

**SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE**  
**ICI REPORT FOR JUNE-JULY 2019**

**(a) THE SBL ANNUAL MEETING 2019, SAN DIEGO**

The next SBL Annual Meeting will take place in Denver, Colorado, from 23 to 26 November 2019. The Call for Papers is **closed**, Registering is **open**. Program Book is **available**.

See this link: <https://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Annualmeeting.aspx>

**SOME ADDITIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN SAN DIEGO!!:**

Hotel	Website	Address	Phone	Fees*	Distance to San Diego Convention Center
USA Hostels San Diego*	<a href="http://www.usahostels.com/locations/san-diego/">www.usahostels.com/locations/san-diego/</a>	726 Fifth Ave., San Diego, CA 92101	(619) 232-3100	\$31/night (dorms) to \$95/night (private)	.5 miles
HI San Diego Downtown*	<a href="http://www.hiusa.org">www.hiusa.org</a>	521 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92101	(619) 525-1531	\$45/night (dorms) to \$96/night (single)	.5 miles
Lucky D's Hostel	<a href="http://www.luckydshostel.com">www.luckydshostel.com</a>	618 Eighth Ave., San Diego, CA 92101	(619) 595-0000	\$58/night (dorms)	.7 miles
Ramada by Wyndham San Diego Gaslamp	<a href="http://www.wyndhamhotels.com">www.wyndhamhotels.com</a>	830 6th Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101	(619) 531-8877	\$84/night	.7 miles
Found Hotel San Diego*	<a href="http://www.foundhotels.com">www.foundhotels.com</a>	505 West Grape Street, San Diego, CA 92101	(619) 230-1600	\$29/night (dorms) to \$119/night (single)	1.5 miles
Motel 6 San Diego Airport	<a href="http://www.motel6.com">www.motel6.com</a>	2353 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101	(619) 232-8931	\$85/night	2 miles

Fees are subject to change

\*Hostel or guest house may have common shared dormitories or bathrooms

**(b) THE SBL INTERNATIONAL MEETING 2020, ADELAIDE**

The next SBL International Meeting will take place in the University of Adelaide, Adelaide, Australia, from 5 to 9 July 2020. The Call for Papers is not open yet, Registering is not open yet. Program Book is not available yet.

See this link: <https://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Internationalmeeting.aspx>

**Visa letters for travel to the Annual or International Meetings**

In order to facilitate attendance by those in ICI countries at SBL Congresses, [Samantha Spitzner](#) has been appointed as the SBL visa coordinator. Samantha will advise members who need visas in order to travel to and participate in the Annual or International Meetings. She will not prepare applications, but will be a source of information to aid members in submitting applications and will provide letters of intent if needed by those participating in the meeting as presenters or committee members. For more information, please contact Samantha directly.

**(c) SBL INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AWARDS**

The SBL International Travel Awards offer opportunities to current SBL members outside North America to attend the Annual or International Meeting, to participate in the program, to enhance their professional development, and to build their network with fellow scholars. These grants help facilitate the work of Program Units and the International Cooperation Initiative (“ICI”). These grants are intended to support underrepresented and underresourced scholars. As such, preference will be given to women, people of historically underrepresented ethnicities, and members from [ICI-qualifying countries](#). A key criterion is an applicant’s demonstrable financial need.

Four International Travel Award Panels (ITAP) will administer the awards each year, serving four geographic regions:

- Africa and Middle East
- Asia and Pacific
- Eastern Europe

- Latin America and Caribbean

For awards offered in 2020, each ITAP will administer \$3,000 in awards in each region. The panels may determine the best distribution of funds (e.g., as one \$1000 and one \$2000 award, or as three awards of \$1000 each). The applicants must attend the Annual or International Meetings, but may or may not participate in the program, depending upon their needs expressed in the application. All grants include lodging (one room, single or shared) for four nights and complimentary meeting registration. Recipients may not have attended an Annual or International Meeting within the last five (5) years.

<https://www.sbl-site.org/membership/AMtravelgrant.aspx>

#### **(d) PUBLICATION IN ANCIENT NEAR EAST MONOGRAPHS (ANEM)**

ANEM is a series that was established by the SBL at the request of the International Cooperation Initiative (ICI), jointly published with the Universidad Católica Argentina's Centro de Estudios de Historia del Antiguo Oriente (CEHAO) and co-edited by Jeffrey Stackert and Juan Manuel Tebes. The series publishes volumes on the Ancient Near East (including ancient Israel) both in print and electronically, making them freely available for download. Paperback and hardback versions of the volumes are available, for a reasonable price.

To view the volumes published in the series, please go to

[http://www.sbl-site.org/publications/Books\\_ANEmonographs.aspx](http://www.sbl-site.org/publications/Books_ANEmonographs.aspx) (SBL English version)

<http://www.uca.edu.ar/anem> (CEHAO Spanish version)

The latest volume in ANEM is:

**SHELLENBERG, Annette, Thomas KRUGER (eds.) Sounding Sensory Profiles in The Ancient Near East. Ancient Near East Monographs – Monografías sobre el Antiguo Oriente, Volume 25. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature – Centro de Estudios del Antiguo Oriente, 2019. 422 pp. ISBN 9781628372410**

An interdisciplinary essay collection from an international group of experts. For several decades sociologists and cultural anthropologists have intensively researched the role of the senses in a variety of cultures, and their studies show how diverse cultures understand and evaluate the five or more senses differently. In this collection of eighteen essays, biblical and ancient Near Eastern scholars, as well as cultural anthropologists, apply the questions and methods from anthropological and sociological studies to Israel, Mesopotamia, and Egypt. Experts offer insights into the meaning of the senses in the ancient world, examining the classical senses (seeing, hearing, touching, smelling, tasting) as well as other senses (such as kinesthesia and the sense of balance) and sense-related issues (such as disgust, sensory imagination, and disabilities). This collection provides a stimulus and a basis for students and scholars to explore the senses in the ancient Near East.

Features:

- Exploration of the relationship between sensory experience and reasoning.
- Assessments of how theory and practice of the senses relate to each other.
- Essays examining connections between emotions and senses.

**(e) PUBLICATION IN INTERNATIONAL VOICES IN BIBLICAL STUDIES (IVBS)**

IVBS is a series that was established by the SBL at the request of the International Cooperation Initiative (ICI), and which is co-edited by Monica Melanchthon and Jione Havea. IVBS encourages in particular submissions from scholars in the present seven international regions for which it has editorial boards: Africa, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, Middle East-South Asia, Northeast Asia, Pacific, and Southeast Asia. Interregional collaborations are also welcome. IVBS publishes works in English and in any other language for which its editors can find qualified peer reviewers. Any work published in IVBS is freely available to anyone in perpetuity. The series publishes work generally in the area of reception history and criticism. The scope is not limited to any particular biblical text or historical timeframe. The works will mainly be published in English and, wherever possible, also in primary languages of authors. For more information please go to

<http://ivbs.sbl-site.org/home.aspx>. If you would consider publishing your work in this series, feel free to contact one of the two general editors, [Monica Melanchthon](#) or [Jione Havea](#).

The latest volume in IVBS is:

**Ahn, John (ed.) Landscapes of Korean and Korean American Biblical Interpretation. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2019.**

A groundbreaking first collection of Korean and Korean American biblical interpretation.

Essays by established and emerging Korean and Korean American scholars reflect a range of historical, textual, feminist, sociological, theological, and postcolonial readings. Contributors cast ancient contexts and even recent events in South Korea in light on familiar passages such as King Manasseh read through the Sewol Ferry Tragedy, David and Bathsheba's narrative as the backdrop to the prohibition against adultery, rereading the virtuous women in Proverbs 31:10–31 through a Korean woman's experience, visualizing the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and demarcations in Galatians, and introducing the extrabiblical story of Eve and Norea, her daughter, through story (re)telling. This volume of essays introduces Korean and Korean American biblical interpretation to scholars and students interested in contemporary contextual interpretations.

Features:

- An introduction of the “locative-textual” approach as a framework for Korean and Korean American biblical interpretation.
- New inroads by bridging Korean with Korean American biblical scholarship.
- Fresh grounds for fostering critical and contextual biblical scholarship by Koreans and Korean North Americans.

**(f) ICI ONLINE BOOK REPOSITORY**

For a **full alphabetic list of all publications available for free in the ICI book repository program**, please go to:

[http://www.sbl-site.org/publications/Books\\_ICIbooks.aspx](http://www.sbl-site.org/publications/Books_ICIbooks.aspx)

**New books added to the repository!:**

**Herman, Geoffrey and Jeffrey L. Rubenstein, eds. *The Aggada of the Bavli and Its Cultural World*. Brown Judaic Studies 362. Providence: Brown Judaic Studies, 2018.**

The Babylonian Talmud (Bavli), the great compilation of Jewish law edited in the late Sasanian era (sixth–seventh century CE), also incorporates a great deal of aggada, that is, nonlegal material, including interpretations of the Bible, stories, folk sayings, and prayers. The Talmud’s aggadic traditions often echo conversations with the surrounding cultures of the Persians, Eastern Christians, Manichaeans, Mandaeans, and the ancient Babylonians, and others. The essays in this volume analyze Bavli aggada to reveal this rich engagement of the Talmud with its cultural world.

**Kauhanen, Tuukka. *Lucifer of Cagliari and the Text of 1–2 Kings*. Septuagint and Cognate Studies 68. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2018.**

In this book, Tuukka Kauhanen approaches the challenging case of the textual history of 1 and 2 Kings through citations of the text found within the writings of the fourth-century bishop of Sardinia, Lucifer of Cagliari. Kauhanen presents evidence that Lucifer’s Latin text sheds important light on lost Hebrew and Greek pieces of the textual puzzle in Kings. In doing so, he compares all of Lucifer’s extensive quotations of Kings to extant Greek witnesses as well as Old Latin witnesses where available and subsequently analyzes the probable reasons for textual variations. In each instance he attempts to choose the best possible candidate for the Old Greek reading and where that reading might reflect a now-lost Hebrew text.

**Strømmen, Hannah M. *Biblical Animality after Jacques Derrida*. Semeia Studies 91. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2018.**

According to Genesis, humans are made in God's image but animals are not. Hannah M. Strømmen challenges this view by critiquing the boundary between humans and animals in the Bible through the work of philosopher Jacques Derrida. Building on Derrida's *The Animal That Therefore I Am*, Strømmen brings to light significant moments where the lines between the divine, human, and animal are ambiguous in a rich range of biblical texts, from Noah as the first carnivorous man in Genesis 9 to Revelation's beasts.

**Schmid, Josef. *Studies in the History of the Greek Text of the Apocalypse: The Ancient Stems*. Text-Critical Studies 11. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2018.**

Josef Schmid's landmark publication, *Studien zur Geschichte des Griechischen Apokalypse-Textes*, has been the standard work for understanding Revelation's Greek manuscript tradition and textual history for more than sixty years. Despite the fact that most major studies on the book are based on Schmid's work, the work itself has long been out of print, making it difficult for the broader scholarly community to reassess Schmid's conclusions in light of recent manuscript discoveries and technological advances. This new translation of the work makes Schmid's detailed review of the history of textual scholarship; his comprehensive examination of the origin, history, and development of the Greek manuscripts of the book of Revelation; and his assessment of John's peculiar linguistic writing style accessible to a new generation of scholars.

### **(g) JSTOR**

JSTOR provides free or low cost access to more than 1,500 institutions in 69 countries.

More than 1,500 institutions in Africa and other developing nations receive access to JSTOR free of charge or for steeply reduced fees. This is made possible through a combination of philanthropic support and the fees paid by libraries in other countries around the world, as well as publishers' eagerness to support this work.

More information is available about JSTOR's [African Access Initiative](#) and [Developing Nations Access Initiative](#) programs.

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To access the discounted JPASS, log-in to the SBL website with your member ID. Just below where you entered your member ID, click membership benefits. You will see JSTOR's JPASS among the benefits and a link "To get your savings: click here."

#### **(h) ICI TEACHING COLLABORATION PROGRAM**

In order to facilitate the exchange of scholars and institutions in biblical studies across the globe, a teaching collaboration program is run by the ICI. The facility consists of lists of scholars and institutions interested in exchanges that are made available on the SBL website.

See: <http://sbl-site.org/educational/ICITeaching.aspx>. If you or your institution is interested in such collaboration, please visit the site and enroll yourself in these lists. For more information, contact [Jackie du Toit](#).

#### **(i) SBL WOMEN'S ARCHIVE PROJECT **NEW!****

The number of women and the types of roles they hold in the SBL have been increasing since Anna Ely Rhoads joined in 1894. Women push methodological boundaries, teach and mentor students, and support guild initiatives by serving as editors, program chairs, committee members, and officers. To honor women's accomplishments and to consider the unique challenges they continue to face, the Society is developing a digital archive to preserve the stories of women in the

guild. We invite women members to share their personal stories through video, audio, pictorial, and written reflections. Submissions will become part of the official SBL archival records. It is our hope that this will become the first of many archive projects that will preserve the unique experience of members from a guild that continues to grow, change, and become more inclusive.

For more reflection guidelines and submission instructions, see the SBL Women's Archive [page](#). Check out the [FAQ](#) for additional information about this project and the archive.

**(j) JOURNAL OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE (JBL) ARCHIVE**

Take note that an archive with JBL articles from volume 122.1 of 2003 through volume 130.1 of 2011 is available online to people accessing the SBL website from any ICI country. See [http://www.sbl-site.org/publications/ICI\\_JBLarchive.aspx](http://www.sbl-site.org/publications/ICI_JBLarchive.aspx). All articles in those volumes can be downloaded for free!

**(k) THE SBL WEBSITE**

The SBL website (on the SBL Press page) has a facility where one can search the full text of all SBL books! For this very convenient tool, see:

<http://sbl-site.org/publications/default.aspx>

For searching reviews of a vast number of academic publications, see the website of Review of Biblical Literature (RBL) at (you have to log in with your membership number):

<http://www.bookreviews.org/>

**(l) EVENTS**

The SBL maintains a significant list of events taking place anywhere in the globe. For the full list please go to <http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/events.aspx>

A selection of events is listed below—mainly those taking place in ICI regions. Please provide information on conferences in your region, including calls for papers, to Sharon Johnson at [sharon.johnson@sbl-site.org](mailto:sharon.johnson@sbl-site.org).

**7/30-8/2 Society for New Testament Studies**

SNTS 2019 General Meeting will be held in Marburg, Germany.

<http://snts.international/general-meetings/>

**8/4-8/9 International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament**

The 23rd Congress of IOSOT will be held at the University of Aberdeen.

<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/events/conferences/iosot/index.php>

**8/11-8/14 European Association of Biblical Studies**

2019 Annual Conference will be held in Warsaw, Poland.

<https://www.eabs.net/>

**8/20 CFP deadline: Existential Conceptions of the Relationship Between Philosophy and Theology**

We invite submissions for the topical issue of "Open Theology" ([www.degruyter.com/view/j/opth](http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/opth)) entitled "Existential Conceptions of the Relationship between Philosophy and Theology". This issue is prepared in connection with the conference "Figuring Existence" held in collaboration with the Centre of Theology and Modern European Thought, University of Oxford.

<https://www.degruyter.com/page/1907>

**8/23-8/29 2020 IAHR World Congress**

The 22nd Quinquennial World Conference of the International Association for the History of Religion (IAHR) will be in Dunedin, New Zealand.

<https://www.iahr2020.kiwi/>

**9/2-9/13 Oxford Biblical Hebrew Summer School**

Ten days of intensive teaching in biblical Hebrew - at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies. The course corresponds to two terms of intensive teaching for a full-time university student and is open to students with or without

experience of the language. The cost of the school is £300 per student for 30 hours of language instruction.

<https://www.ochjs.ac.uk/biblical-hebrew-summer-school/>

**9/30 CFP Deadline: Phenomenology of Religious Experience IV: Religious Experience and Description**

“Open Theology” (<http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/opth>) invites submissions for the topical issue “Phenomenology of Religious Experience IV: Religious Experience and Description”, prepared in collaboration with the Society for the Phenomenology of Religious Experience ([www.sophere.org](http://www.sophere.org)).

**10/23-10/24 Signs, Wonders and Mighty Works: God’s Activity in the History of Salvation**

The Institute of Biblical Studies at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland, is hosting an international biblical conference dealing with the theme of miracles in the Bible and extra-biblical traditions of the ancient Mediterranean world.

<http://ocs.academicon.pl/index.php/test/Miracles/index>

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**4/30 CFP Deadline: Women and Gender in the Bible and the Biblical World**

“Open Theology” (<http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/opth>) invites submissions for the topical issue “Women and Gender in the Bible and the Biblical World”, prepared in collaboration with the conference “Women and Gender in the Bible and the Ancient World”, held by University of Glasgow.

<https://www.degruyter.com/page/1972>

**(m) SBL EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FREELY AVAILABLE**

There are links to numerous educational resources on the SBL website. The following are freely available: (i) Resources on Teaching the Bible; (ii) Freely

downloadable Hebrew, Greek and Transliteration fonts (amongst others); (iii) Resources on Bible translations and commentaries; and (iv) Research tool resources.

See <http://sbl-site.org/educational/default.aspx>

Also remember to check the newly-developed **Bible Odyssey** online portal. See [www.bibleodyssey.org](http://www.bibleodyssey.org). This portal offers wonderful educational resources, but also resources for broader popular audiences. Use this site to popularize our academic studies in faith communities!

Any topics you would like to see Bible Odyssey address? Just send a message to: [bow@sbl-site.org](mailto:bow@sbl-site.org)

**(n) PLEASE PASS ON THE INFORMATION**

Please share this newsletter with your colleagues and students and become a liaison for your institution and SBL. (Please contact our liaison officer, [Jackie du Toit](#), if you would like to assist as contact person in your region.) Your advocacy for ICI strengthens biblical studies as a discipline and builds relationships in the global community. Thank you to those who have done so in the past—we also receive letters from people who received the newsletter from someone else.

Thanks a lot for your interest and spread the word!

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