Duke Graduate Conference in Theology
Call for Papers

Embodiment & Christian Practice
September 30 - October 1, 2016
with John Swinton

The fourth annual Duke Graduate Conference in Theology invites submissions on the interaction of embodiment and Christian practice. We are also delighted to announce that the plenary address will be offered by Professor John Swinton of the University of Aberdeen.

The recent turn to the body and turn to practice in theological scholarship have opened new frontiers of reflection. These developments build upon a history of diverse and, at times, conflicting Christian conceptions of the body and the soul, the material and the spiritual. Through attention to the processes of ascribing meaning to the body, its habituated actions, and its situation in political, social, and ecclesial bodies, theological reflection can illuminate contemporary sites in need of clarification and reform.

We welcome creative submissions which explore embodied Christian practice in both the past and present. Among the manifold intersections possible, papers may explore the body and Christian practice in relation to:

● aesthetics
● Christian scripture
● Christology
● disability
● ecology
● gender and sexuality
● practical theology
● politics
● liturgy and ritual
● race
● socioeconomic class
● theological anthropology
● theological method

In the spirit of past Duke Graduate Conferences in Theology, we seek to bring together graduate students in theology, ethics, biblical studies, and other related fields to foster friendships and exchange ideas with each other and with leading scholars.

Please submit paper proposals of no more than 300 words by July 1, 2016. Proposals should be emailed to DukeGCT16@gmail.com in the form of a Word document attachment. Please include your name, institution, and degree program. Notifications of acceptance will be distributed by July 22, 2016, and final papers will be due on September 16, 2016. Presenters will have 15 minutes to present their papers in faculty-moderated panels. For more information, please visit the conference website at http://sites.duke.edu/DGCT/.