

2011 CALL FOR PAPERS

Upper Midwest Regional Meeting

American Academy of Religion, Society of Biblical Literature and American Schools for Oriental Research
Luther Seminary, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 1-2 April 2011

SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL: This year, we are piloting the use of the AAR's OP3 system for proposal submissions. To submit your proposal, please go to the following site and follow the directions for creating your OP3 account:

http://www.aarweb.org/About_AAR/Regions/Upper_Midwest/Call/. This process will work for all proposal submissions for the regional meeting, regardless of AAR membership.

For Master's Students: The region encourages MA students to present outstanding papers. Paper proposals from MA students must be accompanied by the nomination of a faculty advisor: Please include the name and contact information of the faculty advisor in your OP3 submission.

The submission deadline is December 15, 2010.

JOINT AAR/SBL SESSIONS:

MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES ON THEOLOGY, RELIGION AND BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

This section seeks papers that address theology, religion, or the Bible from diverse racial, ethnic, and demographic perspectives in conversation with analysis of other forms of difference.

Priscilla Eppinger, Graceland University, Lamoni, Iowa

TEACHING THE BIBLE AND RELIGION

This section welcomes proposals on topics that explore pedagogical issues specific to the teaching of the Bible or religion in undergraduate, graduate, or seminary settings. Analyses of educational theory, teaching practices and the ways values affect teaching and learning are encouraged. In addition to papers, presentations may include opportunities to engage participants in activities or discussion.

Suzanne Hequet, College of St. Benedict's/St. John's U.

WOMEN, RELIGION, AND SACRED TEXT

This section is open to a wide range of topics but particularly encourages proposals that engage in a feminist, womanist, or mujarista perspective. For example, papers may deal with feminist perspectives on history or scripture but also with teaching challenges for women in the Upper Midwest region. Different forms of presentation are welcome, including performance.

Cia Sautter, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

The Upper Midwest regional meeting includes undergraduate papers, reflecting the preponderance of undergraduate institutions in the region. Members nominate outstanding papers. Each institution is allowed up to two submissions. Bruce Forbes, Morningside College, Sioux City, IA and Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN

AAR SESSIONS:

NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGIONS

The Upper Midwest region is a geographical area with an abundance of Native American traditions. This section seeks proposals on all aspects of Native American religions from Native American presenters as well as from others with an interest in/commitment to Native American traditions. Michelene Pesantubbe, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

ETHICS

This section welcomes papers from both practical and analytical perspectives on the effect of faith in the lives of individuals (agent ethics) and the impact of religion on the common good (social ethics).

Mary Gaebler, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES ON RELIGION

This section seeks papers dealing with the social, cultural, intellectual and institutional history of all religious traditions. Submissions using traditional historical or interdisciplinary methods are equally welcome.

Jim Kroemer, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

RELIGIONS IN NORTH AMERICA

This section seeks proposals analyzing religious traditions, practices, and communities in North America from a wide range of disciplinary perspectives.

Murphy Pizza, Globe University/Minnesota School of Business

RELIGION AND SCIENCE

This section welcomes papers that analyze the various ways that science and religion intersect; topics may include (but are not limited to) historical analyses, theological/religious reflection on the implications of scientific theories and methods, scientific theories of religion, and examinations of social and political forces that shape the intersection of science and religion in contemporary culture.

Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD

RELIGION AND ECOLOGY

Submissions are welcome on any aspect of religion and ecology study, including the role of politics, globalization, war, or legal decisions in the creation of and/or resistance to environmental degradation. Other topics within the field are also encouraged. This year, we are particularly interested in papers on the following: "Dreams, Visions, Mosaics: Beauty in the work of Thomas Berry and Terry Tempest Williams."

Amy Marga, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN

RELIGION, ART AND CULTURE

Submissions are welcome on all topics examining the relationships between religion & cultural ideas, including, but not limited to, music, literature, and all forms of art, as well as the ways in which religion shapes and is shaped by culture.
Kim Vrudny, St. Thomas University, St. Paul, MN

RELIGION, GENDER AND SEXUALITY

Submissions are welcome on all topics that explore the intersections between religious ideas and constructions of gender and/or sexuality. This section consolidates the Women & Religion and Religion & Sexuality sections.
C. Neal Key, College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION/ SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

This section invites papers that examine the interface between philosophy and religion, including both philosophical positions within religion and philosophy of religion more generally, as well as constructive theological work in dialogue with both historical traditions and aspects of the contemporary context.
Courtney Wilder, Midland Lutheran College, Fremont, NE

WORLD RELIGIONS

Submissions are welcomed on any topics related to religious traditions other than Judaism and Christianity, or topics that involve comparative reflection on more than one religious tradition.
Mark Berkson, Hamline University, St. Paul, MN

SBL SESSIONS:

OLD TESTAMENT/HEBREW BIBLE

Exegetical studies of specific texts, theological or thematic examinations, and methodological proposals are welcome.
Maggie Odell, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

NEW TESTAMENT

Exegetical studies of specific texts, theological or thematic examinations, and methodological proposals are welcome.
Juan Hernandez, Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, MN and
Daniel Scholz, Cardinal Stritch University, Wauwatosa, WI

EARLY CHRISTIANITY

Welcomes papers on topics of early Christianity, including NT Apocrypha, Christian uses of Pseudepigrapha, social background of early Christian communities, and features of patristic literature.
Casey Elledge, Gustavus Adolphus College, Northfield, MN

RELIGION IN THE ANCIENT WORLD

Welcomes general or specific studies of the practice of religion in Mediterranean and Near Eastern antiquity.
Glen Menzies, North Central University, Minneapolis, MN

EARLY JUDAISM AND JUDAIC STUDIES

The Early Judaism and Judaic Studies section concerns itself with the literatures, histories and cultures of ancient Judaism. The breadth of the section's description is intentional, an invitation to those in collateral fields to join in interdisciplinary interaction and scholarship regarding virtually any aspect of ancient Judaism.
Alex Jassen, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

ARCHAEOLOGY AND EXCAVATION REPORTS

All topics pertaining to the archaeology of the ancient Near East including excavation updates and summaries of work in progress. Sessions co-sponsored by ASOR.
Mark Schuler, Concordia University, St. Paul, MN

MULTIPLE SUBMISSIONS

Scholars may submit only one paper proposal to one session of the Upper Midwest regional meeting. Subsequent submissions will be declined.

QUESTIONS AND OTHER TOPICS

Questions about the upcoming meeting or the appropriate section for proposals should be directed to Susan Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA. Mail to: susan.hill@uni.edu. Proposals for papers or topics not listed in the call for papers are to be brought to her attention.

INFORMATION FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Upper Midwest region is pleased to announce the availability of travel scholarships in the amount of \$100 and \$250 for graduate students whose papers are accepted for presentation at the regional meeting. A limited number of these scholarships are available and they will be awarded on a competitive basis. Please send a request for details on the travel scholarships to AARSBLProposals@gmail.com after you have submitted your proposals.

NOTICE TO SBL MEMBERS

This year the Upper Midwest Region will again participate in the Regional Scholar Program of the Society of Biblical Literature. Beginning scholars (less than four years from receiving a terminal degree) may request information on this program by emailing AARSBLProposals@gmail.com.

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