assent"

Commentary: Benjamin McCraw (University of South Carolina Upstate);

3:30-5:00 David Holley (University of Southern Mississippi), "Humble Confessionalism"

Commentary: Hyun Jong Kim (State College of Florida)

Friday, March 3, 2017

Session III: Divine Goodness and Beyond

Session Chair: Tim Lytle (Piedmont College)

9:00-10:30 Rob Prevost (Wingate University), "Reflections on Necessary Moral Truths and Theistic Explanations"

Commentary: David McNaughton (Florida State University)

10:30-12:00 Timothy Knepper (Drake University), "Positively Negative: Apophatic Residue in the Dionysian Corpus, Vimalakīrti Sutra, and Zhuangzi"

Commentary: Rickey J. Ray (Northeast State Community College)

Session IV: Evil

Chair: Del Kiernan-Lewis (University of Florida)

2:00-3:30 Jeffrey J. Jordan (University of Delaware), "The 'Loving Parent' Analogy"

Commentary: Scott Coley (Mount St. Mary's University)

3:30-5:00 James Sterba (Notre Dame University), "Skeptical Theism to the Rescue?"

Commentary: Michael Jones (Liberty University)

7:00 Society Dinner and Presidential Address

Scott Davison, "Petitionary Prayer and Pride"

Saturday, March 4, 2017

Session V: Can the Beasts Go to Heaven?

Chair: Ronald Hall (Stetson University)

9:00-10:30 Michael Potts (Methodist University), "Can a Thomist Accept the Possibility of an Afterlife for Non-Human Animals?"

Commentary: Joshua Horn (University of Wisconsin Stevens Point)

10:30-12:00 Business Meeting