**The Faith Lives of Women and Girls**

***Identities, Experiences, Practices and Beliefs***

**DAY ONE: Tuesday 26 March**

0900 – 1100 Arrival, Registration, and Morning Tea and Coffee

1100 – 1200 Welcome and Introductory Key Note, *Facilitated by Dawn Llewellyn*

Nicola Slee, Queens Theological Foundation

**A Symposium Story: Reflections on Qualitative Research into Female Faith in the Context of the Symposium**

1200 – 1300 Session 1

*Exploring Women’s Circles, facilitated by Kim Wasey*

1. Madeleine Castro, Leeds Beckett University

**The Red Tent Online and Biological Essentialism: Exploring how Women’s Circles Understand Womanhood**

1. Emma Mist, University of Chester

**Women’s Ritual Making, Sacred Space and Transformation: An Ethnography of a 21st Century Women’s Circle in Contemporary Wellbeing Culture**

*Motherhood, Childlessness and Faith Lives, facilitated by Hilary Cotton*

1. Helen Collins, Trinity College Bristol

**When Worship Doesn't Work: Contrasting Concepts of Transformation for Mothers in the Charismatic Movement**

1. Rachel Giles, Freelance

**Gardens in the Wilderness: Involuntary Childlessness and Emergent Christian Communities**

*Experiences of Asylum and Migration, facilitated by Jessica Foster*

1. Zubia Willmann Robleda, VID Specialised University

**“If I Did not Pray and Believe I Would go Crazy”: Religion in the Everyday Lives of Women Living in Asylum Centres in Norway**

1. Nuam Hatzaw, University of Edinburgh

**‘Walking Through by Faith’: The Theologies of Migrant Zomi women in the UK**

*Clothing, Fashion and Faith Lives, facilitated by Manon James*

1. Shona Hayes, University of Chester

**“I Don’t Want to be a Tempting Temptress”: Modest Fashion and Evangelical Christian Culture**

1. Hengameh Ashraf-Emami, University of Nottingham

**The Politics of the Veil**

1300 – 1400 Lunch

1400 – 1530 Session 2

*Faith Lives and Feminist Practical Theology, facilitated by Nicola Slee*

1. Clare Herbert, St Augustine’s College of Theology

**“Something Borrowed, Something New”: Towards a Theology of Same Sex Marriage**

1. Clare Dawson, University of Chester

**The Gift of Leaven: A New Feminist Theological Praxis for Urban Church**

1. Karen Ross, Marquette University

**Catholic Girls and Sex: Reimagining Sexual Pedagogies for Catholic Young Women through Ethnography**

*Crafting, Knitting and Women’s Faith Lives, facilitated by Jenny Morgans*

1. Donna Bowman, Norbert O. Schedler Honors College, University of Central Arkansas

**Crafting Identity: The Spiritual Formation of Women in Prayer Shawl Ministries**

1. Anna Fisk, University of Glasgow

**“Stitch for Stitch, You Are Remembering”: Knitting and Crochet as Memorialization**

*Ancient and Contemporary Religious Lives, facilitated by Grace Thomas*

1. Ellie Mackin Roberts, Royal Holloway

**Girls’ Bodies as Religious Objects in Classical Athens**

1. E. Anna Claydon and Jo Whitehouse-Hart, University of Leicester

**Testimonials of Faith: Confessions and Secrets in Women’s Social and Media Engagements as Believers**

1. Michele Lamb, University of Roehampton

**Living a Buddhist Life in the Soka Gakkai: Solidarity, Life Course and Identity**

*Religious and Non-Religious Women, facilitated by Janet Eccles*

1. Anna Szwed, Jagiellonian University

**Women and the (Roman Catholic) Church in Poland: Challenges in Researching Women’s Religiosity in a Homogenous Society.**

1. Marta Trzebiatowska, University of Aberdeen

**“Atheism is Not the Problem. The Problem is Being a Woman”: Atheism and Feminism in Everyday Life**

1. Sonya Sharma, Kingston University

**“She Told Me Everything”: A Lateral Reading of Faith in Muslim Sister Relationships**

1530 Afternoon Tea and Coffee

1600 – 1730 Keynote Address, *Facilitated by Helen Collins*

Yafa Shanneik, University of Birmingham

**Performing the Sacred: The Female Body as a Form of Resistance in Shia Islam**

1800 Dinner

1930 – 2100 Poetry Open Mic Night! *Compered by Jenny Morgans*

Featuring Nicola Slee, Manon Ceridwen James, and Ruth Wells

(All are welcome to join in the Open Mic – bring your own poetry or someone else’s to read!)

2100 Reflection

**DAY TWO: Wednesday 27 March**

0730 Morning Reflection

0800 – 0900 Breakfast

0900 – 1030 Keynote Address, *facilitated by Kim Wasey*

Chia Longman, University of Ghent

**On the Art of Sacred Pampering and Radical Self-Care: Complicity, Resilience and Resistance in Contemporary Well-Being Culture**

1030 – 1100 Morning Tea and Coffee

1100 – 1300 Session 3

*Women’s Religious Reading and Writing Practices, facilitated by Anna Fisk*

1. Julie Lunn, Nazarene Theological College

**Women Articulating Faith**

1. Manon Ceridwen James, St Padarn’s Institute

**How I Abandoned My Body to His Keeping: Reflecting Theologically on the Experience of Domestic Violence through the Poetry of Kim Moore**

1. Jessica Scott, University of Cambridge

**Knowing and Reading: Understanding the Practices of Women Readers of Scripture through a Retrieval of the Theology of St Macrina**

*Ordained and Lay Religious Lives, facilitated by Fran Porter*

1. Grace Thomas, University of Chester

**Exploring Female Clergy Wellbeing through a Holistic, Asset-based Approach**

1. Alistair Lockhart, University of Cambridge

**Women, Religious Innovation, and Eschatology: A 20th Century Case Study**

1. Catherine Sexton, Margaret Beaufort Institute

**Ageing Without a Purpose? Being Apostolic Until the Very End: Who are Apostolic Women Religious When They Can No Longer ‘Do’?**

*Building Religious Spaces and Studying Women’s Faith Lives, facilitated by Shona Hayes*

1. Caroline Starkey, University of Leeds

**Women Building British Buddhism: Narrative, Space and Locality**

1. Jessie Fubara-Manuel, University of Edinburgh

**Women for Women: An Examination of Disability Engagement in Nigeria**

1. Allison Fenton, Cumbria Christian Learning

**Enchanted Chatter: Narrating Christening Stories**

1300 – 1400 Lunch

1430 – 1600 Keynote Address, *facilitated by Dawn Llewellyn*

Sariya Cheruvallil-Contractor, Coventry University

**What Happens when Women ‘Own’ Religious Spaces? Analysing the Experiences of Muslim Women**

1600 – 1630 Closing Remarks, *Nicola Slee, Dawn Llewellyn, Helen Collins and Kim Wasey*