

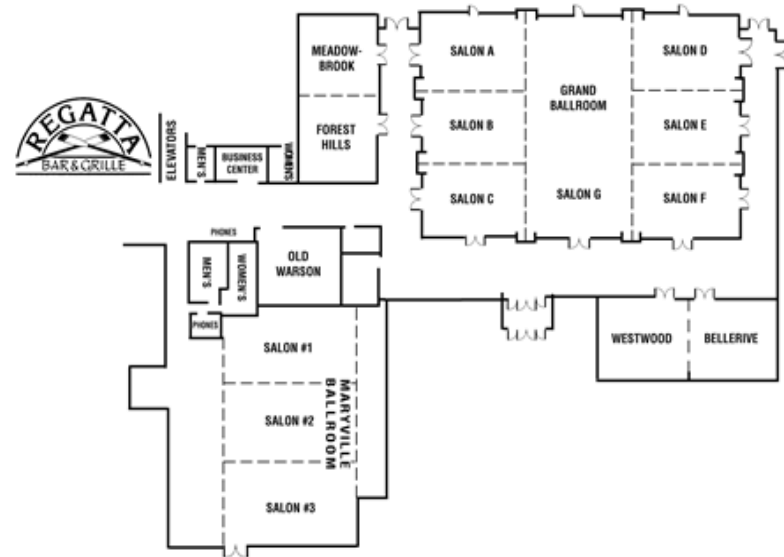
**Program for  
the 2009 Annual  
Central States Regional Meeting  
of**

***The Society of Biblical Literature***

***American Schools of Oriental  
Research***

***Plenary Speaker:  
Dale C. Allison, Jr.  
Pittsburg Theological Seminary***

***March 29-30, 2009  
St. Louis Marriot West***



**Room Assignments:**

Book Display	-----	Maryville III
All Plenary Sessions	-----	Maryville I and II
ASOR	-----	Old Warson
Gender Studies	-----	Meadowbrook
Hebrew Bible	-----	Meadowbrook
New Testament	-----	Forest Hills
Theta Alpha Kappa	-----	Meadowbrook

Our Plenary Speaker:

**Dr. Dale C. Allison, Jr**  
**Errett M. Grable Professor of New Testament Exegesis**  
**and Early Christianity**  
**Pittsburg Theological Seminary**

Our plenary speaker earned his PhD from Duke University in 1982. His dissertation was published by Fortress Press in 1985 under the title *The End of the Ages Has Come*. This would be the first of many significant books to be published by Dr. Allison, including the three-volume commentary on Matthew (ICC), co-authored by W. D. Davies. A small sampling of other significant publications by Allison include *Jesus of Nazareth: Millenarian Prophet* (1998), *The Intertextual Jesus: Scripture in Q* (2000), *Resurrecting Jesus: The Earliest Christian Tradition and Its Interpreters* (2005), and *Studies in Matthew: Interpretation Past and Present* (2005). Dr. Allison has also collaborated with other noted New Testament scholars, such as Amy-Jill Levine, Marcus Borg, Stephen Patterson, and John Dominic Crossan, to contribute to and make accessible important issues in contemporary scholarly debates on Jesus. Dr. Allison's interests extend beyond the guild of biblical scholars, as evidenced by two of his recent publications, *The Luminous Dusk* (2006) and *The Love There That's Sleeping: The Art and Spirituality of George Harrison* (2006).

The title of Dr. Allison's lecture is "Did the Gospel Writers Believe Their Own Myths?" We welcome Dr. Allison to the Central States SBL meeting.

### **Message from the Regional Secretary**

Dear Colleagues,

First, I would like to thank the various section leaders, who are responsible for putting together our various sessions.: Mark Given of New Testament, Deborah Kraus of Gender Studies, David Chapman of ASOR, James Moyer for Theta Alpha Kappa, Paul Raabe of Hebrew Bible. Our own John Strong serves as the national coordinator of the regions and his contribution to our work is greatly appreciated by many. Finally, I thank my colleague Milton Horne who serves as our Treasurer.

Second, I thank those who have chosen to present the fruits of their scholarship to those who gather for this meeting. Included in my thanks is an expression of gratitude to Dr. Dale Allison, our plenary speaker.

Third, I thank the publishers who contributed in various ways to our book display, with a special thanks to those who came personally to be a part of our gathering.

The staff of the Marriott Hotel has been most cooperative and I express appreciation for the dedication and professionalism.

Finally, SBL continues to work well with the regional coordinators, most especially in assisting us to keep regional webpages updated. This year, we used the webpage to post the call for papers, registration information, and the program. Also, one was able both last year and this year to register for the hotel on-line. We are told that the day will likely come when registration and registration fees can be done through our regional webpage.

I extend my thanks to all who contributed to the effort, most especially those who support the meeting through their attendance and presentation and who bring their students so that they can be a part of the proceedings.

Respectfully,

Brad Chance, Regional Secretary

## **Special Sessions**

### **Publishers Display and Bookstore**

**Sunday, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm**

**Monday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Please visit the Publishers Display and Bookstore. You will find great resources for your classes, scholarly research, and your own personal study. Many titles will be significantly discounted. We also want to thank our publishers for joining us at our meeting this year!

### **Special Session I: Sunday Evening Reception**

**Sunday, 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

Join us for some hors d'oeuvres and good conversation, to be located outside the Book Display. Here is a chance to renew acquaintances, make new friends, meet our publishers' representatives, or commit the sin of gluttony!

### **Special Session II: Sunday Evening Dinner and Plenary**

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**"Did the Gospel Writers Believe Their Own Myths?"**

**Sunday, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

Dinner is included in the registration fee for all full-members. Other attendees, spouses, and friends are invited; pending availability, tickets for the meal may be purchased at the Registration Table for **\$27.00**.

### **Special Session III: Theta Alpha Kappa**

**Convener: James Moyer, Missouri State University**

**Sunday Evening, following Special Session II (approximately 8:00 PM)**

### **Special Session IV: Breakfast Planning Meeting**

**Monday, 7:30 – 8:15 am**

The various sections will meet together, select chairpersons, plan for next year's sessions, and discuss other matters, including the plenary speaker for 2010. Breakfast will be **\$10.00**.

### **Special Session V: Jesus and the Gospels**

**Convener: James Ware, University of Evansville**

**Informal Respondent:**

**Dr. Dale C. Allison, Jr**

**Pittsburg Theological Seminary**

**Monday, 9:00 – 11:30 am**

### **Special Session VI: Monday Plenary Business Session**

**Lunch and Business Meeting**

**Monday, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**

A deli style buffet will be served for all those who purchase the lunch (**\$19.00**). At the business meeting, we will discuss the Treasurer's report and discuss any other matters that are brought before the group.

## Chronological Schedule

### Sunday Morning, March 29

#### **Publishers Display and Bookstore**

11:00 am – 6:00 pm

#### **Registration (pre-registrants pick up packets)**

10:30 am – 5:00 pm

### Sunday Afternoon, March 29

#### **ASOR Session I: Artifacts and Current Excavations**

**Convener: David W. Chapman, Covenant Theological Seminary**

- 2:00 Ted Carruth**, Lipscomb University  
“Notebooks and Handbooks: Before Early Christian Texts Became Scripture”
- 2:30 John T. Strong**, Missouri State University & Adam Dodd,  
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
“The 2008 Season of the Tel Gezer Excavation Project”
- 3:00 David W. Chapman**, Covenant Theological Seminary  
“The 2008 Excavations at Abila of the Decapolis”
- 3:30 David Vila**, John Brown University  
“The Early Islamic Periods at Abila of the Decapolis:  
An Overview”
- 4:00 Discussion**

#### **Hebrew Bible Session I**

**Convener: Daryl Jefferies, Central Methodist University**

- 1:30 William King**, Covenant Theological Seminary  
“Semantics of the Ambitransitive *Hiphil* and *Haphel* as  
Morphological Valency-Changing Mechanisms in Biblical Hebrew  
and Biblical Aramaic”
- 2:00 Robert Caldwell**, Concordia Seminary  
“From Exegesis to Interpretation: Bridging the Gap in Zephaniah  
with Speech-Act Theory”
- 2:30 Peter A. Green**, Covenant Theological Seminary  
“The Theological Significance of Wine in the Pentateuch”
- 3:00 Varunaj Churnai**, Concordia Seminary  
“Death through the Eyes of Faith: Echo from the Book of Job”
- 3:30 Jared Chatfield**, Missouri State University  
“The Temple of the Lord: An Exploration of the Temple Sermon  
in Jer 7:1-15”
- 4:00 Chris Williams**, Winebrenner Theological Seminary  
“Imperial Resistance Rooted in Creation: Jeremiah’s Letter to the  
Exiles”

## **Sunday Afternoon, March 29 (continued)**

### **New Testament Session I**

**Convener: Mark Given, Missouri State University**

- 1:30 René Such Schreiner**, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary  
"Revelation and Soteriology in John's Gospel: A Heuristic of Authorities and Spirit"
- 2:00 Andy Chambers**, Missouri Baptist University  
"Exemplary Life in the Gentile Churches of Acts"
- 2:30 Alec J. Lucas**, Loyola University, Chicago  
"Romans 1:18–2:4; Wisdom of Solomon 11-19; and Psalm 106 (LXX 105): A Three-Way Metaleptic Interplay?"
- 3:00 James Ware**, University of Evansville  
"Law, Christ and Covenant in Romans 3:19-20"
- 3:30 Tyson Putthoff**, Missouri State University/Durham University  
"Paul and the Chronotopic Christ-Person: Paul's *εν χριστω* Formula in Light of Jewish and Platonic Mysticisms"
- 4:00 Max Rogland**, Erskine Theological Seminary, Columbia Campus  
"*This is the Commandment*': Deuteronomic Echoes in the Johannine Epistles"

## **Sunday Evening, March 29**

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### **Special Session II: Sunday Evening Dinner and Plenary**

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**Convener: James Moyer, Missouri State University**

**8:00 Tyler Bream**, Evangel University

"A Battle of the Prophets: The Prophetic Confrontation in I Kings 22:1-28"

**8:30 Amy Fleming**, Truman State University

"The Role of Women in the Pauline Church"

**9:00 Zachary Guiliano**, Evangel University

"Eucharistic Social Theology in Developing Anglo-Catholicism"

**9:30 Troy Kinney**, Evangel University

"Before His Time: Paul and Deconstruction"

## **Monday Morning, March 30**

### **Special Session IV: Breakfast Planning Meeting**

**Monday, 7:30 – 8:15 am**

### **Special Session V: Jesus and the Gospels (New Testament II):**

**Convener: James Ware, University of Evansville**

**Informal Respondent:**

**Dr. Dale C. Allison, Jr., Pittsburg Theological Seminary**

- 9:00 Robert L. Mowery**, Illinois Wesleyan University  
“A Ring-Shaped Pattern in the Sermon on the Mount”
- 9:30 Mark D. Given**, Missouri State University  
“The Call of Isaiah and the Baptism of Jesus in Mark: A Hermeneutical Reassessment”
- 10:00 Charles W. Hedrick**, Missouri State University  
“Survivors of the Crucifixion. Searching for Profiles in the Parables”
- 10:30 Stephen J. Patterson**, Eden Theological Seminary  
“Jesus, John and the Empire of God”
- 11:00 Micah Hildreth**, Missouri State University  
“Possessed Proclamation: A Narrative-Critical Approach to Mark 5:1-20”

### **Gender Studies Session**

**Convener: Deborah Krause, Eden Theological Seminary**

- 9:00 Heather Pate**, Principia College, “Women in Proverbs and Contemporary Films”
- 9:30 Elizabeth Bonney**, William Jewell College, “Judith and the People of God”
- 10:00 InHee Cho**, Concordia College of Alberta, “Theological Implication of Women’s Leading Funeral Role in Jesus’ Death and Burial According to the Gospel of Matthew”
- 10:30 Elizabeth A. McCabe**, Hebrew Union College, “A Reexamination of Phoebe as *Diakonos* and *Prostatis*: Exposing the Inaccuracies of English Translations.”
- 11:00 Cate Norton**, Principia College, “Job’s Wife: What to do when everything falls apart and your husband goes off on an existential journey—a survivor’s guide”

## **Monday Morning, March 30 (continued)**

### **ASOR Session II: Studies in Cultures and Texts Convener: James C. Moyer, Missouri State University**

- 9:00 James C. Moyer**, Missouri State University  
"Eating Sacrifices offered to the Dead (Psalms 106:28)"
- 9:30 Charles J. Otte III**, University of Chicago  
"Laying Ahiiram to Rest: A New Reading of the Ahiiram Sarcophagus Inscription"
- 10:00 Chris Weimer**, University of Memphis  
"Anthropophagy in the Ancient Mediterranean and Near East"
- 10:30 Mark Appold**, Truman State University  
"Tyre and Sidon and the Bethsaida Woes"
- 11:00** Discussion

## **Monday Afternoon, March 30**

### **Special Session VI: Monday Plenary Business Session Lunch and Business Meeting Monday, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**

### **Hebrew Bible Session II—Old Testament and Ethics Convener: Paul R. Raabe, Concordia Seminary**

- 1:00 Roger D. Cotton**, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary  
"Holiness Ethics Taught in Leviticus"
- 1:30 James Ware**, University of Evansville  
"Law and Covenant in Psalm 143"
- 2:00 William P. Griffin**, Evangel University  
"Ethics and Psalm 82"

- 2:30 Milton Horne**, William Jewell College  
"Moral Authority in Job 31"
- 3:00 Daryl Jefferies**, Central Methodist University  
"Re-assessing Ethics in the Dead Sea Scrolls in Light of the Qumran Wisdom Literature"

### **New Testament III, NT and Related Literatures Convener: Robert L. Mowery, Illinois Wesleyan University**

- 1:00 Eric F. Mason**, Judson University  
"The Conception of the Heavenly Sanctuary in Hebrews: Literal or Metaphorical?"
- 1:30 Wave Nunally**, Evangel University  
"From Ezekiel 17:24 and 21:3 to Luke 23:31: A Survey of the Connecting Jewish Tradition."
- 2:00 InHee Cho**, Concordia Seminary  
"Peter's Curse (Matt 26:73-74) and the Offense of the Religion of the Name Reflected in the Letter of Pliny the Younger"
- 2:30 John Michael Strachan**, Marquette University  
"The Opening and Closing of Eyes in the Animal Apocalypse: Isaiah's Retributive Taunt Against Idolatry as Hermeneutical Key"

Preliminary Treasurer's Report & Minutes  
**2008 Central States SBL/ASOR Meeting**  
St. Louis, Missouri, March 30-31

Minutes of the 2007 meeting: Approved as printed in the program. Moyer moved, Raabe seconded.

Business items:

1. Next year's meeting will be at the same hotel as currently. We get both good service and the best rates.
2. Area chairs for next year: NT Mark Given; OT Paul Raabe; Gender Studies Deb Krause; ASOR Chapman; Regional Scholar Vic Matthews
3. Report from NT groups: Four possible selections for next year's plenary speaker: Bart Ehrman, Dale Allison, Robert Tannehill, and A. Malherbe.
4. Recognition from the floor of the successful TAK paper competition. This year's winner was Andrew Miller, Westminster College, "Native Americans and the Book of Mormon." Special thanks for to Mark Given and John Strong of Southwest Missouri State for judging the papers and presentations.
5. The group approved by consensus that the society should provide a banquet meal for winners of the student research award.
6. Recognition of schools for bringing students: Evangel brought 8; William Jewell, 4; Concordia, 4.
7. Special thanks to book representatives from both Hendrickson Press and Abingdon Press. Other presses that sent books in lieu of representatives include Westminster/John Knox; Eerdmans; InterVarsity Press; Zondervan; Chalice; Baker. Eisenbrauns sent order forms.

Adjourn.

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Preliminary Treasurer's Report:

<i>Receipts</i>		
Pre-registration	69	\$3394.00
On-site registration (& bk sales)	27	\$1383.00
Total receipts		
		\$4777.00

<i>Expenses</i>		
Plenary speaker (VanderKam)		\$850.00
Paper competition (Dutko)		\$100.00
Hotel		\$4487.77
Supplies		\$ 71.64
WJC Printing		\$ 19.65
WJC envelopes		\$ 5.10

Does not yet reflect the \$1500.00 contribution from SBL.

Respectfully submitted,  
Milton Horne



Central States Society of Biblical Literature  
Financial Report for 2009  
(Jan 1 – Dec. 31, 2008)

Cash on hand December 31, 2007                 \$6132.75

**Revenue:**

Pre-registration (69)                                 3394.00  
On-site income (all sources) (27)                 1383.50  
National Stipend                                     1500.00  
Reimburse from Chance                             166.11  
Total receipts   \$6443.61

**Expenses**

Plenary speaker (VanderKam)                     850.00  
Paper competition (Dutko)                         100.00  
Convention Center                                  4487.77  
Supplies   71.64  
WJC Printing   19.65  
WJC envelopes                                        5.10  
Renewal of Non-profit status                     15.00  
**Total expenses                                     \$5549.16**

**FINAL BALANCE                                    \$7027.20**

Submitted by Milton Horne, Treasurer