



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
on March 6, 2020
at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

We welcome paper proposals in the following areas:

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

We especially welcome proposals from graduate students, 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. **Deadline: January 6, 2020 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time.**

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 also 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 **January 20, 2020**.

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 from **January 20 to February 24 at 11:59 PM Eastern Time** 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

- "Using the Bible to Curse," a Presidential Address by Laura Salah Nasrallah, Buckingham Professor of New Testament Criticism and Interpretation at Yale Divinity School and in Yale University's Department of Religious Studies, with an introduction by Giovanni Bazzana (Harvard Divinity School)
- "Prospects for Biblical Studies: Imagining the Next Ten Years," a panel discussion with Jae Han (Brown University), Angela Kim Harkins (Boston College), and Shively Smith (Boston University School of Theology)
- a session conducted by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, 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 6, 2020 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time: notify the Regional Coordinator of your intention to submit a paper for the award

March 3, 2020 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time: email the final version of your paper to the Regional Coordinator

Eligibility

- SBL student membership
- paper accepted to a program unit for the 2020 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

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 6, 2020 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time: notify the Regional Coordinator of your intention to submit a paper for the award

February 28, 2020 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time: email your current CV, the final version of your paper (which is a written record of the oral presentation that you will give), 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>.