## **Eighth Annual**

# STUDENT RELIGIOUS STUDIES CONFERENCE

Friday, February 7, 2014 Olivet Nazarene University Bourbonnais, Illinois

#### Registration

9:00-11:00 a.m. / 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Burke Administration Building

### **Plenary Session**

10:00-10:30 a.m. / Burke 307

Chairs: Dr. Jeremy Miselbrook and Ms. Jenny DeVivo

#### Session la The Pentateuch

10:30-12:00 noon / Burke 403

Chair: Neal Huddleston, Trinity International University

#### Marie Smith, Bradley University

Timothy Kuhn, Judson University

To What End?: A Dialogue Between Josiah Royce and Jürgen Moltmann The problem of evil has been asked for as long as philosophers a is the problem always asked in the most helpful way? And does Christia different approach than philosophers? This paper puts Josiah Royce's w Moltmann's doctrine of the passion of God from the work Trinity and Tl

problem of evil to explore these questions.

#### Tyler Folkerts, Central College

The Sin Against the Father and the Attack on Education (Genesis 9)

An Ancient Egyptian Perspective on the Tetragrammaton in the Theophany of Exodus 3:1 The purpose of this paper is to examine the account of the origin The aim of this paper is to highlight the link in significance of names and named believed by the some light on the reasoning behind it. I are Egyptian practice and the theophany experience of Exodus 3:14.17. According to his father are included by the state of his father's embarrassing situation tetragrammaton (YHWH) was announced to Moses initially so he could alert Phar annual Phar presence. To the Egyptians, names and titles of gods and pharaohs took on powerful cultivity to practices that are a distraction from education. My throughout life and death. The discussion focuses on the importance of names in ancheric gyptian cliffs book, The Beginning of Wisdom, and uses well as the presentation of YHWH's name and its questionable origins. In addition, the paper have in order to support the thesis. provide an ancient Egyptian insight into the theophany on Mount Horeb.

#### Jonathan Sherwell, Judson University

### Andrew Higginbotham, Hebrew Union College- Jewish Institute of Religion

A Comparison of the Views of Georg F. W. Hegel and John Calvin Concer Placing Deuteronomy in Its Historical Context: A Study of the Monarchic and Temple-Centerisch bayers of mpares and contrasts the beliefs which Georg Hege and the human will in terms of evil. The theologian Calvin and the philo: Deuteronomy

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#### Erick Mendieta, Andrews University

Didactic Logic on the Pentateuchal Legislation of the Ger

Session Ic **New Testament** 

10:30-12:00 noon / Burke 411

Chair: Dr. Jeremy Miselbrook, The College of Lake County Among new possibilities for the study of the Pentateuchal material is Roy Gane's didactic logic

approach. A significant contribution of Gane's article on Leviticus is the identification of several didactic **Nelida Naveros Cordova**, Loyola University Chicago strategies that could be used as an alternative framework to analyze the literary features of the Pentateuch.

This paper examines the function of didactic logic in the Pentateuchal legislation of the Pent presenting examples of didactic strategies in these laws in the Pentateuch; 2) by preliminally consideration to didactic strategies in these laws in the Pentateuch; 2) by preliminally consideration to didactic strategies in these laws in the Pentateuch; 2) by preliminally consideration to didactic strategies in these laws in the Pentateuch; 2) by preliminally consideration to didactic strategies in these laws in the Pentateuch; 2) by preliminally consideration to didactic strategies in these laws in the Pentateuch; 2) by preliminally consideration to didactic strategies in these laws in the Pentateuch; 2) by preliminally consideration to didactic strategies in these laws in the Pentateuch; 2) by preliminally consideration to didactic strategies in the Pentateuch; 2) by preliminally consideration to didactic strategies in the Pentateuch; 2) by preliminally consideration to didactic strategies in the Pentateuch; 2) by preliminally consideration to didactic strategies in the Pentateuch; 2) by preliminally consideration to didactic strategies in the Pentateuch; 2) by preliminally consideration to didactic strategies in the Pentateuch; 2) by preliminally consideration to didactic strategies in the Pentateuch; 2) by preliminally consideration to didactic strategies in the Pentateuch (Pentateuch Jordan Williams, University of Evansville

In the Hebrew text, Hosea 6:1-10 presents rich covenantal image references carry over into the Septuagint (Old Greek), their overall strer

The Hope of a Better Resurrection: The Significance of Resurrection in Hebrews 11 instances the attenuation results from the use of conventional lexical ed The epistle to the Hebrews has long been thought to have little if any focus on the resurrection of the made intentional changes to the Hebrew tex dead. This paper, however, argues that resurrection is key to the letter by closely examining the eleventh tion of these translation choices results in a Green that the combination of these translation choices results in a Green translation of these translation choices results in a Green translation of these translation choices results in a Green translation of these translation choices results in a Green translation of these translation choices results in a Green translation choices results in a Green translation of these translation choices results in a Green translation choices results and translation choices results in a Green translation choices results a Green tra chapter of Hebrews, where three of the five overt mentions of resurrection occurbe in the standard of his people has been din shows that at the center of the author's beliefs is the physical resurrection of both Jesus the Christ and the

future hope of the resurrection for all—rather than a spiritual resurrection or no resurrection whatsoever as Testament: Gospels some scholars claim.

1:30-3:00 p.m. / Burke 411

Chair: Jenny DeVivo, Loyola University Chicago

Jeremy Wagner, Judson University

The Lord's Prayer Explained Through Revelation

Meghan Tabor, Wheaton College

In Matthew 6:9-10 Jesus instructed his disciples in prayer through what is known as "The Lord's Mustard Seed: Jesus' Kingship Revealed Prayer." This paper analyzes the first two sections of the Lord's Prayer, asking questions about its meaning the mustard seed (Mark 4:30-32) reveals Jesus and explaining that the Book of Revelation serves as a fulfillment of the prayer itself. Ultimately, this paper, s clear intent to depict Jesus as a reigning sove addresses what the fulfillment of the prayer, in the form of the coming of the kingdom of God on earth as it is story's context in the book of Mark. Additional context in the book of Mark. in heaven looks like. passage of Ezekiel 17:22-24 discloses insights into Christ's kingly perspe viewed through the lens of the parable has theological implications, nar

Lunch

12:00-1:30 p.m. / Ludwig Center Dining Hall

David Orsak, Sacred Heart School of Theology (Milwaukee, Wisconsin)

Son and Father, and contemporary applications for a Jewish context.

Hebrew Bible: Prophets, Exilic and Post-Exilic Literature Session IIa

1:30-3:00 p.m. / Burke 403

Chair: Neal Huddleston, Trinity International University

The Faith of the Centurian

The paper explores the faith of the centurion. This faith is based exhibited in Christ's care for others. This faith also exemplifies the mea called.

Chingboi Guite, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

The Cyrus Cylinder and the Edicts of Cyrus in Ezra

Deacon Justin Lopina, Sacred Heart School of Theology (Milwaukee, Wi A comparison between the Cyrus Cylinder and the edicts of Cyrus in the book of Ezra (Ezra 1:2–4 and

6:3–5) reveals several similarities. The Cyrus Cylinder and the Cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the cyrus edicts in Ezra pare it geshies to the c their dwellings and rebuild their temples, and are essentially documents that attempt to the site of t over Babylon and Judah. As such, the Cyrus edicts in the book of Ezra are "authentign" of Qranges of the Babylon and Judah. As such, the Cyrus edicts in the book of Ezra are "authentign" of Qranges of the Babylon and Judah. As such, the Cyrus edicts in the book of Ezra are "authentign" of Qranges of the Babylon and Judah. As such, the Cyrus edicts in the book of Ezra are "authentign" of Qranges of the Babylon and Judah. As such, the Cyrus edicts in the book of Ezra are "authentign" of Qranges of the Babylon and Judah. As such, the Cyrus edicts in the book of Ezra are "authentign" of Qranges of the Babylon and Judah. As such, the Cyrus edicts in the book of Ezra are "authentign" of Qranges of the Babylon and Judah. As such as a book with two e Jews returned to Jerusalem and rebuilt their temple could only have been possible with permission from ithe Biblical scholars, pastors, preachers, and o empire as found in the edicts of Cyrus in Ezra. issues and complexities surrounding the final words of the Gospel. Whi

rare, it is nevertheless beneficial to recognize the potential problems wl Matthew Ridgway, Central College explore possible solutions or explanations in response to those problem church, the Gospel of John has proven to be an immensely complex boo Zechariah's Prophecies of the Coming of the King in 3:8, 6:12 and 9:9 This paper analyzes the characteristics given to the Messiah and His kingdom as prophesied by Zechariah in 3:8, 6:12 and 9:9. Israel is essential to the accounts, as this community is the center of God's

Zecnarian in 3:8, 6:12 and 9:9. Israel is essential to the accounts, as this community is the center of God's problem of the book's two endings. promises as inhabitants of His kingdom. The main argument supports Jesus as fulfilling the characteristics of

Sung Jae Park, Andrews University Seminary

Food Offerings to the Gods in Mesopotamian Cult Worship: A Rationale

In Jubilees' rewriting of Genesis, the author omits parts of the G omitted material and relocate it throughout Jubilees. Referred to in this the practice involves a level of creativity that goes beyond ordinary redained.

Much has been written and studied regarding the actual offerings made tothe segulation Mestepotrathe milieu of Second Temple Judaism. This paper However, studies regarding a rationale for the offering items themselves have been dittibed by This pagyeit omits materials both from Mark and Matthew ar proposes some rationales in the food offerings made to the gods of Mesopotamiathose omissions throughout Luke and Acts.

Susan Sambrook, Aquinas Institute of Theology (St. Louis, Missouri)

Why Blood?: The Symbolism and Use of Blood in the Torah

This paper examines the symbolism and use of blood in the Torah. The discussion focuses on five themes that emerged through a study of the existing literature; prohibitions against eating blood, significance of the blood of circumcision, the use of blood in the Passover, its importance for atonement, and blood as the focus of the laws of niddah. While the symbolism of blood in the Torah is controversial, this paper reveals that blood was in fact a major factor in the covenant.

David Ridge, The University of Chicago

How Not to Get a Wife: King David and the Biblical Betrothal Type-Scene

This paper uses Michael Nagler's definition of type-scene to identify the biblical betrothal type-scene of Robert Alter and Michael W. Martin in 2 Samuel 11. The type-scene in 2 Samuel 11 negatively characterizes

David's actions (such as his lack of hospitality and his attempts to force the situation by "taking" something he wants) by juxtaposing the narrative alongside the betrothal type-scene texts of Isaac, Jacob, and Moses, in which hospitality and submission to divine direction are stressed. The implications for the function of 2 samuel taking to the function of 2 samuel taking the conference of the function of 2 samuel taking the conference of the function of 2 samuel taking the conference of the function of 2 samuel taking the conference of the function of 2 samuel taking the conference of the function of 2 samuel taking the conference of the function of 2 samuel taking the conference of the

11 and its inclusion in the Hebrew Bible are briefly discussed.

Jeremy S. Miselbrook, PhD–Conference Coordinator, SRSC

Jenny DeVivo–Conference Assistant Coordinator, SRSC

Eric F. Mason, PhD–Regional Coordinator of the Midwest Region of the 3:00-3:30 p.m. / Refreshments on 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Burke Administration Building Kevin Mellish, PhD–Olivet Nazarene University Conference Liaison

Troy W. Martin, PhD–Founder of the Student Religious Studies Conferen

#### Session III Inter-relationships of Canonical, Extra-canonical Literature and Theology

3:30-5:00 p.m. / Burke 307

Chair: Dr. Jeremy Miselbrook, College of Lake County

Robert Book, Malone University

**Break** 

Reading Qoheleth and Song of Songs Canonically: A New Approach

The Student Religious Studies Conference would like to thank all those wand encouraged students to participate in the conference. We also expruniversity, and in particular Dr. Kevin Mellish (School of Theology and Conference and Philosophy for hosting the conference. We would like to support as our Regional Coordinator.

The general order of books in the Old Testament sketches a rough chronology of Israel's history, and works attributed to a single author by tradition are arranged to reflect the author's own chronology. One glaring exception, however, is the Solomonic Corpus, specifically the inverted chronological order of Qoheleth and Song of Songs. This paper argues for a new reading of these two works based on their placement within

