

**SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE  
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MARCH 23-25, 2013  
**Hope International University**  
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**2013 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

**S23-1 Professional Development Workshop**

**Saturday, March 23, 2013, 2:30-5:00PM (Room 119)**

Students and recent graduates (Pre-registration required)

**S24-5 SBL Pacific Coast Plenary and Reception**

**Sunday, March 24, 2013, 5:45-7:30PM (Santa Ana/ Commons)**

*Featured Panel:*

Mignon R. Jacobs, Fuller Theological Seminary, *Presiding*

J. Edward Wright, University of Arizona

Norman Gottwald, Emeritus Professor of Biblical Studies, New  
York Theological Seminary

John Goldingay, Fuller Theological Seminary

**S25-3 SBLPCR Presidential Address**

**Monday, March 25, 2013, 10:00-11:30AM (Pacific Auditorium)**

Kay Higuera Smith, Azusa Pacific University

*The Bible, the Academy, and Global Realities*

**M25-1 SBLPCR Lunch Business Meeting**

**Monday, March 25, 2013, 11:45-1:15PM (Santa Ana/Commons)**

(All are invited)

**For directions, parking and campus map visit:**

<http://www.hiu.edu/about/location/>

**Parking:** Free

**Internet access:** Wi-Fi login information will be available at the  
registration tables (Nu Lounge or classroom 102)

*Note: Program is available in electronic form only.*

## SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2013

**S23-1 2:30-5:00PM.....Room 119**

Professional Development Workshop (*registration required*)

Will include two modules and opportunity to engage in discussion and planning with each of the presenters. Participation is open to students at various stages of their formal education and to recent graduates.

### **Module One: Foundational matters**

Preparing for publication: Discerning research interests

Mignon Jacobs, Fuller Theological Seminary

*Explores ways of building on coursework and research toward presentations and publication*

Navigating the profession—Christopher Heard, Pepperdine University

*Discusses avenues for participating in the profession (regional, national, and international)*

### **Module Two: Employment matters**

Teaching online—Carl Toney, Hope International University

*Offers suggestions for effective teaching online and use of online course software*

Getting Hired in a challenged economy: Models of employment—

Kenneth Waters, Sr., Azusa Pacific University

*Discusses helps and hindrances in the scholar's quest for adjunct or full-time employment.*

**S23-2 5:15-6:30PM..... Santa Ana/Commons**  
Student Reception

## SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2013

**REGISTRATION 10:00AM-5:00PM..Nu Lounge or classroom 102**

**EXHIBITION 12:00-5:00PM..... Room 205**

**11:00AM-12:30PM**

**A24-1 ASOR-Pacific Southwest.....Room 200**

Charlie Trimm, Biola University, Presiding

Jason Riley, Fuller Theological Seminary

*“Why, O-y? ”: The 1 cs Suffix in Ugaritic and Its Bearing on the Case Vowel of the Vocative (22 min)*

Joel Hamme, Fuller Theological Seminary

*The dingir.sa.dib.ba as an Empirical Model for the Study of the Lament of the Individual (22 min)*

Andrew Giorgetti, Fuller Theological Seminary

*The “Mock Building Account” of Genesis 11:1-9: Polemic against Mesopotamian Building Ideology (22 min)*

Nathan Yearian, Fuller Theological Seminary

*A Comparative Study of the Marduk Prophecy and Isaiah 44:24-45:25 (22 min)*

**11:30AM-12:30PM..... Christensen Room - LFSC**

**M24-1 SBLPCR Executive Board Meeting**

**12:45-2:00PM.....Santa Ana Room**

**M24-2 SBLPCR Program Unit Chairs Lunch Meeting**

## **2:15-3:45pm SESSIONS**

### **S24-1 HEBREW BIBLE I.....Room 207**

*Theme: Pentateuch*

Christopher Heard, Pepperdine University, *Presiding*

Stephen R. Munzer, UCLA

*Ancient Israel on the Couch: Circumcision and the Formation of Identity (22 min)*

Erica Mongé-Greer, Fuller Theological Seminary

*The Story Does Not End Here (22 min)*

Charlie Trimm, Biola University

*God's Staff and Moses' Hands (22 min)*

Marla Porter, Graduate Theological Union

*Two Poems in Deuteronomy 32 (22 min)*

### **S24-2 JUDAISM IN THE GRECO-ROMAN ERA .....Room 200**

Randall D. Chesnutt, Pepperdine University, *Presiding*

Ashley Bacchi, Graduate Theological Union

*The Two Faces of Queen Shelamzion in Josephus (30 min)*

J. Edward Wright, University of Arizona

*3 Baruch and Apocalyptic Ekphrasis: A Proposal on Origins (30 min)*

Zachary G. Smith, Pasadena, CA

*The Divine Logos as Philonic Paraclete: An Exegetical Examination of the Role of Divine Logos in Quod Deus sit immutabilis (30 min)*

## **4:00-5:30PM SESSIONS**

### **S24-3 NEO-ASSYRIAN INSIGHTS ON ANCIENT ISRAEL**

**AND THE HEBREW BIBLE..... Room 203**

*Theme: Religion in Iron Age Israel, Judah, Egypt, and Mesopotamia*

This session includes presentation and audience interaction with several scholars who will identify relevant aspects related to the study of religion in the ancient Near East.

Brad E. Kelle, Point Loma Nazarene University, *Presiding*

*Panelists:*

Norman Gottwald, Pacific School of Religion

John Goldingay, Fuller Theological Seminary

Christopher Hays, Fuller Theological Seminary

### **S24-4 NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLES AND APOCALYPSE I..Room 200**

Matthew R. Hauge, Azusa Pacific University *Presiding*

Florence Gillman, University of San Diego

*Paul and His Nursing Mother Metaphor (1 Thessalonians 2:7) (22 min)*

Alice Yafeh-Deigh, Azusa Pacific University

*The Hybrid Space that the Church would have been but never was: The Space envisioned by Paul's statement in Gal 3:28 (22 min)*

Joseph Hyung Lee, Regent College

*The Pregnant Greek Philosophers, the Hebrew Scripture and Paul's *ōdinō* in Galatians 4:19 (22 min)*

William Baker, Hope International University

*Covenant Signpost: Deuteronomy in the Epistle of James (22 min)*

## **Sunday, March 24, 2013**

**5:45-7:30PM** .....Santa Ana/ Commons

### **S24-5 SBL Pacific Coast Plenary and Reception**

*Theme: Interpreting the Bible in today's context: Opportunities and Challenges*

*Scholar Roundtable discussion with audience Q&A*

Mignon R. Jacobs, Fuller Theological Seminary, *Presiding*

J. Edward Wright, University of Arizona

Norman Gottwald, Emeritus Professor of Biblical Studies, New York Theological Seminary

John Goldingay, Fuller Theological Seminary

## **MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013**

**REGISTRATION 7:30AM-12:00NOON**..... Nu Lounge or classroom 102

**EXHIBITION 8:00AM-2:00PM**.....Classroom 205

### **8:00-9:30AM SESSIONS**

#### **S25-1 Hebrew Bible II**..... Room 207

*Theme: Former and Latter Prophets*

Christopher Heard, Pepperdine University, *Presiding*

Simon Yoo, Patten University

*Heavy vs. Light: Characterization in 1 Samuel 17 (22 min)*

Beau Harris, Claremont School of Theology

*More of Merab: Retelling the Story of Israel's First Princess (22 min)*

Soo Kim, Claremont School of Theology

*Three Unnatural Deaths and Their Shadows in the Jeroboam Narrative: A Study of Image-Making and Spatialization (22 min)*

Shelley Long, Claremont School of Theology

*Who Wrote Isaiah and Why? A Redaction Critical Survey and Interpretation (22 min)*

#### **S25-2 New Testament Texts and Traditions I**..... Room 200

Rebecca Skaggs, Patten University, *Presiding*

Daniel Hjort, Lund University

*The Introduction of a True Leader: A Biographical-Narrative Reading of Matt. 1-2 (22 min)*

Yongbom Lee, Fuller Theological Seminary

*Narrative Functions of pro karou (Matt. 8:29): Centrality of Matt. 25:31-46 and Intertextuality Between Matt. 8:29 and 25:41 (22 min)*

Kenneth Waters, Azusa Pacific University

*Jesus in the Heart of the Earth: Deciphering the Jonah Logion (Matt. 12:38-41) (22 min)*

Matthew Hauge, Azusa Pacific University

*Taming Bucephalus: Mark 11:1-11 and the Legend of the King (22 min)*

#### **10:00-11:30AM SESSION**.....Pacific Auditorium

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### **1:30-3:00PM SESSIONS**

#### **S25-4 OPEN SESSION.....Room 203**

Mignon R. Jacobs, Fuller Theological Seminary, *Presiding*

Sun Wook Kim, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School  
*Reading Matthew from the Perspective of Marginality (22 min)*

Chris Fresch, University of Cambridge  
*The Peculiar Occurrences of οὗν in Septuagint Genesis and Exodus (22 min)*

Hany N. Takla  
*Arabic Version of the Book of Tobit in the Egyptian Church (22 min)*

Nicholas E. Pappani, Claremont School of Theology  
*Reevaluating the Psalmist's Complaint in Psalm 35:15 in light of the Semantic Range of מַלְאָךְ (22 min)*

#### **S25-5 NEW TESTAMENT TEXTS AND TRADITIONS II...Room 200**

Rebecca Skaggs, Patten University, *Presiding*

Sanghee Michael Ahn, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary  
*The Narrative Function of John the Baptist I Light of Second Temple Jewish Messianic Expectations (22 min)*

Victoria Gray, Fuller Theological Seminary  
*The Kingdom of God: Leaven and Mustard as Symbols of Reversal (22 min)*

Michal Beth Dinkler, Loyola Marymount University  
*Internal Monologue in the Lukan Parables (22 min)*

Michael Kochenash, Claremont Lincoln University  
*Aeneas, Joppa, and the Macro-Structure of Acts (22 min)*

### **3:15-4:45PM SESSIONS**

#### **S25-6 HEBREW BIBLE III.....Room 207**

*Theme: Latter Prophets and Writings*

Christopher Heard, Pepperdine University, *Presiding*

Joseph Espinoza, Independent Scholar  
*Tense, Aspect, and Modality in the Book of Amos (22 min)*

Melissa Ramos, UCLA  
*The Linguistic Construction of Power and Resistance in Ezra-Nehemiah (22 min)*

William Yarchin, Azusa Pacific University  
*Is There an Authoritative Shape for the Book of Psalms? Profiling the Manuscripts of the Hebrew Psalter (22 min)*

Timothy Finlay, Azusa Pacific University  
*A Comparison of Three Intertextual Approaches to Ruth (22 min)*

#### **S25-6 NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLES AND APOCALYPSE II...Room 203**

Kenneth L. Waters Sr., Azusa Pacific University, *Presiding*

Keith Reeves, Azusa Pacific University  
*Show me the Money: Romans as a fund raising letter" (22 min)*

Zachary Smith, Fuller Theological Seminary,  
*"You were called 'foreskin': Ethnoracial Epithets and the Conversion of Ethnic Identity in Ephesians 2:11-22" (22 min)*

Kevin Scull, University of California, Los Angeles  
*Success Despite Suffering: Paul's Self-Presentation of his Suffering in Philippians (22 min)*

Kenora Haloviak Valentine, La Sierra University  
*Whore No More: Cleopatra and the Interpretation of Revelation 17 (22 min)*

## FEATURED SPEAKERS

### **SBLPCR President 2012-2013**

**Kay Higuera Smith**, Azusa Pacific University



Chair of the Department of Biblical Studies and Professor of Biblical Studies at Azusa Pacific University. Her published works deal with issues of Postcoloniality and Evangelicalism, Christian/Jewish relations, theology, comparative hermeneutics, and with gender issues. Currently she is Editor-in-Chief of a proposed book on Postcoloniality and Evangelicalism. She teaches Global Biblical Interpretation, Global Religious Studies, Gospels, Pauline Epistles, early Judaism and Christianity, and on women in the biblical tradition

### **Plenary Panelists**

**John Goldingay**, David Allan Hubbard Professor of OT at Fuller Seminary and Priest-in-charge of St Barnabas Church, Pasadena. Author of commentaries on Psalms, Isaiah, and Daniel, and an Old Testament Theology.

**Norman K. Gottwald**, Emeritus Professor of Biblical Studies, New York Theological Seminary. Author of *The Tribes of Yahweh* (1979, 1999), *The Hebrew Bible: A Socio-Literary Introduction* (1985, 2009) and *The Politics of Ancient Israel* (2000).

**J. Edward Wright**, University of Arizona. Author of *The Early History of Heaven*. Oxford/New York: Oxford University Press, 2000. *Baruch ben Neriah: From Biblical Scribe to Apocalyptic Seer*. Studies on Personalities of the Old Testament. Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 2003. *Confronting the Past: Archaeological and Historical Essays in Honor of William G. Dever*. Edited by Seymour Gitin, J. Edward Wright, and J. P. Dessel. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2006. *The Bible in Archaeology and History: The Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel*; Edited by Jennie Ebeling, Mark Elliott, Paul V. M. Flesher, and J. Edward Wright. Waco, Texas: Baylor University Press, forthcoming.

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John Derry, President

Joseph C. Grana II, Dean of Pacific Christian College of Ministry & Biblical Studies; Professor, Pacific Christian College of Ministry & Biblical Studies

Kasey N. Philyaw, Administrative Assistant and all the HIU staff who assisted in organizing the meeting.