Schedule for **“Power in Perspective(s)”**

Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre Graduate Student Conference

June 2-June 4, 2016

Location: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

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|  | **THURSDAY, JUNE 2** |
| 6:30 – 7:00 | *Arrival and Registration*  (Receptionist Area) |
| 7:00 – 7:10 | *Welcome* (Wadsworth) |
| 7:10 – 9:10 | **Max Kennel**, McMaster University  *The Critique of Power: Epistemological Foundations in Modernity*  **Susanne Guenther Loewen**, Toronto School of Theology  *Love is “Shared Power”: Redefining Power from a*  *Feminist Mennonite Peace Perspective*  **Melanie Kampen**, Toronto School of Theology  *Radical Discipleship or the Subjugation of Others?*  *On the Violence of Mennonite Political Theology* |
| 9:10 – 9:30 | *Snack* (Wadsworth) |

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|  | **FRIDAY, JUNE 3** | |
| 8:30 – 9:30 | *Breakfast* (Dining Room) | |
|  | Concurrent Sessions – Stream One (119) | Concurrent Sessions – Stream Two (121) |
| 10:00 – 10:40 | **Layton Friesen**,  Toronto School of Theology  *Wielding Pacifism: The Clout of Gospel Convictions in a Secular Age* | **Benjamin Bixler**, Drew University  *Lot (be)gets what he deserves: Identity Creation in Genesis 19:30 – 38* |
| 10:45 – 11:25 | **Andrea Baker Dean**, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary  *God’s Power and Human Power: A Conversation between Context and Conviction* | **Zac Klassen**, McMaster University  *Doctrine as a Discourse of Power: Supersessionism and the Politics of the Ascension* |
| 11:45 – 12:45 | *Lunch* (Dining Room) | |
| 1:00 – 1:40 | **Cate Michelle Desjardin**, Anabaptist Mennonite  Biblical Seminary  *Facing Powerlessness in Paediatric End of Life* | **Andrew Suderman**, University of KwaZulu Natal  *“Who’ll be a witness for my Lord?”: Power to be Witnesses* |
| 1:45 – 2:25 | **Jason F. R. Greig**, VU Free University Amsterdam  *Living Under the Authority of Jesus: A Comparison of Jean Vanier and John Howard Yoder on (the) Power(s)* | **Anicka Fast**, Boston University  *From Critics to Collaborators Protestant Missions move away from a free church position in Belgian Congo 1929 – 1946* |
| 2:25 – 3:00 | *Coffee Break* (Wadsworth) | |
| 3:00 – 4:45 | (Wadsworth)  **Gerald Ens**, McMaster University  *Reconsidering Binding and Loosing: John Howard Yoder’s*  *Theories of Power and Reconciliation in Dialogue*  **Hilary Jerome Scarsella**, Vanderbilt University  *Sexual Abuse, LGBTQI Injustice, and Performance: A Bourgeoning Crisis of Power in MCUSA’s Response to Sexualized Violence*  **Jason Frey**, Chicago Theological Seminary  *Queering Purity: Rethinking Sin Power and*  *Violence within Mennonite Ecclesiology* | |
| 5:00 – 6:00 | *Supper* (Dining Room) | |
| 7:00 – 8:00 | Keynote Address by **Malinda Berry**,  Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics,  Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary  *‘By What Authority?’: An NVC Practicing Biracial Feminist Mennonite Mother’s Perspective on Power*  Abstract: The main title of my keynote, “By What Authority,” is a double entendre of sorts. The words can form a statement or pose a question like they do in the synoptic gospels. A group of onlookers press Jesus to defend his teaching in the Temple. They ask, “By what authority are you doing these things?” His eventual reply: “I won’t tell you by what authority I do these things” (see Matt. 21:23ff, Mark 11:27ff, Luke 20:1ff). Like those who confront Jesus, we Mennonites have been wringing our collective hands about authority. We are legitimately concerned about where it comes from, how to use it, who to give it to (and how much to give them), et cetera. My presentation will bring these concerns into biblical, theological, and ethical focus by advocating for a twenty-first century Anabaptist view of “the priesthood of all believers.” | |
| 8:30 – late | *Scholars’ Night Out* | |

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|  | **SATURDAY, JUNE 4** |
| 8:30 – 9:30 | *Breakfast* (Dining Room) |
| 10:00 – 11:25 | (Wadsworth)  **Allison Murray**, Toronto School of Theology  *Controlling the Student Body:*  *Power as Discipleship Tool in Student Codes of Conduct*  **Sarah Ann Bixler**, Princeton Theological Seminary  *Leading a Fractured Community:*  *Power Dynamics in Lancaster Mennonite Conference* |
| 11:45 – 12:45 | *Lunch* (Dining Room) |