

**Program for
the 2010 Annual
Central States Regional Meeting
of**

The Society of Biblical Literature

***American Schools of Oriental
Research***

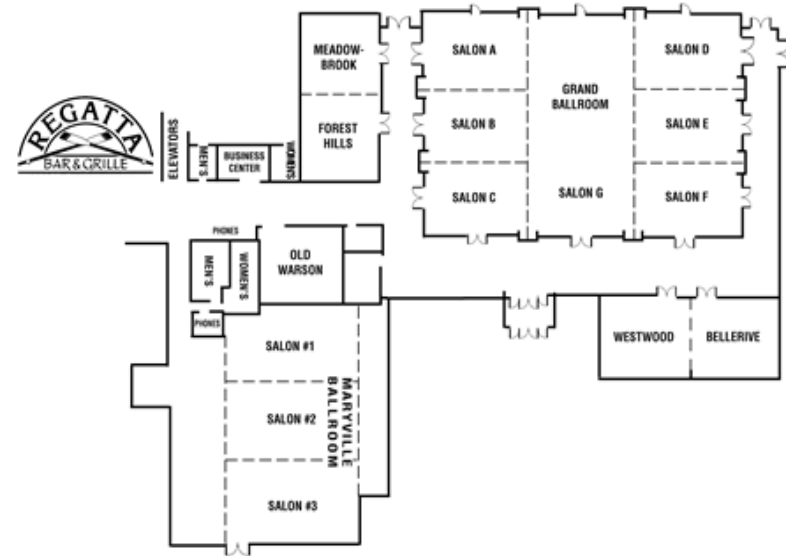
Plenary Speaker

Dr. Jodi Magness

University of North Carolina--Chapel Hill

March 21-22, 2010

St. Louis Marriott West



Room Assignments:

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

Keynote Speaker for the 2110 Meeting:

Dr. Jodi Magness

Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching
Excellence in Early Judaism
University of North Carolina--Chapel Hill

*The Talpiyot Tomb and 'James Ossuary' Reconsidered: An
Archeologist's Perspective*

Jodi Magness is widely recognized as an excellent teacher and research scholar. Her book *The Archaeology of Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2002) won the 2003 Biblical Archaeology Society's Award for Best Popular Book in Archaeology in 2001-2002 and was selected as an "Outstanding Academic Book for 2003" by Choice Magazine. Magness' book *The Archaeology of the Early Islamic Settlement in Palestine* (Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2003) was awarded the 2006 Irene Levi-Sala Book Prize in the category of non-fiction on the archaeology of Israel. She is currently working on a book entitled *The Archaeology of the Holy Land (586 B.C.E. – 640 A.D.)* (under contract with Cambridge University Press).

In 2008 Magness received a national teaching honor: the Archaeological Institute of America's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. She recently signed a contract with The Teaching Company to produce a 36-lecture course on "The World of Jesus" (scheduled for release in December 2011).

Central States SBL is honored to have Dr. Magness as this year's plenary lecturer.

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, 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. Jodi Magness, 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. Due to IRS mandates, things will be changing, however. Our hope is that these changes will cause no disruption for our membership, but members should attend our business meeting this year.

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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The Talpiyot Tomb and 'James Ossuary' Reconsidered: An Archeologist's Perspective

Sunday, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Dinner is included in the registration fee for all full-members. Persons who would like to purchase banquet tickets may do so at the Registration Table for \$30.00, while supplies last.

Special Sessions IIIA and IIIB: Theta Alpha Kappa

Conveners: James Moyer, Missouri State University (IIIA)

William Griffin, Evangel University (IIIB)

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 2011. Breakfast will be \$10.00.

Special Session V: ASOR and Hebrew Bible Combined Session (8:30-9:30)

Convener: David W. Chapman, Covenant Theological Seminary;

Conversation with Dr. Jodi Magness, Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching Excellence in Early Judaism
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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). The focus of this year's meeting will be the transition of regional groups of the SBL from current status to *independent groups*, sponsored by, but not officially affiliated with, the SBL. **VERY IMPORTANT!**

Chronological Schedule

Sunday Morning

Publishers Display and Bookstore

11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Registration (pre-registrants pick up packets)

10:30 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday Afternoon

ASOR Session I (1:30 – 4:30)

Convener: James C. Moyer, Missouri State University

1:30 Ted Carruth, Lipscomb University
“Paul, Archaeology and Slavery”

2:00 James C. Moyer, Missouri State University
“Evaluating the Archaeology Coverage of the *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary: Old Testament*”

2:30 Susan Ellis, Wayne State College
“Early Bronze Ceramics at Abila”

3:00 Jeff Rathman, Nebraska Wesleyan University
“The Identification of Toolmarks on Butchered Faunal Remains from Abila of the Decapolis in Northern Jordan.”

3:30 Catherine Duff, University of Toronto
“Technological Choice within the Imperial Relationship: Egypt and Canaan in the Late Bronze Age”

4:00 Adam L. Bean, Emmanuel School of Religion
“The Calendar Tablet from Gezer: The Classification of its Script and Language”

Hebrew Bible Session I (1:30-4:45)

Convener: Paul R. Raabe, Concordia Seminary

1:30 Eric Wagner, Aquinas Institute of Theology
“‘Let Him Be Cursed?’ YHWH and Jeremiah’s Conversation in the Confessions”

2:00 John T. Strong, Missouri State University
“Writing the Word of God”

2:30 Timothy Saleska, Concordia Seminary
“Bridging the Gap between Past and Present: The Psalms’ Influence on Modern Readers”

3:00 BREAK

3:15 Clinton J. Moyer, Chicago, IL
“Who is the Prophet, and Who the Ass? Role-Reversing Interludes and the Unity of the Balaam Narrative (Numbers 22-24)”

3:45 David P. Melvin, Baylor University
“Angelology in the Hebrew Bible: Developments and Significance”

4:15 Daniel D. Bunn, Jr., Asbury Theological Seminary
“Jacob Wrestles with Esau: A Fresh Look at Genesis 32:23-33”

New Testament Session I: See next page.

Sunday Afternoon

New Testament I (1:30 – 5:00 PM)

Convener: Mark Given, Missouri State University

- 1:30** vanThanh Nguyen, Catholic Theological Union
“Luke’s Point of View of the Gentile Mission: The Test Case of Acts 10:1—11:18”
- 2:00** Mark Appold, Truman State University
“Prophetic Discourse and the Johannine Words of Jesus”
- 2:30** Alec J. Lucas, Loyola University, Chicago
“Evocations of the Calf Rebellion: Rom 2:5–11 and Deut 9:1–10:22 vs. Wis 15:1–6 and Exod 32–34”
- 3:00** Mark D. Given, Missouri State University
“Parenesis and Peroration in Galatians: The Rhetorical Function of Gal 4:12–6:18”
- 3:30** Robert L. Mowery, Illinois Wesleyan University
“‘I Have Learned the Secret’ (Phil 4:12): Paul and the Samothracian Mysteries”
- 4:00** David May, Central Baptist Theological Seminary
“Counting Kings (Revelation 17:10): A Novel Approach from Roman Imperial Coinage”
- 4:30** Wave Nunnally, Evangel University
“*Apostasis* (Apostasy) and *Shovaev* (Backsliding): Biblical Synonyms?”

Sunday Evening

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Special Session IIIA Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society (begins approximately at 8:00 PM)

Convener: James Moyer, Missouri State University

25 minutes per paper

Krista Dalton, Evangel University

“Karma: The Source of Moral or Social Causation”

Monica Peck, Missouri State University

“Gay and Lesbian Orthodox Jews: Choosing to Remain in the Orthodox Faith”

Evan Pennington, Missouri State University

“Upheaval and the Unutterable: A Comparative Analysis of Post-Exilic and Post-Holocaust Jewish Poetry”

Mark Lambert, Truman State University

“Baldwin IV, A Curious Case of Leprosy in the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem”

Jennifer Stinnett, University of Evansville

“Heaven Against Earth: A Shift in the Christian Hope”

SPECIAL SESSION IIIB, Theta Alpha Kappa, Session II: See next page.

Sunday Evening (continued)

Special Session IIIB Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society (begins approximately at 8:00 PM)

Convener: William Griffin, Evangel University

25 minutes per paper

Michael Ryswyk, Evangel University

“Inversion and Reversal: The Use of Satire, Parody, and Irony in Amos 5:18-25”

Ariel Smith, Missouri State University

“Over to a Woman: An Analysis of Jewish and Christian Interpretations of Judges 4 and 5”

Nicole Sparks, Evangel University

“Redemptive Role: Parallelism in Romans 8:18-25 as a Summons to Ecological Responsibility”

Alexander Thompson, University of Evansville

“The Hope of a Renewed Creation: Romans 8:18-25”

Matthew Schanuel, William Jewell College

“The Son of Man as Apocalyptic Symbol, Indistinct Title, and Modern Identity”

Monday Morning

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Special Session V: ASOR and Hebrew Bible Combined Session (8:30-11:30)

Convener: David W. Chapman, Covenant Theological Seminary

8:30-9:30

An Opportunity to Interact with **Dr. Jodi Magness**

9:30 David L. Adams, Concordia Seminary

“The Excavations at Khirbet Qeiyafa and their Impact on Understanding Israel's Tenth Century”

10:00 John T. Strong, Missouri State University & Adam Dodd, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
“Report on the 2009 Season at Tel Gezer”

10:30 Jared Chatfield, Missouri State University
“The Zoomorphic Figurine at Gezer: Child's Toy or Cultic Object.”

11:00 Victor H. Matthews, Missouri State University
“The Use of Gestures as a Non-Verbal, but Telling Form of Communication in Ancient Israel”

Theology, Religious Studies, and Pedagogy (8:30-11:45)

Convener: J. Bradley Chance, William Jewell College

Theology and Religious Studies (90 minutes):

8:30 Beth Hoeltke, Concordia Seminary
“Implications of Creation Theology for Sabbath Rest and Worship”

9:00 Ryan J. Marr, Saint Louis University
“Newman as Interpreter of Scripture: An Example for Our Time”

9:30 Mark Fugitt, Missouri State University
“The Fighting Pilgrims: The Impact of the Veneration of Saint James on the Spanish Reconquista”

BREAK

Pedagogy (90 minutes):

10:15 Stephen M. Fugitt, Columbia College/Missouri State University
“Ideas for Small Groups in the Religious Studies Classroom: A Practical Pedagogical Approach”

10:45 John T. Strong, Missouri State University
“Hybrid Classes, Learning Communities, and Teaching Archaeology”

11:15 James Moyer, Missouri State University
“Linked Learning Communities, Public Affairs Mission, and the Introductory Course to the Hebrew Bible”

New Testament II: See next page.

Monday Morning (continued)

New Testament II, New Testament and Ethics (9:00 – 12:00 Noon)

Convener: Robert Mowery, Illinois Wesleyan University

- 9:00 René Such Schreiner**, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
"Putting Critical Biblical Scholarship to Work in Christian Ethics: Brock, Watson, and the Place of Doctrine"
- 9:30 James Murphy**, University of Denver
"Kids and Kingdom in Mark: The Precarious Presence of Children in Mark"
- 10:00 James Kelhoffer**, Saint Louis University
"The Ethics of Basing Standing in Christ on Enduring Persecution"
- 10:30 Paul Hartog**, Faith Baptist Theological Seminary
"The Ethics of Galatians and a 'Lutheran' Approach"
- 11:30 Mark Nanos**, Rockhurst University
"'Callused,' Not 'Hardened': Paul's Revelation of Temporary Protection Until All Israel Can Be Healed"

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New Testament III, Rereadings of Problematic Pauline Texts (1:00-2:30)

Convener: James Ware, University of Evansville

- 1:00 Ally Kateusz**, University of Missouri, Kansas City
"Was Paul Making a Joke? Implications of Rereading 1 Cor 11:14 through Epiphanius of Salamis."

- 1:30 Darryl Schafer**, Missouri State University
"The Dead in the Water: Paul's View of Baptism and Its Influence on 1 Cor 15:29"
- 2:00 Matthew Gallion**, Missouri State University
"The Price of Freedom: Bribery, the Philippian Gift, and Paul's choice in Philippians 1:19–26"

ASOR Session III

Convener: Bethany J. Walker, Missouri State University

- 1:00 David H. Vila**, John Brown University
"An Overview of Recent Work at Abila"
- 1:30 David W. Chapman**, Covenant Theological Seminary
"Hellenistic Remains at Decapolis Abila"
- 2:00 Mark Appold**, Truman State University
"How Jewish Was Jesus? A Bethsaida Response in Text and Archaeology"
- 2:30 Graydon F. Snyder**, Chicago Theological Seminary, and Stephen D. Snyder, Fatih University, Istanbul
"The Multifaceted Iconographic Foundation for Byzantium"
- 3:00 Bethany J. Walker**, Missouri State University
"Where Did All the People Go?: An Ecological Interpretation of Settlement Decline in Late Medieval Southern Syria"
- 3:30 Michael Fuller**, St. Louis Community College – Meramec
"New Archaeological Discoveries in Syria and Jordan"

Hebrew Bible Session II: See next page.

Monday Afternoon (continued)

Hebrew Bible Session II (1:00-5:00)

Convener: Anne Marie Kitz, St. Louis

- 1:00 Peter A. Green**, Covenant Theological Seminary
“Methodological Issues in Intertextuality: Two Case Studies of Possible Verbal Parallels”
- 1:30 Daryl F. Jefferies**, Central Methodist University
“Searching the Unsearchable: Literary Expressions of the Infinite and Eternal in the Dead Sea Scrolls”
- 2:00 Adam L. Bean**, Emmanuel School of Religion
“Translating Qoheleth, Transforming Wisdom: A Comparison of Gregory Thaumaturgos’ Paraphrase of Ecclesiastes and Targum Qoheleth”
- 2:30 BREAK**
- 2:45 Travis W. Cooper**, Missouri State University
“At the Crossroads: Qohelet’s Conceptions of Death and the Afterlife”
- 3:15 William P. Griffin**, Evangel University
“Breaking Old Paradigms: Further Reflections on Hebrew Pedagogy”
- 3:45 BREAK**
- 4:00 Carol S. Wimmer**, Tulsa
“Coloring Mythology: The Use of the Visible Spectrum as a Structural Foundation for Genesis 1:3-31”
- 4:30 Paul Landgraf**, Concordia Seminary
“The Structure of Genesis: God’s Remembrances at the Heart of His Generations”

Central States SBL
 Minutes/Summary of Meeting
 March 29-30, 2009
 St. Louis Marriott West
 Prepared: May 29, 2009

Officers: J. Bradley Chance, Regional Coordinator
 Milton P. Horne, Treasurer

Attendance: 78. John Strong reported to the group that attendance was down at other regional meetings. With budget concerns, many are required to attend "out of pocket."

Plenary Speaker for 2009 Meeting: Dale C. Allison Jr., Errett M. Grable
 Professor of New Testament, Pittsburg Theological Seminary.

Awards Presented:

- Regional Scholar: InHee Cho
- Best Student paper: Alec J. Lucas

Next year's meeting information:

- Place: St. Louis Marriott West
- Dates: March 21-22

Other matters:

- Good student participation, most especially from Evangel University, Missouri State, Concordia Seminary, and William Jewell College also noted.
- James Moyer served well as regional coordinator of Theta Alpha Kappa. After years of good service, Milton Horne agreed to assume this role in 2011.
- The group affirmed increased use of electronic communication (emails and use of Central States webpage) to save money and make communication more effective. Discussion of targeted invitations for next year.
- All student presenters (SBL and TAK) were given coupons to select a book of their choice.

- Book displays: Hendrickson and Abingdon sent personal representatives. SBL, Polebridge, Zondervan, Eerdmans, Chalice, and Baker sent books, which they generously donated to the society.
- Group to select next year's plenary speaker: ASOR. No word on speaker as of this date.

Central States Society of Biblical Literature
 Financial Report for 2010
 (Jan 1 – Dec. 31, 2009)

Cash on hand December 31, 2008	7027.20
Revenue:	
Pre-registration:	2412.00
On-site registration, plus other income (including petty cash)	1693.38
National Stipend	1500.00
Total receipts	5605.38
Expenses	
Plenary speaker (Dale Allison, stipend & travel)	1085.34
Paper competition (Cho & Lucas)	200.00
Convention Center	3809.86
Supplies	32.99
WJC Printing	18.15
Renewal of Non-profit status	10.00
	5156.34
Total expenses	
FINAL BALANCE	\$7476.24