The 2013 Joint Regional Meeting of
the Midwest Region Society of Biblical Literature, the Middle West Branch of
the American Oriental Society, and the American Schools of Oriental Research-Midwest

February 8-10, 2013
Olivet Nazarene University
Bourbonnais, Illinois

Friday, February 8

4:00-8:00 Registration Weber Center

Dinner local restaurants

7:00-9:00 OPENING PLENARY SESSION Weber Center 104
Chair: JoAnn Scurlock, Elmhurst College (retired)

Gary Beckman, University of Michigan
The Old Woman: Female Wisdom as a Resource and a Threat in Hittite Anatolia

JoAnn Scurlock, Elmhurst College (retired)
The Qadishtu/Qadishah: Whores or Holy Women?

Lisa Marie Belz, Loyola University Chicago
Women Members of the Association(s): Behind the Qumran Scrolls

Reception hosted by the School of Theology and Christian Ministry of Olivet Nazarene University and the regional societies

Saturday, February 9

8:00-11:00 Registration Burke 3d floor

8:00-5:45 Publishers’ displays open Burke 306

9:00-10:30 SESSION ONE Burke 001

• AOS/ASOR
Chair: JoAnn Scurlock, Elmhurst College (retired)

Matt Waters, University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire
Ctesias Unbound: Reading the Persica Outside the Parameters

Wayne T. Pitard, University of Illinois
A “Lost” Painted Slab from el-Amarna at the Spurlock Museum, Urbana

Romina Della Casa, Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina
Lands and Memory: An Approach to the Hittite Mythological Texts
• **HEBREWS & CATHOLIC EPISTLES**
  Chair: Amy Peeler, Wheaton College

Ellen M. Richard, Wheaton College
*The Divine Logos in Philo’s De Opificio Mundi as Background for the Logos Christology of Hebrews*

Rick Boyd, Asbury Theological Seminary
*The Use of Psalm 8 in Hebrews*

Bryan Dyer, McMaster Divinity School
*“One Does Not Presume to Take this Honor”*: The Development of the High Priestly Appointment and Its Significance for Hebrews 5:4

• **PAULINE LITERATURE**
  Chair: P. Richard Choi, Andrews University

Robert L. Mowery, Illinois Wesleyan University
*1 Cor 6:1-11 and the Roman Justice System*

Cambry G. Pardee, Loyola University Chicago
*Paul’s Body Ethic in First Corinthians: Prostitution and Resurrection*

Charles H. Cosgrove, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
*Meat and Melos: Why Does Paul Discuss the Food but Not the Music Offered at Dinner Parties Attended by Corinthian Christians?*

• **HEBREW BIBLE/OLD TESTAMENT**
  Chair: George Heider, Valparaiso University

Arthur L. George, Lake Forest, Ill.
*Yahweh’s Divorce: The Hidden Goddess in the Garden of Eden*

Peter Feinman, Institute of History, Archaeology and Education
*Anthropomorphic Yahweh: Primitive Origins or Threshing Floor Performance*

Kevin Mellish, Olivet Nazarene University
*The Call of Abram in Light of the So-Called Primeval History*

• **APOCRYPHA & COGNATE LITERATURE**
  Chair: Russell Sisson, Union College

Heerak Christian Kim, Asia Evangelical College and Seminary
*The Psalms of Solomon as a Zadokite Text and Its Implications for Qumran Studies*

David Crater, Bloomington, Ind.
*The Qumran Wisdom Texts in Their Third Decade*

Drew Strait, North Park University and Theological Seminary
*Lady Wisdom’s Advice to the Ruler Cult: An Evaluation of Pseudo-Solomon’s Literary Paragon of the Ideal Ruler*
• SBL BOOK REVIEW SESSION
Chair: Troy W. Martin, Saint Xavier University


Stacy Davis, Saint Mary’s College, panelist

David Eastman, Ohio Wesleyan University, panelist

Wendy J. Cotter, Loyola University Chicago

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 SESSION TWO

• AOS/ASOR
Chair: JoAnn Scurlock, Elmhurst College (retired)

Eric Smith, Nebraska Christian College
*The Supposed Mesopotamian Background of Genesis 11:1-9*

Peter Feinman, Institute of History, Archaeology and Education
*Who Is Nimrod?*

• HEBREWS & CATHOLIC EPISTLES
Chair: Amy Peeler, Wheaton College

David Wenkel, University of Aberdeen
*You Do the Math: The Audience as Fellow Worker in Establishing the Twelve in Acts 1-2*

Jeremiah Coogan, Wheaton College
*Silvanus as Secretary: 1 Peter 5.12 and the Idiom γράφω διὰ τινὸς*

• PAULINE LITERATURE
Chair: P. Richard Choi, Andrews University

Robert Foster, Madonna University
*The Socratic Paul and His Eschatological Inconsistencies: Person, Persona, and Rhetoric in 2 Corinthians 5:1-10*

John K. Goodrich, Moody Bible Institute
*Sold under Sin: Echoes of Exile in Romans 7.14-25*

• HEBREW BIBLE/OLD TESTAMENT
Chair: George Heider, Valparaiso University

David DeJong, University of Notre Dame
*Is Moses Among the Prophets? The Relationship Between Moses and Prophecy in the Pentateuch*
Lance Hawley, University of Wisconsin

**2013 Graduate Student Paper Competition Award Recipient**

*Animal Taxonomy and the Priestly Conceptualization of טָמֵא and צֶּקֶשׁ in Leviticus 11*

**• APOCRYPHA & COGNATE LITERATURE**
Chair: Russell Sisson, Union College

Jeremy Miselbrook, Loyola University Chicago

*Beholding “Judge” Judith: The Honorable and Beauteous Champion of Israel*

Russell Sisson, Union College

*“Excessive Hellenization” and “Unlawful Proceedings” at the Gymnasium in Jerusalem: Circumstantial Evidence for Jewish Participation in the Heracles Cult in 2 Maccabees*

**• BIBLE MEANING THROUGH TIME AND TRADITION**
Chair: Stacy Davis, Saint Mary’s College

Lowell K. Handy, American Theological Library Association

*Before the Fall: Notes for the Laity before 1900 on Canticles 3*

Stacy Davis, Saint Mary’s College

*“I Speak to Them in Dreams,” or Maybe Not: the Glossa Ordinaria and the Song of Songs*

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12:00-1:30  **Lunch**  
Ludwig Center cafeteria or local restaurants

SBL Graduate Students Luncheon  
Viatorian Rm., Ludwig Ctr.

SBL Women Scholars/Students Luncheon  
Diamond Rm., Ludwig Ctr.

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**1:30-3:00  SESSION THREE**

**• AOS/ASOR**
Chair: JoAnn Scurlock, Elmhurst College (retired)

Kate McCaffrey, University of California, Berkeley

*The Elephant and the Effeminate Priest: Metaphor and Gender in the Epic of Gilgamesh*

Douglas Frayne, University of Toronto

*“The Woman in the Window”: Jezebel, Kilili and the “Lady of Sin”*

**• EARLY CHRISTIAN GOSPELS**
Chair: Clare K. Rothschild, Lewis University

Trevor W. Thompson, Abilene Christian University

*Jesus without Passions: The ἀπάθεια of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke*

Olegs Andrejevs, Loyola University Chicago

*Evolution of a Scroll: Q¹ redaction in Q 15:4-17:6b*
Jeremy Miselbrook, Loyola University Chicago

**PAULINE LITERATURE**

Chair: P. Richard Choi, Andrews University

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*Paul’s Aristotelian Logic in Galatians*

Russell Sisson, Union College
*Contending for the Faith: Citizenship and Gymnasium Metaphors in Philippians and the Pastoral Epistles*

Sorin Sabou, Grace College and Seminary
*The Son from Above*

**PSALMS & WISDOM LITERATURE**

Chair: Robert E. Wallace, Judson University

Adrien Bledstein, Chicago, Ill.
*Psalms of David in the Context of His Life*

Alex Stewart, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
*Interpretive Options for Identifying the Covenant in Psalm 74:20*

**EARLY CHRISTIANITY/PATRISTICS**

Chair: Nancy Pardee, Saint Xavier University

Kimberly S. Majeski, School of Theology, Anderson University
*Priestesses and Godly Women: In Search of Prisca*

Mark F. Whitters, Eastern Michigan University, and Steve B. Clark, Detroit, Mich.
*The Patristic Origin of “Mutual Subordination”*

Deborah Forger, University of Michigan
*A Godly Gentile Woman and the Marginalization of Judaism: Mark 7:24-30 par. and its Early Interpretive History*

**GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND POST-MODERN BIBLICAL METHODOLOGIES**

Chair: Ann Fritschel, Wartburg Theological Seminary

Kelly A. Whitcomb, Vanderbilt University
*The Queen of Heaven or YHWH of Hosts: Does the God of Israel Protest (In)sufficiently in Jeremiah 44?*

Kristin Riegel, McCormick Theological Seminary
*Queen Vashti and Issues of Power, Resistance, and Personal Agency in Esther 1:10-22*
Bridget Illian, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
1 Peter 3:1-6 as Both Imperial and Subversive

3:00-3:30 Break

3:30-4:30 SESSION FOUR

• AOS/ASOR
  Chair: JoAnn Scurlock, Elmhurst College (retired)

Hannah Marcuson, University of Chicago
The Old Woman in Old Hittite

Loren Moore, University of Kent
Shared Near Eastern Cultural Heritage and Greco-Roman Idealism: An Analysis of the Relationship between the Cults of the Syrian Goddess and the Great Mother

• EARLY CHRISTIAN GOSPELS
  Chair: Clare K. Rothschild, Lewis University

Sun Wook Kim, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
A Discussion of Women’s Status and Roles in Lukan Writings and the Eschatological Equality Between Men and Women in Luke 7:36-50

Hans Moscicke, Moody Bible Institute
The Quest for the Historical Ending: Godly Women or Not-So-Godly Women in Light of Feminist Wirkungsgeschichte, and Narratival Criticism of Mark’s Ending

• PSALMS & WISDOM LITERATURE
  Chair: Robert E. Wallace, Judson University

Kristin E. Palacios, University of Notre Dame
The Hymn to the Creator and the Ongoing Debate over 11QPs$: A Psalter or a Liturgical Edition?

Stephen J. Bennett, Nyack College
Among the Ruins of a Walled City: Reflections on War and Peace in Ecclesiastes 12:1-7

• EARLY CHRISTIANITY/PATRISTICS
  Chair: Nancy Pardee, Saint Xavier University

Paul Cable, Wheaton College
Alleged Adoptionism and Incoherence in the Christology of the Shepherd of Hermas: A Close (Re)Reading of Similitude 5

Michael T. Zeddies, Ann Arbor, Mich.
Did Origen Write To Theodore?
• JOINT SESSION: TEACHING THE BIBLE and
GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND POST-MODERN BIBLICAL METHODOLOGIES
Burke 413
Chair: Elizabeth A. McCabe, Hebrew Union College

Adrien Bledstein, Chicago, Ill.
Princess, Priestess, and “Master” Storyteller

Susan Kray, Indiana State University
Saviors, Slayers, Singers, and Seers: Jewish Women of the Tanakh

4:45-5:45  SBL REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT
Burke 411
Ralph W. Klein, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
The Changing Face of Chronicles

6:00-6:30  Reception
Weber Center

6:30-7:30  PRESIDENTIAL BANQUET
Weber Center

7:30-8:15  PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS
Weber Center
Richard E. Averbeck, Trinity International Divinity School
President, Middle West Branch of the American Oriental Society
Gudea and the World of the Bible

8:30-9:15  SBL/AOS/ASOR Board Meeting
Weber Center

Sunday, February 10

8:00-9:00  Registration
Burke 3d floor

8:00-8:45  SBL/AOS/ASOR Business Meeting
Burke 411

8:00-12:00  Publishers’ displays open
Burke 306

9:00-10:30  SESSION FIVE

• APOCALYPTIC LITERATURE
Burke 007
Chair: Edmondo Lupieri, Loyola University Chicago

Jay A. Wilcoxen, Protestants for the Common Good (Chicago)
A Plea for Aramaic Daniel

Ryan L. Hansen, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
A Horse of a Different Color? Revelation and the Rhetoric of Color
planning meeting

• HEBREW BIBLE/OLD TESTAMENT
Burke 307
Chair: George Heider, Valparaiso University

John R. Barker, Boston College
Temple Reconstruction and Rhetorical Intent in Haggai
Terry Kleven, Central College
“For I Will Cleanse Their Blood that I Have Not Cleansed”: The Political Philosophy of the Land, the People and the Nations in the Book of Joel

Sarah Schreiber, University of Notre Dame
Moses’ First Stay on Sinai according to Jubilees

- **APOCRYPHA & COGNATE LITERATURE**
  Chair: Russell Sisson, Union College

  Joshua Noble, University of Notre Dame
  “All Things in Common”: Acts and the Saeculum Aureum

  Christine Shea, Ball State University
  Epic and Transformation of Males into Females in the Apocryphal Acts

  Christopher Brenna, Marquette University
  Parents Just Don’t Understand: Child Acolytes and Their Parents in Four Pseudepigrapha

- **TEXTUAL CRITICISM**
  Chair: Sylvie Raquel, Trinity International University

  Sung Jin Park, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
  A Discussion on the Functional Development of the Tiberian Accentuation System

  Toan Do, Sacred Heart School of Theology
  Ἀμάρτητε or ἀμαρτάντε; Reading 1 John 2:1b with the Coherence-Based Genealogical Method

  David Mihalyfy, University of Chicago
  Coptic’s French, Not Latin: 4 Direct Effects of a New Spelling-Pronunciation Reconstruction on Teaching and Research

10:30-11:00  Break

**SESSION SIX**

- **JOINT SESSION: TEXTUAL CRITICISM and EARLY CHRISTIANITY/PATRISTICS**
  Chair: Sylvie Raquel, Trinity International University

  Angela Kinney, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
  The Methodology of the DOML Vulgate: The Benefits and Challenges of Producing a Bilingual Vulgate for the 21st Century

12:00-1:30  Section Leader Luncheon  Diamond Rm., Ludwig Ctr.