

EGLBS - CALL FOR PAPERS

FOR 2016 MEETING

(OPENS December 11, 2015)

The Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society will hold its 2016 Annual Meeting on March 10-11 at the Mohican Lodge and Conference Center in Perrysville, OH.

A learned society of Biblical scholars sponsored in part by the American Schools of Oriental Research, the Catholic Biblical Association, & the Society of Biblical Literature, the EGLBS invites paper or poster-session proposals from members of any of these organizations, scholars in higher education, ministers, students (with a professor's nomination), and other interested parties.

Please note that EGLBS is not affiliated with the American Academy of Religion. While AAR members are welcome to participate in EGLBS meetings, paper proposals on topics unrelated to the Ancient Near East and/or the Bible and cognate literature ought to be directed elsewhere (e.g., to AAR Midwest or the Ohio Academy of Religion). See <https://www.aarweb.org/2016-regional-meetings> for more information.

Our plenary speaker will be Dr. Kenneth Stone of Chicago Theological Seminary.

Title: "Reading Goat Skins: The Significance of Animal Studies for Biblical Interpretation"

Note – updates on the conference and any additional information about topics for the sessions will be available online as follows:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EGLBS/>

SBL website: http://sbl-site.org/meetings/rm_egreatlakes.aspx

(note – posts to the SBL site may be delayed by a few days)

you may contact the Regional Coordinator, Jonathan Lawrence at eglbsmeeting@gmail.com

REGISTRATION

Conference registration will be handled online starting starting Dec. 11 , 2015. Check http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/rm_egreatlakes.aspx for updates.

Registration site: <https://johncarrolluniversity.wufoo.com/forms/eastern-great-lakes-biblical-society/>

Registration Fees:

\$75 EGLBS Member (or member of SBL, CBA, ASOR)

\$60 Retired

\$45 Student

\$60 Guest Accompanying another registrant

HOTEL INFORMATION

Mohican Lodge and Conference Center
PO Box 429
109 Ashland County Road #3006
Perrysville, OH 44864
419-938-5411

(note – for GPS directions, use the following address: 4700 Goon Road, Perrysville, OH 44864.)

Hotel registration will be available online from December 11, 2015 until February 11, 2015. After February 11 you may still reserve a room by calling the hotel, but you will pay a higher rate because advance reservations will be considered tax exempt.

(check the EGLBS page on the SBL website to see if these dates have been extended.)

Room rates for singles and doubles will be \$100, including bed tax and technology fee.

(Sales tax is waived for preregistrations handled through EGLBS.)

Meal options will be handled through the registration process. The dinner will be a buffet with meat and vegetarian choices. If you have special dietary needs, you may indicate that in the registration process.

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Submit proposals via: <http://goo.gl/forms/aJvuEbFFLM>

Note – you may contact section chairs with questions (see below) but you must submit the proposal through Google Forms for consideration.

Paper proposals will be considered under the following categories. Select the category that best fits your paper topic and send the necessary information to the appropriate Convener(s) by electronic mail.

NB: In order to foster wider participation, individuals are limited to one presentation at the annual meeting. If you are making multiple proposals, make sure to inform the appropriate conveners and indicate which of the presentations you would prefer to give (since only one per person is permitted).

The deadline for receipt of paper proposals for the 2016 annual meeting (including any necessary supporting materials) is **January 30, 2016** and you should receive a determination of acceptance by February 20, 2016, hopefully earlier.

PLEASE NOTE:

Anyone who wishes to submit proposals for inclusion in the annual meeting program *must be registered for the annual meeting by the registration cutoff date of January 30, 2016*. If your presentation does not get accepted onto the program, you may withdraw your meeting registration by sending a notice to the Annual Meeting Coordinator. Such requests received by March 1, 2016 will be eligible for a full refund.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PAPERS

The paper or poster proposal should be in DOC, DOCX, or RTF format and must include:

1. Nature of the Presentation (Paper or Poster)
2. Presentation Title
3. Presenter's name, professional affiliation (*e.g.*, university or church name), and status (undergrad, grad. student, Ph.D. candidate, faculty, pastor, *etc.*)
4. Contact information (e-mail address, daytime telephone)
5. Abstract (*no more than 150 words*)
NB: An excessively long abstract or failure to include one or more of these data may result in disqualification of your proposal.
6. Equipment needs.
-Paper sessions will be provided with a laptop, LCD projector, projection screen, and podium. Indicate any other equipment you will require or, if none, so state.
-If there are posters, most will be mounted on the walls of one of the meeting rooms. A limited number of display tables will be available. Indicate which type of display space you will require for your poster.

All proposals require the foregoing information. There are three contingencies which would require you to send the entire text of your presentation as well as the proposal itself:

1. This would be your first presentation at the EGLBS;
2. You are submitting to the "Miscellaneous" section; or
3. You are applying for either the Student Paper Prize or the SBL Regional scholar Award. (more information about these will be posted on the EGLBS page in the SBL Regional Meetings section of the website.)

NB: If you need to send your paper with the proposal, please save it in PDF format and preview the file to ensure that any foreign fonts, diagrams, tables, or other printer-dependent features will appear correctly in the attachment.

Student Paper Prizes and Regional Scholar Award Nominations – See the EGLBS page on the SBL website for additional information – it will be available by Dec. 20.

Sections

If your topic does not fit naturally into one of the following categories, please send the proposal *as well as the entire presentation* to eglbsmeeting@gmail.com so the Coordinator can determine where it might best enhance the program.

Alpha Christianity Seminar

E. Bruce Brooks, Ph.D.
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The general topic for 2016 is “Text Growth in Mark and Paul”. The session will be conducted as a seminar with papers and summaries distributed before the meeting.

Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity

Vernon Robbins, Ph.D.
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Specific focus TBA. Check the EGLBS page on the SBL website for updates. Papers using a socio-rhetorical approach to religious texts are welcome and will be considered as space is available. If there is not room in this section they may be considered for a different section.

Archaeology of the ANE & Mediterranean World / Archaeology of the Bible

Suzanne Richard, Ph.D.
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ASOR members are particularly encouraged to participate.

Open theme for 2016.

Hebrew Scriptures

Paul Kim
Methodist Theological School in Ohio
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Open theme for 2016.

New Testament

Daniel Frayer-Griggs
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Open theme for 2016.

Miscellany

Craig Tyson, Ph.D.
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Possible topics include:

- Biblical Pedagogy
- Comparative Literature of the Ancient Near East & Mediterranean World
- Non-Canonical Jewish & Christian Writings

This is also the program section to which to submit ideas for a special colloquium, panel discussion, or seminar you would like to arrange. If you are proposing a panel, be sure to include not only the panel title, abstract, and name of the moderator, but also the names and contact information for all the intended panelists.

Student Advisory Board

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Contact with any questions about student involvement in EGLBS or SBL.