

***Religion, Violence, and the Ethics of
Biblical and Religious Studies***

Colloquium in Honour of Dr. Hector Avalos
June 16th, 2015, Henry F. Hall Building, room H-767

- 10:00-10:05 Welcome
- 10:05-10:30 *Scholars and the Tyranny of Political Correctness*
André Gagné, Religion and Theological Studies (Concordia)
- 10:30-11:00 *The Scars of Crisis in Apocalypses and Superhero Mythology: The Remnants of Outbursts Between Religion and Empire.*
Jennifer Tacci, Theological Studies (Concordia)
- 11:00-11:30 *'Fighting Words': The Greater Good Gone Bad*
Costa Babalis, Theological Studies (Concordia)
- 11:30-12:00 *Descent into Hell: Africa's "World War" and the Complicity of the Churches*
Spiros Loumakis, Religion (Concordia)
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch at local restaurants
- 13:30-14:00 *Questioning Martyrdom in the Apocryphon of James: Ascetic Philosophies and the Kingdom of God/Death*
Joseph E. Brito, Religion (Concordia)
- 14:00-14:30 *"Do not throw me down into those slaughtered viciously": Gender, Identity, and Violence in The Thunder: Perfect Mind*
Stéphanie Machabée, Religious Studies (Yale)
- 14:30-15:00 *The Extremist Mind: A Neuropsychological Explanation of Religion and Violence*
Marc-André Argentino, Religion (Concordia)
Dalia Sabra, Psychology (Concordia)
- 15:00-15:15 Break
- 15:15-15:45 *Rape Discourse and the Construction of Religious Meaning among Nag Hammadi Texts*
E. Meaghan Matheson, Religion (Concordia)
- 15:45-16:15 *The Role of the Biblical Scholar: Ending or Maintaining the Value of the New Testament*
Calogero A. Miceli, Religion (Concordia)
- 16:15-16:45 *Secularized Theology and the Propensity for Violence in the Modern State*
Derek Bateman, Humanities (Concordia)
- 16:45-17:30 *Religion and Violence: A New Theory for an Old Problem*
Keynote: Hector Avalos, Philosophy and Religious Studies (Iowa State)