



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW ENGLAND REGION

**SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE AND
AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH**

Friday, April 24, 2009
Andover-Newton Theological School
210 Herrick Road
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Registration: http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/rm_newengland.aspx
Directions: <http://www.ants.edu/about/directions.htm>

8:15 – 4:30 BOOK DISPLAY (Wilson Lobby)

8:15 – 9:00 REGISTRATION: COFFEE & DANISH (Stoddard Foyer)

9:00 – 10:15 MORNING SESSIONS

(A.1) Dating Biblical Texts and Manuscripts (Davis 101)

Presiding: R. Bradley Holden, Yale University Divinity School

John C. Beckman, Harvard University
“Linguistic Dating of the Song of the Sea (Exod 15)”

Stephen Kim, University of Pennsylvania
“Contact Linguistics and Ecclesiastes”

Judy Weiss, Jewish Theological Seminary
“How the Study of Masorah Can Help Date a Manuscript”

(A.2) Sex and Gender in the Hebrew Bible (Davis 301)

Presiding: Julie Faith Parker, Yale University

Corinne E. Blackmer, Southern Connecticut State University
“No-Name Wives: Nonce Attribution, Incestuous Procreation, and Absurdist Humor in Genesis 6-9”

Nicole Ruane, Portsmouth, New Hampshire
“Jephthah and Genealogy”

Bruce Herzberg, Bentley University
“Deborah as Moses”

(A.3) The Hebrew Bible in Later Jewish and Christian Interpretation (Davis 202)

Presiding: James C. Walters, Boston University

Elizabeth Morton, McGill University
“The Role of Ecstasy in Philo’s Allegorical Account of Abraham’s Migration”

Laress L. Wilkins, Regis College
“The *Ethnos* Motif: An Intertextual Case Study of Jeremian Reception in Matthew’s Gospel”

Gene McGarry, Somerville, MA
“Rival Constructions of Early Israelite History in the Enneateuch and the Book of Acts”

(A.4) Early Christian Literature (Davis 203)

Presiding: Karen King, Harvard Divinity School

Andrew Salzmann, Boston College
“The Lord of History in Justin Martyr: How Jesus Differs from Aristotle in the Soteriology of an Early Christian”

Courtney Wilson VanVeller, Boston University
“Free Will and the Construction of Christian Identity: Chrysostom on Romans 9-11”

Sarah Wagner-Wassen, St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary
“The Jewish Literary Backgrounds of the *Protoevangelion of James*”

(A.5) The Hebrew Bible in the Ancient Near East (Davis 302)

Presiding: William H. Krieger, University of Rhode Island

Richard Jude Thompson, Harvard University

“The *ade* of the Empire of ^dAS, the ‘Holy One,’ and the *berit* of YHWH, the ‘Holy One of Israel’ *qedos yisra’el*”

Chaviva Edwards, University of Connecticut

“Exodus 32 and the Sin at Sinai: A Reconsideration of the Golden Calf”

Jesse Rainbow, Harvard University

“Royal Hunting and Biblical Israel: Did They or Didn’t They?”

(A.6) Literary Criticism of the Hebrew Bible (Davis 102)

Presiding: Jon D. Levenson, Harvard Divinity School

Mark Leuchter, Temple University

“The Midianites in Genesis 37: Rethinking the Source-Critical Model”

Emily Jaeger, Brandeis University

"Psalm 93: Context and Composition History"

Kevin Mattison, Brandeis University

"The Promise to Jacob and the Naming of Bethel: Form-Critical Considerations in Gen 28:10-22"

10:30 – 11:30 PLENARY SESSION (Stoddard Hall)

Dr. Jo Ann Hackett, Professor of the Practice of Biblical Hebrew and Northwest Semitic Epigraphy at Harvard University’s Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations:

“What Did the Canaanites Know and When Did They Know it?
An Epigrapher's View of Earliest Israel and its Neighbors”

11:45 – 1:00 LUNCH (Cafeteria)

12:00 – 1:00 SPECIAL SESSION:
GRADUATE STUDENT LUNCH AND PANEL (Upper Noyes)

“The Job Market: 2009 and Beyond”

Featuring:

Dr. Harold Attridge, Dean of Yale Divinity School and Lillian Claus Professor of New Testament;
Dr. Susan Setta, Chair of the Dept. of Philosophy and Religion, Northeastern University; and
Dr. Roy Ciampa, Chair of the Division of Biblical Studies, Gordon-Conwell Theological
Seminary.

Each panelist will make a brief presentation, followed by a Q & A period moderated by David Eastman, Yale University. *Students who have ordered lunch will pick it up at the cafeteria before proceeding to the session in Upper Noyes.*

1:15 – 2:30 PLENARY SESSION (Stoddard Hall)
NE SBL PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Dr. Eldon Epp, Harkness Professor of Biblical Literature Emeritus, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences Emeritus at Case Western Reserve University, and frequent Visiting Professor of New Testament at Harvard Divinity School:

“What’s the Use of Textual Criticism? Refined Definitions and Fresh Directions”

Dr. Eldon Epp, Harkness Professor of Biblical Literature Emeritus, Dean of Humanities and Social Science Emeritus at Case Western Reserve University, and Visiting Professor of New Testament at Harvard Divinity School: “What’s the

Introductory Remarks by **Dr. Harold W. Attridge**, Dean of Yale Divinity School and Lillian Claus Professor of New Testament.

2:40 – 3:30 AFTERNOON SESSIONS

(B.1) Biblical Hermeneutics (Davis 201)

Presiding: Amelia Devin Freedman, University of Massachusetts, Lowell

Kenneth G. C. Newport, Liverpool Hope University, UK

“Texts, Contexts and Costly Interpretations: A (Wrongly) Neglected Aspect of Biblical Studies?”

Yii-Jan Singh, Yale University

“Ethnic Minority Hermeneutics: Reaching Beyond Textual Analysis”

(B.2) Ancient Israel (Davis 202)

Presiding: Claire Sufrin, Northeastern University

Julie Faith Parker, Yale University
“Old Economic Woes: A New Look at Debt Slavery in the Hebrew Bible”

Gene McGarry, Somerville, MA
“Half-Manasseh and the Geography of the Priestly Settlement Account”

(B.3) New Testament (Davis 101)

Presiding: Susan Setta, Northeastern University

C. Thomas Fraatz, Boston College
“Sleeping Through the Apocalypse: The Intratextual Relationship of Mark 13:32-37 and 14:32-42”

Jonathan Kaplan, Harvard University
“Comfort, O Comfort Corinth: Grief and Comfort in 2 Corinthians 7:5-13a”

(B.4) Second Temple Literature (Davis 303)

Presiding: Jennifer Knust, Boston University

R. Bradley Holden, Yale University Divinity School
“Susanna: East of Eden”

Christopher Stroup, Boston University
“A Reexamination of the Sons of the Dawn in CD 13.14”

3:30 – 4:30 CLOSING RECEPTION (Peck Room)