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)