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**SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE  
PACIFIC COAST REGION**

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**SBL/PCR AWARDS**

All participants are required to submit a paper to the appropriate unit chair by October 2, 2009. 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:* Papers in the areas of Hebrew Bible/History of Israel, or New Testament/Early Judaism or Qumran. One candidate will be selected and his/her paper will be submitted for national Society's Regional Scholar Award Selection Committee.

*Requirement:* Submit paper to one of the regional program units by October 2, 2009.

Designate the paper as "Submission for Regional Scholar Program." Send a copy of the paper to: Regional Coordinator, Mignon R. Jacobs by December 1, 2009.

*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 regional program units for 2010 conference.

*The Regional Selection Committee will use the following criteria for evaluation:*

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

*Critical thinking*

*Presentation*—Clarity and skills in interacting with the audience

The regional candidate will be announced by April 15, 2010. That candidate will receive \$400 from SBLPCR to support scholarly work. The Regional coordinator will forward the name of the candidate, paper and CV to the Society's Regional Scholar Award Selection.

*National recognition:* The Society's Regional Scholar Award Selection Committee will select up to six scholars and notify them by August 31, 2010. The Regional Scholar will:

- receive the Regional scholar award of \$1000 to support attendance at the SBL Annual meeting
- submit his/her paper for consideration to the appropriate national program unit for the 2011 meeting.
- attend the Regional Scholar dinner at the national SBL Annual Meeting and briefly summarize (2-3 minutes) his/her paper

**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 2, 2009 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, 2009.

*Eligibility:* SBL member. Papers accepted to one of the program units for 2010.

*Criteria for evaluation:*

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

***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.