

Kuyper Conference
at Calvin College and Seminary
Prince Conference Center
April 23-April 25, 2019
Draft Agenda

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

11:00 a.m. Registration/Conference Desk opens
Lobby

1:00-2:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (A)

(A1) Short Papers: Ecclesiology and Epistemology

Maple Room

“Kuyperian Ecclesiastical Epistemology”

Eduardo Echeverria, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, drechev@hotmail.com

“Created for Perfection: Herman Bavinck's Covenant Anthropology as the Key to Unity Between Nature and Grace”

Dennis Greeson, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, dgreeson@sebts.edu

“The Heart, or: Why We Should Reject Kant’s Autonomy of Theoretical Thought”

Courtney A. Kane, Loyola Marymount University, ckane11@lion.lmu.edu

(A2) Short Papers: Race, Religion, and Reconciliation

Hickory Room

“A Doctrine for Diversity: Herman Bavinck and Racial Reconciliation”

Billy Boyce, Trinity School for Ministry, billy@ccapca.org

“He Wasn’t Racist—Theological & Practical Resources for Reconciliation in Abraham Kuyper”

Michael S. Chen, Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO), mchen@ccojubilee.org

“Another Tree in the Forest? Christian-Jewish Relations Among the Spheres of God’s Creation”

Nicholas Scott-Blakely, Fuller Theological Seminary, nickscottblakely@fuller.edu

2:30-3:00 p.m. Coffee Break
Fireside

3:00-4:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (B)

(B1) Short Papers: Christ, Covenant, and Culture

Maple Room

Chair: Michael Wittmer, Grand Rapids Theological Seminary, michael.wittmer@cornerstone.edu

“What is Antithetical? The Ideas of Kuyperian Neocalvinists and their Opponents about Antithesis and Culture”

Hoon Jung, Fuller Theological Seminary, hoonjung@fuller.edu

“A Historical Reappraisal of Kuyper’s Notion of Twofold Mediatorship of Christ”

Kyung Phil Kim, Calvin Theological Seminary, pk075@calvinseminary.edu

“Micro-Christendoms: Cultural Renewal on a Human Scale”

Dustin Messer, La Salle University, dustin.messer@legacyca.com

(B2) Short Papers: Kuyper, Community, and Education

Hickory Room

“A Kuyperian Idea, and the Allusive Ideal, of Community in Education”

Geoff Beech and Elizabeth Beech, National Institute for Christian Education,
geoff.beech@cen.edu.au / beth.beech@nice.edu.au

“Christ and the Educational Community: Toward a Kuyperian Philosophy of Higher Education”

Dylan Pahman, Acton Institute, dpahman@acton.org

“Kuyper’s Universalism of Christ and Community: Implications for Christian Higher Education”

Shirley Roels, International Network of Christian Higher Education (INCHE), Director@Inche.one

5:00-6:00 p.m. Hors d’oeuvres Reception
Fireside

6:00-7:00 p.m. **Plenary Session: Neo-Calvinism: Good News for Communities in Despair?**
Oak Room

James Eglinton, University of Edinburgh, James.Eglinton@ed.ac.uk

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

8:00 a.m. Registration/Conference Desk opens
Lobby

9:00-10:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (C)

(C1) Short Papers: Foundations and Applications of Sphere Sovereignty

Maple Room

“A Free Church in a Free State: Christian Engagement with Japanese Nationalism”

Surya Harefa, Theological University of Kampen, sharefa@tukampen.nl

“The Origins of Kuyper’s Idea of Sphere Sovereignty”

George Harinck, Theological University of Kampen, gharinck@tukampen.nl

“In What Ways Might Herman Bavinck and Geerhardus Vos Substantiate or Further Develop Abraham Kuyper’s Notion of Sphere Sovereignty”

Pengxiang Li, Oxford University, pengxiang.li@regents.ox.ac.uk

(C2) Short Papers: Exploring the Foundation Through Expanding the Margins: A Neo-Calvinist *Aggiornamento* at Fuller Theological Seminary

Hickory Room

“Reading Every Square Inch of Creation: Towards a Neo-Calvinist Theology of Literature”

Nicholas Barrett, Fuller Theological Seminary, nick_barrett@fuller.edu

“What if Kuyper Played World of Warcraft? A Neo-Calvinist Theology of Video-Gaming”

Brad Hickey, Fuller Theological Seminary, ainulindale212@gmail.com

“Rahma Restoring Nature: Reconstructing a Theology of the Religious Other with Muslims”
Alexander Massad, Fuller Theological Seminary, alexmassad@gmail.com

Discussant:

(C3) Short Papers: Sustaining Christian Cultural Engagement

Presidents Dining Room

Chair: Mark Mulder, Calvin College, mmulder@calvin.edu

“Hope: Abraham Kuyper and the Enduring Call of Christian Discipleship”

Brant M. Himes, Los Angeles Pacific University, bhimes@lapu.edu

“Communal Lament and Worship in a Therapeutic World”

Daniel Jesse, University of Aberdeen, d.jesse.18@abdn.ac.uk

“The Revelatory Character of Our Diverse Vocations”

James W. Skillen, Center for Public Justice, jwskillen@gmail.com

10:30-11:00 a.m. Coffee Break
Fireside

11:00 a.m.-Noon **Plenary Session: Expanding Our Gospel Imagination**
Willow Room
Kristen Deede Johnson, Western Theological Seminary, kristen@westernsem.edu

Noon-1:30 p.m. Lunch
White Pine/Maple

1:30-3:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (D)

(D1) Panel Discussion: Common Grace, Community, and Culture

Willow East

Discussants:

Vincent Bacote, Wheaton College, vincent.bacote@wheaton.edu

J. Daryl Charles, Acton Institute / John Jay Institute, dcharles@acton.org

Jessica Joustra, Redeemer University College / Theological University of Kampen,
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Moderator:

Jordan J. Ballor, Acton Institute, jballor@acton.org

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(D2) Short Papers: Public Theology in Global Contexts

Willow West

“The Crown and the Gown: Missionaries as Public Servants in Ethiopia”

Tibebe Eshete, Michigan State University, tibebees@msu.edu

“Calvin and Neocalvinism on Public Theology and Its Meaning for the Churches in Indonesia”

Benyamin F. Intan, International Reformed Evangelical Seminary, benyaminintan@yahoo.com

“Neocalvinistic Pneumatology as a Way of Consolidation and Cultural Renewal between New Evangelical/Reformed Churches in Chile”

Israel Guerrero Leiva, israel.guerrero.l@gmail.com

“The Scientific Calling of the Church: Herman Bavinck’s Exhortation for the Churches in the Mainland of China”

Ximian Xu, University of Edinburgh, simeonximian@hotmail.com

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(D3) Short Papers: Personality, Diversity, and Order

Hickory Room

Chair: Micah Watson, Calvin College, mhw45@calvin.edu

“The Story of Herman Bavinck’s *Foundations of Psychology*”

John Bolt, Calvin Theological Seminary, bltj@calvinseminary.edu

“Abraham Kuyper and the Social Order: Principles for Christian Liberalism”

Matthew Tuininga, Calvin Theological Seminary, mjt001@calvinseminary.edu

“Negotiating Universalist Claims in the Midst of Diversity”

Mariëtta D.C. van der Tol, University of Cambridge, mdcv2@cam.ac.uk

3:00-3:30 p.m. Coffee Break

Fireside Room

3:30-4:30 p.m. **Plenary Session: Stay in the City**

Willow

Mark Gornik and Maria Liu Wong, City Seminary of New York, mark@cityseminaryny.org / maria@cityseminaryny.org

5:00-6:00 p.m. Hors d’oeuvres reception

Fireside

6:00-7:00 p.m. **Plenary Session: Neo-Calvinism and the Beatific Vision**

Willow Room

Hans Boersma, Nashotah House, hboersma@regent-college.edu

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Thursday, April 25, 2019

8:00 a.m. Registration/Conference Desk opens

Lobby

9:00-10:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (E)

(E1) Short Papers: Neocalvinism and Contemporary Challenges

White Pine

“Social Enterprise is Revitalizing Communities & Social Life”

Marc Andreas, Kuyper College, mandreas@kuyper.edu

“Against Polarization: Forming a Sense of ‘Otherness’ from a Conversation between Anthropology and Neocalvinism”

Louise Prideaux, University of Exeter, louisecharlotteprideaux@gmail.com

“Environmental Ethics in the Kuyperian Tradition”

Andrew J. Spencer, Institute for Faith, Work, and Economics, Andrew.James.Spencer@gmail.com

“Forty Dollar Children? Child Sponsorship, Lost Ubuntu and the Church’s Role in Orphan Care in Contemporary Kenya”

Musembi Wa' Ndaita, Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO), ndaitamk@gmail.com

(E2) Short Papers: Christ, Natural Theology, and Natural Law

Maple Room

Chair: Drew McGinnis, Acton Institute, amcginnis@acton.org

“Kuyper’s Cosmological Christ”

K.J. Drake, Redeemer University College, kdrake@redeemer.ca

“Kuyper and Bavinck on Natural Theology”

Richard A. Muller, Calvin Theological Seminary, mullri@calvinseminary.edu

“Herman Bavinck on Natural Law and the Two Kingdoms”

Brandon M. Smith, Westminster Theological Seminary, bsmith@wts.edu

(E3) Short Papers: Politics, Principles, and Social Order

Hickory Room

“The Trees of the Field Went Out to Anoint for Themselves a (Philosopher) King”

Justin Hawkins, Yale University, justin.hawkins@yale.edu

“The Bearer of Principle: How Abraham Kuyper’s Understanding of Representation Can Help to Enhance our Life in Political Community”

David Koyzis, St. George’s Centre for Biblical and Public Theology, dtkoyzis@gmail.com

“Identity in Christ and Socio-Cultural Identities: In Search of Theological Responses in an Age of Identity Politics”

Eddy Van der Borgh, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, eajg.vander.borgh@vu.nl

10:30-11:00 a.m. Coffee Break

Fireside

11:00 a.m.-Noon **Plenary Session: 2019 Kuyper Prize Presentation**

Willow Room

2019 Prize Recipient: John M. Perkins

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