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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday Evening Reception March 25, 5:45-6:30PM



S25-6 Plenary 6:45-8:15PM

Theme: The Bible and Film

Robert K. Johnston, Fuller Theological Seminary

"Is 'Reel' Spirituality a Real Spirituality?"

Research suggests that 20% of Americans turn to media, arts, and culture as their primary means of "spiritual expression and growth." It should not be surprising, therefore, that a growing number of books tout the spiritual potential of movies with such titles as *God in the Movies*, *Screening the Sacred*, and *How Movies Saved My Soul*. Johnston will explore: How might we understand this claim, and how might we find the Old Testament an important conversation partner in the dialogue?

Robert K. Johnston is Professor of Theology and Culture at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena CA, where he teaches students how to engage both biblically and theologically with movies, popular culture, and contemporary fiction. A co-director of Fuller's Reel Spirituality Institute and a past president of the American Theological Society, Johnston's books include: *Reframing Theology and Film: New Focus for an Emerging Discipline* (editor, 2007); *Useless Beauty: Ecclesiastes through the Lens of Contemporary Film* (2004), *Finding God in the Movies* (2004, co-authored with Catherine Barsotti), *Reel Spirituality* (2000, 2006), and *The Christian at Play* (1983, 1997). He is the former provost, both at North Park University in Chicago, and at Fuller Seminary.

Monday, March 26



S26-3 SBL PCR Presidential Address 10:00-11:30AM

Gary Gilbert, Claremont McKenna College
Labeling the Convert in Late Antique Judaism

Gary Gilbert is Associate Professor of religious studies at Claremont McKenna College, in Claremont, CA, where he teaches Jewish studies and comparative religions, with an emphasis on ancient Judaism and Jewish-Christian relations. Dr. Gilbert has published widely on Jewish-gentile relations in the Roman period, particularly on the involvement of gentiles in Jewish religious and social life, and on the appropriation of Roman political rhetoric in Luke-Acts. His publications include: "Jewish Involvement in Ancient Civic Life: the Case of Aphrodisias" (*Revue Biblique*); "Empire and Identity in Early Christianity" in *The Multivalence of Biblical Texts and Theological Meaning*, (Scholars Press); "*The Passion of the Christ*: Mel Gibson's Depiction of Jesus and Jews," in *After The Passion is Gone: American Religious Consequences* (Altamira Press); "Jews in Imperial Administration and the Dating of the Aphrodisias Inscription," (*Journal for the Study of Judaism*); "Roman Propaganda and Christian Identity in the World-view of Luke-Acts," in *New Perspectives on Luke-Acts* (Scholars Press and E. J. Brill).

Also note worth is Dr. Gilbert's book: *Contested Empires: Roman Propaganda and the Writing of Luke-Acts* (Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix)

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2012

REGISTRATION 10:00AM-5:00PM (Arts Sci Foyer)

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M25-1 SBLPCR Executive Board Meeting

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M25-2 SBLPCR Program Unit Chairs Lunch Meeting

2:15-3:45 PM SESSIONS

□ S25-1 HEBREW BIBLE I (Lucas Hall 309)

Theme: Women in Genesis

Christopher Heard, Pepperdine University, *Presiding*

Jacob Rennaker, Claremont Graduate University

The Eve of Creation: How Interpreters Viewed the Mother of All Living
(30 mins)

Craig Anderson, Azusa Pacific University

The Rape of Dinah and the Politics of John Hyrcanus (30 mins)

Carolyn Patterson, Claremont Graduate University

Legitimacy and Inheritance: Bilhah, Zilpah, and the Pilegsh Question (30 mins)

□ S25-2 JUDAISM IN THE GRECO-ROMAN ERA (Lucas Hall 310)

Randall D. Chesnutt, Pepperdine University, *Presiding*

Ashley Bacchi, Graduate Theological Union

Ptolemy IV: The Straw Man Villain in III Maccabees (30 mins)

David L. Matson, Hope International University

Translating Ioudaios as 'Judean': The Special Case of I Thessalonians 2:14 (30 mins)

Honora Howell Chapman, California State University, Fresno

'Where they make a desert, they call it peace': Judean and Roman Identity in the First Century (30 mins)

4:00-5:30PM SESSIONS

□ S25-3 NEO-ASSYRIAN INSIGHTS ON ANCIENT ISRAEL

AND THE HEBREW BIBLE (Lucas Hall 309)

Theme: Ancient Women in Text, Archaeology, and Iconography

This session features a panel discussion, including audience interaction, by several scholars and archaeologists that will identify a set aspects related to the study of women in the ancient world.

Brad E. Kelle, Point Loma Nazarene University, *Presiding*

Panelists:

Ronald S. Hendel, University of California, Berkeley

Laurie Pearce, University of California, Berkeley

Aaron Brody, Pacific School of Religion

Tammi J. Schneider, Claremont Graduate University

□ S25-4 NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLES AND APOCALYPSE (Lucas Hall 310)

Kenneth L. Waters, Azusa Pacific University, *Presiding*

Alice Yafeh-Deigh, Azusa Pacific University

Sin, Sex, and Marriage: Toward A Decolonizing Reassessment of Augustine's Interpretation of 1 Corinthians 7 (22 mins)

Ross P. Ponder, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California

'Caught Up to the Third Heaven...into Paradise': the Legitimizing Function of Paul's Apocalyptic Vision in Antiquity (22 mins)

Philip Erwin, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California.

'Synagogue of Satan' as Polemic and Identification: A Discursive Reading of Rev 2:9 and 3:9 (22 mins)

Kenneth L. Waters, Azusa Pacific University

Ordering Chaos: Revisiting Style and Structure in the Apocalypse of John (22 mins)

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□ S25-6 SBLPCR Plenary Session *Theme: The Bible and Film*

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☐ S26-1 OPEN SESSION (Lucas Hall 309)

Tim Finlay, Azusa Pacific University, *Presiding*

James Petitfils, University of California, Los Angeles

Ignatian Exempla: Ignatius of Antioch on Leadership in light of the Roman Discourse of Exemplarity (30 mins)

Ryan N. Roberts, University of California, Los Angeles

Records of Ruin in Middle Assyrian Building Inscriptions: Propaganda or Problems in the Textual and Archaeological Record? (30 mins)

J. R. Daniel Kirk, Fuller Theological Seminary

Reconfiguring Divine Identity Christology (30 mins)

☐ S26-2 QUMRAN (Lucas Hall 310)

Simon Yoo, Santa Clara University, *Presiding*

Jacob Rennaker, Claremont Graduate University

A Community of "Adams" Returning to Eden: Song 13 of the Songs of Sabbath Sacrifice (30 mins)

Hannah Harrington, Patten University

Body as Sanctuary in the Dead Sea Scrolls (30 mins)

Craig Evan Anderson, Azusa Pacific University

The Veracity of 4QJoshA within the Disputed Placement of the Covenant Ratification Ceremony in the Book of Joshua" (30 mins)

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Labeling the Convert in Late Antique Judaism

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☐ M26-1 SBLPCR Lunch Business Meeting (Lucas Hall 309)

Mignon R. Jacobs, Fuller Theological Seminary, *Presiding*

1:30-3:00PM SESSIONS

☐ S26-4 HEBREW BIBLE II (Lucas Hall 309)

Theme: Person and Place in the Deuteronomistic History

Christopher Heard, Pepperdine University, *Presiding*

Kyung Sik Park, Claremont School of Theology

Hyper-Heroization, De-Heroization, and Trans-Heroization: A Narrative Reading of Judges 9 (30 mins)

Garrett Galvin, Franciscan School of Theology

Jeroboam as a Fugitive and Refugee in the Hebrew Bible: The Motif of Journey (30 mins)

Gary Arbino, Golden Gate Seminary

What Is For You Here?: Geography and Setting in the Elijah Narratives (30 mins)

☐ S26-5 NEW TESTAMENT TEXTS AND TRADITIONS (Lucas Hall 310)

Rebecca Skaggs, Patten University, *Presiding*

Jeff Cate, California Baptist University

The Greek New Testament Manuscripts in California (22 mins)

Matthew Hauge, Azusa Pacific University

The katabasis of Jesus in the Lukan Corpus (22 mins)

Joseph Hyung S. Lee, Regent College

Temple Christology in New Creation: Genesis 28:12 in John 1:51 (22 mins)

Kathryn Smith, Azusa Pacific University

Mary's Magnificat Through a Postcolonial Optic (22 mins)

3:15-4:45PM SESSION

□ S26-6 HEBREW BIBLE III (Lucas Hall 309)

Theme: Magic, Mesopotamia, and the Hebrew Bible

Christopher Heard, Pepperdine University, *Presiding*

Duane Smith, Independent scholar

*The Divining Snake: Reading Genesis 3 in the Context of Summa Alu
Tablets 22-26 (30 mins)*

Melissa Ramos, University of California, Los Angeles

The Magical Background of Deuteronomy 27-28 (30 mins)

Ryan Roberts, University of California, Los Angeles

*Reevaluating Leonine Imagery in Amos 1:2 in Light of a Neo-Assyrian
Parallel (30 mins)*

Program Participants

Anderson, Craig E.
Arbino, Gary
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Institutions Represented on the Program

Azusa Pacific University
California Baptist University
California State University, Fresno
Claremont School of Theology
Claremont Graduate University
Claremont McKenna College
Fuller Theological Seminary
Franciscan School of Theology
Golden Gate Seminary
Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California.
Hope International University
Pacific School of Religion
Patten University
Pepperdine University
Point Loma Nazarene University
Regent College
Santa Clara University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Los Angeles

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