

# Central States Region SBL

## Call for Papers

For the Annual Regional Meeting  
March 20-21, 2010 St. Louis, Missouri

### Keynote Speaker for the 2011 Meeting:

Dr. Richard S. Hess  
Earl S. Kalland Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages  
Denver Seminary

### Did Anyone Believe in God before the Exile? An Examination of Distinctives in Israelite Religion

Dr. Hess, author of eight books, is editor of the online *Denver Journal* and the *Bulletin for Biblical Research*. He has lectured at more than a hundred scholarly societies, universities, and colleges and has recently given invited lectures internationally at SAIACS, Bangalore; Minzu University, Beijing; Faraday Institute, Cambridge University; and Whitely College, Melbourne. We are pleased and honored that Dr. Hess will be delivering our plenary address. Make plans to attend!

The Central States Region Society of Biblical Literature invites papers for its annual meeting to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, March 20-21, 2011, in the following areas. Please limit proposals to 250 words. Student proposals will be considered, but students should submit a complete manuscript and the name of a sponsoring scholar.

**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. **Send Proposals to:** Dr. Paul R. Raabe, Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105. Email: [raabep@csl.edu](mailto:raabep@csl.edu)

#### **New Testament Studies**

Proposals are invited for two open sessions dealing with any topic pertaining to the NT and related literature. Related literature includes texts of Second Temple Judaism. Proposals are also invited for a special open session on "Difficult Texts in the Gospels." Papers for this special session can deal with typical historical-critical problems or interpretive problems encountered by faith communities past and present as they attempt to apply these texts in new contexts. **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. **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)

### *Pedagogy*

Proposals are invited for a session that will explore issues in the teaching of religious, theological, or biblical studies. Such papers may be either theoretical or practical. **Send proposals to Dr. James Moyer:** [JimMoyer@MissouriState.edu](mailto:JimMoyer@MissouriState.edu)

### *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 to Dr. Milton Horne: [hornem@william.jewell.edu](mailto:hornem@william.jewell.edu)

### **Important Notice! DEADLINE for submissions to be received by section chair: DECEMBER 1, 2010**

**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). 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 Coordinator, Brad Chance: [chanceb@william.jewell.edu](mailto:chanceb@william.jewell.edu)  
**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, 2011**. 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.