

SBL SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE

From: John F. Kutsko
To: SBL Members
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Dear Colleagues,

I have had the extraordinary opportunity of serving as the Executive Director of the Society of Biblical Literature since July of 2010. It has been a privilege to have worked alongside so many of you, and I am proud of the work we have done together. I am grateful that today SBL is more financially stable and vibrant than it was a decade ago, with new programs and services that will continue to make a difference for members, for the discipline, and for the role biblical scholars play in a rapidly changing academic landscape.

Only an exceptional opportunity could pull me away from my academic home. At the end of this year, I will be stepping down from SBL and will be joining [Atla](#), formerly known as the American Theological Library Association, to serve as its next Executive Director.

SBL will always have my loyalty and affection, and I deeply care about its future. I am fortunate that Atla seeks continued collaborations with SBL in order to advance our overlapping missions, and I am looking forward to pursuing them. I will do everything I can to help ensure an orderly transition and will work closely and thoughtfully with Council and staff to help provide as much continuity as possible. I also look forward to seeing and thanking members in Denver during the 2022 Annual Meeting.

I am grateful to Council and members of the Society with whom it has been my honor to serve and for the abiding relationships formed in the process. My deepest gratitude goes to the SBL staff. They are exceptionally skilled and committed professionals who work tirelessly to foster biblical scholarship for every member around the world. Together, you are SBL.

Sincerely yours,



John F. Kutsko
Executive Director