About the Executive Director

John F. Kutsko was named executive director of the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) beginning July 1, 2010. He earned a Ph.D. in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations from Harvard University (1997) and an M.A. from the Department of Near Eastern Studies at the University of Michigan. He is also an affiliate professor of biblical studies at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Before joining SBL, he was an associate publisher at Abingdon Press.

As part of his responsibilities for SBL, Kutsko received a grant to explore the establishment of an international and independent network of scholars of the Qur’an, which led to the formation of the International Qur’anic Studies Association in 2014.