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**SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE  
PACIFIC COAST REGION**

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**SBL/PCR 2010 CALL FOR PAPERS**

**DUE DATES:**

*Call for papers opens: April 30, 2009*

*Call for paper closes: October 2, 2009*

*Application for Awards: December 1, 2009*

The 2010 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 13-15, 2010 at the Arizona State University, in Tempe, Arizona. Members wishing to present papers should email an abstract (350 words max.) to the appropriate program unit chair. First-time presenters must submit completed papers. All graduate students are encouraged to submit completed papers. All abstract must be sent with a program participation form.

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](mailto:jacobs@fuller.edu).

**PROGRAM UNITS**

**Neo-Assyrian Insights on Ancient Israel and the Hebrew Bible**

The Neo-Assyrian Insights on Ancient Israel and the Hebrew Bible unit invites 10-15 minute papers that identify and briefly discuss material (a scholarly work, ancient Near Eastern text, theoretical treatment) and the significance for study of the intersections among Assyriology, biblical studies, and Israelite-Judean history. Papers will be presented followed by an audience discussion focused on the theme of readings and resources and the implications for subsequent scholarship. The session will include some invited papers. Send papers or abstracts via e-mail to Brad E. Kelle, Point Loma Nazarene University, [bradkelle@pointloma.edu](mailto:bradkelle@pointloma.edu).

**Early Jewish/Christian Relations.**

This session invites papers on issues of the Early Jewish/Christian relations. Send papers or abstracts via e-mail to: Judy Yates Siker, San Francisco Theological Seminary, [jsiker@sfts.edu](mailto:jsiker@sfts.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](mailto: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](mailto:chesnutt@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](mailto: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, [RSkaggs@patten.edu](mailto:RSkaggs@patten.edu).

### **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](mailto: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 Beth Alpert Nahkai, University of Arizona, [bnakhai@email.arizona.edu](mailto:bnakhai@email.arizona.edu).

## 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.

#### **PRE-REGISTRATION**

Pre-registration information will be available in December 2009. SBL membership is required for registration and participation in the program. For membership inquiries visit: <http://www.sbl-site.org/>.