# **AAR/SBL/ASOR Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region**

University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO: March 24-25, 2017

# **Call for Papers**

The Regional Program Committee cordially invites proposals for papers and panels to be presented at the 2017 Regional Meeting in Boulder, Colorado. The deadline for submissions is October 26, 2016 at 5 pm.

Proposals dealing with any aspect of the fields of religious studies, biblical studies, and Near Eastern studies are welcome. We seek proposals on all topics, religious traditions, historical periods, and biblical (including pseudepigraphical and deutero-canonical) texts and traditions. We welcome proposals for single papers, panels with multiple papers, or other types of sessions, such as roundtables involving structured discussions of pre-circulated questions. Proposals addressing issues such as pedagogy, philology, ritual, the body, religion and media, religion and politics, and current trends in the profession are particularly encouraged.

# **Proposal Requirements**

Paper proposals should include an abstract of no more than 300 words that discusses the subject matter and methodology of the paper, as well as the significance of the subject within the broader field of interest.

Panel proposals should include (1) an abstract no more than 300 words that discusses the subject matter and significance of the session as a whole; and (2) individual abstracts of no more than 300 words for each paper, addressing the subjects, methodology, and significance of those papers.

Proposals for other types of sessions should include an abstract of no more than 300 words describing the format, subject matter, and broader significance of the session.

Each proposal should include a tentative title. Each proposal should also include contact information for all participants, including (1) name, (2) institutional affiliation, and (3) email address. Proposals should be sent as an email attachment in MS Word format to <a href="mailto:aar.sbl@colorado.edu">aar.sbl@colorado.edu</a>. If you require technological support for your presentation (such as Internet connection or audio and projection equipment), please request it with your proposal; the Program Committee will make every effort to accommodate such requests.

#### **Graduate Student Paper Awards:**

Graduate students are encouraged to submit proposals. There will be awards for the best AAR and SBL student papers. The awards are presented during the luncheon on Saturday and carry a stipend of \$100 each. To be considered for the award, a student must submit a copy of the completed paper (as an e-mail attachment in MS Word format), along with an abstract, by October 26, 2016 at 5 pm (papers not chosen for an award will be considered for the program). The paper should be no longer than the length of a 20-minute presentation, i.e. 10-12 pages double-spaced.

# **Regional Scholars Award**

The SBL offers a Regional Scholars award (\$1000 plus national recognition as a Regional Scholar) for an outstanding paper presented at the regional meeting by a Ph.D. candidate or recent Ph.D. (four years or fewer) who is a member of the SBL. If you are interested in competing in the Regional Scholars competition, you must indicate so with your paper proposal.

# **Program Committee**

All members of the AAR/SBL Rocky Mountain—Great Plains Region who are willing to serve on the Program Committee and review proposals are asked to notify Pamela Eisenbaum, Regional President, at <a href="mailto:peisenbaum@iliff.edu">peisenbaum@iliff.edu</a> by October 26, 2016 at 5 pm. It is hoped that at least one faculty person from each of the participating schools in the region will serve on the Program Committee. Details on the program committee proposal review process will be emailed to those who self-identify by the deadline.

#### Questions

Questions about the conference or call for papers should be sent to <a href="mailto:aar.sbl@colorado.edu">aar.sbl@colorado.edu</a> or to members of the Regional Program Committee:

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