



Canadian Baptist Symposium

Being Baptist: Past, Present, and Future

26 April 2025

List of Paper Presentations*
(all times are EST; bracketed times are AST)

Plenary 1 – 8:40am (9:40am): David Bebbington (University of Stirling), “Conservatism, Liberalism, and Baptists in Canada” ([ADC](#))

Paper Session 1 – 10:00am (11:00am)

[ADC](#)

Chair: Scott Kindred-Barnes

Paper 1: Keith Grant (Crandall University), “Remembering Richard Preston: Historiography and Public Memory”

Paper 2: Melody Maxwell (Acadia Divinity College) and Hannah Roberts (Acadia Divinity College), “Called to Ministry: Atlantic Baptist Women’s Call Narratives”

Paper 3: Pat Townsend (Acadia University), “Maritime Baptist Women and Toronto Bible College”

[MDC](#)

Chair: Paul R. Wilson

Paper 1: Baiyu Andrew Song (Andrew Fuller Centre for Baptist Studies), “Chinese Student Experience at Central Baptist Seminary, Toronto”

Paper 2: Robert Revington (Queen’s University), “The Canadian Baptist Heritage of Shirley Jackson Case”

Paper 3: Jonathan Cleland (Heritage College & Seminary), “Stanley K. Fowler’s Theological Engagement with Clark H. Pinnock”

Plenary 2 – 12:40pm (1:40pm): Michael A. G. Haykin (Southern Baptist Theological Seminary), “Baptist Iterations: Three Case Studies from Eastern and Central Canada, 1790s to 1910s” ([MDC](#))





Paper Session 2 – 2:00pm (3:00pm)

ADC

Chair: Carol Anne Janzen

Paper 1: Scott Kindred-Barnes (Wolfville Baptist Church), “Bigots differ widely’: More on Henry F. Waring’s Use of the Bible in Educating Laypeople”

Paper 2: Spencer Miles Boersma (Acadia Divinity College), “Reading for Future Light: Portraits of a Baptist Theological Hermeneutic”

Paper 3: Jon Dixon (New Minas Baptist Church) and Dan Pyke (Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada), “Atlantic Baptists and Camping Ministry”

MDC

Chair: James Tyler Robertson

Paper 1: Dudley A. Brown (*Post-Christendom Studies*), “First Baptist: The First Black Baptist Churches in Canada”

Paper 2: Seidel Abel Boanerges (Spurgeon’s College), “Canadian Reverse Baptist Mission: The Legacy of A. B. Masilamani as ‘India’s Missionary to Canada’ in the 1970s”

Paper 3: Sandeep Sinha (Canadian Centre for Research and Promotion of Environment and Indigenous Cultures), “Baptist Medical Missions in India: A ‘Goodly Heritage’ Put Into Those Hands By God Himself”

Paper Session 3 – 3:50pm (4:50pm)

ADC

Chair: Spencer Miles Boersma

Paper 1: Joel Murphy (Acadia Divinity College), “Theo-Futures Triangle: A Tool for Exploring Plausible Futures”

Paper 2: Jodi L. Porter (Acadia Divinity College), “Playful Polity: Leveraging our Baptist identity as a unique resource for innovation in the church and academy”

MDC

Chair: Seán McGuire

Paper 1: Chris Crocker (Toronto Baptist Seminary), “An Historical Theology of Ontario Baptist Confessionalism”

Paper 2: James Mwendia (McMaster Divinity College), “Resonant Spiritualities: A Comparative Analysis of Henry Alline’s Ministry and Contemporary Sub-Saharan Christianity”

* List of paper presentations accurate as of 14 January 2025.

Papers scheduled to be presented at Acadia Divinity College will be available via live-streamed at McMaster Divinity College, and vice-versa. Each location will host one of the plenary sessions, which will be live-streamed to the other location. For more information, visit <https://acadiadiv.ca/event/baptist-symposium-2025/> or <https://baptisthistory.ca/canadian-baptist-symposium/>.