

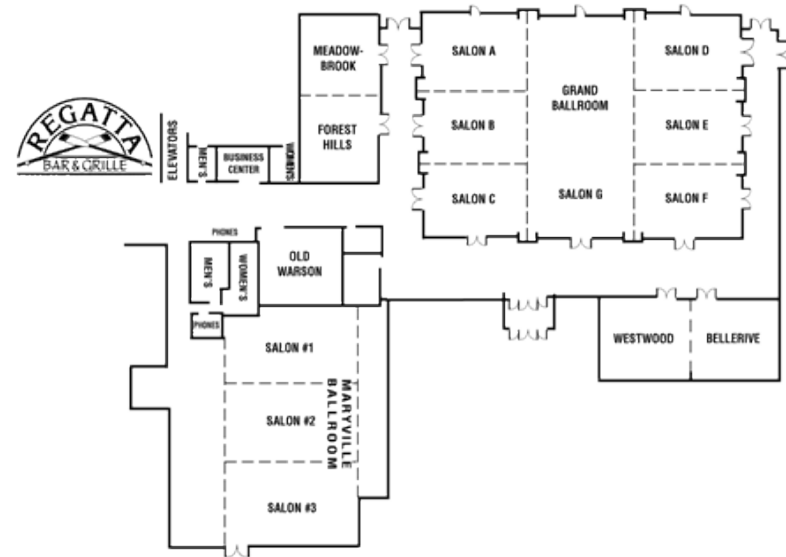
**Program for
the 2016 Annual
Central States Regional Meeting**

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

**Plenary Speaker
Dr. Carol Meyers**

**The Mary Grace Wilson Professor Emerita
Of Religious Studies at Duke University**

**March 13-14, 2016
St. Louis Marriott West Hotel**



Room Assignments:

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

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

**Keynote Speaker for the 2016 Meeting:
Dr. Carol Meyers**

The Mary Grace Wilson Professor Emerita
of Religious Studies at Duke University

**The "Gender Gap": Textual and
Archaeological Images of Israelite Women**

CAROL MEYERS, the Mary Grace Wilson Professor Emerita of Religious Studies at Duke University, has lectured and published widely in biblical studies and archaeology. Her reference work, *Women in Scripture*, is a comprehensive look at all biblical women; and her latest book, *Rediscovering Eve* (2013), is a landmark study of women in ancient Israel. She has been a frequent consultant for media productions, has served as president of SBL, and is currently a trustee of ASOR, the Albright Institute, and the Dead Sea Scrolls Foundation.

Message from the Regional Coordinator

Dear Colleagues,

Let me thank the various section leaders, who are responsible for putting together our sessions: Mark Given for New Testament, David Chapman for ASOR, Roger Cotton, Hebrew Bible, Laurel Koepf-Taylor for Gender Studies and, this year, Brad Chance for Religious Studies, jointly, Kristin Swanson and Brendon Benz for Pedagogy, Victor Matthews the regional scholar program. Some of the preparations were new assignments and joint assignments for our section leadership.

Second, I thank those who have chosen to present the fruits of their scholarship, those who gather for this meeting. Included in my thanks is an expression of gratitude to Dr. Carol Meyers, our plenary speaker. Our special thanks go to David Chapman for facilitating Dr. Meyers' participation, this year.

Third, I offer a special thanks to the publishers who contributed in various ways to our book display. **Abingdon, Baker, and Concordia, whom we welcome back for a second year, InterVarsity Press, Paulist Press, SBL, Hendrickson, and Zondervan, of course.** If I've left any out, it is because the arrangements were made after this printing.

The staff of the Marriott Hotel has been helpful, as usual, in preparing for our meeting. They have had transitions this year, so we have gotten to work with new people. However, they have shown the highest professionalism in assisting us to have a successful meeting.

Finally, SBL continues to work well with the regional coordinators, most especially in assisting us to keep regional webpages updated and keeping track of our budget. This year they helped us again by overseeing on-line registration. My thanks to Charlie Haws and Samantha Spitzner for their patient assistance in making this a successful regional gathering.

Respectfully,

Milton Horne, 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, 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 \$32.00, while supplies last.

Plenary Speaker: Dr. Carol Meyers

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of Religious Studies at Duke University

The "Gender Gap": Textual and Archaeological Images of Israelite Women

Special Session III: Theta Alpha Kappa

Conveners: Milton Horne & Brendon Benz, 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 2016. Breakfast will be \$12.00 (in advance only).

Special Session V: A Conversation with Carol Meyers

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

This is an opportunity for all participants to meet with Carol Meyers, our plenary speaker, to discuss her 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 (\$19.00 in advance; \$21.00 at the meeting). The business session will bring us up to date on concerns for our regional ARM of the SBL, including our annual financial report and prices for next year's meeting. We will also be electing new officers for the next three years.

Chronological Schedule

Sunday Morning

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

Registration (pre-registrants pick up packets) 10:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Enjoy the Coffee/Snack break hosted by Fortress Press!

Sunday Afternoon

Pedagogy, 1:30 – 2:30

**Conveners: Kristin Swanson, Luther College;
Brendon Benz, William Jewell College**

1:30 Paavo Tucker, Asbury Theological Seminary & Lipscomb University
"Teaching Biblical Hebrew for Ministers"

1:40 Olegs Andrejevs, Carthage College
"Power Point as a Retention Tool: A Work in Progress or Five Years of Trial, Error, and Success"

1:50 Brendon C. Benz, William Jewell College
"Building with Our Hands: Reclaiming the Pedagogical Power of the Black/Green/Whiteboard in an iClassroom"

2:00 Discussion

Gender Issues and Religious Studies, 1:30 – 4:30

Convener: Laurel Koepf Taylor, Eden Theological Seminary

1:30 Steed Davidson, McCormick Theological Seminary
"Bad Religion: Same Gender Lovers in Isaiah 5:1-2"

2:00 Gershon Doste, Eden Theological Seminary
"Gendered Spaces and Their Implications for the Church: Song of Songs 3:6-11"

2:30 Leah Rediger Schulte, Claremont Graduate University
"Bathsheba: Adulteress, Rape Victim, or Sanctified Mother?"

3:00 Kristin Swanson and Makayla Marinack, Luther College
"Ancient Stories, Our Stories: A Collaborative Reading of Judges"

3:30 Amy Brooks, Eden Theological Seminary
"God in Egypt and in Exile"

4:00 Discussion

Religious Studies, 3:00 - 5:00

Convener: Brad Chance, William Jewell College

3:00 Brian Matz, Fontbonne University
"The First Teacher of Double Predestination? The Seventh-Century Bishop Isidore of Seville's *Sententiae* II.2"

3:30 Jim Ware, University of Evansville
"A Framework for Teaching Biblical Hermeneutic"

4:00 Paavo Tucker, Asbury Theological Seminary
"Surely God is Good to Israel: Conceptions of the Goodness of God in the Hebrew Bible"

4:30 William Luther Martin, Independent Scholar
"Where Did David Learn to be a King?"

New Testament I, 1:30 – 5:00: Reception History of the New Testament & Related Literature

Convener: Mark Given, Missouri State University

1:30 Daniel L. Smith, Saint Louis University
"Tested in the Wilderness at the End of Days: The Reception of the Israelite Wilderness Traditions during the Second Temple Period"

- 2:00 Jacob J. Prahlow**, Saint Louis University
“Composite Early Christian Sources? The Words of Scripture in *First Clement*”
- 2:30 James Ware**, University of Evansville
“Decreation vs. New Creation: The ‘Heavenly Man’ in Philo and in Paul (1 Cor 15:45-49)”
- 3:00 Jared Saltz**, Hebrew Union College
“Good, Evil, and the Eastern Reception of Philo’s ‘Root’”
- 3:30 Paul M. C. Elliott**, Hebrew Union College
“The Use of Philo in Ambrose’s Letters”
- 4:00 Becky Walker**, Saint Louis University
“Gregory of Nyssa’s Understanding of 2 Cor 5.21 in His Works against Eunomius: The Ideas of Identification and Exchange”
- 4:30 Leslie Baynes**, Missouri State University
“Beyond Allegory: The Subtlety of C. S. Lewis’s Use of the Bible in *The Chronicles of Narnia*”

Hebrew Bible I, 1:30 - 5:00

Convener: Roger Cotton, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

- 1:30 Andrew Bartelt**, Concordia Seminary
“A Closer Look at the *‘almah*: An Oft-Overlooked Translational Problem in Isaiah 7:14”
- 2:00 Pamela L. Idriss**, Oral Roberts University
“An Exegesis of Genesis 16:13 Emphasizing Hagar and the Theophany”
- 2:30 Terry Kleven**, Central College, Pella, Iowa
“Robert Alter’s Analysis of the Erotic Poetry of the *Song of Songs* in *The Art of Biblical Poetry*”

- 3:00 Jackie Smith**, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary
“The Unusual Case of the Spirit of Yahweh and Gideon”
- 3:30 Victor Matthews**, Missouri State University
“Is Rahab’s Hospitality a Counter Theme to *Herem* in Joshua 2 and 6?”
- 4:00 Sharon Love**, Hebrew Union College
“Mrs. Yahweh?: Rethinking Asherah’s Role in Israel in Light of Her Status”
- 4:30 Jim Moyer**, Missouri State University
“Let Your Curse Be on Me, Gen 27:13”

ASOR Session I, 3:00 - 5:00

Convener: David W. Chapman, Covenant Theological Seminary

- 3:00 Joseph Hwang**, Asbury Theological Seminary
“An Iconographic-Biblical Approach to the Wings of Vultures in Exodus 19:4”
- 3:30 Jared Chatfield**, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
“LB Canaanite Continuity into Iron I Levant: An archaeological consideration of Judges 1:27-36”
- 4:00 Ted Carruth**, Lipscomb University
“The Rise and Demise of Khirbet Mudaybi”
- 4:30 John Strong**, Missouri State University
“The Edomite Incursion of the Beersheba-Arad Valley”

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Sunday Evening

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

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"Gender Gap": Textual and Archaeological Images of Israelite Women

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

**Conveners: Milton Horne, William Jewell College
Brendon Benz, William Jewell College**

Approximately 20 minutes per paper for presentation and discussion

Group I

Matthew Wells, Central College

"A Comparison of Maimonides and Kant on the Fall of Man"

Rebecca Schaefer, William Jewell College

"A Brief Inquiry into the Self and Free Will"

Hunter Thorpe, Central College

"Philosophical Notions of Right and Law in Middle-Eastern Political Regimes"

Abby Bland, William Jewell College

"Churches as Institutions (501c3): A Socio-Cultural Perspective."

Group II

Jeremiah Smith, William Jewell College

"Who Were the Philistines and Where did They Go?"

Alex Dressman, William Jewell College

"A Call to Memory/Remember: Amos' Appeal for Israelite Social Order"

Caroline Wells, William Jewell College

"Liberation, Economics, and the Kingdom of God"

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Monday Morning

Special Session IV: Breakfast Planning Meeting

Monday, 7:15 – 8:00 AM

Special Session V: A Conversation with Carol Meyers

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

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ASOR Session II, 9:30 - 11:30

Convener: Victor H. Matthews, Missouri State University

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"Marriage Laws in Ancient Mesopotamia"

10:00 Paul Mirecki, University of Kansas
"An acrostic omen list from Roman Egypt"

10:30 David W. Chapman, Covenant Theological Seminary
"Thessalonica in the First Century and the Ministry of Paul"

11:00 Carrie Elaine Duncan, University of Missouri – Columbia
"Architectural evidence for Christians in the late Roman army"

Hebrew Bible II, 9:30-12:00

Convener: Roger Cotton, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

9:30 Jim Wilson, Asbury Theological Seminary
"Help Wanted: The Role of the 'Levite in Your Gates' in Deuteronomy"

10:00 Drew Holland, Asbury Theological Seminary
"Are They Not Written?: An Examination of the Deuteronomistic Historian's Access to The Chronicles of the Kings"

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- 10:30 Lisa Ward**, Bangor University
“Zerubbabel and the Foundation Stone”
- 11:00 Jonathan Wilken**, Oral Roberts University
“When The Day of The Lord Comes: A Critical And Exegetical View of The Septuagint of Joel 3:1-5”
- 11:30 Matthew Monkemeier**, Wheaton College
“A Righteous God and a Savior: Salvation for Israel and for the Nations in Isaiah 45:18–25”

New Testament II: Paul/Acts, 9:00 – 12:00

Convener: James Ware, University of Evansville

- 9:00 Matthew Monkemeier**, Wheaton College
“What Then Is ‘The Advantage of the Jew’? A Linguistic Re-examination of τὸ πλεονεκτημα τοῦ Ἰουδαίου in Romans 3:1”
- 9:30 William V. McDonald**, Oral Roberts University
“The Will of the Lord: New Insights into Romans 12:1-2”
- 10:00 David Armstrong**, Missouri State University
“The Pneumatic Eucharist: Paul’s Sacramental Theology in 1 Corinthians”
- 10:30 Trevor Thompson**, University of Chicago
“Intentional Ambiguity: The Rhetoric of 2 Thessalonians”
- 11:00 Jim Wilson**, Asbury Theological Seminary
“I Have Built You an Eschatological House: Classifying Acts 1-7 as an Eschatological Temple Building Report”
- 11:30 Kevin Burr**, Asbury Theological Seminary
“Which ‘Most High God’? *Theos Hypsistos* in Acts 16”

Monday Afternoon

Special Session VI: Monday Plenary Business Session

Lunch and Business Meeting

Monday, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

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New Testament III, 1:00 – 4:00

Convener: Mark D. Given, Missouri State University

- 1:00 Troy Martin**, Saint Xavier University
“The Septuagintal Background of New Testament Hope”
- 1:30 Olegs Andrejevs**, Carthage College
“The Authorship and Date of the Final Edition of Q”
- 2:00 Katia Motzeva**, Oral Roberts University
“The Beatitudes of Jesus—A Second Temple Legacy”
- 2:30 Ben Nickodemus**, Concordia Theological Seminary
“A Middle Space for the Gentiles: Ethnic Reasoning in James 1:1”
- 3:00 Matthew C. Easter**, Missouri Baptist University
“Faith in the God who Resurrects: The Theocentric Faith of Hebrews”
- 3:30 Matt Kimbrough**, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
“Watch Out! A Literary Sub-Genre Analysis of the Hebrews: Warning: Passages in Light of the Warnings of Deuteronomy”
- 4:00 Seth Whitaker**, Oral Roberts University
“The Hope of Hebrews: Jewish-Christian Dialogue through Apostolic Tradition and Rabbinical Judaism in the Epistle to the Hebrews”

Hebrew Bible III, 1:00 - 3:00

Convener: Roger Cotton, Assemblies of God Seminary

- 1:00 Amie Littrell**, Saint Paul School of Theology
"Yahweh's Retributive Nature and the Origin of the Divine Punishment Cap in Exodus 34:7"
- 1:30 David Melvin**, McKendree University
“The Poor, the Orphan, and the Gods: Psalm 82 and Deuteronomistic Theology”
- 2:00 Brendon Benz**, William Jewell College
“The Destruction of Hazor: Israelite History and the Construction of History in Israel”
- 2:30 Caleb Gilmore**, Hebrew Union College
“Blurred Lines: Mixed Metaphor, Motif, and Myth in Ezekiel 16”

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**Minutes of Business meeting
Central States SBL, March 22-23, 2015**

St. Louis, Missouri

The meeting was held at the St. Louis Marriott West, March 22-23, 2015.

Total attendance was 64, of which 43 were preregistered and 21 were registered onsite. Of the 43 preregistered, 24 were members, 3 were non-members, and 16 were students. Of the 21 registered onsite, 9 were members, 3 were non-members, and 9 were students. Total onsite receipts were \$850 plus \$46 total book sales.

The section leaders were: Mark Given for New Testament, David Chapman for ASOR, Roger Cotton for Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, Laurel Koepf-Taylor for Gender and Religious Studies, and Kristin Swanson and Brendon Benz as co-chairs for Pedagogy.

The keynote plenary speaker was Dr. Ross Wagner of Duke Divinity School, who spoke on the topic: “ ‘Beloved, on account of their ancestors’ (Romans 11:28): Paul, Scripture and the Faithfulness of God.” The book display included IVP, Fortress, Zondervan, Baker, Concordia Publishing House, and Hendrickson.

There were 43 individual papers presented in the various sections, six of which were given for the Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society. Current officers were reaffirmed: Horne as Regional Coordinator and Raabe as Treasurer.

For the past three years the Central States regional has been running in the red. The balance in the checking account for 2015 has been about \$4300. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13-14, 2016.

Submitted by Paul R. Raabe, Secretary Treasurer

Central States Region - 740

		<u>7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013</u>	<u>7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014</u>	<u>7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015</u>	<u>7/1/2015 - 12/31/2015</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues						
Book Sales						
Book Sales	52100	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>48.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>48.00</u>
Total Book Sales		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>48.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>48.00</u>
Contributions / Grants						
Contributions and Gifts	54000	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Total Contributions / Grants		<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Congresses						
Registration Fees	53100	2,205.00	3,234.00	3,766.84	0.00	9,205.84
Exhibit Fees/Display	53300	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Other Meeting Revenue	53900	<u>996.00</u>	<u>869.75</u>	<u>843.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,708.75</u>
Total Congresses		3,201.00	4,103.75	4,609.84	200.00	12,114.59
Other						
Regional Subvention	58000	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>
Total Other		<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>
Total Revenues		<u>4,701.00</u>	<u>5,803.75</u>	<u>6,157.84</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>16,862.59</u>
Expenses						
Professional fees						
Honoraria	62100	1,700.00	950.00	1,050.00	0.00	3,700.00
Fees - General	62610	<u>10.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Total Professional fees		1,710.00	960.00	1,050.00	0.00	3,720.00
Communication						
Internet Access/Web Pg/Domain	63210	<u>9.95</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9.95</u>
Total Communication		9.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.95
Equipment and supplies						
Office Supplies	64100	<u>114.51</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>114.51</u>
Total Equipment and supplies		114.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	114.51
Meetings, training, and travel						
Volunteer Transportation	66112	914.01	475.07	283.54	0.00	1,672.62
Volunteer Meals	66132	69.86	49.62	40.50	0.00	159.98
Hospitality Expenses	66500	4,452.94	0.00	9,048.32	0.00	13,501.26

Other Meeting Expenses	66950	<u>63.05</u>	<u>4,652.13</u>	<u>-4,652.13</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>63.05</u>
Total Meetings, training, and travel		5,499.86	5,176.82	4,720.23	0.00	15,396.91
Credit Card Processing Fee						
Bank Charges/Late Fees	69100	0.00	0.00	182.72	38.10	220.82
Total Credit Card Processing Fee		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>182.72</u>	<u>38.10</u>	<u>220.82</u>
Total Expenses		<u>7,334.32</u>	<u>6,136.82</u>	<u>5,952.95</u>	<u>38.10</u>	<u>19,462.19</u>
Increase (Decrease)		<u>-2,633.32</u>	<u>-333.07</u>	<u>204.89</u>	<u>161.90</u>	<u>-2,599.60</u>