

#### SBL23-4 African-American Biblical Hermeneutics Section 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Review: Biblia Africana

Gosnell Yorke, University of South Africa, Presiding

Panelists:

Michelle Taylor, Huntingdon College (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Emerson Powery, Messiah College (20 min)

Valerie Bridgeman-Davis, Memphis Theological Seminary (20 min)

Andrew Mbuvi, Shaw University (20 min) Business Meeting (30 min)

#### SBL23-5 Archaeological Excavations and Discoveries: Illuminating the Biblical World Section

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: Current Excavations Related to the Study of the Bible

Elizabeth Bloch-Smith, Saint Joseph's University, Presiding

Stefan Münger, University of Bern Kinneret: A Nonbiblical City in the Land of the Bible (35 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Israel Finkelstein, Tel Aviv University

Megiddo Update: The Late Bronze and
Iron Ages (35 min)

Discussion (10 min)

P. M. Michèle Daviau, Wilfrid Laurier University

Israel's Eastern Neighbors: Ammonites and Moabites in Central Jordan (35 min)

Discussion (25 min)

### SBL23-6 Art and Religions of Antiquity Section

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: The Iconography of the Border: Non-Christian, Non-Jewish Images from Antiquity

- J. Patout Burns, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
- A. J. Droge, University of Toronto From Divus to Deus: The New Ideology of the Augustan Forum (25 min)

John J. Herrmann, Boston Museum of Fine Arts

Demeter-Io-Isis in Samaria-Sebaste (25 min)

Zsuzsanna Gulacsi, Northern Arizona University

A Non-Christian Jesus: The Late Ancient Roots of Manichaean Jesus Iconography (25 min)

Annewies van den Hoek, Harvard University

Divine Twins or Saintly Twins: The Dioscuri in an Early Christian Context (25 min)

Felicity Harley McGowan, University of Melbourne

Iconography of the Crucifixion in Late Antiquity (25 min)

Discussion (25 min)

### SBL23-7 Asian and Asian-American Hermeneutics Group

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Seung-Ai Yang, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Uriah Y. Kim, Hartford Seminary Reading the Story of David with Asian Americans (25 min)

Marilou Ibita, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

The Lukan Jesus at Table: A Lowland Filipino Christian Reading (25 min)

Jeffrey Staley, Seattle University
"Come Over and Help Us": Toward a
Postcolonial Reading of Biblical Imagery
in the WHMS Oriental Home National
Fundraising Tour, 1908–1909 (25 min)

Julius-Kei Kato, King's University College-Ontario

Discovering the Canon as a "Hybrid Persona": Asian-North American Hermeneutical Conversations with Canonicity (25 min)

### SBL23-8 Bakhtin and the Biblical Imagination Section

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Christopher Fuller, Carroll College-Helena, Presiding

Edith T. A. Davidson, Oneonta, NY Bakhtin's Carnival-esque-Grotesque in the Book of Judges (15 min)

Emily O. Gravett, University of Virginia God as a Necessary Authority in Wisdom Literature: A Critique of Carol Newsom's "Polyphonic" Bakhtinian Reading (15 min)

Cameron S. Mckenzie, Providence College Putting YHWH In His Place: Bakhtin, the Chronotope, and Spatial Trialectics (15 min) Raj Nadella, Adrian College (Un)likely Bedfellows: A Hybrid Reading of the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (15 min)

Jason J. Ripley, Saint Olaf College Double-Voiced Discourse, Hidden Polemic, and the Johannine Community (15 min)

Discussion (45 min)

Papers will be summarized; for full versions, please check the Bakhtin website after 1 November 2008.

### SBL23-9 Bible and American Popular Culture Section

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Ruben Dupertuis, Trinity University, Presiding

Michael Gilmour, Providence College (Canada)

Arcade Fire's Parodic Bible (30 min)

Linda S. Schearing, Gonzaga University Redeeming the Unredeemable: Fallen Angels and the Nephilim in Popular Culture (30 min)

Jacques Berlinerblau, Georgetown University Barack and the Bible (30 min)

Valarie Ziegler, DePauw University and Mark Holwager, DePauw University "They've Given You a Number and Taken Away Your Name": Gnostic Themes in The Prisoner, Television's Ultimate Cult Classic (30 min)

Business Meeting (30 min)

# SBL23-10 Bible in the Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Traditions Section 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: The Old Testament as Authoritative Scripture in the Early Churches of the East

Michael Legaspi, Creighton University, Presiding

J. Edward Walters, Abilene Christian University Son of Man, Son of God: Aphrahat's "Biblical" Christology (15 min)

Merja Merras, The University of Joensuu, Finland Ephraem the Syrian and the Authority of

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Bryan A. Stewart, Valparaiso University Levitical Paradigms for Christian Bishops: The Old Testament Influence on Origen of Alexandria (15 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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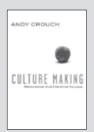


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Jonathan Loopstra, The Catholic University of America

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Theme: The Rhetorical Use of Biblical Law in the New Testament and Related Early Christian Texts

Richard Averbeck, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Presiding

Ian H. Henderson, McGill University Torah-gnomai in Argumentation in the Jesus-Tradition: A Marcan Sample (35 min)

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Theme: The Theology of the Psalter

Patrick D. Miller, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

J. Clinton McCann, Eden Theological Seminary

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Terence Fretheim, Luther Seminary, Respondent (30 min)

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Theme: Colossians and Empire

Robert M. Royalty Jr., Wabash College The Rhetoric of Difference and the Appeal to Empire in the Disputed Pauline Epistles (30 min)

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Discussion (30 min)

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#### 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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Paul Elbert, Church of God Theological Seminary, Presiding

Thomas L. Brodie, Dominican Biblical Institute, Limerick Facing Death and Drawing Followers (Luke 9:51–62): An Adaptation of Elijah (1 Kings 19; 2 Kings 1:1–2:5) Not of L or Q (30 min)

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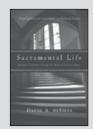
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Troxel, LXX Isaiah as

Translation and Interpretation (Brill)

Leonard Greenspoon, Creighton University, Presiding (15 min)

Panelists:

- Arie van der Kooij, Leiden University (20 min)
- J. Ross Wagner, Princeton Theological Seminary (20 min)
- Albert Pietersma, University of Toronto (20 min)

Response:

Ronald L. Troxel, University of Wisconsin-Madison (30 min)

Discussion (45 min)

### SBL23-18 Hebrew Bible and Political Theory Consultation

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

- Steven Grosby, Clemson University, Presiding (10 min)
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- Mira Morgenstern, City College New York Text, Nation-Making, and Violence: Rousseau's Lévite d'Ephraïm (30 min)
- Francis Borchardt, University of Helsinki Jewish and not Jewish: The Renegades in 1 Maccabees (30 min)
- Rob Barrett, Durham University/ Westminster Theological Centre Freedom and Coercion of Israel in Deuteronomy: An Exploration in Light of Isaiah Berlin and Emile Durkheim (30 min)

#### SBL23-19 Hebrew Bible, History, and Archaeology Section 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Brian C. Jones, Wartburg College Why the Cities of the Pentapolis Lay North, Not South, of the Dead Sea (30 min) Andrew B. Tobolowsky, Trinity College-Dublin

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### SBL23-20 Hebrew Scriptures and Cognate Literature Section

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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#### SBL23-21 Joint Session: History of Interpretation Section / Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures Section

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Book Review: Michael Fishbane, Sacred Attunement: A Jewish Theology (University of Chicago)

Carol Bakhos, University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding

Panelists:

Israel Knohl, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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#### Response:

Michael Fishbane, University of Chicago Divinity School

#### SBL23-22 How to Get Hired 9:00 AM-10:00 AM

#### Presented by the SBL's Student Advisory Group and New Career Center

Erin Vearncombe, University of Toronto, Presiding

Panelists:

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### SBL23-23 Iconography and the Hebrew Bible Consultation

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: Methodologies in Iconographic Studies

- Brent A. Strawn, Emory University, Presiding
- Joel M. LeMon, Emory University What Are Iconographic Approaches? (30 min)
- Izaak J. de Hulster, University of Utrecht What Do Iconographic Approaches Yield? A Taxonomy of Historical Iconographic Exegesis's Contributions (30 min)
- Mark S. Smith, New York University
  From Blessing to Damnation: Questions
  and Explorations for Iconography and
  Texts (30 min)
- Martin Klingbeil, Helderberg College Mapping the Literary to the Literal Image: A Comparison between Submetaphors of the ëGod is a Warriorí Metaphor in the Hebrew Psalter and Attributes of the Warrior-God in ANE Iconography (30 min)
- Annette Weissenrieder, San Francisco Theological Seminar Images as Communication: The Dove (30 min)

### SBL23-24 Ideological Criticism Section 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: Beyond Ideology

Jan Tarlin, Capital University, Presiding Esther Fuchs, University of Arizona Beyond Ideology? The Neo-Liberal Turn in Recent Feminist Biblical Scholarship (30 min)

Jorunn J. Buckley, Bowdoin College Unwelcome Fieldwork: Lady E. S. Drower on Oriental Jews and Christians (30 min)

- Randall Reed, Appalachian State University Limited: The Challenge of Ideology in the Biblical Ideological Criticism Movement (30 min)
- Janet L. R. Ross, McMaster University The Ideological Beyond: Experiences of Death Equivalents in Biblical Scripture (30 min)

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### IGNTP23-25 International Greek New Testament Project

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: New Research on the Text of John's Gospel

- D. C. Parker, ITSEE, University of Birmingham, Presiding (5 min)
- Hugh Houghton, ITSEE, University of Birmingham New Discoveries for the Old Latin Text of John (20 min)
- P. H. Burton, ITSEE, University of Birmingham, U.K. What Is an Old Latin Manuscript? (20 min)
- Bruce M. Morrill, ITSEE, University of Birmingham Manuscript Groupings in the Gospel of John (20 min)
- Roderic L. Mullen, ITSEE, University of Birmingham Photius: A Reevaluation of the Johannine Evidence (20 min)

Business Meeting (60 min)

### SBL23-26 Israelite Prophetic Literature Section

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: Relative Efficacy of Divine Punishment and Restraint

- Stuart Lasine, Wichita State University, Presiding
- Richard J. Bautch, St. Edward's University Divine Restraint in Ezekiel's Covenant of Peace (35 min)
- H. Junia Pokrifka, Azusa Pacific University Is Cultic Sacrifice an Efficacious Means of Divine Mercy in the Prophetic Literature? (35 min)
- Mark J. Boda, McMaster University Divinity College

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John T. Strong, Missouri State University A Shameful Death: Burying Egypt in Judah's Stead in Ezekiel 32:17–32 (35 min)

Discussion (10 min)

### SBL23-27 Johannine Literature Section 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

- Colleen Conway, Seton Hall University, Presiding
- Kasper Bro Larsen, University of Aarhus John 4:4-42 as Recognition Scene: Challenging Current Consensus (30 min)
- Susan Miller, University of Aberdeen "They Shall Look on Him Whom They Pierced" (John 19:37): Visuality in the Fourth Gospel (30 min)
- Stephen P. Ahearne-Kroll, Methodist Theological School in Ohio Birth and Memory: Platonic and Johannine Epistemologies in Dialogue (30 min)
- Judith Stack-Nelson, Princeton Theological Seminary Two Stories of Two Storeys (30 min)
- Ismo Dunderberg, University of Helsinki Sin and Sinlessness in 1 John: Theory and Practice (30 min)

### SBL23-28 Latino/a and Latin American Biblical Interpretation

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: What Does it Mean to Be a Latino/a Biblical Critic?

Eric Barreto, Emory University, Presiding *Panelists:* 

- Efrain Agosto, Hartford Seminary (15 min) Hector Avalos, Iowa State University (15 min)
- Alejandro Botta, Boston University (15 min)
- David Cortes-Fuentes, San Francisco Theological Seminary (15 min)
- Leticia Guardiola-Sáenz, Seattle University (15 min)
- Francisco Lozada Jr., Brite Divinity School (15 min)
- Jean-Pierre Ruiz, Saint John's University (15 min)
- Osvaldo Vena, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (15 min)

### SBL23-29 Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Section

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: Focus on the Biblical Hebrew Verb

W. Randall Garr, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

- Frank H. Polak, Tel Aviv University Hebrew hayah: Etymology, Bleaching, and Meaning Potential (30 min)
- Nicolai Winther-Nielsen, Copenhagen Lutheran School of Theology Exploring Hebrew Stems by Class (30 min)
- Brian L. Webster, Dallas Theological Seminary and Jill Zwyghuizen, Dallas Theological Seminary Stative Verbs in the Psalter (30 min)
- Richard C. Benton, University of Wisconsin-Madison Transitivity and the Biblical Hebrew Niphal and Hitpael (30 min)
- Rachel Eitan, Ben Gurion University of the Negev and Amir Eitan, Ben Gurion University of the Negev "Give" Structures in the Book of Numbers: A Case Study of Information Structure in Biblical Hebrew (30 min)

### SBL23-30 Literature and History of the Persian Period Group

9:00 AM-11:45 AM

Theme: Ethnicity and Judean Identity in the Persian Period

Saul Olyan, Brown University, Presiding

Gary N. Knoppers, Pennsylvania State University

The Construction of the Judean Diaspora in Ezra-Nehemiah (30 min)

- Dalit Rom-Shiloni, Tel Aviv University

  Exclusivity, Or Else? Shifts of Group Identities within Exilic Ideology (30 min)
- Joachim Schaper, University of Aberdeen Torah and Identity in the Persian Period (30 min)

Break (5 min)

- Rainer Albertz, Universität Münster The Controversy about Judean versus Israelite Identity and the Persian Government: A New Interpretation of the Bagoses Story (Antiquities 11.297–303) (30 min)
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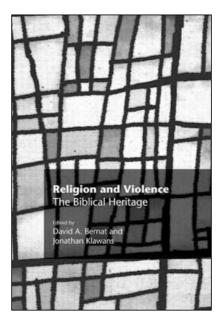
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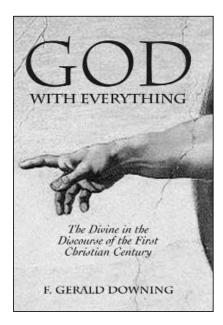
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Whitney Shiner, George Mason University Other People's Texts in the Memory of Non-Judean Participants in the Cult of Jesus (25 min)

Jason T. Larson, Syracuse University

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Sandra Huebenthal, Aachen University Luke 24:13–35 and Social Memory in Luke (25 min)

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April D. Deconick, Rice University, Respondent (15 min)

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Aaron Gale, West Virginia University, Presiding

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John Anderson, Baylor University Jesus and the Patriarchs: The Imminent Fulfillment of the Patriarchal Promise in Matthew 8:5–13 (20 min)

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Alicia Myers, Baylor University Jesus as Ideal King: Isaiah 42 and the Characterization of Jesus in Matthew 12:17–21 (20 min)

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Joel Willitts, North Park University The Friendship of Matthew and Paul: A Response to a Recent Trend in the Interpretation of Early Christianity (20 min)

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Rivka Ulmer, Bucknell University, Presiding

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M. C. de Boer, Vrije Universiteit-Amsterdam *Pistis in Galatians (25 min)* 

Discussion (10 min)

L. Ann Jervis, Wycliffe College *Paul's Virtue Ethics (25 min)* 

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Stephen Chester, North Park Theological Seminary

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Reinhard Achenbach, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster, Presiding

Joel S. Baden, Yale University

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Gordon Johnston, Dallas Theological Seminary Unconditional and Conditional Abra-

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Peter Wright, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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Theme: The Life and Afterlife of Scribes and Their Works

Maxine Grossman, University of Maryland, Presiding (5 min)

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Catherine Murphy, Santa Clara University, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (30 min)

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Patricia Dutcher-Walls, Vancouver School of Theology, Presiding

Jeremy Hutton, Princeton Theological Seminary

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Ingrid Mattson, Hartford Seminary
From Recitation to Revival: The Place of
the Qur'an in Muslim Life

Joseph Lumbard, Brandeis University The First "Study Qur'an" and Its Implications for Teaching about Islam

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9:00 AM-10:00 AM

James R. Adair Jr., Baptist University of the Americas, Presiding



SBL23-42 The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception (EBR) 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Sidnie White Crawford, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Presiding (5 min)

The Bible and Its Consequences

C. L. Seow, Princeton Theological Seminary The Old Testament/Hebrew Bible and Its Consequences (30 min) Dale C. Allison Jr., Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

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#### Review of The Encyclopedia of the Bible

Panelists:

Kent Harold Richards, Society of Biblical Literature (10 min)

Carol A. Newsom, Emory University (10 min)

Harold W. Attridge, Yale University (10 min)

Alan Cooper, Jewish Theological Seminary of America (10 min)

Response:

Hermann Spieckermann, Universität Göttingen (20 min)

Discussion (25 min)

## SBL23-43 Theological Hermeneutics of Christian Scripture Group

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: Assessing Theological Interpretation

Beverly Roberts Gaventa, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

R. W. L. Moberly, Durham University What Is Theological Interpretation of Scripture? (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Markus Bockmuehl, Keble College, Oxford University

The Case against New England Clam Chowder and Other Questions about "Theological Interpretation" (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

John J. Collins, Yale University
Critical Reflections on New Trends in
Theological Interpretation (30 min)

Discussion (40 min)

# SBL23-44 Violence and Representations of Violence among Jews and Christians Section

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Jennifer Knust, Boston University, Presiding Brigitte Kahl, Union Theological Seminary "Dying Gauls" and Christ Crucified: Reimagining the Galatian Hermeneutics of Self and Other (20 min)

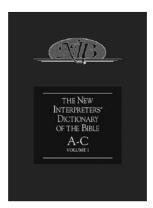
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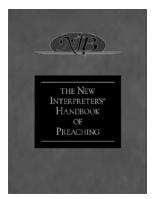
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9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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Theme: Hope, Utopia and the Fantasy of Violence in Jeremiah

Louis Stulman, University of Findlay, Presiding

Mark Brummitt, Colgate Rochester Divinity School

The Cost of Utopia: The Violence and Vision of Jeremiah in a Postcolonial Perspective (30 min)

Amy Kalmanofsky, The Jewish Theological Seminary of America Whores, Camels, and Mothers: The Monstrous-Feminine in the Book of Jeremiah

Else K. Holt, University of Aarhus King Nebuchadrezzar of Babylon, My Servant, and the Cup of Wrath: Jeremiah's Imperial Fantasies and the Hope of Violence (30 min)

Alice Ogden Bellis, Howard University Assaulting the Empire: A Refugee Community's Language of Hope (30 min)

Erin Runions, Pomona College, Respondent (30 min)

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Jordan Rosenblum, Brown University

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1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Feminst Biblical Studies: Interrogating Empires in Diverse Contexts

Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, Drew University, Presiding (5 min)

Panelists:

Althea Spencer Miller, Drew University (15 min)

Erin Runions, Pomona College (15 min)

Jean Kyong Kim, Moravian Theological Seminary (15 min)

Break (5 min)

Amy Kalmanofsky, Jewish Theological Seminary of America (15 min)

Judith McKinlay, University of Otago (15 min)

Discussion (50 min)

### AASR23-52 African Association for the Study of Religion

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Theme: Biblical Religion and Public Life in Africa

Kathleen Wicker, Scripps College, Presiding Jacob K. Olupona, Harvard Divinity School Biblical Religion and Public Life in Africa (45 min)

Susan Abraham, Harvard University, Respondent

Nimi Wariboko, Andover Newton Theological Seminary, Respondent

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Theme: Postcolonial Theory and the Ancient Romances

B. Diane Lipsett, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Jeremy W. Barrier, Heritage Christian University Thecla's Forbidden Love for Paul: The Telling of an Ancient Romance under the Shadow of the Empire (25 min)

Richard C. Miller, Claremont Graduate University Julius Proculus and the Politics of Paul's Resurrection Myth in 1 Corinthians 15 (25 min)

Christine Shea, Ball State University Imperial Romances: Vergil, the Canonical Acts, and Their Empires (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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Simon Samuel, New Theological College, Dehradun, India Reading Chariton's Chaereas and Callirhoe as a Postcolonial Novel (25 min)

Eric Thurman, University of the South With Homi Bhabha on the Banks of the Jordan: Postcolonial Reflections on Mark's Gospel and the Alexander Romance (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Fiona Black, Mount Allison University, Presiding

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Hugh S. Pyper, University of Sheffield BIblical Nonsense (30 min)

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Exodus Narrative as a Fantastic Text—
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Francis Landy, University of Alberta What Does Criticism Do? (30 min)



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Edward Ho, McMaster Divinity College In the Eyes of the Beholder: Unmarked Attributed Quotations in the Book of Job (25 min)

Fook-Kong Wong, Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary Use of Synonymous and Antithetical Metaphors in Psalms (25 min)

Frederic Clarke Putnam, Philadelphia Biblical University Patterned Language (25 min)

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Ann Killebrew, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding

Milton C. Moreland, Rhodes College Roman Jerusalem as a Setting of Earliest Christianity: Archaeology, Literary Invention, and Modern Fascination (25 min)

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Ronny Reich, University of Haifa The Road Taken: From the Pool of Siloam to the Temple Mount in the Second Temple Period (25 min)

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Doron Ben-Ami, Israel Antiquity Authority The Destruction of Jerusalem at A.D. 70: Recent Discoveries from the City of David (25 min)

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Gregg Gardner, Princeton University This Little Light of Mine: The Menorah and Oil Lamps in Byzantine Jerusalem and Late Antique Jewish-Christian Discourse (25 min)

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Oren Gutfeld, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

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Theme: The Book of the Twelve and the Major Prophets

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"Do Not Pray for This People," "for I Will No Longer Pass Them By": Intercession in Jeremiah and Amos (30 min)

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David Morgan, University of Aberdeen Ezekiel and the Twelve: Similar Concerns as an Indication of a Shared Tradition? (30 min)

James Linville, University of Lethbridge
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Paul Redditt, Baptist Seminary of Kentucky, Respondent (30 min)

### SBL23-58 Children in the Biblical World Section

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Theme: The Child in Biblical Language, Law, and Literature

Reidar Aasgaard, Norwegian Bible Society, Presiding

Ellen J. van Wolde, Tilburg University Does "Child" in English and Yeled in Biblical Hebrew Express the Same Semantic Content? (30 min)

Caryn A. Reeder, Westmont College To Stone or Not to Stone: Reading and Rewriting the Legislation of Family Discipline in Deuteronomy 21:18–21 and 22:20–21 (30 min)

Susan E. Haddox, Mount Union College Rebellious Sons and Not-Pitied Daughters: Children as Symbols and Sufferers in Hosea (30 min) Sharon Betsworth, Oklahoma City University The Reign of God Is of Such as These: Children in the Gospel of Mark (30 min)

Robert H. von Thaden Jr., Mercyhurst College

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Theme: The Latest Publications in Christian Apocrypha: Gospel of Mary and Gospel Fragments

Karen King, Harvard University, Presiding (5 min)

Andrew Gregory, Oxford University

The Oxford Early Christian Gospel Texts
(15 min)

Critical Review of Christopher Tuckett, The Gospel of Mary (Oxford University Press)

Panelists.

Esther A. de Boer, Protestant Theological University Kampen (20 min)

Ann Graham Brock, Iliff School of Theology (20 min)

Response:

Christopher Tuckett, University of Oxford (15 min)

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Panelists:

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Pierluigi Piovanelli, University of Ottawa (20 min)

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Tobias Nicklas, University of Regensburg (15 min)

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### SBL23-60 Contextual Biblical Interpretation Group

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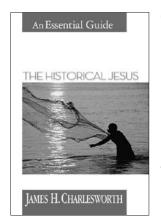
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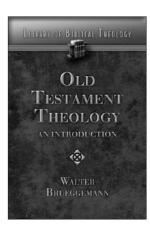
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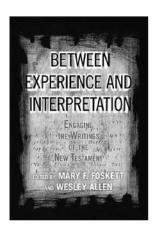
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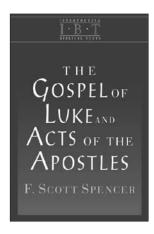
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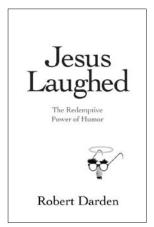
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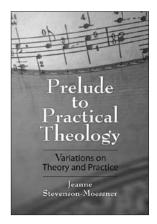
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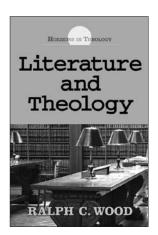
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#### SBL23-61 Corpus Hellenisticum Novi Testamenti Section

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Christians in the Arena: Social Prejudice and Christian Origins

Donald Walker, University of Wyoming, Presiding

Garrett G. Fagan, Pennsylvania State University Roman Arenas and Crowd Dynamics (35 min)

Christopher Mount, DePaul University Persecution and Social Prejudice in Early Christianity: Constructing Paul as a Christian in the Acts of the Apostles (35 min)

Break (5 min)

Paul A. Holloway, University of Glasgow Social Prejudice and Christian Origins (35 min)

David Horrell, University of Exeter, Respondent (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

### SBL23-62 Deuteronomistic History Section

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Samuel

Cynthia Edenburg, Open University of Israel, Presiding

Michael Hundley, University of Cambridge To Be or Not to Be: A Reexamination of the Divine Presence in Deuteronomy and the Deuteronomistic History (30 min)

Jan Rückl, University of Lausanne "Your Throne Shall Be Established Forever": Notes on 2 Samuel 7:1–17 (30 min) Omer Sergi, Tel Aviv University

The Historical Background for the Composition of Nathan's Oracle to David (2 Samuel 7:1–17) and Its Place within the Deuteronomistic History in the Book of Samuel (30 min)

Mark Wade Hamilton, Abilene Christian University

At Whose Table? Elite Lives in 1–2 Samuel (30 min)

Juerg Hutzli, University of Bern, University of Zurich

The Literary Relationship between Samuel and Kings (30 min)

### SBL23-63 Disputed Paulines Section 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Ephesians

Fredrick J. Long, Asbury Theological Seminary

Discerning Empires in Ephesians: Trumping the Powers by the Triumphant One Lord Jesus Messiah (30 min)

Robert L. Foster, Southern Methodist University

No Book beyond the Bounds of Empire? Structuring Heavenly Realities through Imperial Metaphor in the Letter to the Ephesians (30 min)

Te-Li Lau, Emory University
Politics of Peace in Ephesians (30 min)

Daniel K. Darko, University of Scranton Differentiation or Dissociation? The Social Function of Virtues and Vices in Ephesians 4:25–5:5 (30 min)

Benjamin White, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill "A Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation": 4QInstruction and the Trajectory of the Pauline Tradition in Ephesians (30 min)

### **SBL23-64** Early Christian Families Group

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Biblical Families in Later Christian Imagination

J. Albert Harrill, Indiana University, Presiding

Stephen J. Shoemaker, University of Oregon Family Secrets: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in Early Christian Apocrypha (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Robin Jensen, Vanderbilt University Missing Joseph: The Father's Place at the Holy Family's Table (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Sylvester A. Johnson, Indiana University at Bloomington Noah's Family in Nineteenth-Century America (20 min) Discussion (10 min)

Elizabeth A. Clark, Duke University
The Early Christian Family in the Nineteenth-Century American Protestant
Imagination (20 min)

Discussion (40 min)

### SBL23-65 Early Jewish and Christian Mysticism Section

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Possible Provenances for Merkavah Mysticism: New Testament

Kelley Coblentz Bautch, St. Edward's University, Presiding

Jared Calaway, Columbia University in the City of New York Heavenly Sanctuary and Heavenly Sabbath in the Epistle to the Hebrews (30 min)

Charles A. Gieschen, Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne Jewish Mysticism and the Gospel of John (30 min)

Break (15 min)

James Davila, University of St. Andrews
The Book of Revelation and the Hekhalot
Literature (30 min)

Alexander Golitzin, Marquette University The Vision of Dorotheos—An Early Christian Example of Heavenly Journey (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

### SBL23-66 Early Jewish-Christian Relations Section

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Judy Yates Siker, San Francisco Theological Seminary, Presiding

Mark D. Nanos, Rockhurst University/ University of Kansas Paul's Reversal of Jews Calling Gentiles "Dogs" (Philippians 3:2): 1,600 Years of an Ideological Tale Wagging an Exegetical Dog? (30 min)

James N. Rhodes, Saint Michael's College Jews and/or "Judaizers" in the Epistle of Barnabas: Internal Threat, External Rival, or Ideological Construct? (30 min)

Menahem Kister, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Tree of Life, the Sword, and the Bitter Waters: Jewish and Christian Biblical Interpretation, Symbols, and Theological Patterns (30 min)



Taras Khomych, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

The Gathering of the Church (Didache 9.4; 10.5) and the Parting of the Ways with Judaism: The Self-Understanding of the Didachean Community Revisited (30 min)

Business Meeting (30 min)

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### SBL23-67 Ecological Hermeneutics Section

#### 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

- Norman C. Habel, Flinders University, Presiding
- Elaine M. Wainwright, University of Auckland Bringing Out the New and the Old: Ongoing Development of a Reading Paradigm (25 min)
- Susan Miller, University of Aberdeen Markan Parables of Harvest: An Ecological Reading of Mark's Gospel (25 min)
- Cherryl Hunt, University of Exeter Beyond Anthropocentrism: Towards a Rereading of Pauline Ethics (25 min)
- Jeffrey S. Lamp, Oral Roberts University What's with Cutting Up All Those Animals? Reading the Sacrifice of Christ in Hebrews from the Perspective of the Animals (25 min)
- Thomas W. Martin, Susquehanna University The City as Salvific Space: The Promise and Peril of John's New Jerusalem for Contemporary Environmental Ethics (25 min)
- Peter Perry, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
  - "The Things Having Lives": Ecology, Allusion, and Performance in Revelation 8:9 (25 min)

#### SBL23-68 Exile (Forced Migrations) in Biblical Literature Consultation 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Exilic Scholarship: Honoring the Past

John Ahn, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Ralph W. Klein, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago Israel in Exile after Thirty Years (30 min)

- Daniel Smith-Christopher, Loyola Marymount University Reading Exile: Sociological and Literary Agendas (30 min)
- Robert R. Wilson, Yale University

  The Exile and the Shape of the Prophetic

  Literature (30 min)
- Dennis T. Olson, Princeton Theological Seminary

From Horeb to Nebo: Moses, Exile, and the Promise of Home in Exodus 2:1-3:6 and Deuteronomy 34 (30 min)

Lawrence Schiffman, New York University
Exile and Return in the Dead Sea Scrolls
(30 min)

### SBL23-69 Formation of the Book of Isaiah Group

#### 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

- Hyun Chul Paul Kim, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Presiding
- J. Todd Hibbard, University of Notre Dame YHWH Saves: From Name to Book (30 min)
- Sheri Klouda, Taylor University
  Texts That Live and Breathe: The Function
  and Role of Psalms 96–98 in Isaiah 42–49
  (30 min)
- Klaus Baltzer, University of Munich *The Book of Isaiah (30 min)*
- Ginny Brewer-Boydston, Baylor University Who God is Not: An 'Idolic' Reading of Isaiah 45:18-19 (30 min)
- Ken Ristau, Pennsylvania State University Inclusion and Exclusion in the Reconstruction of Jerusalem (30 min)

### SBL23-70 Greco-Roman Religions Section

#### 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Redescribing Greco-Roman Antiquity: Divinity: Making Gods

James Hanges, Miami University, Presiding

- Daniel Miller, Bishop's University
  Is There Anything New under the (Mediterranean) Sun? Expressions of Near
  Eastern Deities in the Graeco-Roman
  World (15 min)
- Panayotis Pachis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki "Manufacturing Religion": The Case of

"Manufacturing Religion": The Case of Demetra Karpophoros in Ephesos (15 min)

Heike Omerzu, Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz "How Could We Consider Him to Be

"How Could We Consider Him to Be God...?" (Origen, Contra Celsum 2.9): Challenging Belief in the Divinity of Jesus as Window on to the Making of a God (15 min)

- Michele Murray, Bishop's University A Sheep in Wolf's Clothing? The Critique of Montanism as a Proto-Orthodox Rhetorical Device (15 min)
- Pieter J. J. Botha, University of South Africa Disguising the Making of Divinities: A Discussion of Some "Debates" from Imperial and Late Antique Times (15 min)
- Gerhard van den Heever, University of South Africa The Never-Ending Invention of Gods: Dual Mythicizations in Antiquity and Contemporary Scholarship (15 min)
- William Arnal, University of Regina, Respondent (20 min)

Discussion (40 min)

Papers summarized followed by discussion.

#### SBL23-71 Hebrews Group 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Reading Hebrews in Its Greco-Roman Context

- Harold W. Attridge, Yale University, Presiding
- Jörg Rüpke, Universität Erfurt Hebrews and Contemporary Roman Religion (20 min)
- Harry O. Maier, Vancouver School of Theology Roman Imperial Sacrificial Iconography and the Epistle to the Hebrews (20 min)
- Ellen Bradshaw Aitken, McGill University, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Break (10 min)

David A. deSilva, Ashland Theological Seminary How Greek Is the Author of the Letter

How Greek Is the Author of the Letter to the Hebrews? (20 min)

- Ben Witherington, Asbury Theological Seminary No Turning Back: The Epideictic Rhetoric of Hebrews (20 min)
- Craig Koester, Luther Seminary, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (15 min)

### SBL23-72 Hellenistic Judaism Section 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Greek Jewish Voices in Fragments

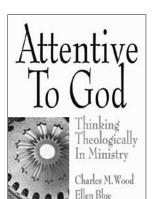
- Zuleika Rodgers, Trinity College-Dublin, Presiding
- Sabrina Inowlocki, Université Libre de Bruxelles

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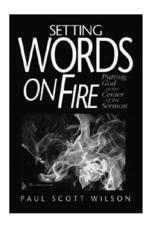
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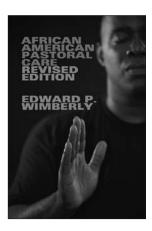
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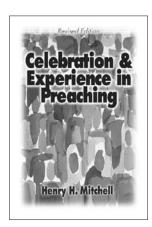
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Discussion (10 min)

Doo Hee Lee, Graduate Theological Union A Comparative Study of Ezekiel's Exagoge 68–89 with Aeschylus's Persae (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Magnar Kartveit, School of Mission and Theology (Misjonshogskolen i Stavanger) Genesis 34 Used as an Anti-Samaritan Text in Jewish Writings from the Second Century BCE (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

William Adler, North Carolina State University Alexander Polyhistor as a Mediator of Eastern Wisdom (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

#### SBL23-73 Hellenistic Moral Philosophy and Early Christianity Section 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Philodemus and the New Testament World

Johan C. Thom, University of Stellenbosch, Presiding

L. Michael White, University of Texas at Austin

Ordering the Fragments of On Frank Criticism (PHerc 1471): New Insights from Multispectral Imaging (45 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Benjamin Henry, University of Texas at Austin

Philodemus On Death (30 min)

David Armstrong, University of Texas at Austin

Warriors, Politicians and Great Families: The Audience of Philodemus' On Death (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

### SBL23-74 History of Interpretation Section

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Rabbinic and Patristic Biblical Interpretation

Laura Lieber, Duke University, Presiding Janet Jerrow, University of Texas Parables and Rabbinic Authority in Exodus Rabbah 42–44 (25 min) Discussion (5 min)

Shawn W. J. Keough, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Divine Philanthropia and Biblical Interpretation in Clement of Alexandria (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Bradley Charles Gregory, University of Notre Dame

"The Sennacherib Error" in Theodore of Mopsuestia's Commentary on the Twelve Prophets: Light from the History of Interpretation (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Hector Patmore, Durham University Can Every Tree Be Known by Its Fruit? Rabbinic and Patristic Readings of Ezekiel 28:11–19 (25 min)

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Michael C. Legaspi, Creighton University "Unless You Believe, You Will Not Understand": A Brief History of Isaiah 7:9 (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

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Fabian Udoh, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

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#### SBL23-77 Israelite Religion in Its West Asian Environment Section 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: The Materiality of Religious Experience

Beth Alpert Nakhai, University of Arizona, Presiding

Garth Gilmour, University of Oxford An Iron Age II Pictorial Inscription from Jerusalem Illustrating Yahweh and Asherah (25 min)

Shawna Dolansky, Northeastern University The Judean Pillar Figurines: Interpreting Iconography (25 min)

Ziony Zevit, American Jewish University Seeing Gods in All the Right Places (25 min)

Jonathan Greer, Pennsylvania State University An Unidentified Biblical mizraq? (25 min)

R. Scott Chalmers, Judson University
The Deity Bethel in Elephantine and the
Hebrew Bible (25 min)

### SBL23-78 John, Jesus, and History Group

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Paul N. Anderson, The Fourth Gospel and the Quest for Jesus: Modern Foundations Reconsidered (T&T Clark)

Richard J. Bauckham, The Testimony of the Beloved Disciple: Narrative, History, and Theology in the Gospel of John (Baker Academic)

D. Moody Smith, The Fourth Gospel in Four Dimensions: Judaism and Jesus, the Gospels and Scripture

Felix Just, S.J., Loyola Institute for Spirituality, Presiding

Judith M. Lieu, University of Cambridge Implications for the Study of John (25 min)

Amy-Jill Levine, Vanderbilt University Implications for the Study of Jesus (25 min)

Andreas J. Kostenberger, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Implications for the Study of History (25 min)

Break (5 min)

Paul Anderson, George Fox University, Respondent (15 min)

Richard J. Bauckham, University of St. Andrews-Scotland, Respondent (15 min)

D. Moody Smith, Duke University, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (25 min)

#### SBL23-79 Mark Group 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: The Beginning of the Gospel of Mark

Larry W. Hurtado, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

Eve-Marie Becker, Aarhus University Mark 1:1 and the Debate on a "Markan Prologue" (15 min) Discussion (30 min)

Paul Danove, Villanova University
Mark 1:1–15 as "Introduction": A Grammatical, Narrative, and Rhetorical Study
(15 min)

Discussion (30 min)

Jocelyn McWhirter, Albion College Messianic Exegesis in Mark 1:2-3 (15 min)

Discussion (30 min)

Business Meeting (15 min)

Papers will be summarized, not read in their entirety. Papers are obtainable in advance from the chair, James W. Voelz, at voelzj@csl.edu.

### SBL23-80 Meals in the Greco-Roman World Seminar

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Rabbinic Meals and Methodology

Dennis Smith, Phillips Theological Seminary, Presiding

Susan Marks, New College of Florida Rabbinic Meal-Time Blessings and Social Formation (10 min)

Jonathan Brumberg-Kraus, Wheaton College

Performing Myth, Performing Midrash at Rabbinic Meals (10 min)

Focus papers have been distributed in advance to seminar members and will be summarized at the beginning of the session. We will reserve time at the end of the session for questions from the floor.

#### SBL23-81 Moses and Buddha 1:00 PM-2:00 PM

Jaqueline Du Toit, University of the Free State, Presiding

Vanessa Sasson, McGill Universtiy The Birth of Moses and Buddha (45 min)

### SBL23-82 Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Gnosticism and Platonism

Ismo Dunderberg, University of Helsinki, Presiding

John D. Turner, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

From Gnostic Myth to Mysticism: The Symbiosis of Antique Philosophy and Religion (30 min)

Shannon L. Grimes, Meredith College Man of Light: An Alchemist's Interpretation of the Anthropos Myth (20 min) Ellen Muehlberger, DePauw University The Influence of Numenius: The "Self-Originate" in Sethian Literature and the Gospel of Judas (20 min)

Zeke Mazur, University of Chicago Self-Manifestation and "Primary Revelation" in the Platonizing Sethian Ascent Treatises and Plotinian Mysticism (20 min)

Serge Cazelais, Université Laval Marius Victorinus's Theological Vocabulary and the Nag Hammadi Library (20 min)

Michael Williams, University of Washington, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (25 min)

### NAPH23-83 National Association of Professors of Hebrew

1:00 PM-3:45 PM

Theme: Communicative Language Learning for Biblical Hebrew

Pamela Scalise, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding (5 min)

Paul Overland, Ashland Theological Seminary

Communicative Language Learning 1: A Starting Point for Communicative Biblical Hebrew (20 min)

Jennifer Quast, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and J. Dwayne Howell, Campbellsville University Communicative Language Learning 3: Outfitting Biblical Hebrew for Communi-

cative Language Learning (20 min)

Hélène Dallaire, Denver Seminary Demonstration of a Sample Module from a Communicative Classroom (20 min)

Lee M. Fields, Roanoke Bible College, Robert Stallman, Northwest University, and Peter Vogt, Bethel Theological Seminary Communicative Language Learning 5 (15 min)

Randall Buth, Biblical Language Center, Israel Hebrew Training and Teaching: The Next

Generation (15 min)

David B. Levenson, Florida State University,

Respondent (25 min)
Paul Overland, Ashland Theological Seminary, Respondent (10 min)

Discussion (25 min)

### SBL23-84 Paleographical Studies in the Ancient Near East Section

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Christopher Rollston, Emmanuel School of Religion, Presiding (10 min) Jason Bembry, Emmanuel School of Religion Multiple Vocalizations in the Cairo

Kent Clarke, Trinity Western University The Trinity Western University-Wikene Papyri "Rediscovery" (20 min)

Genizah Fragment TS A 39.3 (20 min)

Joe Zias, Science and Archaeology-Jerusalem Ancient Graffiti within the Alleged Judean (Tzuba) Cave of John the Baptist: John, or Lazarus, the Crusader Patron Saint of Leprosy? (20 min)

Christopher A. Rollston, Emmanuel School of Religion Horvat Uza Epigraphs: New Collations of the Entire Corpus (20 min)

Philip C. Schmitz, Eastern Michigan University Interpreting the "Separate Inscriptions" from Karatepe-Aslantas (20 min)

Robert Deutsch, Tel Aviv University The Hebrew Fiscal Bullae from the Time of Hezekiah King of Judah (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

### SBL23-85 Pauline Epistles Section 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Terence Donaldson, Wycliffe College, Presiding

Douglas Campbell, Duke University Antics at Antioch: The Genesis of Paul's Law-Free Gospel (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Brigitte Kahl, Union Theological Seminary Peter's Antiochene Apostasy: Re-Judaizing or Imperial Conformism? (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Christopher D. Stanley, St. Bonaventure University Paul the Gentile? (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Janelle Peters, Emory University
The Imperishable Crown: Pauline Athletic
Metaphors and Head-Coverings as Egalitarian Program (25 min)

Discussion (20 min)

#### SBL23-86 Poster Session 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

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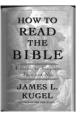
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Theme: Jewish/Christian Dialogue on "Covenant" in the Hebrew Scriptures

Samuel Balentine, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Presiding (5 min)

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This session honors the numerous contributions of Thomas F. Torrance (1913-2007). Torrance was Professor of Christian Dogmatics, New College Edinburgh in the University of Edinburgh (1952-1979). He contributed numerous articles and books and was the English translator of many works, including Karl Barth's Church Dogmatics. He was the moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 1976 and the recipient of the Templeton Prize for Progress in religion in 1978 for his work on the relationship of theology and science.

Kent Harold Richards, Society of Biblical Literature, Presiding (10 min)

Panelists:

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Mary Ann Beavis, St. Thomas More College, Presiding

Panelists:

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David Jobling, St. Andrew's College-Saskatoon (15 min)

Christl M. Maier, Philipps Universität-Marburg (15 min)

Jane Schaberg, University of Detroit (15 min)

Discussion (90 min)

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#### SBL23-105 "Digging the Bible" PBS NOVA Documentary: Critical Perspectives and Scholarly Responses 3:15 PM-4:45 PM

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### JFSR23-106 Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: Socio-Geographical and Hermeneutical Differences: Challenges and Opportunities in Contemporary Feminist Biblical Studies

Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University, Presiding (5 min)

Panelists:

Susanne Scholz, Southern Methodist University (10 min)

Cheryl Anderson, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (15 min)

Gay Byron, Colgate Rochester Divinity School (15 min)

Beth Tanner, New Brunswick Theological Seminary (15 min)

Marie-Theres Wacker, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster (15 min)

Seung-Ai Yang, Chicago Theological Seminary (15 min)

Discussion (50 min)

### SBL23-107 Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies Section

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Donald Polaski, College of William and Mary, Presiding

Rhonda J. Burnette-Bletsch, Greensboro College Exploring Reading Strategies with Genesis 22 (20 min)

Elizabeth Shively, Emory University
Using First-Person Narrative to Discover
the Role of the Reader (20 min)

Suzanne Watts Henderson, Salem College Teaching Tip: Gospel Truth? Taking the Bible on Its Own Terms (20 min) Renate Viveen Hood, LeTourneau University

Tool Time for Freshmen in Biblical Studies: A Pragmatic Approach to Hermeneutics (20 min)

Adam Porter, Illinois College and David
Tabb Stewart, California State University,
Long Beach

Complex Role-Playing Games as Pedagogy: The Josiah Game (45 min)

Business Meeting (20 min)

### SBL23-108 African Biblical Hermeneutics Section

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

### Theme: The Bible and Land in Postcolonial Africa

Robert Wafawanaka, Virginia Union University

"The Land is Mine": Biblical and Postcolonial Reflections on Land with Particular Reference to the Land Issue in Zimbabwe (30 min)

Temba Mafico, Interdenominational Theological Center Land Tenure in Israel and African Tradition (30 min)

Sylvester Johnson, Indiana University at Bloomington The Bible, Origins, and Colonialism in Olaudah Equiano's Interesting Narrative (30 min)

Robert Wafula, Drew University
This Is My Story: Joban Use of Irony to
Resist Divine Tyranny (30 min)

David T. Adamo, Kogi State University
The Deuteronomist(s) Interpretation of
Exilic Suffering in African Perspective (30
min)

# SBL23-109 Archaeological Excavations and Discoveries: Illuminating the Biblical World Section

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: Archaeology and the Media

Milton C. Moreland, Rhodes College, Presiding

Eric M. Meyers, Duke University Opening Comments on Archaeology and the Media (10 min)

R. Christopher Heard, Pepperdine University Decoded, Debated, Debunked: Reviewing The Exodus Decoded (25 min)

Chad Spigel, Duke University

Were the Academic Responses to The Lost
Tomb of Jesus Effective? (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)



Lynn LiDonnici, Vassar College In Search of the Quest for the Real Discovery of Noah's Ark: Archaeology and the Television Religious Documentary Genre (25 min)

Ian C. Werrett, Saint Martin's University A Scroll in One Hand and a Hatchet in the Other: Essenes, Latrines, and the Dead Sea Scrolls (25 min)

Antonio Lombatti, Deputazione di Storia Patria

Jewish Burial Practices in Second Temple Period, the Shroud of Turin, and the Media (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

### SBL23-110 Art and Religions of Antiquity Section

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: Catching the Eye: Images and Desire in Antiquity

Elizabeth Struthers Malbon, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Presiding

Christine Kondoleon, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

Tracing Eros in the Roman Collection of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts (25 min)

Laura S. Nasrallah, Harvard University
The Aphrodite of Knidos: Early Christians
and Others on Images and Desire (25
min)

Patricia Cox Miller, Syracuse University Spaces of Desire? Images That Do Things in Late Ancient Art (25 min)

Rachel Gostenhofer, University of Toronto The Sign of Jonah (25 min)

Peter Schertz, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Respondent (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Business Meeting (10 min)

#### SBL23-111 Joint Session: Assyriology and the Bible Section / Egyptology and Ancient Israel Section

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: The Arameans and Aramaic in the Cultural Milieu of the Ancient Near East

K. Lawson Younger Jr., Trinity International University, Presiding

Sharon Keller, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Presiding

Alan Millard, University of Liverpool

The Aramaeans, Assyria, and Israel (30 min)

Frederick Mario Fales, University of Udine Thus Spake Ahiqar: Assyrian, Aramaic, or Pidgin (30 min)

William M. Schniedewind, University of California, Los Angeles "Imperial" Aramaic and Language Ideology (30 min)

K. Lawson Younger Jr., Trinity International University Some Aspects of Aramean Religion: Acculturation, Influence, Transmission (30

Annalisa Azzoni, Vanderbilt University Aramaic Law in Persian Egypt (30 min)

#### SBL23-112 Book of Psalms Section 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

William Bellinger, Baylor University, Presiding

Alastair G. Hunter, University of Glasgow Psalms at Sukkot: The Use of Psalms in the Jerusalem Cultus of the Late Tanakh Period (30 min)

John Anderson, Baylor University
The Ancestral Covenant in Psalms 105
and 106: Their Function as the Conclusion
to Book Four of the Psalter (30 min)

Kent Aaron Reynolds, University of Wisconsin-Madison Unique Uses of Traditional Religious Language in Psalm 119 (30 min)

Christopher M. Corwin, New College Berkeley Poetic Analysis, Context, Spirituality: Theology of the Psalter? (30 min)

Jeffery M. Leonard, Samford University
"He Led His People Out with Gladness":
Psalm 105 and the Return from Exile (30 min)



SBL23-113 Book Review: J. Harold Ellens, Sex in the Bible: A New Consideration (Praeger); and Raymond J. Lawrence Jr., Sexual Liberation: The Scandal of Christendom (Praeger)

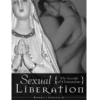
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James H. Charlesworth, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists.

F. Morgan Roberts, Ellenton, FL

Suzanne Coyle, Christian Theological Seminary



J. Harold Ellens, University of Michigan Raymond J. Lawrence Jr.



SBL23-114 Book Review: Ellen Davis, Scripture, Culture, and Agriculture: An Agrarian Reading of the Bible (Cambridge University Press) 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Samuel Balentine, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Presiding

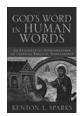
Panelists:

John Chryssavgis, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

Diana Lipton, King's College London Carol Bechtel, Western Theological Seminary

Response:

Ellen Davis, Duke University



SBL23-115 Book Review: Kenton L. Sparks, God's Word in Human Words: An Evangelical Appropriation of Critical Biblical Scholarship (Baker) 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Gary Anderson, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Panelists:

Bill Arnold, Asbury Theological Seminary Peter Enns, Westminster Theological Seminary

Stephen Chapman, Duke University *Response:* 

Kenton Sparks, Eastern University

### SBL23-116 Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Melody Knowles, McCormick Theological Seminary, Presiding

Charlotte Hempel, University of Birmingham Family Values in the Second Temple Period (30 min)

Katherine Southwood, University of Oxford "Foreign Women" (and Their Strange Gods?): Religious and Ethnic Intermarriage in Ezra 9–10 and Nehemiah 13:23– 27 Post Triple Melting-Pot (30 min)

Andrew E. Steinmann, Concordia
University-Chicago
Letters of Kings about Votive Offerings,
the God of Israel, and the Aramaic Document in Ezra 4:8-6:18 (30 min)

Ehud Ben Zvi, University of Alberta One Size Does Not Fit All: Notes on the Different Ways in Which Chronicles Dealt with the Authoritative Literature of Its Time (30 min)

#### SBL23-117 Construction of Christian Identities Section 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: Ethnicity

Edmondo Lupieri, Loyola University of Chicago, Presiding (5 min)

Christopher D. Stanley, St. Bonaventure University Paul the "Jewgreek"? (20 min)

James C. Miller, Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology Ethnic Identity "in Christ" according to Paul (20 min)

Whitney Shiner, George Mason University Other People's Texts in the Memory of Non-Judean Participants in the Cult of Jesus (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (5 min)

Julien C. H. Smith, Baylor University
The Construction of Identity in Mark
7:24–30: The Syrophoenician Woman and
the Problem of Ethnicity (20 min)

Aaron Kuecker, University of St. Andrews-Scotland

"Ethnic Language" in Luke-Acts and the Construction of a Transethnic Social Identity (20 min)

William "Chip" Gruen, Muhlenberg College Constructing Monastic Identities: Ethnicity in the Lives of Anchoritic Monastics (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

#### SBL23-118 Contextual Biblical Interpretation Group 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: New Testament Texts

James Grimshaw, Carroll College-Waukesha, Presiding

William John Lyons, University of Bristol "Preaching the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37)": A Study of Shifting Meaning in a (Published) Sermon (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Sung Uk Lim, Graduate Theological Union Speak My Name: Anticolonial Mimicry and the Samaritan Woman in John 4:1– 42 (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Meng Hun Goh, Vanderbilt University Reading Mark 2:18–22 from a Chinese Malaysian Cultural Context (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Ji-Eun Park, Vanderbilt University Who Touched Me? Reading Two Women's Stories in Mark 5:21-42 from a Korean Woman's Perspective (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Amanda C. Miller, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education First Dates in the Last Days? A Dialogue on 1 Corinthians 7 in Gendered Perspectives (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Papers available from 15 October 2008 at www.vanderbilt.edu/AnS/religious\_studies/SBL2008/ContextBibInterp.htm.

#### SBL23-119 Corpus Hellenisticum Novi Testamenti Section

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: The Structured Self

Clare Rothschild, Lewis University, Presiding

Panelists:

Johan C. Thom, University of Stellenbosch (25 min)

J. Albert Harrill, Indiana University (25 min)

David Konstan, Brown University (25 min)

Troels Engberg-Pedersen, Copenhagen University (25 min)

Response:

Christopher Gill, University of Exeter (30 min)

Discussion (20 min)



SBL23-120 Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy Consultation 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Book Review: Walter Scheidel, Ian Morris, and Richard P. Saller, eds.,

The Cambridge Economic History of the Greco-Roman World (Cambridge University Press)

David Hollander, Iowa State Universty, Presiding

Panelists:

Nathan Rosenstein, The Ohio State University

Constantina Katsari, University of Leicester Branko Milanovic, World Bank/University of Maryland

William E. Metcalf, Yale University

#### SBL23-121 Exile (Forced Migrations) in Biblical Literature Consultation 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: Exilic Scholarship: Honoring the Present

Jill Middlemas, University of Aarhus, Presiding

Rainer Albertz, Universität Münster More Than a Myth: The Reality and Significance of Exile for the Political, Social, and Religious History of Judah (30 min)

Hans M. Barstad, University of Edinburgh

The Exile: A Neo-Babylonian Perspective
(30 min)

Charles E. Carter, Seton Hall University
The Tyranny of the Golah Community:
Exiling the "Other" and Constructing the
"Past" (30 min)

Bob Becking, Utrecht University Global Warming and the Babylonian Exile (30 min)

Lester L. Grabbe, University of Hull "They Never Returned": Were the Babylonian Jewish Settlers Exiles or Pioneers? (30 min)

#### SBL23-122 Function of Apocryphal and Pseudepigraphal Writings in Early Judaism and Early Christianity Consultation 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: Jewish Writings

Lee Martin McDonald, Acadia Divinity College, Presiding

Gerbern S. Oegema, McGill University Early Judaism and Modern Culture (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Martin Heide, University of Munich
The Testament of Abraham: Towards an
Edition of the Ethiopic and Arabic Versions (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Israel Knohl, Hebrew University of Jerusalem The Gabriel Revelation and the Birth of Christianity (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Liv Ingeborg Lied, University of Bergen The Reception of the Pseudepigrapha in the Syriac Traditions: The Case of 2 Baruch (20 min)

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Nehemia Polen, Hebrew College "Four Entered Paradise" in Light of 1 Enoch 6–8 (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

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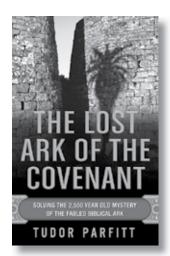
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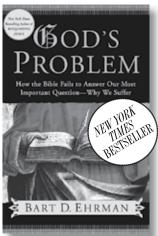
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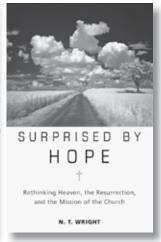
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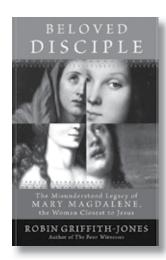
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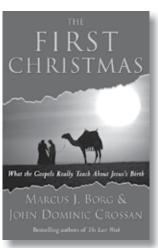
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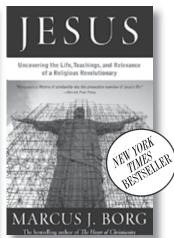
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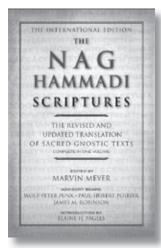
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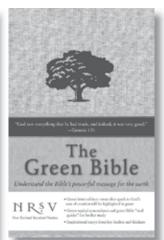
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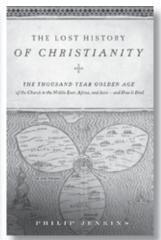
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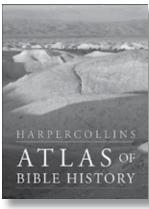


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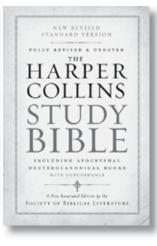


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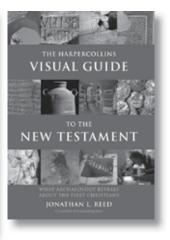
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Danny Zacharias, University of Aberdeen The Son of David in the Psalms of Solomon 17 (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

#### SBL23-123 Hebrew Bible, History, and Archaeology Section 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

John Van Seters, University of North Carolina The David Saga and the Creation of Israelite Identity (30 min)

Ralph K. Hawkins, Bethel College Identifying Israelite Ethnicity in Iron Age I: Can Morpological Data Still Contribute? (30 min)

Avi Shveka, The Hebrew University
Rethinking the Lachish Letters (30 min)

Meir Lubetski, City University of New York, Bernard M. Baruch College The Impact of the "Fatted Duck" on Ezekiel 32:6 and Hebrew Onomastics (30 min)

Erasmus Gass, University of Tübingen David and Achish against the Background of the Political Situation in the Shephelah (30 min)

#### SBL23-124 Hellenistic Moral Philosophy and Early Christianity Section 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

### Theme: Household Management and Other Topoi

Loveday C. A. Alexander, University of Sheffield, Presiding

The Topos of Household Management in Early Christianity

Jens Herzer, University of Leipzig
"A Bishop ... Must Manage His Own
Household Well" (1 Timothy 3:4): Household Management and the Moral Status
of Church Leaders in the Pastoral Epistles
(30 min)

Kamala Parel-Nuttall, St. Mary's University

Household Management and the Divine Oikonomia in Clement of Alexandria (30 min)

Moral Topoi in Matthew

Erin Roberts, Brown University

Anger in the Gospel of Matthew (30 min)

George Branch-Trevathan, Emory University

The Perfection of the Self in Musonius Rufus and the Sermon on the Mount (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

### SBL23-125 Homiletics and Biblical Studies Section

#### 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Charles Aaron, Farmersville, TX, Presiding (5 min)

C. Hans Yuckman, United Presbyterian Church Preaching from the Deutero-Paulines: Handling Scholarly Suspicion and Pastoral Integrity in Concert (25 min)

André Resner Jr., Hood Theological Seminary Reading Bible for Preaching the Gospel (25 min)

Mike Graves, Saint Paul School of Theology Stakeholders in the Interpretation and Proclamation of Texts: Bridging the Unnecessary Divide between Biblical Studies and Homiletics (25 min)

Abraham Kuruvilla, Dallas Theological Seminary The World in Front of the Text: An Intermediary between Text and Praxis (25 min)

Ruthanna Hooke, Virginia Theological Seminary

Performance as a Bridge between Biblical Interpretation and Proclamation (25 min)

# IOSCS23-126 International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies 4:00 PM-7:00 PM

Peter Gentry, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Presiding

Alison Salvesen, University of Oxford The Hexaplaric Readings in the Tabernacle Accounts of the Book of Exodus (30 min)

Phillip S. Marshall, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Double Translations in Symmachus (30 min)

Reinhart Ceulemans, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven Quinta in the Book of Canticles (30 min)

Timothy Michael Law, Oxford University The Syrohexapla of 3 Kingdoms (30 min)

Kevin J. Youngblood, Freed-Hardeman University

An Ancient Case of Identity Theft? An

An Ancient Case of Identity Theft? An Inquiry into the Relationship between Theodotian and the Greek Lamentaions (30 min) Elizabeth Robar, Southern Seminary
The Hexapla Project Online: Why Bother
with The Web? (30 min)

### SBL23-127 John, Jesus, and History Group

#### 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

### Theme: Glimpses of Jesus through the Johannine Passion Narrative

Jaime Clark-Soles, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Presiding (5 min)

Craig S. Keener, Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University "What Is Truth?": Pilate's Perspective on Jesus in John 18:33–38 (25 min)

Stephan Witetschek, University of Cambridge The Hour of the Lamb? Christology and Chronology in John 19:14 (25 min)

Wendy E. S. North, Durham University Points and Stars: John and the Synoptics (25 min)

Robert T. Fortna, Vassar College Traces of Jesus in the Johannine Passion Narrative (25 min)

Discussion (45 min)

### KBC23-128 Korean Biblical Colloquium

#### 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Max Lee, North Park Theological Seminary, Presiding

Daewoong Kim, Rice University
The Jewish Root of Christology in the
Apocalypse of John: The Mystical Character of Jesus in Light of the Messianism in
Old Greek Daniel (40 min)

Il-Seung Chung, University of Sheffield Blessings Crossed: Rethinking Isaac's Blessings to Jacob and Esau (40 min)

Jaecheon Cho, University of Notre Dame The Death of Herod (Acts 12:19b-23) in Jewish and Hellenistic Religious Contexts (40 min)

Business Meeting (30 min)

### SBL23-129 Latino/a and Latin American Biblical Interpretation 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: What Does it Mean to Be a Latino/a Biblical Critic?

Jacqueline Hidalgo, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Panelists:

Gregory Cuellar, Texas A&M University, Panelist (15 min) Ruben Dupertuis, Trinity University (15 min)

Cristina Garcia-Alfonso, Brite Divinity School (15 min)

Davina Lopez, Eckerd College (15 min)

Robert Maldonado, California State University, Fresno (15 min)

Ruben Munoz-Larrondo, Andrews University (15 min)

Ahida Pilarski, Saint Anselm College (15 min)

David Sanchez, Loyola Marymount University (15 min)

# SBL23-130 Joint Session: Letters of James, Peter, and Jude Section / Philo of Alexandria Group

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: The Formation of the Soul in Hellenistic Judaism and James

Stanley Stowers, Brown University, Presiding

Hindy Najman, University of Toronto "Living in the Soul Alone": Philo of Alexandria on Soul Formation (30 min)

Gretchen Reydams-Schils, University of Notre Dame Philo of Alexandria on the Contemplative

and the Active Lives (30 min)

Break (10 min)

John S. Kloppenborg, University of Toronto Stoic Psychagogy and the Letter of James (30 min)

Luiz Felipe Ribeiro, University of Toronto Self-Mastery, Apatheia, Metriopatheia, and Moral Theory in the Epistle of James (30 min)

Discussion (20 min)

### SBL23-131 Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Section

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Barry Bandstra, Hope College, Presiding

Jutta Krispenz, University of Marburg A Typology of the Nominal Clause in Biblical Hebrew (30 min)

Alexey Lyavdansky, Russian State University for the Humanities Rhetorical Structure Theory and the Study of Biblical Hebrew Discourse Markers (30 min)

Grace Jeongyeon Park, University of California, Los Angeles Polarity and the Role of the Particle 'im in Forming Rhetorical Questions (30 min)

Jason S. DeRouchie, Northwestern College Wa and Asyndeton as Guides to Macrostructure in the Reported Speech of Deuteronomy (30 min) Katsuomi Shimasaki, Japan Bible Society Word Order in the Book of Ruth: Three Focus Structures and Discourse Analysis (30 min)



SBL23-132 Joint Session: Mapping Memory: Tradition, Texts, and Identity Group / Bible in Ancient and Modern Media Section

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: Beyond *The Oral and the Written Gospel* (Indiana University Press)

This session commmemorates the 25th anniversary of the publication of Werner Kelber's *The Oral and the Written Gospel*.

Tom Thatcher, Cincinnati Christian University Twenty-Five Years of The Oral and the Written Gospel: Orality, Literacy, and Beyond (20 min)

Werner H. Kelber, Rice University
The Challenge of the Ancient Phenomenology of the Verbal Arts (20 min)

Ward Blanton, University of Glasgow, Respondent (20 min)

Richard J. Bauckham, University of St. Andrews-Scotland, Respondent (20 min)

Catherine Hezser, University of London, Respondent (20 min)

Elizabeth Shanks Alexander, University of Virginia, Respondent (20 min)

Discussion (30 min)

### SBL23-133 Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: Ritual and Liturgy in Gnostic Texts: Some Explorations

Michael Kaler, McMaster University, Presiding

Johanna Brankaer, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin Seeking Salvation: The Gnostic Cry for Help in Context (20 min)

Eduard Iricinschi, Princeton University Teaching the Bible in the Bridal Chamber: A Thematic Analysis of the Nag Hammadi Codex II (20 min)

Moa Dritsas-Bizier, Laval University
Baptismal Themes in the Exegeses on
the Soul (NHC II, 6) in the Light of the
Church Fathers (20 min)

Bas van Os, University of Utrecht The Metaphor of Sacrifice in the Gospel of Judas and the Testimony of Truth (20 min) Mark Bilby, Point Loma Nazarene University Gnostics under the Law: The Place of Gnostics in Codex Theodosianus 16 (20

Elaine Pagels, Princeton University, Respondent (15 min)

### NAPH23-134 National Association of Professors of Hebrew

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Zev Garber, Los Angeles Valley College, Presiding (5 min)

Ethan Zadoff, Yeshiva University, CUNY Graduate Center "Smamit and Her Children": New Technology and the Decipherment of a Late Antique Aramaic Amulet on Silver (30

Esther Fuchs, University of Arizona
The Israelite Woman's Body as National
Border: Intermarriage, Hybridity, and
Gender (30 min)

Harris Lenowitz, University of Utah Gad Sarfatti and the Study of Hebrew Script in Christian Art (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

### SBL23-135 Papyrology and Early Christian Backgrounds Group

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Michael Theophilos, University of Oxford A New Fragment of James from Oxyrhynchus (30 min)

Ingrid Lilly, Emory University Liturgical Function of p967: How Codicological Analysis Sheds Light on Textual Issues in Septuagint Ezekiel (30 min)

John Granger Cook, LaGrange College P50 and the Question of Its Function (30 min)

Theodore de Bruyn, University of Ottawa Criteria for Identifying Biblical Inscriptions as Amulets (30 min)

Dave Nielsen, Brigham Young University
The Question of Developing Canonicity:
The Shepherd of Hermas as a Preliminary
Case Study (30 min)

#### SBL23-136 Paul and Scripture Seminar 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: Paul and Context

Mark Given, Missouri State University, Presiding

Stephen Moyise, University of Chichester Does Paul Respect the Context of His Scriptural Quotations, and Does It Matter? (15 min)



Christopher Tuckett, University of Oxford, Respondent (10 min)

G. K. Beale, Wheaton College, Respondent (10 min)

Discussion (45 min)

Break (10 min)

Discussion (60 min)

Papers will be summarized, not read. Copies of the papers are available in advance at the seminar's website: paulandscripture. blogspot.com.

#### SBL23-137 Performance Criticism of Biblical and Other Ancient Texts Consultation

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: Provoking Audience Action and Reaction

Margaret Lee, Tulsa Community College, Presiding

Keith Stone, Harvard University Singing Moses' Song (25 min)

Jin H. Han, New York Theological Seminary Mayhem in Nahum (25 min)

Jeffrey E. Brickle, Urshan Graduate School of Theology The Analysis of Sound Patterns: Exploit-

ing Aural Exegesis of Ancient Texts (25 min)

James W. Watts, Syracuse University Performing the Torah: The Rhetorical Function of the Pentateuch in the Second Temple Period (25 min)

Kathy Maxwell, South Texas School of Christian Studies

The Performance of a Lifetime: Audience Participation in the Sermon on the Mount (25 min)

Bernhard Oestreich, Theologische Hochschule Friedensau Oral Performance before a Split Audience: Letter Reading in Rome, Galatia, and Corinth (25 min)

#### SBL23-138 Joint Session: Pseudepigrapha Section / Religious Experience in Early Judaism and Early Christianity Section

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: Spirit/s, Possession, Tongues, Dreams, Prayers, and Other Performative Dimensions of Religious Experience Rebecca Lesses, Ithaca College

"She Spoke in the Language of the Cherubim": Women and Revelatory Experience (30 min)

Birger A. Pearson, University of California, Santa Barbara
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Some Examples of Gnostic Spirituality (30 min)

Rodney A. Werline, Barton College The Experience of God's Paideia: Disruption and Discipline in the Psalms of Solomon (30 min)

#### PW23-139 Publishers Weekly: Ask the Experts: Turning the Dissertation into a Marketable "Scholarly Trade" Book 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

As university presses feel the squeeze of financial constraints and the library market shrinks with each passing year, young scholars face more pressure than ever as they launch their careers and face the old admonition to "publish or perish." In this special publishing session, a panel of acquisition editors and authors will discuss the topic of turning a dissertation into a marketable "scholarly trade" book, answering some of the most common questions posed by young scholars: what is a "publishable" dissertation topic? How can I find and query a publisher? How should I revise my dissertation to make it more accessible to a general audience? Should I broaden my topic? What are the hot projects right now that editors are seeking to acquire? This panel will be useful to young scholars who are currently revising their dissertations for publication, but also to graduate students who are still choosing a topic or writing their dissertations. At least half an hour will be devoted to an "ask-theexperts" session where panelists will answer audience members' questions.

Jana Riess, Religion Reviews Editor, *Publishers Weekly*, Presiding

Panelists.

Carey C. Newman, Director of Baylor University Press

Carol A. Newsom, Emory University
Theo Calderara, Editor, Oxford University
Press

Louis Ruprecht, Georgia State University

### SBL23-140 Joint Session: Qumran Section / Aramaic Studies Section 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: Sources and Structure of the Genesis Apocryphon

Esther Chazon, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Presiding

Michael Segal, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Literary Relationship between the Genesis Apocryphon and Jubilees: A Reappraisal of the Evidence (25 min)

Esther Eshel, Bar-Ilan University
The Enoch Cycle in the Genesis Apocryphon and Other Related Texts (25 min)

Matthias Weigold, University of Vienna One Voice or Many? The Identity of the Narrator in the "Book of the Words of Noah" (25 min)

Armin Lange, University of Vienna "I Girded My Loins with a Vision of Righteousness and Wisdom as a Robe" (1Qap-Gen ar VI:4): The Wisdom and Righteousness of Noah in Ezekiel 14:14, 20 and the Book of the Words of Noah (25 min)

Moshe J. Bernstein, Yeshiva University

Is the Genesis Apocryphon a Unity? It Depends What You Mean by Unity (25 min)

Discussion (25 min)

### SBL23-141 Qur'an and Biblical Literature Section

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: The Muslim Bible: Islamic Visions of Israel's History

Kathryn Kueny, Fordham University, Presiding

Carol Bakhos, University of California, Los Angeles

Genesis: The Story of the Flood in the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Exegetical Traditions (20 min)

Robert R. Phenix Jr., Saint Louis University Numbers: The Death of Aaron in the Bible and Islam, by Way of Midrash and Oriental Christian Exegesis (20 min)

David Freidenreich, Colby College Poking Holes in Israel's Holiness: Islamic Interpretations of Motifs in Leviticus (20 min)

Michael Pregill, Elon University
"Turn in Repentance to Your Creator,
Then Slay Yourselves": The Levitical Election, Atonement, and Secession in Early
and Classical Islamic Exegesis (20 min)

Omer M. Mozaffar, University of Chicago Deuteronomy and the Quran: Exploring the Nuances (20 min)

Business Meeting (45 min)

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### SBL23-142 Remembering David Noel Freedman

#### 4:00 PM-5:00 PM

Richard Elliott Friedman, University of Georgia, Presiding

Astrid B. Beck, University of Michigan Herbert B. Huffmon, Drew University Ronald S. Hendel, University of California, Berkeley

### SBL23-143 Ritual in the Biblical World Consultation

#### 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: Second Temple Communities

Jason Lamoreaux, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

Hannah K. Harrington, Patten University What Is the Purpose of Ritual Ablutions in Ancient Judaism? (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Jonathan David Lawrence, Canisius College Images of Salvation: Early Depictions of Baptism (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Daniel Stoekl Ben Ezra, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique Qumran Life Cycle Rituals (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Jutta Jokiranta, University of Helsinki Ritual in the Qumran Movement: What Do We Explain? (25 min)

Discussion (35 min)

#### SBL23-144 Rome and Religion: A Cross-Disciplinary Dialogue 4:00 PM-5:45 PM

The Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions and the SBL Archaeology of Religion in the Roman World Section, Art and Religion in Antiquity Section, and Greco-Roman Religions Section are co-hosts of this event.

Jonathan L. Reed, University of La Verne, Presiding (5 min)

Karl Galinsky, University of Texas The Cult of the Roman Emperor: Uniter or Divider (40 min)

Barbette Stanley Spaeth, College of William and Mary, Respondent (10 min)

Steven J. Friesen, University of Texas at Austin, Respondent (10 min)

James Constantine Hanges, Miami University of Ohio, Respondent (10 min)

Robin Jensen, Vanderbilt University, Respondent (10 min)

Discussion (20 min)

#### SBL23-145 Social-Scientific Criticism of the New Testament Section 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Richard DeMaris, Valparaiso University, Presiding (5 min)

Peter Oakes, University of Manchester Patronage, Urban Structure, and the Corinthian Followers of Christ (28 min)

Pieter F. Craffert, University of South Africa Life after Death in Social-Scientific Perspective: Some Insights from the Cognitive and Neurosciences (28 min)

John J. Pilch, Georgetown University Music in Slavonic Enoch (28 min)

J. Brian Tucker, University of Wales, Lampeter Kinship-Formation and the Foundation of the Christ-Movement Identity in 1 Corinthians 4:14–21 (28 min)

Ernest van Eck, University of Pretoria When Patrons Are Not Patrons: A Social-Scientific Reading of the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19–26) (28 min)

Discussion (5 min)

#### SBL23-146 Synoptic Gospels Section 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: Luke's Gospel

Bruce W. Longenecker, University of St. Andrews-Scotland "He Will Give His Angels Charge over You": Narrative Arcs and the Christological Fulfillment of Psalm 91 in Luke's Gospel (30 min)

Christopher Hays, University of Oxford Divestiture, Generosity, or Socialism? A Narrative-Exegetical Account of Lukan Wealth Ethics (30 min)

Matthew S. Rindge, Emory University Fooling Around with Luke 12:20: Why the Rich Man Is (and Is Not) Called a Fool (30 min)

Chang-Wook Jung, Chongshin University New Evidence for the Ironical Interpretation of the Parable of the Unjust Steward: The Usage of the Greek Words for the "Tent" and "Permanent" (30 min)

Maria Mayo Robbins, Vanderbilt University Jesus at the Boundaries of Forgiveness: Reading Luke 23:34a as a Palliative for Victims of Violence (30 min)

### SBL23-147 Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible Section

#### 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Brent A. Strawn, Emory University, Presiding

Michael V. Fox, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The Use of the Septuagint in the Peshitta of Proverbs (30 min)

Stefan Schorch, Kirchliche Hochschule Bethel Towards a Critical Edition of the Samaritan Pentateuch: Presentation of the Project (30 min)

John P. Flanagan, Leiden University Historical Perspectives on the Textual Criticism of Isaiah (30 min)

John D. Barry, Trinity Western University Will the Servant "See Light"?: A Reexamination of the 'ôr Variant in Isaiah 53:11 (30 min)

David Ben-Gad Hacohen, Hebrew University of Jerusalem The Red Sea and the Sea of Reeds, Yam Suph and Yam Soph: Biblical Criticism from a Geographer's Viewpoint (30 min)

#### SBL23-148 The Institute for the Study of Antiquity, New York University 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Roger Bagnall, New York University, Presiding

Daniel Fleming, New York University

### SBL23-149 Use, Influence, and Impact of the Bible Section

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: The Use and Impact of Galatians: Reflections on Recent Research

Judith Kovacs, University of Virginia, Presiding

Panelists:

Judith Kovacs, University of Virginia (10 min)

Tobias Nicklas, University of Regensburg (20 min)

John Riches, University of Glasgow (15 min)

Margaret M. Mitchell, University of Chicago (20 min)

Martin Meiser, Universitaet des Saarlandes (15 min)

Joseph Verheyden, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (10 min)

Discussion (35 min)

### SBL23-150 Warfare in Ancient Israel Section

4:00 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: Constructions of Warriors and Victims

Susan Niditch, Amherst College, Presiding (5 min)

Rami Arav, University of Nebraska at Omaha

A Chronicle of a Pre-known Destruction, Analysis of the Stages of the Conquest and Destruction of City of Bethsaida by Tiglath Pileser III (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Brad E. Kelle, Point Loma Nazarene University

Dealing with the Trauma of Defeat: The Rhetoric of the Devastation and Rejuvenation of Nature in Ezekiel (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Amy Meverden, Fuller Theological Seminary

Divine Warrioress Imagery: A Diachronic Survey of Anat and Deborah (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Ovidiu Creanga, King's College London "Have I Not Commanded You? Be a Man, Not a Woman..."—Joshua, the Warrior, and His Female Side: Revisiting the War on (Male) Gender in the Conquest Narrative (Joshua 1–12) (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Paul Nikkel, University of Sheffield Winning a Battle Already Won: The Military Depiction of David as an Invulnerable Warrior (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

### SBL23-151 Women in the Biblical World Section

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Margaret Aymer, Interdenominational Theological Center, Presiding

Jennifer Bird, Greensboro College 1 Peter's "Daughters of Sarah": Fear-Full Subjects Indeed (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Elizabeth McCabe, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion The Legend of Ra and Isis: A Historical Background behind 1 Timothy 2:12–14? (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Hilary Lipka, University of California, Los Angeles

Regulations Regarding the Purity of Priests' Wives in Leviticus 21 (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Brad Crowell, Drake University Good Girl, Bad Girl: A Postcolonial Analysis of Foreign Women in the Deuteronomistic History (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Gershon W. Hepner, Los Angeles, CA Three's Company in Shunam but a Crowd at Mamre: Tripartite Breeding in Genesis and Kings? (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

### SBL23-152 Writing/Reading Jeremiah Group

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: Feminist Readings of Jeremiah: Retrospective and Prospects

Carolyn J. Sharp, Yale Divinity School, Presiding

Angela Bauer-Levesque, Episcopal Divinity School

Jeremiah (Who?): Body Politics in Reading/ Writing Jeremiah (30 min)

Mary E. Shields, Trinity Lutheran Seminary Impasse or Opportunity or ...? Women Reading Jeremiah Reading Women (30 min)

Christl M. Maier, Philipps Universität-Marburg

Gender Trouble in Jeremiah 2–3: Can Feminist Readings Solve the Riddle? (30 min)

Marvin A. Sweeney, Claremont School of Theology, Respondent (15 min)

Athalya Brenner, University of Amsterdam, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (30 min)

#### SBL23-153 Writings from the Greco-Roman World Editorial Board Meeting 4:00 PM-5:00 PM

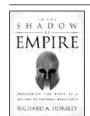
David Konstan, Brown University, and Johan C. Thom, University of Stellenbosch, Presiding

### SBL23-154 Remembering John Strugnell

6:00 PM-7:00 PM

Ellen Birnbaum, Cambridge, MA, Presiding Harold W. Attridge, Yale University John J. Collins, Yale University Hanan Eshel, Bar-Ilan University Dan Harrington, Weston Jesuit School of Theology

Eileen Schuller, McMaster University



SBL23-155 Book Review: Richard A. Horsley, ed., In the Shadow of Empire: Reclaiming the Bible as a History of Faithful Resistance (Westminster John Knox)

7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Jon Berquist, Westminster John Knox, Presiding (5 min)

Panelists:

Anathea Portier-Young, Duke University (10 min)

Cynthia Briggs Kittredge, Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest (10 min)

Davina Lopez, Eckerd College (10 min) Todd C. Penner, Austin College (10 min) *Response*:

Richard A. Horsley, University of Massachusetts Boston, Respondent (15 min)



SBL23-156 Joint Session: Hellenistic Judaism Section / History and Literature of Early Rabbinic Judaism Section

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Book Review Session: Martin Goodman, Rome and Jerusalem

Seth Schwartz, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Presiding

Panelists:

John M. G. Barclay, Durham University (20 min)

Shaye J. D. Cohen, Harvard University (20 min)

Tessa Rajak, University of Reading (20 min) *Response:* 

Martin Goodman, University of Oxford (20 min)

Discussion (40 min)

#### IOMS23-157 International Organization for Masoretic Studies 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Opening Plenary Session

Harold P. Scanlin, International Organization for Masoretic Studies IOMS, 1972–2008: Progress and Prospects in Masoretic Studies (30 min)

Aron Dotan, Tel Aviv University Presidential Address: Masoretic Studies as a Helpful Approach to the Biblical Text (30 min)

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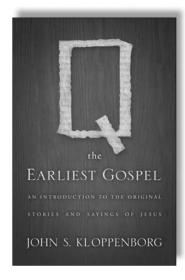
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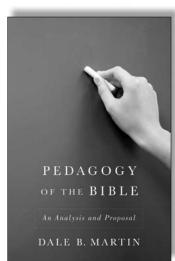
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