

**CATA CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**  
**The Presbyterian College, McGill University**  
**June 15, 2024**

**Gather & Refreshments: 8:30 a.m.**

**Initial Session (Remote, Live): 9:00–9:15:** Welcome, introduction, prayer

**Chapel: In-person and online**

Patrick Franklin & Adrian (or Roland)

**Plenary Session: 9:20–10:35**

**Chapel: In-person and online**

Introduction of Speaker: Dr. Robert J. Dean

Dr. Ashoor Yousif, “Shared Past, Shared Future: Interreligious Engagements, Socio-Political Involvements and Intellectual Partnerships of Middle Eastern Christians in Late Antiquity and Early Medieval Periods.”

**Break: 10:35–10:45**

**Morning Parallel Sessions (10:45am–12:15pm)**

**Parallel Session #M1: Theology & Creation Care 1**

**Chapel: In-person & online**

Moderator: Robert J. Dean

Jonathan Cleland, “Toward a Redeemed View of God’s Creation”

Ian Ritchie, “Dune, Lynn White Jr., & the Role of Religion in Averting Ecocatastrophe”

Jared Sittig, “Heavenly Agents and Care for the Earth”

**Parallel Session #M2: Biblical Interpretation and Theological Witness**

**Library (In-person and online)**

Moderator: J. Richard Middleton

Dustin Bulet, “Navigating Eden’s Exegetical Labyrinth(s)”

Joshua Arp, “Human Sin and the Environment: Exegesis and Apologetics”

Meg Giordano, “Truth Belongs to God, but What About Facts? – A Study in Charity and Public Discourse”

**Parallel Session #M3: Scripture and Theology**

**Classroom (Online presentations + In-person gathering)**

Moderator: Rick Wadholm (Patrick Franklin facilitating live room)

Sarah Newman (online), “Psalm 50 as Cultic Prophecy ... Revealing the Heart of Yahweh”

David Fuller (online), “Patristic Reception of Genesis 47:13–26: Was Joseph a Wise Administrator?”

Stephen Swan (online), “Jesus, Did You Know? Christ’s Divine Omniscience and Human Ignorance Considered in Light of the Partitive Exegesis of Gregory Nazianzus”

**Lunch Break: 12:15–1:30pm**

**Plenary Session: 1:30–1:55pm:** CATA Business Session (AGM)

**Afternoon Parallel Sessions (2:00–3:30pm)**

**Parallel Session #A1 (Live, online): Ecclesiology and Ministry  
Chapel (In-person and online)**

Moderator: Patrick Franklin

Robert J. Dean, “Recontextualizing Contextual Preaching”

Michael Anderson, “Retrieving the Idea of ‘Great Church’ for Evangelical Ecclesiology”

Dion Gingerich, “The Theological Importance of Simplicity for Community Formation in Early Anabaptism”

**Parallel Session #A2: Theology & Creation Care 2  
Library (In-person and online)**

Moderator: J. Richard Middleton

Camille-Constance Curet: Pierre Teilhard de Chardin and Nature: The ‘Zest of Life’ amidst the Anthropocene

Taina Chan, “Christian Response to the Ecological Crises” (via Jonathan Edwards)

Christian Clement-Schlimm: A Biblical *Livify*?: Food Systems, Evangelicalism, and Rastafarian *Ital* Diets

**Parallel Session #A3: Theological Ethics & Practical Theology  
Classroom (Online presentations + In-person gathering)**

Moderator: Christopher Zoccali

Rick Wadholm (online), “Bonhoeffer Meets Macchia: The Pentecost of an Embodied Christological Ethic”

Joel Tejedo (online), “Megachurches and Public Life”

Anugrah Brij (online), “Water Pollution in India: An Eco-Ethical Evaluation”

**Break: 3:30–3:45**

**Afternoon Parallel Sessions (3:45–5:15pm)**

**Parallel Session #A4: Theology and the Knowledge of God  
Chapel (In-person and online)**

Moderator: Robert J. Dean

Chris Barrigar: “Cognitive Science of Religion and God's Two Principles of Natural Theology According to C. Stephen Evans”

Amanda Ross, “For the Love of the Earth: Questions of Transcendence and Difference in God/World Relations”

Michael Brain, “Reforming the Trinity: Aseity of the Son & Calvin’s Theological Procedure”

**Parallel Session #A5: Practical Theology  
Classroom (In-Person and Online)**

Moderator: Dustin Burlet

Matthew Lortie, “Power Brokers in Post-Christendom: The Pastor and Operative Power”

Theo Camara, “The Problematic Carbon Oligarchy: A Missiological Response”

Lee Beach, “Theological Reflection and Congregational Discernment”