Society of Biblical Literature Pacific Coast
Regional Meeting

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2020 Program Highlights (all included with registration fee)
*All-day refreshment room to network and connect
*Catered, plated luncheon with presidential address by Julia Fogg
*Post-meeting reception at Fullerton Marriott (co-sponsored by Fuller Seminary)
8:00-8:30 am  On-site Registration Open  Location: Room 102
-Refreshment room open to network and connect  Location: Room 204

Block 1: Concurrent Sessions  8:30-10:15am

1a) Hebrew Bible I  Location: Room 200
Presiding: Jenelle D’Alessandro, Fuller Theological Seminary

“The Beast at the Border: YHWH as Monster in Numbers 22-24”
Leland Merritt, Claremont School of Theology

“Wilderness Imagery in Jeremiah 2:2b”
Tim Graham, Fuller Theological Seminary

“We All Know What Happened to Micah: Micah and Cultural Trauma Theory”
Scott Bayer, Claremont School of Theology

“The Chiastic Structure of Amos 4:1-3 (The Kings Are the Cows)”
Martha Campos, Bar Ilan University

1b) Judaism in the Greco-Roman Era  Location: Room 203
Presiding: Catherine Bonesho, UCLA

“Formed from the Earth: Adam and Natural Mortality in the Second Temple Period”
William Horst, Fuller Theological Seminary

“The Name and Redemption of the Lord in 1 Enoch 48 and 50”
Joseph Lee, University of Aberdeen

“Tractate Avot: Dating and Speculation on Purpose”
Leah Macinskas-Le, Graduate Theological Union

“The Origin of the Hebrew nitpa’el: A Sociolinguistic Proposal”
Brian Donelly-Lewis, UCLA
1c) New Testament: Gospels and Acts I  
Presiding: Thomas Phillips, Claremont School of Theology  
Location: Room 205

“Matthew 2:6 within Its Larger Narrative Context”
Marc Groenbech-Dam, Vanguard University

“The Double-Entendre of Paul’s Job (Acts 18:3)”
W. Gil Shin, Fuller Theological Seminary

“Imitations of Orestes in the Paul of Acts”
Mark Bilby, CSU Fullerton

“The More Jesus, the Fewer Action Commandments”
Tom Armbruster, San Marino High School

10:15-10:25am  BREAK
-Refreshment room open to network and connect  Location: Room 204

Block 2: Concurrent Sessions  10:30am-12:15pm

2a) Emerging Critical Theory and Perspectives  
Presiding: Kay Higuera Smith, Azusa Pacific University  
Location: Room 200

“Babel and Pentecost: Decolonial Readings of Biblical Ecclesial Imaginations”
Oscar García-Johnson, Fuller Theological Seminary Centro Latino

“A Grotesque Presentation: The Use of Women’s Bodies in Judges 19-21”
Jennifer Matheny, Nazarene Theological Seminary

“Embodiment and Reorientation of Maternal Pain: Genesis and Lamaštu in Dialogue”
Stephanie Smith Matthews, Point Loma Nazarene University

“Toward an Intersectional Postcolonial Feminist Perspective on Disability Studies: The Social Location of Cameroon”
Alice Yafeh-Deigh, Azusa Pacific University
2b) Bible and the Ancient Near East I  
Location: Room 205
Presiding: Tammi J. Schneider, Claremont Graduate University

“The Personal Name yšril in KTU 4.623.3”
John Camden, Fuller Theological Seminary

“Elisha and the Ritualized Birth Oracle”
Diana Edelman, University of Oslo (emeritus)

“Biblical Concubinage: Assumptive Biases and Exoticizing”
Leah Laird, Claremont School of Theology

“Stumbling Blocks as Metaphors and Metaphors as Stumbling Blocks: Navigating Figurative Portrayals of Blindness in Biblical and Mesopotamian Texts”
Eric J. Harvey, Brandeis University

2c) New Testament: Epistles and Apocalypse I  
Location: Room 203
Presiding: Kenneth L. Waters, Azusa Pacific University

“One God, One Lord: Isaiah 63 in 1 Corinthians 8:6”
Joseph Lee, University of Aberdeen

“Paul, Poverty, and Economic Justice”
John Taylor, Gateway Seminary

“All Are Under Sin: Scripture and the Enslavement of Humanity in Romans 1-3”
John K. Goodrich, Moody Bible Institute

“All Israel Will 'Be Saved' or 'Kept Safe'? How Evangelical Readings of Romans 11:26 Misread Paul’s View of His Fellow Jews”
Mark Nanos, University of Kansas
12:30-2:00pm Luncheon and Presidential Address
Location: University Cafeteria
*Catered, plated luncheon included in registration fee

2020 SBLPCR Presidential Address
Dr. Julia Lambert Fogg
Professor of Religion, California Lutheran University
Title: “On Account of This Word: Mark 7:24-30 and the Syrophoenecian Woman’s Challenge”

The Rev. Dr. Julia Lambert Fogg, Ph.D., is Professor of Religion at California Lutheran University where she specializes in New Testament studies, first-century Christianities, and theologies from the margins. She was named “Professor of the Year” by the CLU class of 2008 and chaired the Religion department from 2009-2016. She served a bilingual Scandinavian-Latino Lutheran congregation in Pasadena from 2007-2013. Her teaching focuses on experiential learning and immersion pedagogies that bring students into the community and underrepresented communities into the classroom. Her book, Finding Jesus at the Border (2020 Baker/Brazos Press) interprets border crossing narratives in the New Testament in conversation with contemporary immigrant experiences in Southern California.

2:00-2:10pm BREAK
-Refreshment room open to network and connect   Location: Room 204

Block 3: Concurrent Sessions 2:15-4:00pm

3a) Teaching Biblical Studies
Presiding: Carl Toney, Hope International University

*Session Topic: Gameful Pedagogy
**This session will feature on interactive panel with faculty in our region who are using gaming as a pedagogical practice. The panel will explore the theoretical grounding for gameful learning, and illustrative examples will include the use of role-playing for engaging biblical texts and faith formation, as well as the teaching of geography through board games.
“Games, Learning, and the Bible”
Christopher Heard, Pepperdine University

“War and Peace in Canaan: Reflections on Playing a Board Game in the Classroom”
Charlie Trimm, Biola University

“Live-action Role-Playing Games for Teaching Bible”
David Tabb Stewart, California State University, Long Beach

“A Game of Faith: Role-Playing Games as an Active Learning Strategy for Value Formation and Faith Integration in the Theological Classroom”
Melanie Howard, Fresno Pacific University

3b) Hebrew Bible II Location: Room 200
Presiding: Amy Pahlen, Fuller Theological Seminary

“Consider Her’: Body-Talk as Literary Strategy in the Book of Judges”
Kenneth Way, Biola University

“Not Just Isaac’s Wife: Rebekah as Chosen One”
Maren Schneider, Claremont Graduate University

“Sarah, Rebekah, Batsheva, and the Position of Women before Kings”
Nolan Lebovitz, Claremont Graduate University

“The Progressive Denigration of Jeroboam Ben Nebat”
Chuck Smith, Independent Scholar

4:00-4:10pm BREAK
-Refreshment room open to network and connect Location: Room 204
Block 4: Concurrent Sessions  4:15-6:00pm

4a) The Bible and the Ancient Near East II  Location: Room 205
Presiding: Tammi J. Schneider, Claremont Graduate University

*Session Topic: Where Does the Study of the Bible and the Ancient Near East Fit in Today's Academy and Seminary?
**This session will feature an interactive panel with faculty in our region who will reflect on their own teaching experiences in various undergraduate, graduate, and seminary contexts to explore the place of ancient Near Eastern studies within the teaching of biblical studies more broadly.

Panelists:
- Gale Yee, Episcopal Divinity School
- Don Benjamin, Arizona State University
- Gary P. Arbino, Gateway Seminary
- Jennifer Pantoja, Point Loma Nazarene University and UC San Diego

4b) New Testament: Epistles and Apocalypse II  Location: Room 203
Presiding: Kenneth L. Waters, Azusa Pacific University

“Temple Purity and Ecclesial Ethics in 1 Corinthians 11-15”
Andrew Wade, University of Aberdeen

“False Teachers as Slaves to (Moral) Corruption in 2 Peter 2:18-19”
William Horst, Fuller Theological Seminary

“A Solution for the Unknown Old Testament Citation in James 4:5”
Douglas S. Hoffman, Talbot School of Theology at Biola University

“Genesis, Midrash, and the New Jerusalem of the Book of Revelation”
Jamila Gonzalez, University of California at Santa Barbara

4c) New Testament: Gospels and Acts II  Location: Room 200
Presiding: Thomas Phillips, Claremont School of Theology

“Who Were the Pharisees? A Hidden Polemic Against the Jewish Christians in Mark 7:1-23”
Sung Hwan Lee, Claremont School of Theology

“Deliberative Rhetoric in the Farewell Discourse of the Fourth Gospel”
Gregory Hillendahl, London School of Theology
“My Sheep Hear My Voice: A Sensory Analysis of John 10-11”
Jeannine Hangar, University of Aberdeen

“Revealer, Reconciler, Archetype: Rethinking the Mission of Jesus in the Gospel of John”
Matthew Sousa, Fuller Theological Seminary

6:00-8:00pm Post-Meeting Reception
(Sponsored by Fuller Theological Seminary)
Location: Fullerton Marriott (2701 Nutwood Ave) “University Room”
*across the street from HIU!
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