

**Central States Region SBL**  
**Call for Papers**  
For the Annual Regional Meeting  
**March 21-22, 2010 St. Louis, Missouri**

**Keynote Speaker for the 2110 Meeting:** Dr. Jodi Magness  
Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching  
Excellence in Early Judaism  
University of North Carolina--Chapel Hill

"The Talpiyot Tomb and 'James Ossuary' Reconsidered: An Archaeologist's Perspective"

Dr. Magness brings her extensive field, teaching, and publishing experience and the expertise that these both engender and reflect to these intriguing issues—the presumed discovery of the family tomb of Jesus of Nazareth and the ossuary of Jesus' brother, James. "Profit with delight" will be our main course. You will want to join us

The Central States Region Society of Biblical Literature invites papers for its annual meeting to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, March 21-22, 2010, in the following areas:

***Archaeology/ASOR***

ASOR invites paper proposals on any aspect of ancient Near Eastern or Mediterranean archaeology, the history and culture of the ancient Near East, or graphic displays of ancient architecture, material culture, or everyday life. **Send Proposals to:** Dr. David W. Chapman, Covenant Theological Seminary, 12330 Conway Rd., Saint Louis, MO 63141  
Email: [david.chapman@covenantseminary.edu](mailto:david.chapman@covenantseminary.edu)

***Hebrew Bible***

The Hebrew Bible section invites proposals dealing with the texts of the Hebrew Bible and their interpretation. Also welcome are papers that concentrate on related extra-textual matters, such as historical backgrounds and culture, related Near Eastern literature, and history of interpretation. This year we especially invite papers dealing with the LXX and Textual Criticism. **Send Proposals to:** Dr. Paul R. Raabe, Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105  
Email: [raabep@csl.edu](mailto:raabep@csl.edu)

***Theology, Religion, or Pedagogy***

Proposals are invited for a session that will explore issues in theology, religion, or the teaching of religious, theological, or biblical studies. Papers in theology and religion, including history of religions, that would not fit in other sessions are most welcome. Pedagogical papers may be either theoretical or practical. **Send proposals by DEC 1** to Dr. J. Bradley Chance, PMB # 1143, 500 College Hill, Liberty, MO, 64068. [816] 415-7555 E-mail: [chanceb@williamjewell.edu](mailto:chanceb@williamjewell.edu)

***New Testament Studies***

Proposals are invited for two open sessions dealing with any topic pertaining to the NT and related literature. Proposals are also invited for a special open session on the NT and Ethics. Papers for the special session are encouraged that deal with ways the NT has been appropriated or misappropriated for ethical or non-ethical purposes from the early church to the present. Proposals should be as informative as possible within a 250 word limit. Students should submit a fuller proposal or a draft demonstrating a familiarity with current research on the chosen topic. Students must also include the name of a sponsoring scholar. **Send Proposals to:** Dr. Mark D. Given, Missouri State University, 901 S. National Ave., Springfield, MO 65897 Ph: (417) 836-6261, E-mail: [markgiven@missouristate.edu](mailto:markgiven@missouristate.edu). Email is preferred.

***Gender Studies:*** Proposals are invited for one session dealing with topics that relate Gender Studies to the interpretation of the Bible (be that biblical texts or loci in the history of interpretation of biblical texts). Proposals are especially welcome that engage critical theory about gender in its relation to biblical interpretation. In addition, proposals are welcome from constituency based critical perspectives related to Gender Studies (e.g., Feminist, Womanist, Queer theory) that engage in the interpretation of biblical texts and/or the history of interpretation.

Please limit proposals to 250 words. Student submissions are welcome as a full draft of the proposed paper. **Send Proposals to:** Dr. Deborah Krause, Eden Theological Seminary, 475 E Lockwood AVE, Saint Louis, MO 63119 (Ph): (314) 918-2587, Email: [dkrause@eden.edu](mailto:dkrause@eden.edu)

**Important Notice! DEADLINE for submissions to be received by section chair: DECEMBER 1, 2009**  
**All participants, even those invited to present, must submit notification to the section chair.** This notification must include the following personal information: name (as it should appear in the program), mailing address, institutional affiliation (as it should appear in the program), phone and fax number, e-mail, and role in the program (i.e., presider, respondent, panelist, presenting a paper). Proposals for papers should consist of a title and a synopsis of not more than 250 words. Questions regarding a proposal should be sent to the relevant section chair. If your proposal does not appear to fit one of the sections above, please contact the Regional Secretary, Brad Chance ([816] 415-7555, e-mail: [chanceb@william.jewell.edu](mailto:chanceb@william.jewell.edu)). Again, **deadline for submissions to be received by section chair: DECEMBER 1, 2009** **All participants must register for the meeting.**

#### **Regional Scholar Awards: \$150**

Junior members of SBL (no more than 5 years teaching in a tenure-track position), women or under-represented minority members are encouraged to apply. The paper must be accepted by one of the section chairs for inclusion in the 2010 regional program. A letter of application, the notice of the section chair's acceptance, and an up-to-date vita must be submitted along with the full text of the paper to **Victor Matthews** (College of Humanities and Public Affairs, Missouri State University, 901 S. National Ave., Springfield, MO 65897) by **February 8, 2010**. Questions prior to the deadline should also be directed to Dr. Matthews ([VictorMatthews@missouristate.edu](mailto:VictorMatthews@missouristate.edu)). Regional Scholars are eligible for a **National Award** (minimum of \$500 per award, see the national website, [www.sbl-site.org](http://www.sbl-site.org), for details) and possible inclusion at the national meeting. Announcement of the award will be made at the business meeting during the evening banquet.

#### **Student Presentation Awards: \$100**

Candidates must be student members of SBL, and proof of membership must be submitted with the application. Candidates must have a paper proposal accepted by a Central States SBL section, and candidates are responsible for obtaining verification of acceptance. Applicants should send a letter of application, a copy of the notification that the paper was accepted, and the full text of the paper no later than **February 8, 2010** to **Victor Matthews** (see contact information above). Please direct any questions in this regard to Dr. Matthews. Announcement of the award will be made at the business meeting during the evening banquet

#### **Theta Alpha Kappa**

STUDENT MEMBERS OF TAK chapters in the central states region are invited to submit papers for presentation at the regional meeting. All topics relating to religious studies are acceptable. Submissions should come from the TAK advisor and include the presenter's name and contact information plus the entire paper sent electronically in PDF format. Graduate student papers are welcome as space is available, but only undergraduate papers are eligible for the award (currently \$100 given by the national office of TAK). Submit papers by **DEC 1** electronically to **Dr. James Moyer, MSU**, [JimMoyer@MissouriState.edu](mailto:JimMoyer@MissouriState.edu)