

2016 WORKGROUPS OF THE ACADEMY OF HOMILETICS

For a number of years, AOH members have requested more opportunities to hear from each other. Therefore, this year we will begin experimenting with a format in which we have two sessions for workgroups instead of a single session on Friday afternoon. Half of the workgroups will meet on Friday morning and the other half in the afternoon. Each Workgroup is allotted two hours divided into four thirty minute sessions. This will allow for a maximum of four papers per group. Some workgroups, however, may have plans to fill some of those slots with book reviews, panel discussions, or sermons. Directions for specific workgroups can be found below.

PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR ALL WORKGROUPS

Eligibility:

- ☐ Papers may be submitted by Academy members or by sponsored doctoral candidates who have completed all coursework in a homiletics-related field.
 - ☐ Papers by doctoral candidates are to be submitted only by a sponsoring member of the Academy on behalf of the candidate.
- Each Workgroup is allotted two hours (four thirty minute sessions)

Copyright and Open Sourcing:

While in the past, Academy papers have been archived and made available to members only, at the 2015 meeting, the AOH membership voted to begin making papers accepted by the Academy and presented at the annual meeting available to the public through <http://commons.ptsem.edu/>. If you do not wish for your paper to be included in this open source format, simply notify the convener of the workgroup to whom you submit your paper at the time of your submission. Copyright for the paper is retained by the author.

Dates:

Papers must be submitted by email attachment to workgroup conveners **on or before Friday August 19, 2016** and must follow the formatting instructions below to be accepted.

Papers will be vetted by workgroup conveners and submitted to the First Vice President by October 3, 2016.

The First Vice President will collect and publish the book of papers to the Academy webpage by November 1, 2016.

Formatting:

Submit papers **only in Word** format, using Times New Roman 12-point font, with Times New Roman 10-point font for footnotes.

Maximum paper length is ten pages, single-spaced, including footnotes. Papers referencing historical documents can include longer excerpts of those documents, etc., in an appendix if needed that does not count as part of the ten page limit.

Follow the Chicago Manual of Style (Turabian), with footnote citation.

Do not insert page numbers.

The Heading should be centered, in bold font, and include the following information:

TITLE OF PAPER
Author's Name, Academic Rank, and Title
(or Ph.D./D.Min. Candidate and Program)
Sponsor: Name of Sponsor with Academic Rank and Title
(for doctoral candidates only)
School or Institution, City, School Web Address
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Abstract:

Authors must submit a 100-150 word abstract of their paper in a separate Word file at the time of submission.

PAPER SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL WORKGROUPS

Justice, Ethics and Preaching

In keeping with our theme for the year, this group will give priority to papers that address issues of immigration policy/reform, reproductive rights, and living wage. Other "taboo" subjects will also be considered.

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Paper Submission Guidelines and Procedures:

No more than four papers will be accepted for any given annual meeting to allow for meaningful discussions. At least one slot each year will be reserved for a graduate student paper. Though papers are generally accepted on a first come, first serve basis, papers may be denied for poor academic quality.

Hermeneutics and Biblical Studies

The Hermeneutics and Biblical Studies Workgroup investigates questions about the interpretation of biblical texts for preaching. Papers may explore a variety of issues, including, but not limited to: hermeneutical theory; the text-to-sermon move; the interpretation and homiletical appropriation of particular biblical texts, books, or genres; the homiletical implications of different methodological approaches to the Bible; and hermeneutical reflection on particular instances of practice.

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Participation:

Academy members are encouraged, but not required, to make a long-term commitment to the group. Visitors from other groups who wish to attend only one of the scheduled papers are welcome to come and go from the session as they wish.

Paper Submission Guidelines and Procedures:

- Full-length submissions are allotted 30 for presentation and discussion. Solicited short responses to a sermon or paper are typically allotted 15 minutes.
- Papers submitted to this workgroup will be reviewed by the convener.
- Papers responding to the President's chosen theme (in the 2016, "Preaching Taboos") are encouraged.

History of Preaching

This group is a forum for the presentation of research that describes what preachers actually do or have done. Papers typically draw upon descriptive disciplines like historical studies, sociology, or ethnography. They might focus on practices or preachers from the present day or any era in the past. Papers for this group might or might not include more normative reflections on what preachers should do. They might or might not work in theological registers. The main thing is that they include some substantial descriptive work. This group has long been dedicated to hearing and supporting the work of younger scholars.

Co-Conveners:

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Paper Submission Guidelines and Procedures:

- Please submit papers to both conveners.
- Papers submitted to the group will be evaluated by a small "jury" of the co-conveners. If a paper concerns an area, figure, era, or style that is not familiar to the co-conveners, they will ask someone with relevant competence to evaluate it. The standards will be the standards for things like evidence, sources, and claims that are appropriate for the particular descriptive discipline involved. We will also look for clarity of thought, significant arguments, and, of course, a clear focus on preaching.

- Submissions can be accepted in the form in which they are submitted, accepted on the condition of some revisions, or simply refused. All papers will receive comments designed to help the author take the paper to the next level.
- Multi-media submissions are welcome, especially when the media contribute to the work of rich description. For instance, archival recordings that could be played in a workgroup session might significantly enhance the quality of a paper.

Narrative and Imagination

This group considers the theological dimensions and implications of narrative and imagination for homiletics. Our two terms cover a wide range of possibilities. "Narrative" may refer to historical and recent methodological approaches in biblical interpretation and preaching research and pedagogy, and preparation and delivery. "Imagination" encompasses the exploration of homiletic inquiries that do not easily fit within one of the other Academy workgroups. We especially welcome papers that think about proclamation as more than an ecclesial practice and an exclusively Christian form of spoken witness. And this is only a sketch of the many creative directions our group has welcomed and intends to foster in years to come.

Convener:

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Paper Submission Guidelines and Procedures:

A maximum of four papers will be accepted.

Pedagogy

The pedagogy work group explores and demonstrates theory and method on matters pertaining directly to the teaching of preaching. The convener and assisting members will attempt to provide balance between papers discussing theories of teaching and papers that demonstrate specific teaching practices for homileticians to consider. We prefer but are not limited to concepts and/or practices that have been tested in homiletics classrooms or field experiences.

Convener:

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Participation:

Participants are encouraged to stay with this workgroup for its full session and to make a long-term commitment but neither is required. Guests are welcome.

Paper Submission Guidelines and Procedures:

In 2016 the group will host an hour-long predetermined panel on teaching preaching in diverse classrooms.

As a result two remaining 30-minute slots are available for papers on pedagogical theory or practice in homiletics.

- The Convener will read all papers submitted to this workgroup. If more papers are submitted than can be accommodated the Convener will ask members of the group to help decide which papers are most deserving. The group does want to supply a safe space for the exploration of new ideas so its goal is not to exclude papers. The convener may, however, refuse papers lacking in correct style or academic quality.
- Papers addressing the theme of the 2016 Annual Meeting, “Preaching Taboos,” will be given preference.
- 30 minutes will be allotted per paper. Presenters are encouraged to limit summaries of their paper to 10 minutes to allow ample time for discussion of the work by the group.

Performance Studies

The performance studies group within the Academy welcomes projects, papers and reports that include “print-centered” methodologies while pressing beyond them. We feel that since preaching is primarily oral communication, performance—when conceived as both metaphor and method—offers rich insights into its practice. Preference for presentations this year will be given to performance work. Presenters will present proposals for performed interpretation of texts, staged readings, scripts-in-process, workshops, exercises or rehearsals appropriate for classroom use. Each presenter will be given 30 minutes. We will continue accept prepared papers. The papers should explicitly employ performance as a method of analysis, help to define performance as a hermeneutic for preaching, or that discuss the efficacy of ‘performance’ within the field of homiletics.

Convener:

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Paper Submission Guidelines and Procedures:

To submit a proposal for performance work within the group, write a 150-200 word description of the piece and send it to the convener. Proposals for papers should follow the usual guidelines for the Academy.

Preaching and Culture Workgroup NEW WORKGROUP!

The Preaching and Culture Workgroup focuses on a variety of theological and methodological issues emerging from the contemporary cultural context for preaching. The Workgroup revisits the age-old homiletical question, "How can preachers mediate Gospel and Culture?" and explores the relationship between preaching and culture in a critical and constructive way, through interdisciplinary studies with social and cultural theories, interreligious and intertextual hermeneutics, theologies of multiculturalism and postcolonialism, theories of intercultural and intergenerational communications in post-Christendom, etc.

Convener:

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Paper Submission Guidelines and Procedures:

Since this workgroup is a new addition to the Academy of Homiletics, the members are encouraged to submit any academic papers related to the description of the Workgroup. In addition, sermons and book reviews are welcome. If you want to preach a sermon and discuss it, your preaching should be no longer than 10 minutes. Please feel free to contact the convener if you have any questions.

Preaching, Media and Technology Workgroup NEW WORKGROUP!

The Preaching and Media Workgroup will engage the potential intersections between Preaching and Social Media and Technology. Technology is playing a larger and more integrative part of 21st century culture. This work group will look at the ways that they intersect, how and why media and technology can be used in worship, why it might not be useful in some situations and contexts, and the theological and practical implications for their possible utilization in our preaching.

Convener:

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Paper Submission Guidelines and Procedures:

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Rhetoric

The Rhetoric Workgroup provides a forum for exploring questions related to the human dimension of preaching's craft traditionally identified with both the classical and

contemporary traditions of rhetoric. From antiquity rhetoric has been taught as the art of reasoning in matters of *contingent* discourse trading in probable judgments rather than certain knowledge, in communicating contextually applied truths rather than communicating universal truths. Rhetoric provides homiletics with resources to examine aspects of the craft of preaching, focusing on how potentially diverse listeners may be *influenced* to become receptive to sermonic appeals, whether explicitly or implicitly embedded in this reasoning. It also focuses on developing increasing awareness of what counts as contextually meaningful sermonic reasoning resources, contextually meaningful sermonic language use (including figures of thought and speech), contextually meaningful sermonic designs, and contextually meaningful forms of sermon delivery. In general, contributors are encouraged to either address the theme for the Academy meeting that year or contribute to disciplinary knowledge out of their own scholarly project(s). Occasional forums on selected subject may be held.

Convener:

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Paper Submission Guidelines and Procedures:

Papers must engage questions that participate in theory building or report on existing practice in the field of homiletics.

A 150 word abstract proposal and supporting reference list for only those works indicated in the abstract, should be sent to the convener by July 15th. Submitters of abstracts will be notified by August 1st. Full papers are due on or before August 19th.

No more than four papers will be accepted.

Theology of Preaching

As teachers of preaching, we are tasked with helping our students develop a theology of preaching that will be a model benefitting them throughout a lifetime of breaking open God's Word. The Theology of Preaching Workgroup convenes to discuss papers addressing the organizing question: "What is God doing when we preach?" Our answer to that is our theology of preaching.

Co-Conveners:

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Paper Submission Guidelines and Procedures:

☐ Please submit papers to both conveners.

☐ We recognize that while some Academy members have a long-standing relationship with a particular working group, others prefer to hear a variety of papers. We welcome all who wish to attend, whether that attendance is for the entire session or one particular paper. We strongly encourage participants to read and reflect on the papers they will hear, so that they may participate fully and fruitfully in the discussions.

☐ For the 2016 Theology of Preaching Workgroup session, two Academy members, reflecting different traditions and/or approaches, will be invited to preach a sermon/homily. This will be followed by discussion. Conveners will invite participation of the preachers and responders. All present will be invited to participate in the general discussion.

☐ We will also accept 1 paper for presentation on the Theology of Preaching. We invite paper submissions from interested members and sponsored doctoral students. If more than three papers are submitted, the conveners will select three to be presented. The conveners reserve the right to consult with others in this process.

Worship and Preaching

Preaching has long held an established place in the public worship of the church. As worship practices have evolved over time, so too has the place, content, style and delivery of the sermon. The focus of the Preaching and Worship group is the intersection and/or overlap of these two liturgical elements, especially as they impact, engage, critique or advance the proclamation of the gospel in the context of public worship among the people of God.

Convener:

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Paper Submission Guidelines and Procedures:

With regard to the conference theme Preaching Taboos and in keeping with the focus of this group, this year we are especially seeking papers that explore topics related to how, in sound bite visual age, preaching leads to, enriches or reformulates public worship and the ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

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