



ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

New England and Eastern Canada Regional Meeting of the *Society of Biblical Literature*
April 15, 2016
Andover-Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Massachusetts

We welcome paper proposals in the following areas:

- (1) Hebrew Bible
- (2) Ancient Israel and Ancient West Asia
- (3) New Testament
- (4) Ancient Christianity
- (5) Ancient Judaism
- (6) Thematic Session: Gender Constructs and Crossings

Email proposals, with “NE / EC SBL Paper Proposal” in the subject line, to the Regional Coordinator, Amelia Devin Freedman, at amelia.devin.freedman@gmail.com. Indicate clearly the unit to which you are submitting your proposal. We will not accept more than one proposal per person for the final program.

Your proposal should be in the form of a 300-word abstract, including your name, institutional affiliation, and SBL membership status (regular or student). You must send your proposal by **February 1, 2016** to be considered for the program. If this is your first paper proposal for an SBL meeting, you must also submit the full version of the paper (3500 words).

All those selected to present at the meeting must preregister in order to be included on the program. Online registration will be available by **February 15, 2016** on the NE / EC Region’s page on the SBL website, at https://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/rm_newengland.aspx

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Presidential Address: Saul M. Olyan, Samuel Ungerleider Jr. Professor of Judaic Studies and Professor of Religious Studies, Brown University, “Ritual Violence in the Hebrew Bible: Its Contours, its Social Dimensions”

Panel Discussion: “How Has Theory Contributed to My Work?” with Dale Martin (Yale University), Laura Nasrallah (Harvard Divinity School), Brian Rainey (Princeton Theological Seminary), and David Wright (Brandeis University)

FOR GRADUATE STUDENT MEMBERS

Graduate student lunch and discussion: “Alternatives to ‘Traditional’ Academia”

The academic job market is tight, and full time, tenure-track positions are few. Are there other employment options out there for Biblical scholars? Join us as we explore this question with a panel of scholars working outside of the “traditional” model. For more information, please contact the Regional Student Coordinator, Clint Burnett, at davidclintburnett@gmail.com.

Best Student Paper Award: The NE / EC Region will give an award for the best student paper delivered at the meeting.

If you would like your paper considered for this award, please note the following deadlines:

February 1: notify the Regional Coordinator, at amelia.devin.freedman@gmail.com, of your intention to submit a paper

April 1: email the final version of your paper to the Regional Coordinator

Eligibility:

- SBL member
- Paper accepted to one of the program units for 2016

Criteria for evaluation:

- Demonstrated knowledge of scholarly resources and publications related to the paper topic
- 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

FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS

The NE / EC Region will give a Regional Scholar Award for the best paper delivered by a junior member of the SBL at the meeting.

The Regional Executive Committee may also nominate the NE / EC Regional Scholar for a national SBL award and the opportunity to present his or her paper at the Annual Meeting.

If you would like your paper considered for this award, please note the following deadlines:

February 1: notify the Regional Coordinator, at amelia.devin.freedman@gmail.com, of your intention to submit a paper

April 1: email your current CV, the final version of your paper, and all handouts, slides, etc. to the Regional Coordinator

More information about the SBL Regional Scholar Award, including eligibility and criteria for evaluation, is available at <http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/regionalMeetings.aspx>