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Greetings from the Executive Committee of the PNW AAR, SBL, and ASOR! Thanks to a productive visit to Pacific Lutheran University by Alicia Batten, our region's Treasurer/Secretary, and Tony Finitsis, our campus host, the annual meeting for next April 24-26, 2009, is taking shape. ***Information on registration and housing will appear in our February newsletter.*** This newsletter contains the call for papers for the annual meeting, the procedure for the submission of paper proposals to our Program Units, a list of our officers, announcement of the Student Paper Contest, announcement of the SBL Regional Scholars program, and a call for nominations and volunteers.

Annual Meeting
April 24-26, 2009
Pacific Lutheran University
Tacoma, Washington

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.

Call for Papers

The call for papers for our annual meeting is available at the following website.

http://www.aarweb.org/About_AAR/Regions/Pacific_Northwest/call.asp

(Copy and paste to your web browser if clicking doesn't work)

Paper Proposals

Send a paragraph (150 words) proposal by email to the Program Unit chair(s) by January 16, 2009. Because of technical difficulties, we are not using the web paper submission system this year.

PLEASE, REMEMBER TO INDICATE YOUR TECHNOLOGY NEEDS with your paper proposal!

Due date: January 16, 2009

For the purposes of the electronic receipt of messages from the region, please be sure that your email address is accurate with the AAR (Atlanta), SBL (Atlanta), and ASOR (Gloria London – galondon@earthlink.net).

Call for Nominations and Volunteers

The work of our region is done entirely by volunteers, and I am particularly grateful for all of the work done on the part of the Program Unit Chairs, the Student Paper Competition Committee, the SBL Regional Scholars Committee, the Nominating Committee, and the Executive Committee! We have a constant need, however, for new faces and new ideas. If you know of someone whom you would like to nominate or if you yourself would like to be considered for service in the region, we would be delighted! For the Executive Committee (e.g., this year we will be electing a new President from our SBL membership and the Executive Director) or membership on the Nominating Committee, please

contact Priscilla Pope-Levinson (popep@spu.edu), chair of the Nominating Committee. For service as chair of one of the Program Units, please contact the respective Program Unit Chair.

MEETING VENUE 2010

University of Victoria, BC, Conference Centre: May 7-9, 2010

MEETING VENUE 2011

We're eager for a site east of the Cascades ... Volunteers, contact Doug!

PNW Regional Officers 2008-2009

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President: Rob Hauck (Gonzaga University; hauck@gonzaga.edu), (AAR) - 1-year term

Vice-President: Linda Schearing (Gonzaga University, schearing@calvin.gonzaga.edu); President Elect (SBL) – 1-year term

Past President: Paul N. Anderson (George Fox University, panderso@georgefox.edu) (2008-2009; SBL) - 1-year term; serves on Nominating Committee

Executive Secretary/Regionally Elected Director: Doug McGaughey (Willamette University; dougwillamette.edu) (2008-2011; AAR) - 3-year term; one term renewal (second term)

Secretary-Treasurer: Alicia Batten (Pacific Lutheran University; battena@plu.edu) (2004-2007; SBL) - 3-year term; one term renewal (first term)

ASOR Representative: Gloria London (Director, Tall al-'Umayri Teachers' Institute; glondon@earthlink.net) (2007-2010) - 3-year term; one term renewal (second term)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Priscilla Pope-Levinson, (Seattle Pacific University; popep@spu.edu), (Chair, 2006-2010; Term, 2007-2010)

Paul N. Anderson (George Fox University, panderso@georgefox.edu) (2008-2009; SBL) - 1-year term, past President
Rob Hauck (Gonzaga University; hauck@gonzaga.edu) (2007-2010)
Ron Clark (Metro Church of Christ, Portland, OR; ronmetro@juno.com) (2006-2009)
Jim Linville (Lethbridge University; james.linville@uleth.ca) (2006-2009)
Dennis Jowers (Faith Seminary, Tacoma; djowers@faithseminary.edu) (2006-2009)

STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION:

Robert Hauck (Gonzaga University; hauck@gonzaga.edu), Coordinator (2003-2006); (2006-2009)

REGIONAL SCHOLARS COMMITTEE (SBL):

Alicia Batten (Pacific Lutheran University; battenaa@plu.edu) (SBL, Executive Officer)
Paul Anderson (George Fox University; panderso@georgefox.edu) (Program Unit Chair, NT & Hellenistic Religions)
Heidi Szpek (Central Washington University; szpekh@cwu.EDU) (Program Unit Chair, Hebrew Bible)
Gloria London (Director, Tall al-'Umayri Teachers' Institute; glondon@earthlink.net) (Archaeology of the Ancient Near East)

PROGRAM UNIT CHAIRS:

Archaeology of the Ancient Near East

Gloria London (Director, Tall al-'Umayri Teachers' Institute; glondon@earthlink.net) (first term; 2004-2007)

Asian and Comparative Studies

Nick Gier (University of Idaho; ngier@uidaho.edu) (third term; 2008-2011)

Hebrew Bible

Heidi Szpek (Central Washington University; szpekh@cwu.EDU) (first term; 2006-2009)

History of Christianity/North American Religions

Suzanne Crawford (Pacific Lutheran University; suzanne.crawford@plu.edu) and Priscilla Pope-Levison (Seattle Pacific University; popep@spu.edu), co-chairs (2006-2009)

Interreligious Dialogue with the Natural Sciences

Paul Ingram (Pacific Lutheran University; poingram@comcast.net) and Mark Unno (University of Oregon; munno@darkwing.uoregon.edu), co-chairs (second term; 2006-2009)

New Testament and Hellenistic Religions

Paul Anderson (George Fox University; panderso@georgefox.edu) (second term; 2006-2009)

Religion and Society

Kevin O'Brien (Pacific Lutheran University; obrienlu.edu) (first term; 2008-2011)

Theology and Philosophy of Religion

Dennis Jowers (Faith Seminary; djowers@faithseminary.edu) and Mari Kim (ABD Emory University; mkim08@emory.edu), co-chairs (2006-2009)

Women and Religion

Ardy Bass (Gonzaga University; bassa@gonzaga.edu) (second term; 2006-2009) and Kendra Irons (George Fox University; kironso@georgefox.edu) (first term; 2006-2009)

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 University of Sudbury 935 Ramsey Lake Road Sudbury, Ontario P3E 2C6 Canada

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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.