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Regional Meeting

April 24-26, 2009

**Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma,
Washington**

The 2009 Regional Meeting of the Pacific Northwest AAR/SBL and ASOR is a bit more than two months away! In this newsletter you will find important information about the meeting. We look forward to seeing you in Tacoma!

**Pacific Lutheran University – Our Host
Institution**

Pacific Lutheran University was founded in 1890 by a group of mostly Norwegian Lutherans from the Puget Sound region. They were led by the Reverend Bjug Harstad, who became PLU's first president. These pioneers recognized the important role that a Lutheran educational institution on the Western frontier of America could play in the emerging future of the region. They wanted the institution to help immigrants adjust to their new land and find jobs, but they also wanted it to produce graduates who would serve church and community. Education-and educating for service-was a venerated part of the Scandinavian traditions from which these pioneers came.

Today Pacific Lutheran University is a comprehensive university with an enrollment of about 3,600 students. As a member of the Associated New American Colleges, PLU is

committed to the integration of liberal arts studies and professional preparation. A dynamic academic program features five professional schools and selective graduate programs that maintain a strong liberal arts emphasis at their core. PLU is the only Northwest university to be listed every year within the top 15 Western region universities in the "Best Colleges" survey, published annually by U. S. News & World Report.

PLU has remained closely affiliated with the Lutheran church and is now a university of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. PLU cherishes its dedication to educating for lives of service, as well as its distinguished and distinctive academic program that emphasizes curricular integration and active learning.

Future Meetings:

2009 Somewhere in Western Canada
2010 Somewhere East of the
 Cascades in Washington or Oregon

If you and your institution would be willing to host a regional meeting, please contact DougMcGaughey, Executive Secretary; dougmc@willamette.edu. Thank you!

Registration:

Registration will be on-line again this year. Your gateway to registration for the meeting is:

<http://www.aarweb.org/Jump/Reg/PN>

You may have to copy and paste this url into your web browser.

While the host for this system is the American Academy of Religion in Atlanta, all participants (AAR, SBL, ASOR members and nonmembers) can use the system. On-line registration is now available and will be operative until midnight of April 15th. Pre-registering will allow you to purchase meal tickets for the luncheon and banquet on Saturday. You will also be able to register (by CHECK OR CASH – no credit cards) on-site at PLU. **There will be no meal tickets for the luncheon and banquet available on site – only by pre-registration.**

Important Note: Once you have registered, you should receive confirmation of your registration

by email. If you register and do **NOT** receive a confirmation email, please notify Doug immediately!

If you are not able to use the on-line system to register, please contact Doug: (dougm@willamette.edu).

Program:

The preliminary program is available on-line under the "Program" tab at:

<http://www.pnw-aarsbl.org/index.htm?title=Info&bar=infobut.htm&main=time.htm>

You may have to copy and paste this url into your web browser.

Program Highlights:

Rob Hauck from Gonzaga University will be delivering our annual **Presidential Plenary** address on Friday evening, April 24th. Rob's topic will be: "When Hercules Meets the Philippian Jailer: The Moral Dimensions of Salvation in Early Christianity and the Hellenistic World." Join us after dinner to hear our esteemed president and meeting host!

The annual **ASOR Plenary** at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 25th, will be a lecture by **Beth Alpert Nakhai** from the University of Arizona. Her topic is: "Ancient Near Eastern Mother-and-Child Figurines" -- Ceramic figurines, motherhood, and religion in Late Bronze Age Canaan and Iron Age Israel are discussed for the purpose of reconstructing the lives of women in antiquity.

Our **Banquet Speaker** this year (Saturday evening, April 25th) will be **Barbara R. Rossing** from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Topic: TBA

Housing: We have blocked conference rooms at two hotels within a 10 to 15 minute drive from campus. Since the block of rooms will be released at our conference rate on March 24th, **it is imperative that you book your room by the 23rd of March!!**

The following url connects you with the room reservation options, which include a full breakfast, at our two hotels. The hotels are directly across the parking lot from one another.

DEADLINE FOR BOOKING ROOMS AT CONFERENCE RATE: MARCH 23RD:

<http://www.pnw-aarsbl.org/index.htm?title=Info&bar=infobut.htm&main=time.htm>

You may have to copy and paste this url into your web browser.

Meals: Reservations for Saturday lunch (the annual business meeting) and Saturday banquet are to be made and paid for on the pre-registration site for the meeting. **No meal tickets for these two meals will be available on site.**

REGION'S AUTHORS BOOK DISPLAY TABLE

Once again, we will have a table available in the Book Display area for the region's authors to place their works on display. Encourage your publisher to rent a table, as well.

Any suggestions for publishers who might welcome an invitation to display at our meeting are warmly received. Contact: Alicia Batten, PNW SBL Regional Coordinator, Department of Religious Studies
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Sudbury, Ontario
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Breakfast with Region Authors: In light of logistic difficulties, we will not be able to host our "Breakfast with Region Authors" Sunday as we did last year. We will resume the practice, hopefully, at the University of Victoria next year.

Snail Mail and Email Addresses: The region does not keep its own list of snail mail and email addresses. We obtain those from our respective national offices. If you or someone you know is a member of AAR, SBL, and/or ASOR but do/does not receive notices by snail mail or email from the region that is because your/her/his addresses are not up-to-date in the respective national office. Please, contact the organization to make the appropriate corrections.

SBL REGIONAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

SBL members presenting a paper at the meeting may wish to be considered for the Regional Scholars Program. To qualify as a candidate for this award, the applicant must be either ABD or no more than 4 years past receipt of the PhD. The applicant must present a paper at the SBL regional meeting, and then submit the paper and a complete CV (both in electronic and hard copy) to the Regional Coordinator after the meeting. Applicants should inform the Regional Coordinator prior to the meeting that he or she intends to apply for the award. If selected as a winner by the National Society's Regional Scholar Award Selection Committee, the winner receives \$1000 in support of attendance at the Annual SBL Meeting, and will be honored at the Regional Scholars Dinner at the Annual Meeting. The winner is also strongly encouraged to submit a proposal to the Annual Meeting in the year following his or her selection. For more

information, contact Alicia Batten, PNW SBL Regional Coordinator, Department of Religious Studies
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2009 STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION
THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION
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Awards for Outstanding Student Papers in the Fields of Biblical Studies and Religious Studies:

- (2) \$100 awards for winning graduate papers
- (2) \$100 awards (1st Place) and (2) \$50 awards (2nd place) for winning undergraduate papers

Submissions must meet the following criteria to be considered:

- no more than 5,000 words (including footnotes) for undergraduate papers
- no more than 7,000 words (including footnotes) for graduate papers
- in 12 point font and double spaced
- formatted according to either JAAR or JBL guidelines
- free of clerical or grammatical errors

Submissions should include:

- one paper copy
- one electronic version in standard word processing format, without author information. Submit author information in a separate file.
- a brief letter of support from a Pacific Northwest Region AAR, SBL, or ASOR faculty member;
- name, home mailing address, social security number/social insurance number, educational institution, graduate or undergraduate status

Submit by March 15, 2009 to:

Dr. Robert Hauck
Religious Studies Department, AD 57
Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA 99258-0057
E-mail: hauck@gonzaga.edu

Awards will be announced at the Pacific Northwest AAR/SBL and ASOR Regional Meeting, Pacific Lutheran University, April 24-26, 2009. Students need not be present to win.