

2020 SBL Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting – Call for Papers

March 9–10, 2020

Princeton Theological Seminary, 64 Mercer Street, Princeton NJ 08542-0803

Proposal Due Date: December 16, 2019

Proposal Guidelines and Submissions

Your proposal should state your paper's topic and purpose and summarize how the argument will proceed. Provide enough context to show that you are aware of the basic literature in the field and summarize the argument of your presentation. You may submit only **one** proposal for the MARSBL meeting.

To submit a proposal, find the section that you feel best fits your presentation (see the list at the end of this document). Email your proposal of 150–250 words to the two section heads for the appropriate section. The subject line of your email should read, “2020 MARSBL PAPER PROPOSAL” (use all capital letters). Proposals must include your full name, title, institution (or location), email address, and, as available, your phone number, mobile number, and mailing address. Proposals that do not conform to these guidelines may be disregarded.

Important: if this will be your first presentation at a scholarly conference, you *must* include a draft of your entire paper!

With your proposal please indicate any date or time restrictions that you have when you send your proposal, along with any requests for A/V equipment. All conference rooms contain the necessary equipment, so we strongly encourage presenters to make use of it!

In general we assume that those submitting proposals will keep both days open. Proposals are due **December 16, 2019**, but we encourage you to submit as soon as possible. **You should be notified by the section head regarding the status of your proposal by mid-January 2020.**

Each section head will determine the time allotted for each paper presentation. Presentations will generally last **20–25 minutes**, although presenters are encouraged to set aside a few minutes of this time to allow for questions. Paper length should not exceed ten (10) double-spaced, single-sided pages.

Writing Seminar

MARSBL presenters are invited to participate in a writing seminar section. In these sections papers will not be read; instead the conversation will focus on how the papers can be best readied for publication. We anticipate sections of 3–5 participants, facilitated by an experienced scholar. Seminar participants must email a *complete* paper (not just the draft to be read at the conference) intended for publication to the Writing Seminar Coordinator (WSC) by **Friday, February 21, 2020**. The WSC will then email papers to all seminar participants for their review. Participants will be expected to come prepared to offer constructive feedback to others in their section. If you wish to participate, please so indicate when you make your paper proposal by 12/16, then send the complete paper to Dr. Rob Seesengood at rseesengood@albright.edu.

Registration

Online registration will be available by January 2020. You will be notified by email when our online registration is live. Please utilize the website for registration, as it saves paper and helps the region promote environmentally sustainable gatherings.

Lodging

Lodging is available on site (<https://www.ptsem.edu/discover/hospitality/lodging>), and there are also several hotels within walking distance of Princeton Theological Seminary.

Sustainability

We are asking participants to consider bringing reusable beverage containers and name badge holders from previous conferences in order to cut down on waste at the conference.

SBL Conference Awards

MAR-SBL will confer the Howard Clark Kee Award of \$100 for the best student paper by an SBL student from the region.

We also participate in the SBL Regional Scholars Program, sponsored by the society-wide conference of Regional Coordinators. Our region's nominee for this honor will receive a \$100 prize, in addition to awards and recognition bestowed through the society-wide program. Candidates should be at least ABD and no more than four years past the receipt of their Ph.D. We especially encourage women and underrepresented minorities to apply. Those interested in either prize should submit their full paper to John W. Herbst (herbstot13@gmail.com) **by December 23, 2019**. Please clearly indicate: (1) for which prize or prizes you would like to be considered and (2) your exact student status (Kee Award) and/or your exact status as ABD or PhD completed (Regional Scholars Program).

Sections, with Section Head Emails:

Old Testament/Hebrew Bible

Pentateuch David Moster, Institute of Biblical Culture, davidmoster@gmail.com
Jennifer Koosed, Albright College, jkoosed@albright.edu

Prophets Alexandria Frisch, Ursinus College, afrisch@ursinus.edu
Jennifer Koosed, Albright College, jkoosed@albright.edu

Writings John Ahn, Howard University, john.ahn@howard.edu
Jennifer Koosed, Albright College, jkoosed@albright.edu

God, Flourishing, and Human Brokenness

Papers that speak to the way Hebrew Bible texts describe God's role in human flourishing and/ or brokenness.

Kenneth Ngwa, Drew University, kngwa@drew.edu
Jennifer Koosed, Albright College, jkoosed@albright.edu

New Testament

Gospels Mark Giacobbe, Citylight Church, markgia@gmail.com
Robert Seesengood, Albright College, rseesengood@albright.edu

**Acts, Epistles,
Revelation** Eun Sung Han, Drew University, ehan@drew.edu
Robert Seesengood, Albright College, rseesengood@albright.edu

God, Flourishing, and Human Brokenness

Papers that speak to the way New Testament texts describe God's role in human flourishing and/ or brokenness.

Kim Paffenroth, Iona College, kimpaffenroth@msn.com
Robert Seesengood, Albright College, rseesengood@albright.edu

Biblical Reception History

We are inviting proposals for two sections. For the first, we are looking for papers that speak to the way biblical texts have historically provided ideas about God, flourishing, and human brokenness. The second section is open to proposals for papers that address any aspect of the reception history of the Bible.

Ilona Rashkow, Professor Emerita SUNY at Stony Brook, Ilona.rashkow2@gmail.com
Sarah Malena, St. Mary's College of Maryland, slmalena@smcm.edu

Undergraduate Research Presentation

The undergraduate section is dedicated to promoting research in biblical fields at the undergraduate level. Proposals should be submitted on behalf of undergraduate students by the student's professor or mentor. The professor/ mentor must be an SBL member in good standing, but it is not necessary for the student to be a member of SBL.

Kim Paffenroth, Iona College, kimpaffenroth@msn.com

If you are unsure which section best fits your proposal, then contact our regional coordinator John W. Herbst (herbstot13@gmail.com). Priority will be given to proposals that best fit the sections listed above. You may also direct general inquiries about the meeting to Dr. Herbst. All other inquiries regarding your proposal should be sent to the appropriate section heads.

Scholars who wish to propose panels or new sections should contact the regional coordinator.

John W. Herbst, PhD
Regional Coordinator