

Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society

March 10-11, 2016

Mohican Lodge, Perrysville, Ohio

Plenary Speakers

Presidential Address: Susan E. Haddox, Ph.D.

March 10, 5:25 pm



Negotiating Identity in Judges through a Gendered Lens

Throughout the book of Judges, issues of identity feature prominently. In contrast to the unified conquest and tribes portrayed in Joshua, the period of the judges involves continual struggles with the surrounding peoples and questions of who qualifies as Israelite. With each of the judges, different aspects of identity are explored through complex frames of gender. Variant performances of masculinities and femininities represent shifting boundaries of identity.

Susan E. Haddox is Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies at University of Mount Union in Alliance, OH, where she also serves as Co-Director of the Honors Program. She has written numerous articles relating to masculinity studies in the Hebrew Bible. Her book *Metaphor and Masculinity in Hosea* was published by Peter Lang in 2011. She is currently writing about the interrelationship of gender, identity, and violence in Judges.

Guest Speaker: Ken Stone, Ph.D.

March 10, 8 pm



Reading Goat Skins: The Significance of Animal Studies for Biblical Interpretation

“Animal studies” have recently generated considerable interest in the humanities and social sciences. Yet the impact of animal studies on biblical scholarship has been much less significant to date. Drawing on a larger project on the Hebrew Bible and what Jacques Derrida called “the question of the animal,” Stone will explore some of the ways in which engagement with interdisciplinary animal studies can contribute to biblical interpretation. Such engagement may help us rethink the Bible’s material and social history, as well as the history of Israel; particular biblical texts, such as the Genesis Jacob narratives; biblical discourses of gender and ethnicity, and other matters as well.

Ken Stone is Professor of Bible, Culture, and Hermeneutics at Chicago Theological Seminary, where he also serves as Academic Dean. He is the author or editor of several books, including *Practicing Safer Texts: Food, Sex, and Bible in Queer Perspective* (T.&T. Clark, 2005) and *Bible Trouble: Queer Reading at the Boundaries of Biblical Scholarship* (Society of Biblical Literature, 2011), as well as numerous articles and essays. In addition to continuing to explore the intersection of biblical studies with gender and queer studies, Stone is currently finishing a book on the Hebrew Bible and animal studies.

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