THURSDAY, MARCH 11

SECTION I (8:30-10:00)

Greco Roman World (Salon C)

Matthew Novenson, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Mary Schmitt, Princeton Theological Seminary, "Missing Motif in Mark 5:22-43"

Linda Sue Galate, Drew University, "Saving the Flock: The Death of Christ in Ante Pacem Art"

Katie Jo Vasquez, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, "An Ethiopian Slave for an Ethiopian Demon: A Discussion of Ethnic Sensibilities and Superstitions in the Life of Severus of Antioch"

Second Temple Writings / Apocalyptic Literature Section (Salon B)

Matthew E. Gordley, Regent University, Presiding

Christina Riley, Drew University, “Revelation's Christ as Human/Animal Hybrid”

Kathleen Gallagher Elkins, Drew University, “The Woman Clothed with the Sun, Her Son, and the Apocalypse of Women”

Ardea Caviggiola Russo, King's College, Wilkes-Barre, PA, “Sources for the Picture of Heavenly Worship in Revelation 4-5”
SECTION II (10:05 - 11:55)

Epistles (Salon B)

I, II Corinthians in Ancient and Modern Contexts

Robert Paul Seesengood, Albright College, Presiding

Derek McNamara, Silver Springs Church of Christ, “Paul’s Rhetoric of Honor and Shame in 1 Corinthians 5”

Maia Kotrostis, Union Theological Seminary, New York, “The Rhetoric of Intimate Spaces: Affect and Performance in the Corinthian Correspondence.”


Planning Session for 2011 Meeting / Open Discussion

Wisdom Literature (Salon C)

C. L. Seow, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Joonho Yoon, Drew University, "Innocent Suffering, Shunned and Unanswered: Ignorant Suffering in the Book of Job and its Socio-Political Role"

Christopher Hooker, Princeton Theological Seminary, “The Last Temptation of Job: Temptation Traditions in the Islamic Qiṣṣa al-Anbiya of Job”

Adam Oliver Stokes, Princeton Theological Seminary, "The Depiction of Leviathan and Behemoth in the Old Greek of Job"

Stephen J. Bennett, Nyack College/Alliance Theological Seminary, "Moby-Dick's Allusons to Ecclesiastes"

LUNCH (12:00 - 1:00) (SBL and AAR Student Lunch) (Room TBA)
SECTION III 1:05-3:05

Pentateuch/Law (Salon C)

James Getz, Temple University, Presiding

Elizabeth Berne DeGear, Union Theological Seminary, “L’ Ruach Hayyom in Genesis 3:8: A Doorway to New Perspectives on Social Change”

Barat Ellman, Jewish Theological Seminary, “Who Was that Masked Man?: Targumic Interpretations of the יָשָׂע of Gen 37:15-17”

Jonathan Albin Kruschwitz, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, The Levirate Institution in Ancient Israel: Its Purpose, Its Obstacles, and the Textual Polemic”

Bruce Wells, Saint Joseph's University, “Homosexual Incest: Recent Research on Same-Sex Relations in Leviticus”


Gospels (Salon B)

Natalie Houghtby-Haddon, George Washington University, Presiding

Brian James Tipton, Drew University, “Matthew, Marginalized Communities, and Marriage”

Nancy Klancher, University of Pittsburgh/Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, "The Taming of the Canaanite Woman: Scenes From the Afterlife of Matthew 15:21-28"

Amy E. Richter, Marquette University, “Mary as Redemptive Counterpart to the Watchers’ Wives”

Arvin M. Gouw, Johns Hopkins University, "Liberationist motifs in the Gospel of Thomas"
SECTION IV (3:15-5:15)

Second Temple/Apocalyptic Literature (Salon B)

TBA, Presiding

Jin H. Han, New York Theological Seminary, “Zodiac and the Beasts of Daniel 7 and 8”


Matthew V. Novenson, Princeton Theological Seminary, “Messiahs and 'Diadem-Wearers' in Josephus's War”

Angela Kim Harkins, Fairfield University, “Reading the Hodayot Visions through the lens of the Enochic Traditions”

Deuteronomistic History/Former Prophets (Salon C)

David Lamb, Biblical Theological Seminary, Presiding

Eric A. Seibert, Messiah College, "The Immorality of Canaanite Genocide and the Problem of God: Dealing Responsibly with Disturbing Divine Behavior."


Stephen M. Wilson, Duke University, “David's Transition to Manhood: 1 Samuel 17 as a Rite of Passage Narrative.”


SBL Plenary Address (5:30-6:30) (Room TBA)

Jeremy Schipper, Temple University, Presiding

Benjamin Sommer, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, “Dating Biblical Texts and the Perils of Pseudo-Historicism?”

SBL/AAR RECEPTION (6:30 – 7:30) (Room TBA)
FRIDAY, MARCH 12

SECTION V (8:30 – 10:30)

New Testament Epistles (Salon B)

Natalie Houghtby-Haddon, George Washington University, Presiding


Matthew E. Gordy, Regent University, “The Household Code of Colossians and its Contexts”

Robert Paul Seesengood, Albright College, “Wrestling with the ‘Macedonian Call:’ Paul and Pauline Scholarship and 19th Century Colonial Missions”

Jason Coker, Drew University, “On the Road to Conflict: The Intersecting Itineraries of James and Paul”

Latter Prophets (Salon C)

Mark Leutcher, Temple University, Presiding

Julie Claasens, Wesley Theological Seminary, “Calling the Keeners: The Image of the Wailing Woman (Jer 9:17-20) as Symbol of Survival in a Traumatized World.”

Mordechai Schreiber, Schreiber Publishing, "Jeremiah and the so-called 'Queen of Heaven'"

Paul Kurtz, Princeton Theological Seminary, "Immolation by Emulation? Child Sacrifice as Elistic Vestige in Iron II Israelite Religion"

Jeremy Hutton, Princeton Theological Seminary, “Amos 1:3-2:8 and the Global Economy”

SBL Presidential Address (10:40-11:30) (Room TBA)

Jeremy Schipper, Temple University, Presiding

Kenton Sparks, Eastern University, “Israelite Identity and the Hermeneutics of Social Change”

SBL Business Meeting (Box Lunches Provided) (11:30-11:50) (Room TBA)

Jeremy Schipper, Temple University, Presiding
SECTION VI (12:00 - 1:30)

Psalms (Salon B)

John Herbst, Union Theological Seminary-PSCE, Presiding

Andy Witt, Pittsburgh, PA, “Hearing Psalm 102 within the Structure of the Hebrew Psalter”

Ryan M. Armstrong, Princeton Theological Seminary, "Psalms Dwelling Together in Unity: The Placement of Ps 133 in the MT and in 11QPs"v

Brooke L. Deal, Bethany College, "A New Year's Festival in Bethel: Proposing a Common Origin for Papyrus Amherst 63, Psalm 20 and Psalm 45"

Deuteronomistic History/Former Prophets (Salon C)

Eric Seibert, Messiah College, Presiding


Alison L. Joseph, University of California Berkeley, “The Process of Historiography in the Deuteronomistic History: 1 Kings 11, A Case Study”

Adeeb Mickahail, Liberty University, "Social Changes in the Hezekiah-Josiah Periods."

SECTION VII (1:40-3:10)

Special Panel on the Book of Ruth (Salon C)

Nyasha Junior, Howard University School of Divinity, Presiding

Jennifer Koosed, Albright College, “Ruth and Orpah in the Borderlands”

Tod Linafelt, Georgetown University, "Narrative and Poetic Art in the Book of Ruth"

Christian Brady, Pennsylvania State University, “Boaz Centrally Marginalized”
Greco-Roman World (Salon B)

Matthew Novenson, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Eric Miller, Jewish Theological Seminary, "The Jews of Alexandria and the Emergence of the God-Fearers"

Jennifer T. Kaalund, Drew University, “What’s in a Name? Foreigners, Aliens and Sojourners and the Instability of Identity for Alexandrian Jews in Philo’s In Flaccum”

Alexandria Frisch, New York University, “Envisioning Inversion: The Use of Daniel 7 and the Roman Eagle to Invert the Power of the Roman Empire”

SECTION VIII (3:15-5:00)

Biblical Poetry (Salon B)

Mark Leson, Catholic University of America, Presiding


Elaine James, Princeton Theological Seminary, "Zophar’s Grotesque Imagination: A Reading of Job 20"

Benjamin D. Giffone, Philadelphia Biblical University, "A 'Perfect' Poem: The Use of the QATAL Verbal Form in the Biblical Acrostics"

Aryeh Amihay, Princeton University, “A Triangle of Love and Power: Saul and Jonathan in David’s Lament”

Karl Brower, The Catholic University of America, “Protean Uses of Creation Imagery in the Psalms: Creating Meaning by Differentiating Imagery”

Gospels (Salon C)

Kim Paffenroth, Iona College, Presiding


Whitney Shiner, George Mason University, “Our Father the Devil: A Performance Perspective on John 8:31-59” (pending confirmation)

Grant Gieseke, Drew University, "Up(on) the Ass: John's Triumphal Entry and the Engineering of Consent"
Jason Sturdevant, Princeton Theological Seminary, “Incarnation, Revelation, and Adaptability: John Chrysostom Reads the Fourth Gospel”