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2023 Annual Meeting November 17, 2023 San Antonio, Texas

8:30 – 11:00 AM Tillich and Artificial Intelligence

"Self-Love as a Positive Concept on Social Media" Alberte Zerman Steffen, University of Copenhagen

"Justification by Digital Grace: Can Al Mediate the 'Power of Acceptance' from a Tillichian Perspective?" Daniel J. Peterson, Queen Anne Lutheran Church

"Participation in AI: Towards a Tillichian Reading of AI Art" Eric Trozzo, Australian Lutheran College of the University of Divinity

"Ambiguity and Transcendence of Life: Paul Tillich's Views on Human Spiritual Predicament in the Age of AI" Li Wenzhu (Zoe), Huazhong University of Science and Technology

"Paul Tillich's Theology in the Mirror of Contemporary Reflections on Artificial Intelligence" Ilona Nord, Universität Würzburg

11:15 – 12:30 Tillich and Embodiment

"The (Queer) New Being: Synthesizing Paul Tillich and Judith Butler's Approaches to Ontology" J.J. Warren, Universität Wien

"Intersectionality and Estrangement: The Situation of Women in Afghanistan and the Thought of Paul Tillich" Lon Weaver, Marshall School

"On the Idea of a Theology of Neurodiversity" Emil Lusser, Universität Wien

12:30 - 1:45 lunch and board meeting

1:45 – 2:15 Special Session

"Reflections on the *Complete Works of Paul Tillich in English*" Russel Re Manning, Bath Spa University

2:15 – 3:45 Tillich, Personalism, and Ethics

"From Ontology to Ethics: Anxiety and Precarity in Paul Tillich's *The Courage to Be*" Taeha An, Yale University

"An Intersubjective Account of Tillichian Grace" Taylor Thomas, Boston University (NAPTS Fellow)

"Natural Law in a Modern Key: Paul Tillich's Personalist–Existentialist Theory of Natural Law" Sarah Thomas, The Catholic University of America (NAPTS Fellow)

4:00 – 5:30 Book Panel on *Playing as Others: Theology and Ethical Responsibility in Video Games* by Benjamin J. Chicka (Baylor University Press, 2021)

Greylyn Hydinger, Gannon University

Donna Bowman, University of Central Arkansas

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

Benjamin Chicka, Curry College (responding)

5:30 – 6:00 Business Meeting

<u>Dinner and conversations together</u>