



ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS
The New England / Eastern Canada Region of the *Society of Biblical Literature*
announces its 2019 Annual Meeting,
to be held jointly with
the New England – Maritimes Region of the *American Academy of Religion*.

Friday, March 22, 2019
Tufts University
Medford, Massachusetts 02153

We welcome paper proposals in the following areas:

1. Hebrew Bible
2. Ancient Israel and Ancient West Asia
3. Ancient Judaism
4. New Testament
5. Early Christianity

We also welcome proposals for a joint paper session (or sessions) with NEMAAR with the theme of “Sacred Texts and Solidarity.” We seek papers that address some aspect of their relationship, such as portraits of solidarity in sacred texts, or solidarity among curators of sacred texts, from ancient scribes and to modern scholars.

We especially welcome proposals from women scholars and scholars of color.

Email proposals, with “NE / EC SBL Paper Proposal” in the subject line, to the Regional Coordinator, Amelia Devin Freedman, at amelia.devin.freedman@gmail.com, by **January 18, 2019**.

Your one-page abstract of your proposed paper should include the following information:

1. your name
2. your institutional affiliation, if any
3. your email address
4. your SBL membership status (i.e., regular or student)
5. the name of the program unit to which you are proposing
6. the name and date of your most recent SBL meeting presentation (for example, 2015 National Meeting)

If this will be your first paper for an SBL meeting, you must include *either* (a) a written endorsement of your proposal from a faculty member who knows your work, *or* (b) the complete paper.

We will notify you whether your proposal has been accepted no later than **February 8, 2019**. We will not accept more than one proposal per person for the final program.

All those selected to present at the meeting must preregister in order to be included on the program.

Online preregistration will be available **February 8 – March 13, 2019** on the NE/EC Region's page on the SBL website, at https://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/rm_newengland.aspx. We recommend you preregister, because there will be a late fee for on-site registration.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- an address by Jack Miles, Corcoran Chair in Jewish-Christian Relations, Boston College, and Pulitzer Prize winning author. See his biography here: <https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/bcnews/campus-community/faculty/new-corcoran-chairholder.html>.
- a panel discussion on the topic of academic labor moderated by the SBL Regional President, Yonder Gillihan (Boston College), and the AAR Regional president, Paul Firenze (Wentworth Institute of Technology). Panelists TBA.
- “Race in and in Front of the Classroom,” a panel discussion organized by the SBL Regional Student Committee and the AAR Student Director. Panelists TBA.
- Student Gathering: The SBL Regional Student Committee and the AAR Student Director invite all student attendees to meet them at a local restaurant for a self-pay social gathering after the conference's closing reception. Details TBA.

BEST STUDENT PAPER AWARD

The NE / EC Region will give an award for the best student paper delivered at the meeting.

If you would like your paper considered for this award, please note the following deadlines:

January 18, 2019: notify the Regional Coordinator of your intention to submit a paper

March 8, 2019: email the final version of your paper to the Regional Coordinator

Eligibility

- SBL student membership
- paper accepted to a program unit for the 2018 NE / EC Regional Meeting

Criteria for Evaluation

- demonstrated knowledge of scholarly resources and publications related to the paper topic
- use and knowledge of the primary sources related to the topic of the paper
- clarity of written expression
- use of scholarly practices of annotation
- originality of ideas and solutions developed in the paper

New England and Eastern Canada Region of the Society of Biblical Literature

<https://nesbl.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/neesbl/>

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REGIONAL SCHOLAR AWARD

The NE / EC Region will give a Regional Scholar Award for the best paper delivered by a junior member of the SBL at the Regional Meeting. The Regional Executive Committee may also nominate the NE / EC Regional Scholar for a national Regional Scholar award.

If you would like your paper considered for this award, please note the following deadlines:

January 18, 2019: notify the Regional Coordinator of your intention to submit a paper

March 8, 2019: email your current CV, the final version of your paper, and all handouts, slides, etc. to the Regional Coordinator

More information about the SBL Regional Scholar Award, including eligibility and criteria for evaluation, is available at <http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/regionalMeetings.aspx>.