
**SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE
PACIFIC COAST REGION**

SBL/PCR 2011 CALL FOR PAPERS

DUE DATES:

Call for papers opens: June 1, 2010

Call for paper closes: October 4, 2010

Decisions: November 30, 2010

Application for Awards: December 1, 2010

The 2011 meeting of the Pacific Coast Region of the Society of Biblical Literature will be held jointly with the Western Region of the American Academy of Religion and American Schools of Oriental Research on March 27-28, 2011 at Whittier College, in Whittier, California. Members wishing to present papers should email a one-page abstract (300 words max.) to the appropriate program unit chair. First-time presenters must submit complete papers. All graduate students are encouraged to submit complete papers. Papers from established scholars are particularly encouraged.

For further information on the call for papers, or questions about an area of study not covered in program units, contact the SBL/PCR Regional Coordinator: Mignon R. Jacobs, Fuller Theological Seminary, jacobs@fuller.edu.

PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-registration information will be available at <http://www.sjsu.edu/wecor/> in January 2011. SBL membership is required for registration and participation in the program. For membership inquiries visit: <http://www.sbl-site.org/>.

FUND FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP (FTE). FTE will sponsor a workshop for graduate students to be held on Saturday, March 26, 2011. Registration at the conference is required for participation in the workshop. A limited number of scholarships are available to workshop participants. To apply for this workshop visit FTE at <http://www.thefund.org/>.

SBLPCR PROGRAM UNITS

(Proposals and participation forms are to be submitted
via e-mail to the program unit chairs)

EARLY JEWISH/CHRISTIAN RELATIONS.

This session invites papers on issues of the Early Jewish/Christian relations. Send papers or abstracts via e-mail to: Randall D. Chesnutt, Religion Division, Seaver College, Pepperdine University, chesnutt@pepperdine.edu.

HEBREW BIBLE

The Hebrew Bible/Old Testament section invites proposals for papers focusing on any portion of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, interpretive methodology for its study, its historical and cultural contexts, its reception history, and other relevant studies. Please send proposals or papers (as appropriate for your membership status) via e-mail to Christopher Heard, Pepperdine University, at christopher.heard@pepperdine.edu.

JUDAISM IN THE GRECO ROMAN ERA

Proposals on any aspect of Judaism between the late Persian period and the compilation of the Mishnah are welcome: textual, historical, theological, cultural, literary, archeological, methodological, or some combination. Send papers or abstracts via e-mail to Randall D. Chesnutt, Religion Division, Seaver College, Pepperdine University, chesnutt@pepperdine.edu.

NEO-ASSYRIAN INSIGHTS ON ANCIENT ISRAEL AND THE HEBREW BIBLE

Theme: Archaeology at the Intersection of Assyriology, Israelite History, and Biblical Studies.

The Neo-Assyrian Insights on Ancient Israel and the Hebrew Bible unit invites proposals for 5-10 minute presentations to be included in a panel discussion. Papers should engage relevant aspects of the study of archaeology in conjunction with Assyriology, Israelite history, and biblical literature. Papers will be read and the presenters will participate in a panel discussion on the session's theme. The session will include some invited presentations. Send papers and abstracts via e-mail to Brad E. Kelle, Point Loma Nazarene University, bradkelle@pointloma.edu.

JOINT SESSION: Hebrew Bible Section and The Neo-Assyrian Insights on Ancient Israel and the Hebrew Bible Section:

Theme: "Hebrew Bible Prophets and Neo-Assyrian Studies"

This session invites proposals for 20-minute papers that explore various aspects and intersections of the study of the Hebrew Bible's prophetic literature in conjunction with Neo-Assyrian research, particularly Neo-Assyrian prophecy and other historical, sociological, and religious dimensions of the Neo-Assyrian Empire. For more information, Send papers and abstracts via e-mail to Brad E. Kelle, Point Loma Nazarene University, bradkelle@pointloma.edu or Christopher Heard, Pepperdine University, at christopher.heard@pepperdine.edu.

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLES AND APOCALYPSE

We invite papers that deal with texts and address methodological issues surrounding the critical study of New Testament epistolary and apocalyptic literature. Send papers or abstracts via e-mail to Kenneth L. Waters, Azusa Pacific University, kwaters@apu.edu.

NEW TESTAMENT TEXTS AND TRADITIONS

We invite papers dealing with topics in the areas of New Testament texts and traditions. Send papers or abstracts via e-mail to Rebecca Skaggs, Patten University, mjskaggs@aol.com.

QUMRAN

We invite papers dealing with topics in any area of the Dead Sea Scrolls or the archaeological site at Qumran. Send papers or abstracts via e-mail: Hannah K. Harrington, Patten University, at hkharrington@sbcglobal.net

OPEN SESSION

Invites papers on topics covering ANE, Hebrew Bible, NT, or Early Christianity or a combination of these categories. Send papers or abstracts via e-mail to Mignon R. Jacobs, Fuller Theological Seminary, jacobs@fuller.edu.

SBL/PCR AWARDS

All participants are required to submit a paper to the appropriate unit chair by October 4, 2010. Faculty members are encouraged to nominate students or recent graduates with the understanding that the student or graduate must submit a paper for consideration.

Regional Scholar Award Program

Award: One prize of \$400 in one of the following areas: Hebrew Bible/History of Israel, or New Testament/Early Judaism or Qumran. The winner's paper will be submitted as the nominee to the national selection committee. The regional nominee is eligible for consideration to be one of the Regional Scholars.

Requirement: Submit paper to one of the program units by October 4, 2010. Designate the paper as "Submission for Regional Scholar Program." Send a copy of the paper and current CV to: Regional Coordinator, Mignon R. Jacobs by December 1, 2010.

Eligibility: SBL members who have earned a doctoral degree within the past four years or who is at the ABD stage of a doctoral program. Paper must be accepted to one of the program units for the 2011 regional meeting.

Criteria for evaluation:

Paper: Demonstrated *knowledge of scholarly resources and publications* related to the topic of the paper

Use and knowledge of the primary sources related to the topic of the paper

Clarity of written expression

Use of scholarly practices of annotation

Originality of ideas and solutions developed in the paper

Presentation—Communication skills, ability to interact with the audience, appropriate use of visual aids, etc.

Regional Nominee will be announced following the regional conference (by May 10, 2011).

Student Essay Award

Award: One prize of \$250 in one of the following areas: Hebrew Bible/History of Israel, or New Testament/Early Judaism, Qumran

Requirement: Paper must be submitted to one of the program units by October 4, 2010 and designated as a "Student Essay Prize Submission." Professors wishing to nominate doctoral or master's students may submit papers via email to the Regional Coordinator, Mignon R. Jacobs by December 1, 2010.

Eligibility: SBL member. Papers accepted to one of the program units for presentation at the 2011.

Criteria for evaluation:

Paper: Demonstrated *knowledge of scholarly resources and publications* related to the topic of the paper

Use and knowledge of the primary sources related to the topic of the paper

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Presentation—Communication skills, ability to interact with the audience, use of visual aids, etc

Ineligibility for Award: The same paper submitted for both awards; the same paper submitted more than once for any award. An individual submitting multiple papers for consideration within the same program year.