

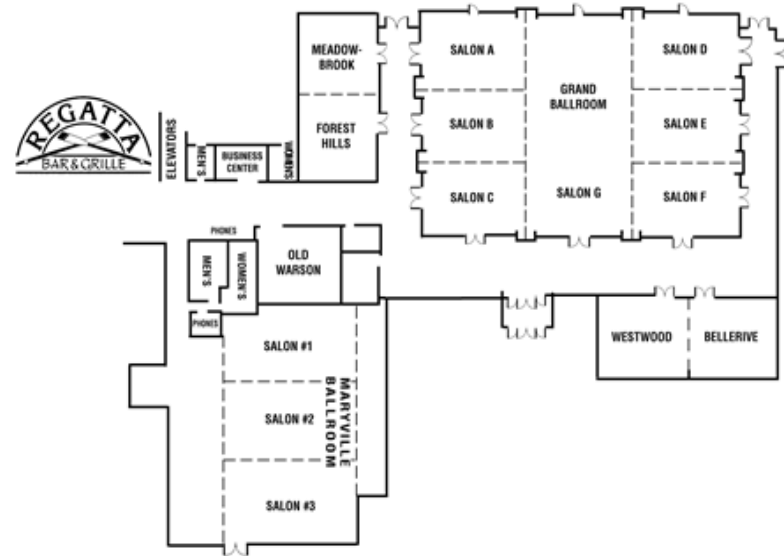
**Program for
the 2011 Annual
Central States Regional Meeting
of**

The Society of Biblical Literature

**American Schools of Oriental
Research**

**Plenary Speaker
Dr. Richard S. Hess
Earl S. Kalland Chair of Old
Testament and Semitic Languages
Denver Seminary**

March 20-21, 2011



Room Assignments:

Book Display ----- Maryville III
 All Plenary Sessions ----- Maryville I and II
 ASOR ----- Old Warson
 Pedagogy ----- Old Warson
 Hebrew Bible ----- Meadowbrook
 Gender Studies ----- Old Warson
 New Testament ----- Forest Hills
 Theta Alpha Kappa ----- Meadowbrook
**Rooms subject to change; updated schedule
 will be available at the meeting registration table**

Keynote Speaker for the 2011 Meeting:

Dr. Richard S. Hess

Earl S. Kalland Professor of Old Testament and Semitic
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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! Central States SBL is honored to have Dr. Hess as this year's plenary lecturer.

Message from the Regional Secretary

Dear Colleagues,

First, I would like to thank the various section leaders, who are responsible for putting together our various sessions.: Mark Given of New Testament, David Chapman of ASOR, Milton Horne for Theta Alpha Kappa, Paul Raabe of Hebrew Bible, and James Moyer for Pedagogy. Our own John Strong serves as the national coordinator of the regions and his contribution to our work is greatly appreciated by many. Finally, I thank my colleague Milton Horne who, in addition to his leadership of TAK, serves as our Treasurer.

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. Richard Hess, our plenary speaker.

Third, 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, SBL continues to work well with the regional coordinators, most especially in assisting us to keep regional webpages updated. We will want in our annual business meeting to continue to discuss changes being made for regional groups, due to IRS mandates. Things have changed—again—since last year!

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 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, or commit the sin of gluttony!

Special Session II: Sunday Evening Dinner and Plenary

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Sunday, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Dinner is included in the registration fee for all full-members. Persons who would like to purchase banquet tickets may do so at the Registration Table for **\$30.00**, while supplies last.

Special Session III: Theta Alpha Kappa

Convener: Milton Horne, William Jewell College

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, including the plenary speaker for 2011. Breakfast will be **\$10.00**.

Special Session V: ASOR and Hebrew Bible Combined Session (8:30-9:30)

Convener: David W. Chapman, Covenant Theological Seminary;

Conversation with Dr. Richard S. Hess

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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 in advance; 19.00 at the meeting**). The focus of this year's meeting will be to continue our discussion of the relationship between the regional groups and national SBL. **VERY IMPORTANT!**

Chronological Schedule

Sunday Morning

Publishers Display and Bookstore

11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Registration (pre-registrants pick up packets)

10:30 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday Afternoon

Pedagogy (12:30 – 1:30)

Convener: James Moyer, Missouri State University

Panel and OPEN discussion on the following theme:

My Best Pedagogical Success

Daryl Jefferies, Central Methodist University

Lisa Isaacson, Columbia College

John Strong, Missouri State University

Stephen Fugitt, Missouri State University, et. al.

ASOR Session I (2:00 – 4:30)

Convener: David W. Chapman, Covenant Theological Seminary

- 2:00 James C. Moyer**, Missouri State University
“What can Archaeology Contribute to an Understanding of the Book of Proverbs?”
- 2:30 Adam Dodd**, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
“The Tel Gezer Regional Survey”
- 3:00 David H. Vila**, John Brown University
“The 2010 Excavations at Abila”
- 3:30 David W. Chapman**, Covenant Theological Seminary
“Crucifixion in Antiquity: What Has Recent Scholarship Overlooked?”

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- 4:00 Ted Carruth**, Lipscomb University
“The Absence of Christ on the Cross in Early Christian Iconography – An Archaeological Study”

Hebrew Bible Session I (1:00-5:30 p.m.)

Convener: Roger D. Cotton, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

- 1:00 Meghan D. Musy**, Evangel University
“Singing the Song of Moses: Remembering the Words of Yahweh”
- 1:30 Joel Allen**, Lambuth University
“Irenaeus’ Interpretations of Psalm 110:1”
- 2:00 Milton Horne**, William Jewell College
“The Economy of Wisdom’s World: Economics and Proverbs”
- 2:30 Russell Meek**, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
“Brevity in Life: An Exploration of the Orthodox Theme of Ecclesiastes”
- 3:00 T. Michael Sisson**, Victory University
“Epicurus and Qoheleth: The Pursuit of Pleasure”
- 3:30 William Andrews**, Chicago Theological Seminary
“Nomos and Narrative in 4Q416”
- 4:00 William H. Senyard**, Lookout Mountain Community Church, Golden, CO
“The Song of Songs as Early Pygmalion Formula”
- 4:30 John T. Strong**, Missouri State University
“The Literary Style and Flare of Ezekiel”
- 5:00 William P. Griffin**, Evangel University
“Conversational Language in the Hebrew Bible”

Sunday Afternoon (continued)

New Testament I (1:30 – 5:00)

Convener: Mark Given, Missouri State University

- 1:30 John Lee**, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
"Mark's Nuanced Portrait of Jesus' Relation to God"
- 2:00 Geoffrey Miller**, Saint Louis University
"Taking Another Bite out of a Markan Sandwich: Christology in Mark 6:6b–30"
- 2:30 Robert L. Mowery**, Illinois Wesleyan University
"A Mixed Message: Paul and the Divinity of the Julio-Claudians"
- 3:00 Mark D. Nanos**, Rockhurst University
"To the Churches within the Synagogues of Rome"
- 3:30 James Ware**, University of Evansville
"Paul's Gospel of the Empty Tomb: The Resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15"
- 4:00 Mark D. Given**, Missouri State University
"Theorizing Paul's Religion: Deconstructing the Resurrection Body"
- 4:30 Leslie Baynes**, Missouri State University
"Jesus as Divine Cavalier in Revelation 19:11"

Sunday Evening

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Special Session II: Sunday Evening Dinner and Plenary (6:00 – 8:00)

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Sunday Evening (continued)

Special Session III Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society (begins approximately at 8:00 PM)

Convener: Milton Horne, William Jewell College

Approximately 15 minutes per paper, with five minutes for discussion between papers

Kevin Magas, Lewis University

"Re-Imagining the Body of Christ: A Theological Paradigm"

Dustin Ray, Evangel University

"Sinai and Hittite Suzerainty Treaties: Yahweh's Ability for Fulfillment"

Abby Pratt, William Jewell College

"Why Do We Believe in God? Genes, Culture and Community"

Anne Weiss, Evangel University

"Paul Harmonizes the Law to Believers Regarding Salvation, Justification, Righteousness and Inheritance"

Monday Morning

Special Session IV: Breakfast Planning Meeting

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Special Session V: ASOR and Hebrew Bible Combined Session (8:30-9:30)

Convener: Paul R. Raabe, Concordia Seminary

8:30-9:30 An Open Discussion with **Dr. Richard S. Hess**

Monday Morning (continued)

Gender Issues (9:30-10:30)

Convener: Deborah Kraus, Eden Theological Seminary

9:30 Ryan Dulkan, Jewish Theological Seminary of America (NYC),
"Blaming Eve, Adam, or Both? Rabbinic Wrestlings Rabbinic with
Genesis 3:1-7"

10:00 Julie Strassman, Eden Theological Seminary, "Untangling Innuendo:
Exploring the Cultural Implications of Mary of Bethany's Unbound Hair
in John 12: 1-7"

New Testament II (8:30 – 12:00): Difficult Texts in the Gospels

Convener: James Ware, University of Evansville

8:30 Joseph A. Weeks, Raytown Christian Church
"Mark without Mark: Problematizing the Reliability of a Reconstructed
Text of Q"

9:00 Dru Johnson, Lindenwood University
"Two Epistemological Trajectories in Mark 4–9"

9:30 Angela Ingram, Missouri State University
"The Contingency of the Law in Matthew 5:18"

10:00 Gregory R. Perry, Covenant Theological Seminary
"Luke's Problematic Portrayal of Torah Faithfulness in Luke 10:25–37"

10:30 Ji-Woon Yoo, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
"The Parable of Minas in Luke 19:11-27: A Parodied Parable of Roman
Imperial Patronage System"

11:00 J. Bradley Chance, William Jewell College
"Emerging from Emmaus: *Objective Presence* and *Subjective Experience*
of the Lord in the Emmaus Story"

11:30 René Such Schreiner, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
"A Johannine Reference to the Absolute/Mortal Sins: Double Entendre in
John 1:12–13"

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Monday Morning (continued)

Hebrew Bible Session II (9:30 am-12:00 pm)

Convener: Paul R. Raabe, Concordia Seminary

9:30 Ryan M. Tietz, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
"Isaiah's Use of the Deluge in Isaiah 24:18 and Similar Texts"

10:00 Heerak Christian Kim, Asia Evangelical College and Seminary
"The Significance of Digression in Psalm 11:7 from its Old Testament
Source of Isaiah 40:5"

10:30 Darryl J. Schafer, Missouri State University
"The Suffering Servant(s): Isaiah 52:13-53:12"

11:00 Geoffrey R. Boyle, Grace Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church,
Wichita, KS, and the University of Toronto
"Unexpected Shepherd Christology: Making Sense of Zechariah 11:17"

11:30 Tyler Tankersley, Central Baptist Theological Seminary
"Mourning the Pierced One: An Examination of Zechariah 12:9-13:1"

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New Testament III (1:00 – 4:30)

Convener: Mark Given, Missouri State University

- 1:00 John E. Christianson**, Missouri State University
“Jesus, the Man Born Blind, and Asklepios: John 9:1–12 and Ancient Practices of Healing”
- 1:30 Matthew J. Gallion**, Missouri State University
“Eating God to Death: A Materialist Reading of the Eucharistic Imagery in John 6”
- 2:00 Aaron White**, Covenant Theological Seminary
“Sensitivity and Skill: Luke’s Portrayal of James as one who brings unity at the Jerusalem Conference towards the Acceptance of Gentiles as Gentiles into the People of God”
- 2:30 Jason A. Myers**, Asbury Theological Seminary
“Is Abraham the Gentile of Rom 2:14-15? The Echoes of Rom 2:14-15 in Rom 4:1-8”
- 3:00 Dan Barber**, Covenant Theological Seminary
“Encouragement for Young Believers: Paraenetic Functions of the Resurrection in 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18”
- 3:30 Darryl J. Schafer**, Missouri State University
“Dining with Foucault: The Docile, Disciplined, and Discerned Body in 1 Cor 11:29–34”
- 4:00 T. Michael W. Halcomb**, Asbury Theological Seminary
“‘The Vacillation’ as the Occasion: 2 Corinthians, Epistle of a Two-Faced Apostle?”

ASOR Session II (1:00 – 3:00)

Convener: Bethany J. Walker, Missouri State University

- 1:00 Mark Appold**, Truman State University
“Bethsaida and the *Ioudaioi* of the Fourth Gospel.”

- 1:30 Cheryl Eaton**, Covenant Theological Seminary
“The Byzantine Church in Procession: Stational Liturgy Evidenced at Decapolis Abila”
- 2:00 Michael Fuller**, St. Louis Community College – Meramec
“Archaeological context of Early Christian communities in England”
- 2:30 Bethany J. Walker**, Missouri State University
“Northern Jordan Project 2010 Season: Pilgrimage and Water Harvesting in al-Turra Village”

Hebrew Bible Session III (1:00 – 6:00)

Convener: John T. Strong, Missouri State University

- 1:00 Jesse Pingnot**, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary
“A Pentateuch Perspective on Lying”
- 1:30 Krista Dalton**, Missouri State University
“Keeping Covenants and Lovingkindness: The Use of *Berit* and *Hesed* in Ancient Israelite Covenants”
- 2:00 Victor H. Matthews**, Missouri State University
“Aspects of Shame in Ancient Near Eastern Law”
- 2:30 Angela R. Roskop**, Xavier University
“Noah *versus* the Tyrants: Diet, Justice, and Cross-Cultural Parallels in the Biblical Flood Story”
- 3:00 Rabbi Zev-Hayyim Feyer**, Claremont School of Theology
“Serah bat Asher”
- 3:30 Brad Crowell**, Drake University
“Revoicing the Witch of Endor”
- 4:00 W. Brian Aucker**, Covenant Theological Seminary
“Making Axe Heads Float: Restoring a Lost Story to the Narrative Surface”

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- 4:30 Chris Seeman**, University of Missouri
 “Haman, International Man of Mystery”
- 5:00 Jonathan Redding**, Wake Forest School of Divinity
 “Facing Reality: Interpreting Connections between the Spiritual
 Conversions of Gilgamesh in the *Epic of Gilgamesh* and Nebuchadnezzar
 in Daniel 4”
- 5:30 Ron Haydon**, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
 “Alluding to the End: The Construction of ‘Seventy Sevens’ (Dan 9:24)
 as Episodic Time-Image and How Daniel’s Style of Ambiguity Develops
 It”



Central States SBL
 Minutes/Summary of Meeting
 March 21-22, 2010
 St. Louis Marriott West

Officers: J. Bradley Chance, Regional Coordinator
 Milton P. Horne, Treasurer

Agenda:

1. Recognition of student presenters and contest winners. Chance gave students coupons for free books thanks to the generosity of publishers displaying at conference. The count of students from various institutions is as follows: Concordia Theol Sem – 2; Covenant Theol Sem – 3; Evangel University – 8; Missouri State Univ. – 7; William Jewell College – 6; University of Evansville – 2; Truman State University – 3.
2. Announcement of next year’s candidates for plenary speaker (OT):
3. Treasurer’s report: Pre-registration 82 (compared to 2009 count of 39); On-site registration 22; Total registration of 103. Preregistration receipts: \$3977.00; Onsite receipts (including books) \$1645.00. We estimate that this year we will just about break even, leaving the regional society a healthy cushion for next year.

4. Main topic: Report from Secretary on the SBL’s requirement that regional societies become their own independent 501C3 entities. IRS requires this for purposes of liability questions. SBL will still affiliate with the central states region, only we will have our own independent name and identity. Discussion followed around several questions answered alternately by Chance and John Strong:
 - a. How similar could the name be to the present name?
 - b. Do we need to become a limited liability corporation? Ch: Yes. Society will help us become a 501C3.
 - c. Will we still be listed on the SBL website: Ch: This so. SBL will still sponsor affiliate groups, send stipends and provide e-mail lists.
 - d. Could we set up our own website: Ch: Yes, though it will need to be done by someone who knows what he or she is doing.
 - e. Some concern expressed about using a name that still has SBL in it. Some experienced with Girl Scouts suggests such a name would allow hierarchical intrusion from central offices of SBL.
 - f. Do we need to talk with attorneys? Ch: Sense is that SBL will supply all of this direction.
 - g. Chapman moved that we adopt the name “Central States Society of Biblical and Religious Studies” There were several seconds including Horne’s. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Leadership of the regional society: Chance put the question to the group as to their wishes concerning his leadership.
 - a. Seeing that Chance and Horne were still open to serve the region as secretary and treasurer, John Strong nominated Chance and Horne to continue to lead. No other nominations ensued. The vote was unanimous.
 - Next year’s scheduling: Paul Raabe noted the continuance of using the 8:30-9:30 a.m. slot for all sections to meet with the guest speakers.
 - Book displays: Hendrickson and Abingdon sent personal representatives. SBL, Polebridge, Zondervan, Eerdmans, Chalice, and Baker sent books, which they generously donated to the society.
 - Group to select next year's plenary speaker: Hebrew Bible. No word on speaker as of this date.

Central States Society of Biblical Literature

Financial Report for 2011

(Jan 1 – Dec. 31, 2010)

Cash on hand December 31, 2009 \$7476.24

Revenue:

Pre-registration: 3727.00

On-site registration, plus other income (books & petty cash) 1645.00

National Stipend 1500.00

Other (Gift from Hendrickson Press) 100.00

Total receipts 6972.00

Expenses

Plenary speaker (Jodi Magness, stipend & travel) 1186.59

Paper competition (Gallion, Wagner, C. Moyer) 300.00

Convention Center 5323.18

Non-profit registration 15.00

Office expenses 12.10

Total expenses 6836.87

FINAL BALANCE \$7611.37