

SBL PACIFIC COAST REGIONAL MEETING

March 8–9, 2015 · Azusa Pacific University

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Venue

AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

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Sunday, March 8

Registration (Duke Lobby)

1:30–3:00

The Bible and the Ancient Near East (Duke 513)

Brad E. Kelle, Point Loma Nazarene University, Presiding

What Was Anat's Sin? Anat's Impiousness in Aqhat in Light of the David-Bathsheba-Uriah Narrative — Denise Flanders, Fuller Theological Seminary (20 mins.)

Genocide in the Ancient Near East: Did the Israelites Act Like Their Neighbors? — Charlie Trimm, Biola University (20 mins.)

Professional Literacy at Ugarit — Duane Smith, independent scholar (20 mins.)

Refugee Use of Caves in the Bible and the Ancient Near East — Jody Washburn, UCLA (20 mins.)

New Testament: Gospels and Acts I (Duke 507)

Rebecca Skaggs, Patten University, Presiding

Hear, O Israel: A Look at New Testament Soundscapes — Taylor Warren, San Francisco State University (22 mins.)

Intertextual Reading of Acts 2: Dionysiac Mania to Platonic Logos — Ilseo Park, Claremont School of Theology (22 mins.)

The Scandal of Gentile Inclusion: Reading Acts 17 with Euripides' Bacchae — Michael Kochenash, Claremont School of Theology (22 mins.)

The Plinian Paul: How Acts Narrates the Apostle as Biographical Apology to Pliny the Younger — Mark Bilby, Claremont School of Theology (22 minutes)

3:30–5:00

Hebrew Bible I (Duke 513)

Danny Mathews, Pepperdine University, Presiding

The Rape and Avenging of the Pilegish: A Threat and a Warning — Leah Griffin, Claremont Graduate University (30 mins.)

The Prayers of a (Righteous?) Man: An Investigation of the Function of the Prayers of Jonah (Jonah 2:1–9 [2–10] and 4:2–3) — Steve Mann, Azusa Pacific University (30 mins.)

What Does God See in Him Anyway? Seeing the Unseen in Samuel's Anointing of David — Tyler Duckworth, Graduate Theological Union (30 mins.)

New Testament: Epistles and Apocalypse I (Duke 507)

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

"For the Righteousness of God Is Revealed in Every Believer from Faith to Faith": Alternative Translation of Rom 1:17 and Holistic Picture of Justification by Faith — Yongbom Lee, Fuller Theological Seminary (22 mins.)

The Inception and Influence of Death and Sin in Romans and Second Temple Judaism — William Horst, Fuller Theological Seminary (22 mins.)

The Exegesis and Theology of Temptation: James 1:13–15 and 1 Cor 10:13 — Stephen R. Munzer, UCLA (22 mins.)

"Through Many Tribulations We Must Enter the Kingdom of God": Suffering and the Destination of Galatians — John Dunne, University of St. Andrews (22 mins.)

5:00–6:00

Reception (Duke Lobby)

6:00–7:30

Plenary Session (Duke 520)

Chris Heard, Pepperdine University, Presiding

The Green Scholars Initiative: Introduction and Possibilities for Pedagogy — Robert Duke, Azusa Pacific University (45 min.)

An Ancient Fragment of Romans 4:23–5:13: Deciphering MS 0220 — Randall D. Chesnutt and Ronald Cox, Pepperdine University (45 min.)

Monday, March 9

8:00–9:30

Hebrew Bible II (Duke 513)

Shelley Long, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding

Who Constitutes a True Judean? The Permanence of Judean Ethnic Boundaries in Ezra 9–10 — Diandra E. Chretien, Graduate Theological Union (30 mins.)

“Where Is Our Mother?” Two Differing Theological Perspectives on Jerusalem and Redemption in the Books of Isaiah and Ezekiel — Soo Kim, Claremont School of Theology (30 mins.)

The Boy and the Angel: Parallelism in 1 Kings 17 and 19 — Zev Hayyim Feyer, Claremont School of Theology (30 mins.)

New Testament: Gospels and Acts II (Duke 507)

Rebecca Skaggs, Patten University, Presiding

Emotion in First-Century Thought: A Working Definition Constructed and Applied to the Gospel of Mark — Richard Hicks, Vanguard University and Fuller Theological Seminary (22 mins.)

The Lord of the House/Lord of the Temple: Embodied Space in Mark 3:20–35 — James Pendleton, Fuller Theological Seminary (22 mins.)

The Source of Life and Faith in the Healing at Cana: Literary Analysis and Interpretation of John 4:46–54 — Elton Hollon, Graduate Theological Union (22 mins.)

The House Was Filled with the Fragrance: The Anointing Scene in the Fourth Gospel as a Redefinition of the Jewish Temple and Cult — Logan Williams, Biola University (22 mins.)

10:00–11:30

Hebrew Bible III (Duke 513)

Craig Anderson, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding

Priestly Instruction and a Unified Reading of Psalms 15–18 — Joel Hamme, William Carey International University (30 mins.)

Prostration: Shifting Connotations in the Pentateuch — Andrew C. Smith, Claremont Graduate University (30 mins.)

Poems in Leviticus — David Tabb Stewart, California State University at Long Beach (30 mins.)

New Testament: Gospels and Acts III (Duke 507)

Rebecca Skaggs, Patten University, Presiding

Panel Discussion of Dennis R. MacDonald, The Gospels and Homer and Luke and Vergil — Mark Bilby, Claremont School of Theology; Matthew Hauge, Azusa Pacific University; Michael Kochenash, Claremont School of Theology; Kay Higuera Smith, Azusa Pacific University
Response — Dennis R. MacDonald, Claremont School of Theology

11:45–12:30

Lunch and Business Meeting (Duke Lobby)

Chris Heard, Pepperdine University, Presiding

A boxed lunch is available for this session at an additional cost. Please indicate your attendance when registering.

12:30–1:45

Highlights from the Azusa Pacific University Libraries Special Collections (Darling Library Rotunda)

An exhibit of rare and unique items relevant to the history of the Bible and of biblical studies.

2:00–3:30

New Testament Combined Session: Debating the Existence of Jesus of Nazareth (Duke 520)

Rebecca Skaggs, Patten University, Presiding

The Historicity of Jesus: Revisiting the Question — Richard Carrier, Partners for Secular Activism (25 mins.)

The Historicity of Jesus: A Response to Richard Carrier — Kenneth L. Waters, Sr., Azusa Pacific University (25 mins.)

Response — Richard Carrier (7 mins.)

Audience Participation: Question & Answer (30 mins.)

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