Adele Reinhartz has been named the next General Editor of the Journal of Biblical Literature, SBL’s flagship journal. Her term (three years, renewable for a second term) will begin in 2012. She succeeds James C. VanderKam upon completion of his second term.

As JBL editor, Reinhartz will be an ex officio member of the Research and Publications Committee. She will work with the 39-member JBL editorial board, as well as the SBL publications staff, to produce four annual issues.

Reinhartz is Professor in the Department of Classics and Religious Studies, University of Ottawa, where she was also appointed associate vice-president, research, in 2005. Her awards and achievements include the following: President of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies (1997-1998); Prize for Mentorship, SBL Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession (2003 and 2010); Rockefeller Foundation, Bellagio Residency (2004); Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (inducted in 2005); and Fellow at the Princeton Institute for Advanced Study (2011-2012). Reinhartz’s research includes early Christianity and Judaism, Johannine studies, Bible and film, and feminist biblical criticism.

In addition to her awards and her distinguished publishing record, including Caiaphas the High Priest (University of South Carolina Press, 2011), Reinhartz has served the members of the Society of Biblical Literature in many capacities. She has been an Annual Meeting Program Unit Chair, a member of the Research and Publications Committee, and an editorial board member of JBL. Reinhartz also represents membership on Council, SBL’s governing board.

Please express your appreciation and welcome to Adele Reinhartz as she takes on the leadership of a journal, first published in 1881, that has become the premier serial in biblical studies, representing the wide range of research methodologies SBL members practice. Please also express your thanks to Jim VanderKam for his exceptional commitment, service, and standards of excellence. Jim will be honored in the 2011 Society Report and during the JBL Editorial Board Luncheon at the Annual Meeting in San Francisco.