

**Program for  
the 2013 Annual  
Central States Regional Meeting  
of**

**The Society of Biblical Literature  
American Schools of Oriental  
Research**

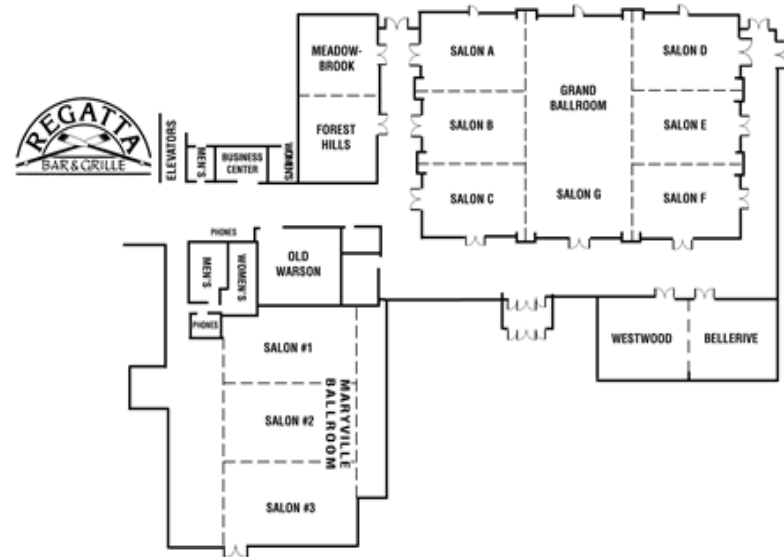
**Plenary Speaker**

**Dr. Mark S. Smith**

**Skirball Chair of Bible and Ancient  
Near Eastern Studies  
New York University**

**March 17-18, 2013**

**St. Louis Marriott West**



**Room Assignments:**

Book Display	-----	Maryville III
All Plenary Sessions	-----	Maryville I and II
ASOR	-----	Old Warson
Gender and Religious Studies	-----	Westwood
Hebrew Bible	-----	Meadowbrook
New Testament	-----	Forest Hills
Pedagogy	-----	Old Warson
Theta Alpha Kappa	-----	Meadowbrook

**Rooms subject to change; updated schedule  
will be available at the meeting registration table**

**Keynote Speaker for the 2013 Meeting:**

**Dr. Mark S. Smith**

Skirball Chair of Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies  
New York University

**"Monotheism and the Redefinition of Divinity."**

Professor Smith completed his Ph.D. at Yale in 1985, after taking Masters degrees from the Catholic University of America, Harvard Divinity School, and Yale University. He was honored as President of the Catholic Biblical Association of America in 2010-2011, and in 2011 he was elected a fellow of the American Academy for Jewish Research. He is also a two-time winner of New York University's Golden Dozen Award for excellence in undergraduate teaching and the recipient of the Frank Moore Cross award for publication, awarded by the American Schools of Oriental Research. He has authored over 100 essays and articles, including first editions of four minor manuscripts from Cave Four of the Dead Sea Scrolls. He has authored thirteen books and co-authored four others, including, most recently, *God in Translation: Deities in Cross-Cultural Discourse in the Biblical World* (2008); and *The Priestly Vision of Genesis 1* (2010)

**Message from the Regional Coordinator**

Dear Colleagues,

First, I would like to thank the various section leaders, who are responsible for putting together our various sessions: Mark Given for New Testament, John Strong for ASOR, Milton Horne for Theta Alpha Kappa, Paul Raabe for Hebrew Bible, Deborah Krause for Gender and Religious Studies, and Kristin Swanson for Pedagogy. Our own John Strong completed his service as the national coordinator of the regions and his contribution to our work has been greatly appreciated by all of us. Finally, I thank my colleague Milton Horne who, in addition to his leadership of TAK, serves as our Secretary-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. Mark S. Smith, our plenary speaker.

Third, I offer a special thanks the publishers who contributed in various ways to our book display. **Eerdmans sent a personal representative; Fortress, Zondervan, Baker, WJK and SBL have sent books for display. In addition, Fortress contributed funds to cover the costs of our first day coffee break.**

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 regions, most especially in assisting us to keep regional webpages updated. And this year they helped us again by overseeing on-line registration.

I extend my thanks to all who have contributed to the effort and supported me as Regional Coordinator for the past several years. An important item of business will be the election of a new Regional Coordinator and Secretary-Treasurer. A Nominating Committee, appointed by me, consisting of selected past Coordinators who are still active in the region (Jim Moyer, Victor Matthews, and John Strong) unanimously nominate Milton Horne to serve as Regional Coordinator. He has agreed to serve. As of the date of this program, the Committee does not yet have a nominee for Secretary-Treasurer.

Respectfully,

Brad Chance, Regional Coordinator

## Special Sessions

### Publishers Display and Bookstore

**Sunday, 1:00 pm – 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 who joined us at our meeting this year!

### Special Session I: Sunday Evening Reception (Maryville Foyer)

**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 (6:00 – 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.

**Plenary Speaker: Dr. Mark S. Smith**, Skirball Chair of Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, New York University  
**"Monotheism and the Redefinition of Divinity."**

### Special Session III: Theta Alpha Kappa

**Convener: Milton Horne**, William Jewell College

**Sunday Evening, following Special Session II (approximately 8:15 PM)**

### Special Session IV: Breakfast Planning Meeting

**Monday, 7:15 – 8:00 AM**

The various sections will meet together, select chairpersons, plan for next year's sessions, and discuss other matters, including the plenary speaker for 2014. Breakfast will be **\$10.00** (in advance only).

### Special Session V: A Conversation with Mark Smith

**Monday, 8:15-9:00 AM (Maryville I and II)**

This is an opportunity for all participants to meet with Mark S. Smith, our plenary speaker, to discuss his address and other matters of appropriate interest to the membership..

### 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 update our relationship with national SBL, now that we are an ARM (Annual Regional Meeting) of the Society.

## Chronological Schedule

### Sunday Morning

**Publishers Display and Bookstore** 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**Registration (Maryville Foyer)** 10:30 AM – 5:00 PM

**Enjoy the Coffee/Snack break hosted by Fortress Press!**

### Sunday Afternoon

**Pedagogy (12:30 – 1:20)**

**Convener: Kristin Swanson, Luther College**

**"Thinking about Pedagogy: Open Discussion and Future Planning."**

**Gender Issues and Religious Studies (1:30 – 4:30)**

**Convener: Deborah Krause, Eden Theological Seminary**

**1:30 – 2:00 Minnie Khumahlo, Eden Theological Seminary**  
"Conceiving the 'Abrahamic' Religions: Interpretations of Hagar and Sarah in Paul, Midrash and Hadith"

**2:00 – 2:30 Tachelle Rhiney, Eden Theological Seminary,**  
"My Hair is a Witness: A Womanist Reading of Luke 7 in light of an African- American Women's Spirituality of Hair Care"

**2:30 – 3:00 Cedric Portis, Third Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), St. Louis, MO**  
"Patriarchal Oppression through Punctuation in Ephesians 5:21-22"

**3:30 -4:00 Laura Patterson, Eden Theological Seminary,**  
"Modern Fan Fiction Tropes as a Tool for Reading Sexuality in 'The Acts of Paul and Thecla'"

**4:00 – 4:30 Ruth E. McDonnell, Concordia Seminary**  
"Conceptual Metaphor as a Tool for the Scriptural and Creedal Interpretation of 'Abide with Me'"

**ASOR Session I (1:30-3:00)**

**Convener: TBA**

**1:30 Jared Chatfield, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary**  
"What Are the Philistines Doing at Beth-Shean? Archaeological Implications for 1 Sam 31"

**2:00 David Villa, John Brown University**  
"Thirty Years at Abila of the Decapolis - an Overview."

**2:30 Heather Reichstadt**  
"Conserving the Past for the Future"

**Hebrew Bible Session I (2:00-5:00)**

**Convener: John T. Strong, Missouri State University**

**2:00 Joseph Ryan Kelly, Southern Seminary**  
"Is There a Text in this Discipline? Notions of Textuality in the Study of the Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East"

**2:30 Milton P. Horne, William Jewell College**  
"The Intertextuality of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes"

**3:00 Daniel L. Smith, Saint Louis University**  
"Bigger or Stronger? Reading *gbr* in the Flood Narrative and Beyond"

**3:30 Michael Kibbe, Wheaton College**  
"Godly Fear and Ungodly Failure: Israel's Request for a Mediator at Horeb"

**4:00 Brendon C. Benz, William Jewell College**  
"Political Discourse in Prophetic Utterances: The Use of Judgment Formulae in Support of Jehu's Coup"

**4:30 Angela B. Wagner, Durham University, Durham, England**  
"Why Should God Be Angry at What You Say? Some Observations on 'Theology' and Speech in Ancient Israel"

## **Sunday Afternoon Continued**

**Sunday 1:00 – 5:00, New Testament I: Paul and Acts**

**Convener: Mark Given, Missouri State University**

- 1:00 J. Bradley Chance**, William Jewell College  
“The Strong and the Weak in Rome: Insights on Moral Debate from Contemporary Cognitive and Evolutionary Psychology”
- 1:30 James Ware**, University of Evansville  
“Justified by Works: The Place of Romans 2 in Paul's Theology”
- 2:00 Robert L. Mowery**, Illinois Wesleyan University  
“1 Cor 6:1-11 and the Roman Justice System”
- 2:30 Matthew Thiessen**, Saint Louis University  
“The Fluidity of Christ’s Body: 1 Cor. 10.4 in Light of Benjamin Sommer’s *The Bodies of God*”
- 3:00 Mark D. Given**, Missouri State University  
“The End of Flesh: A Reassessment of the Peroration and Purpose of 1 Corinthians”
- 3:30 Philip Ryan**, Covenant Theological Seminary  
“Justification by Pronouns and Prepositions: An Analysis of Galatians 3:10-14”
- 4:00 Mark D. Nanos**, Rockhurst University  
“Judaizers? 'Pagan' Cults? Cynics?: Reconceptualizing the Concerns of Paul's Audience from the Polemics in Philippians 3:2, 18-19”
- 4:30 John Vonder Bruegge**, Northwestern College  
“Luke Never Consulted the Map in the Back of Your Bible, Part II: Implications of Eduard Said’s ‘imaginative geography’ for the portrayal of 1<sup>st</sup> c. Palestine in the book of Acts”

## **Sunday Evening**

**Special Session I: Sunday Evening Reception 5:00 pm – 6:00 PM**

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

**Dr. Mark S. Smith**, Skirball Chair of Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, New York University

**"Monotheism and the Redefinition of Divinity."**

**Special Session III Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society (begins at approximately 8:15 PM)**

**Convener: Milton Horne, William Jewell College**

Approximately 20 minutes per paper, plus five minutes for discussion between papers [25 minutes total]

**Michael D. Anderson**, Missouri State University

"Ishmael: Is Isaac the Truly/Only Blessed One?"

**Hannah Ebling**, William Jewell College

"Religious Pluralism"

**Gatlin Hebert**, William Jewell College

"The Cognitive Foundations of Religious Belief"

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### **ASOR Session II (9:00 – 10:30)**

**Convener: John Strong, Missouri State University**

- 9:00 Victor H. Matthews**, Missouri State University  
“Implications of Napoleon’s invasions of Egypt and Palestine on Near Eastern Archaeology,”
- 9:30 Adam Dodd**, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
“The ‘Boundary of Gezer’ Inscriptions: Reassessing Previous Models in Light of New Discoveries”
- 10:00 Richard Freund**, University of Hartford  
“The Church of the Annunciation and Mary's Well”

### **Hebrew Bible Session II (10:00 am-12:00)**

**Convener: Paul R. Raabe**, Concordia Seminary

- 10:00 Tom Hobson**, Morthland College  
“Kosher in the Greek: The ‘Snake-Fighter’ and the Giraffe?”
- 10:30 Peter A. Green**, Wheaton College  
“The Futility Curses as a Development of the Curse on Adam and Cain with Special Attention to the Vineyard/Wine Motif”

**HEBREW BIBLE CONTINUED NEXT COLUMN**

**11:00 Victor H. Matthews**, Missouri State University  
“Looking for Levites in the Book of Judges”

**11:30 Russell Meek**, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
“The Abishag Episode: Re-examining the Role of Virility in 1 Kings 1:1-4 in Light of the Kirta Epic and the Sumerian Tale of the Old Man and the Young Woman”

### **New Testament II: Gospels (9:00 – 12:00)**

**Convener: James Ware, University of Evansville**

- 9:00 Matthew Wade Umbarger**, Newman University  
“‘He was with the wild beasts’: Echoes of 1 Maccabees 2:30 and 2 Maccabees 5:27 in Mark 1:13”
- 9:30 John Lee**, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
“The Case for Mark 2:7 as an Allusion to Deuteronomy 6:4, and Its Significance for Reading the Shema Quotation in Mark 12:29-30 (cf. v. 32)”
- 10:00 Sidney A. Martin II**, Tulsa, OK  
“Christ the Conquered King: Further Reflections on the Triumph in Mark”
- 10:30 Joe Weeks**, Raytown Christian Church  
“Formal Stylometric Tendencies in the Reconstructed Text of Q”
- 11:00 René Such Schreiner**, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary  
“Spiritual Culling for Remnant in John 6: Sign, Signified, Idol & Icon”
- 11:30 Paul Hartog**, Faith Baptist Seminary  
“The ‘Exemplary’ Nature of Johannine Ethics”

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#### **New Testament III (1:00 – 5:00)**

**Convener: Mark Given**, Missouri State University

- 1:00 J. Andrew Sowers**, Harding School of Theology  
“Eschatology as Ethical Motivation in 4QInstruction”
- 1:30 John E. Christianson**, Missouri State University  
“The Centurion in History and Literature: A Context for Reading in the Gospels”
- 2:00 Steven A. Nicoletti**, Covenant Theological Seminary  
“Infant Baptism in the First-Century Presupposition Pool”
- 2:30 Jeremiah Coogan**, Wheaton College  
“Silvanus as Secretary: 1 Peter 5.12 and the Idiom *γράφω διὰ τινὸς*”
- 3:00 Michael Kibbe**, Wheaton College  
“Moses Feared and Israel Fled: Deuteronomic Historiography in Hebrews”
- 3:30 Todd R. Chipman**, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
“Divine Declaration in Militant Apocalyptic Traditions of Second Temple Judaism and the Epistle to the Hebrews”
- 4:00 Michael Leary**, Fontbonne University/Emmaus Bible College  
“The Christological Tendency of Early Christian Memory: Reassessing the Tradition History of Jude 5”
- 4:30 Tom Schmidt**, Wheaton College  
“The Rhetorical Use of Irony in the Book of Revelation”

#### **Hebrew Bible Session III (1:30-4:00)**

**Convener: Milton P. Horne**, William Jewell College

- 1:30 William P. Griffin**, Evangel University  
“Conversational Language in the Hebrew Bible”
- 2:00 James Moyer**, Missouri State University  
“Some Translational Problems in the Book of Proverbs”
- 2:30 Paul R. Raabe**, Concordia Seminary  
“Translating For Sound and For Poetic Form”
- 3:00 John T. Strong**, Missouri State University  
“Censoring the Prophetic Word: Translating Ezekiel’s Profane Speech for General Audiences”
- 3:30 Don Johns**, Evangel University  
“CEV’s Technique for Translating Poetry”

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Minutes of Business meeting  
Central States SBL, March 18-19, 2012  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Society of Biblical Literature**  
Balance Sheet - \*Regions Balance Sheet  
**740 - Central States Region**  
As of 1/31/2013

Current Year	
Assets	
Total Cash and Cash Equivalent	8,218.47
Total Assets	8,218.47
Net assets	
Beginning Net Assets	8,003.41
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	
Revenue	
Registration Fees	3,929.00
Additional Meeting Revenue	1,035.00
Regional Subvention	1,500.00
Total Revenue	6,464.00
Expenses	
Honoraria	(950.00)
Print Services	(65.44)
Fees - General	(10.00)
Internet Access/Web Pg/Domain	(9.95)
Office Supplies	(75.22)
Volunteer Transportation	(413.60)
Volunteer Meals	(69.86)
Hospitality Expenses	(4,654.87)
Total Expenses	(6,248.94)
Total Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	215.06
Total Net assets	8,218.47
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	8,218.47

1 Minutes: approved as submitted

2. Next year's meeting: preliminarily set at this hotel, needing approval. Mar 17-18, two weeks prior to Easter. Continue with this date? Silence means approval. Stay at this hotel: room rates same; food went up 3% this year, comparable next year. Still comfortable here in St. Louis? What about Springfield or KC year after next? Caldwell: so many institutions in St. Louis, but they are not coming. Open to checking it out. Moyer takes Springfield off possibility; thinks that KC is the player. Believes we should stay here because of the good rates. Strong: seconds what Jim has said. Springfield too far south. Votes for either KC or St. Louis, but prefers St. Louis. Better draw. Believes that consistence is a draw. Given favors St Louis. No guarantee we will get as good a deal in KC. Next year we will be here.

3. New business: Janet Everhart: their institution takes 15 students to Upper Midwest every year. Proposes a special section for students in addition to TAK. Have undergraduate or graduate section or both and announce it as such. Have at least one more Sun night student section, whether in form of TAK or a separate student section. Chance: TAK has restrictions that must be met. Open student section. Prefers a new section leader for each. Such-Schreiner prefers students being in the regular sections. Given opposes separate sections and favors mixing in students. Should think about lack of student participation because of perception that they cannot participate. So, why aren't students coming? PhD students: would not submit to a student session. Rather participate in a real professional session. Attract undergraduate students by providing best paper awards.

4. Treasurer's report: 1. transition of monies and transition; 2. see numbers for this year. Informal report.

5. Other matters: Strong: Thanks to Brad and Milton; but also phone conferences about our ARM. Brad put in a lot of time assisting to navigate this change. Our special thanks to Brad. Brad an invaluable assist to this process. Brad: John's leadership of the regional task force been very well. 2012 is John's leadership as the regional coordinator.