

**Program for
the 2008 Annual
Central States Regional Meeting
of**

The Society of Biblical Literature

**American Schools of Oriental
Research**

**Plenary Speaker:
James C. VanderKam
University of Notre Dame**

**March 30-31, 2008
St. Louis Marriot West**

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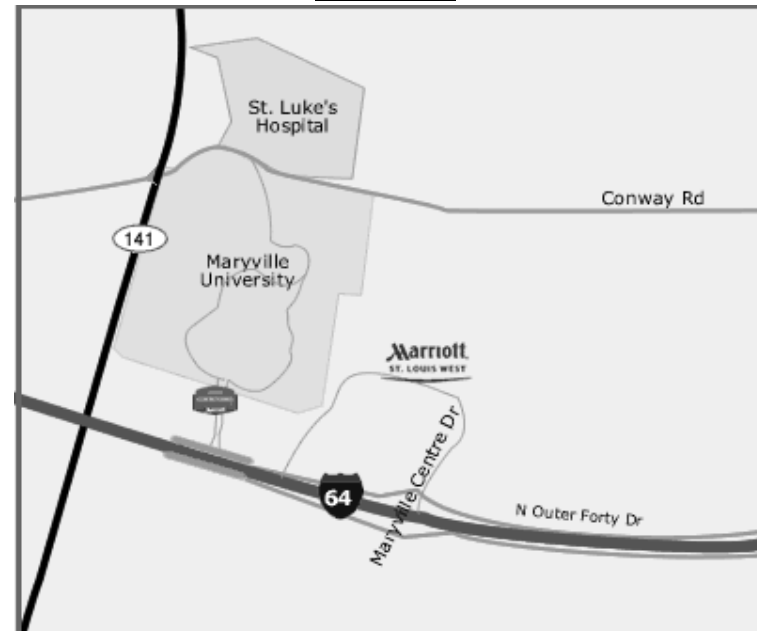
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Message from the Regional Secretary

Dear Colleagues,

This is my second year serving as your regional secretary. It is interesting work and, most certainly, is not a task that one could do alone. I want to express gratitude to many people who have assisted in this transition.

First, I would like to thank the various section leaders, who are responsible for putting together our various sessions: Mark Given of New Testament, Deborah Kraus of Gender Studies, Victor Matthews and David Chapman of ASOR, James Moyer for Theta Alpha Kappa, Paul Raabe of Hebrew Bible.

Second, I thank those who have chosen to present the fruits of their scholarship to those who gather for this meeting. Included in my thanks is an expression of gratitude to Dr. James C. VanderKam, our plenary speaker.

Third, I extend thanks to Milton Horne who has continued the responsibilities as Treasurer. He was pleasant to work with as I assisted him in his transition into this important position.

Fourth, I thank the publishers who contributed in various ways to our book display, with a special thanks to those who came personally to be a part of our gathering.

The staff of the Marriott Hotel has been most cooperative and I express appreciation for the dedication and professionalism.

Finally, Matthew Collins of SBL works well with the regional coordinators, most especially in assisting us to keep regional websites updated. This year, we used the website to post registration information and the program. Next year we will use it to post also the call for papers, which can only help, I believe, the submission of proposals. We are told that the day will likely come when registration fees and hotel reservations can be done through our regional website.

I extend my thanks to all who contributed to the effort, most especially those who support the meeting through their attendance and presentation and who bring their students so that they can be a part of the proceedings.

Respectfully,

Brad Chance, Regional Secretary

Special Sessions

Publishers Display and Bookstore

Sunday, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Monday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Please visit the Publishers Display and Bookstore. You will find great resources for your classes, scholarly research, and your own personal study. Many titles will be significantly discounted. We also want to thank our publishers for joining us at our meeting this year!

Special Session I: Sunday Evening Reception

Sunday, 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Join us for some hors d'oeuvres and good conversation, to be located outside the Book Display. Here is a chance to renew acquaintances, make new friends, meet our publishers' representatives, or commit the sin of gluttony!

Special Session II: Sunday Evening Dinner and Plenary

Dr. James C. VanderKam

John A. O'Brien Professor of Hebrew Scriptures

University of Notre Dame

"The Scrolls and the Scriptures"

Sunday, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Dinner is included in the registration fee for all full-members. Other attendees, spouses, and friends are invited; pending availability, tickets for the meal may be purchased at the Registration Table for **\$25.00**.

Special Session III: Theta Alpha Kappa

Convener: James Moyer, Missouri State University

Sunday Evening, following Special Session II (approximately 8:00 PM)

Special Session IV: Breakfast Planning Meeting

Monday, 7:30 – 8:15 am

The various sections will meet together, select chairpersons, plan for next year's sessions, and discuss other matters. This year, the Hebrew Bible section will select the plenary speaker for our 2007 meeting. Breakfast will be **\$10.00**.

Special Session V in Conjunction with Hebrew Bible, ASOR, and NT sections:

Dr. James C. VanderKam

John A. O'Brien Professor of Hebrew Scriptures

University of Notre Dame

Monday, 8:30 am

Special Session VI: Monday Plenary Business Session

Lunch and Business Meeting

Monday, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

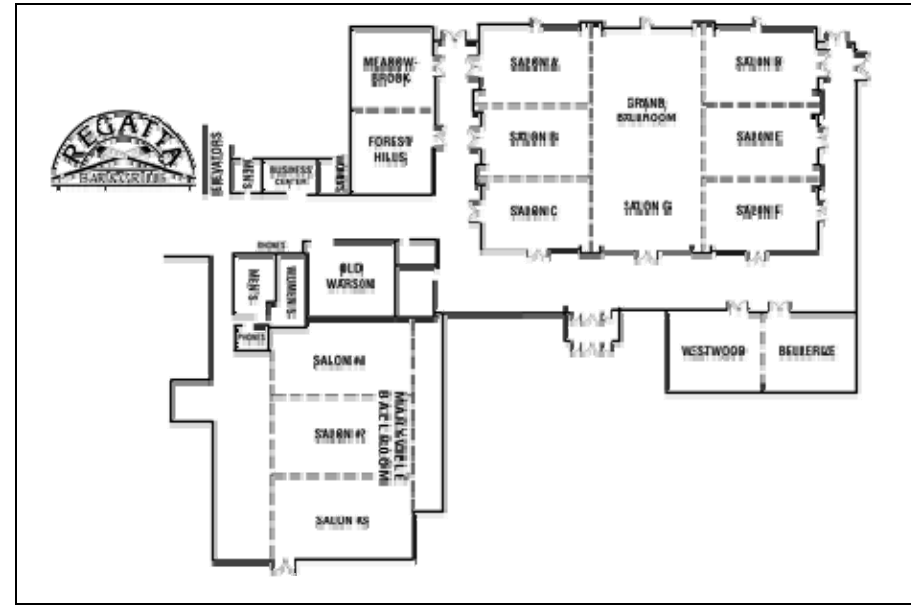
A deli style buffet will be served for all those who purchase the lunch (**\$17.00**). At the business meeting, we will discuss the Treasurer's report and discuss any other matters that are brought before the group.

Room Layout and Assignments

Our Plenary Speaker:
Dr. James C. VanderKam
 John A. O'Brien Professor of Hebrew Scriptures
 University of Notre Dame

Our plenary speaker earned his PhD from Harvard University (Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations) in 1976. He taught religion at North Carolina State University from 1976-1991. In 1991 he was appointed Professor of Hebrew Scriptures at the University of Notre Dame. In 1998 he was installed as the James A. O'Brien Professor of Hebrew Scriptures. Dr. VanderKam's publications in biblical and Qumranic studies are prolific. Significant publications pertaining to the Qumranic materials include the following: *The Book of Jubilees* (1989; 2 vols), *Calendars in the Dead Sea Scrolls* (1998); *The Book of Jubilees* (Guides to Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha; 2001), *An Introduction to Early Judaism* (2001), *The Meaning of the Dead Sea Scrolls* (with Peter Flint, 2002), and *From Joshua to Caiaphas: High Priests after the Exile* (2004). Perhaps Dr. VanderKam's most widely known work is *The Dead Sea Scrolls Today*, which was published in 1994 and has been translated into six languages. A second edition is now in preparation. One of Dr. VanderKam's most significant and enduring contributions to Qumranic studies is the editing of more than a dozen volumes of *Discoveries in the Judean Desert*. Most recently, Dr. VanderKam has completed his commentary on *1 Enoch 72-82* (Hermeneia Series). Currently, Dr. VanderKam serves the Society of Biblical Literature as the editor of the *Journal of Biblical Literature*, a position he has held since 2006.

The title of Dr. VanderKam's lecture is "The Scrolls and the Scriptures."
 We welcome Dr. VanderKam to the Central States SBL meeting.



Room Assignments:

Room Assignments will be posted at the meeting

- Book Display -----
- All Plenary Sessions -----
- ASOR -----
- Gender Studies -----
- Hebrew Bible -----
- New Testament -----
- Theta Alpha Kappa -----

Chronological Schedule

Sunday Morning, March 30

Publishers Display and Bookstore

11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Registration (pre-registrants pick up packets)

10:30 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday Afternoon, March 30

ASOR Session I: Excavations, Artifacts, and Methodology

Convener: Victor H. Matthews, Missouri State University

- 2:00 Ted Carruth**, Lipscomb University
“The Reading Culture of Early Christianity”
- 2:30 John Strong**, Missouri State University
“The Second Season of Excavations at Tel Gezer, 2007”
- 3:00 Patrick Scott Smith**, Springfield, MO
“A More Complete Picture of Herod's Harbor: Concerning Hydrodynamics, Hydraulics and More Physical Features”
- 3:30 David Chapman**, Covenant Theological Seminary
“Roman Remains at Decapolis Abila: An Update on Twenty-Eight Years of Excavations”
- 4:00 Susan Ellis**, Wayne State College
“An Abila Goddess”

Hebrew Bible Session I

Convener: Paul R. Raabe, Concordia Seminary

- 1:00 David Janzen**, North Central College
“Blood in the Narrative of Leviticus 1-8”
- 1:30 Rusty Meek**, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
“An Exegesis of Jeremiah 20:7-13”
- 2:00 Timothy E. Saleska**, Concordia Seminary
“The Activities of the Reader: What Readers Do With Psalm 22:20-22—Taking the Obvious, Common-Sense Suggestion of Stanley Fish Seriously”
- 2:30 Joseph L. Dutko**, Missouri State University
“Celestial Patrons: Heavenly War and Its Earthly Significance in Daniel 10”
- 3:00 Stephen Fugitt**, Missouri State University and Columbia College
“David and the Philistines: Signs of Acculturation in this Uneasy Relationship”
- 3:30 Milton Horne**, William Jewell College
“Is Job (Ayyub) also Among the Prophets? The Adventures of the Job Tradition in the Qur’an”
- 4:00 Daryl Jefferies**, Central Methodist University
“Scripture, Wisdom, and Authority in 4QInstruction”
- 4:30 Tom Hobson**, Concordia Seminary
“Moral Felonies: A Comparison of the Death Penalty in the Torah with the Penalty ‘Cut Off from (One’s) People’”

New Testament Session I

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Convener: Mark Given, Missouri State University

- 1:30 James Ware**, University of Evansville
“A New Tool for the Study of Paul's Letters”

- 2:00 Paul Hartog**, Faith Baptist Theological Seminary
“Corporate, Communal, and Common Salvation in Phil 2:12”
- 2:30 Mark Given**, Missouri State University
“Paul: Sophist of the Kingdom”
- 3:00 Andy Chambers**, Missouri Baptist University
“Exemplary Life: A Proposed Starting Point for a Theology of Church Life in Acts”
- 3:30 Paul Mirecki**, University of Kansas
“Peter’s Prison Escape and Invisibility Rituals in the *Papyri Graecae Magicae*”
- 4:00 Jeffrey E. Brickle**, Urshan Graduate School of Theology
“Have You Heard the Text? The Implications of First Century Orality for New Testament Studies”

Sunday Evening, March 30

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- 8:00 Andrew Miller**, Westminster College
“Native Americans and the Book of Mormon”
- 8:30 Rebekah Bouas**, William Jewell College
“Traditional Pastor Programs: How Specific Should They be for Individual Churches?”
- 9:00 Zachary Guiliano**, Evangel University
“An Analysis of Mark 2:1-12”
- 9:30 Micah Hildreth**, Evangel University
“Luke 6:20-26: A Paradigm for Understanding”

Monday Morning, March 31

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Dr. James C. VanderKam

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Monday, 8:30 AM

Gender Studies Session

Convener: Deborah Krause, Eden Theological Seminary

- 9:00 Rachele Brown**, Chaplain Resident, Barnes-Jewish Hospital
"Overcoming the Legacy of Antebellum Hermeneutics: Race, Gender and Authority in Modern America"
- 9:30 Beth Hoeltke**, Concordia Seminary
"Complementary Aspects, Unique Distinctions, and Mutual Gifts of Male and Female in Reading Genesis 1-2"
- 10:00 Hope Stephenson**, St. Louis University
"The Evidence for Junia as a Woman Apostle (Romans 16:7): The Implications for Interpreting 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 and 1 Timothy 2:9-15"

New Testament Session II

Convener: Leslie Baynes, Missouri State University

- 11:00 Eric F. Mason**, Judson University
“Interpretation of Psalm 2 in the Dead Sea Scrolls and the New Testament”
- 11:30 Shayna Sheinfeld**, Harvard Divinity School
“The Need for Two Speeches in Josephus' Masada Narrative”

MONDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 31

Special Session VI: Monday Plenary Business Session

Lunch and Business Meeting

Monday, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

ASOR Session II: Social World and the Text

Convener: LaMoine DeVries, Missouri State University

- 1:00 Mark Appold, Truman State University**
“The Decline of Bethsaida”
- 1:30 Victor H. Matthews, Missouri State University**
“Exploring Aspects of Warfare in Ancient Israel”
- 2:00 James C. Moyer, Missouri State University**
“Long Range Weapons and the David and Goliath Story”
- 2:30 Paul Mirecki, University of Kansas**
“Coptic Scorpion Amulets in the Aegyptisches Museum, Berlin”
- 3:00 Michael Fuller, St. Louis Community College – Meramec**
“Current Research in the Republic of Macedonia”

Hebrew Bible Session II

Convener: Paul R. Raabe

- 1:30 John T. Strong, Missouri State University**
“Ezekiel’s Vision of the Future: A Minority Report”
- 2:00 Wave Nunnally, Evangel University**
“Joel, Qumran, and the Early Church”
- 2:30 Donald A. Johns, United Bible Society**
“Views of the Future in Wisdom Literature”
- 3:00 William P. Griffin, Evangel University**
“Views of the Future in the Psalms”

New Testament Session III

Convener: James Ware, University of Evansville

- 1:00 Leslie Baynes, Missouri State University**
“Mark 16:8: The Purpose of the Ending”
- 1:30 InHee Cho, Concordia Seminary**
“The Matthean Theology of the Death of Jesus Seen Through the Lens of Irony”
- 2:00 Joseph Dutko, Missouri State University**
“Mythoi, Monomyth, and a Missing Mother: The Archetypal Significance of the Prodigal’s Quest in Luke 15:11-24”
- 2:30 Mark Appold, Truman State University**
“The Prayer of Jesus in Prophetic Context: A Study of John 17”
- 3:00 René Such Schreiner, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary**
“The Johannine Footwashing Narrative in Ritual Perspective: Canon Inversion and Community Formation”

Central States SBL
St. Louis Marriott West
March 25-26, 2007

Brad Chance called the meeting to order about 12:20. The minutes for last year were approved, with the motion offered by Jim Moyer and seconded by LeMoine DeVries.

Announcement for next year's meeting: March 30-31, 2008 at the same location. Chance noted a problem with dates stated in the contract, but said he would get it corrected, which he did, following the meeting. There was some brief discussion about changing venues in the future, perhaps to a college, but the consensus seemed to be that a central location was more convenient.

Area leaders for next year are:

Mark Given: New Testament
Paul Raabe: Hebrew Bible
Deborah Kraus: Gender Studies
Victor Matthews and David Chapman: ASOR

There was some discussion of the passing away of Religious Studies. If someone comes forward to lead that group, that would be good, but the necessary critical mass of scholars necessary seemed to have dwindled. Chance encouraged recruitment of colleagues to attend the meeting and said he would develop a special email list that might spill over into other regions, based on distance from St. Louis. Religion scholars at these institutions would be added to the Central States email list.

Hebrew Bible is to select the plenary speaker for next year. The Hebrew Bible group put forward three nominees:

James VanderKam
Ziony Zevit
Paul Hanson

In a subsequent conversation with Chance, Matthews said he would initiate contact with VanderKam.

Milton Horne offered an interim financial report (the 2006 financial report was included in the program). The Society began the year with 5653.55. Estimated revenues and expenses for 2007 are as follow:

Revenue:

Pre-registration:	2784.00
On-site registration and sales:	1096.00
Remaining book sales	31.00
NABPR:	100.00
National Stipend (forthcoming):	<u>1500.00</u>
TOTAL:	5511.00

Expenses:

Postage:	79.56
Copying:	37.00
Supplies (name tags, etc.):	93.48
Convention Center:	3,692.96
Plenary Speaker:	850.00
Awards:	<u>200.00</u>
TOTAL:	4953.00

Net Gain/Loss: 558.00

Awards: Student paper: David Melvin
Regional Scholar: Leslie Baynes

Given reminded Chance that we had agreed last year to make these announcements at the evening dinner, when more were present. Chance committed to trying to remember that for next year's program.

TAK speakers were recognized: Jared Chatfield, Christina Evans, and Sarah Smith. Moyer announced a three-way tie, so each would split the award. Chance presented an award books to the students (Evans was not present) from TAK and the student paper recipient.

Moyer offered a statement of appreciation to the current leadership and commended institutions for bringing students. Specifically noted were Concordia, Evangel, and William Jewell.

Meeting adjourned about 12:50.

Submitted by Brad Chance,
Regional Secretary

Central States SBL
Financial Report for 2008
(Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2007)

Cash on hand December 31, 2007 **6132.75**

Record of Revenue and Expenses (Jan 1-Dec 1, 2007)

Revenue:

Pre-registration:	2652.00
On-site revenue (all sources):	1590.00
NABPR:	100.00
National Stipend	1500.00
TOTAL:	5842.00

Expenses:

Postage:	79.56
Copying: (WJC)	37.00
Printing: (WJC)	141.51
Supplies (name tags, etc.):	93.48
Convention Center:	3,692.96
Plenary Speaker:	850.00
Awards:	200.00
Renewal tax exempt	105.00
Reimbursement B. Chance	10.00
TOTAL:	5209.51

NET REVENUE (EXPENSE): **632.49**

Submitted by Milton Horne, Treasurer

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail Address: _____

Institutional Affiliation: _____

“Members” and “Non-Members-Both Days” Registration Fees
(price includes Sunday buffet, but not breakfast or lunch on Monday)

Members: Please circle all of the affiliations below that apply:

AAR SBL ASOR NABPR

		Onsite or postmarked after March 21
Members: AAR, SBL, ASOR, NABPR	\$55.00	\$58.00
Non-Members—Both days	\$60.00	\$63.00

Students / Non-Members Single Day Registration Fees

(These fees do not include payment for any meal)

		Onsite or postmarked after March 21
Non-Members—One day only	\$25.00	\$30.00
Student rate—for both days	\$10.00	\$12.00

		Onsite or postmarked after March 21
Sunday Buffet	\$25.00	\$27.00

(Extra buffet tickets are for students, non-member single-day, spouses, friends, etc.)

Breakfast Meeting	\$10.00	\$12.00
Monday Lunch	\$17.00	\$19.00

Total Enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to: “Central States SBL”

NOTE: For on-site registration, cash or check only.

Please Return Payment before **March 21** to:

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