
SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE - PACIFIC COAST REGION 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday March 15, 2020 (8:00am-6:30pm)

Hope International University

2500 E. Nutwood Ave.

Fullerton, CA 92831

<http://www.hiu.edu>

CALL FOR PAPERS

Submission Deadline: October 1, 2019

The 2020 meeting of the Pacific Coast Region of the Society of Biblical Literature will be held Sunday March 15, 2020 at Hope International University in Fullerton, California. Members wishing to present papers should email a **presentation proposal form** (*which includes an abstract of the proposed paper-max. 300 words*) to the appropriate program unit chair (see unit listings and email addresses below).

First-time presenters must submit complete papers. The presentation proposal form can be found attached or on the SBLPCR's regional meeting page at www.sbl-site.org.

***Awards (with cash prizes)** are available (especially for students and emerging scholars). Presenters may consider applying for two awards: 1) *Regional Scholar Award (prize: \$400)*, and 2) *Student Essay Award (prize: \$250)*. See details, criteria, and instructions for application below.

For further information about the call for papers, or questions about an area of study not covered in program units, contact the SBLPCR Regional Coordinator: Brad E. Kelle, Point Loma Nazarene University (bradkelle@pointloma.edu).

DUE DATES

Call for papers opens	May 1, 2019
Call for papers closes	October 1, 2019
Decisions announced	November 1, 2019
Application for awards due	January 15, 2020
Award decisions announced	June 30, 2020

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR THE MEETING

Pre-registration information will be available in January 2020. SBL membership is required for participation in the program; non-members may register and attend the meeting. For membership inquiries and registration visit: <http://www.sbl-site.org>.

SBLPCR PROGRAM UNITS

EMERGING CRITICAL THEORY AND PERSPECTIVES

Chair: Kay Higuera Smith, Azusa Pacific University, kathrynsmith@apu.edu

The Emerging Critical Theory and Perspectives unit invites proposals for papers employing postcolonial, decolonial, ideological, or gender criticism, critical race theory, or critical cultural studies in the examination of the Hebrew Bible, the New Testament, their ancient contexts, and contemporary or historical hermeneutics and ideology.

TEACHING BIBLICAL STUDIES: PEDAGOGICAL STRATEGIES, METHODS, AND RESOURCES

Co-Chairs: Carl Toney, Hope International University, ctoney@hiu.edu, and Christopher Heard, Pepperdine University, cheard@pepperdine.edu

This unit enhances teaching and learning in biblical studies. Presentations provide critical reflection on and practical strategies for biblical studies instruction. The unit considers proposals related to any aspect of biblical studies pedagogy, with preference given to presentations that provide participants with actionable tools and perspectives. *Note: in 2020, this unit will sponsor an invited panel session; it is not accepting paper proposals for the 2020 meeting.*

HEBREW BIBLE

Co-Chairs: C. L. Crouch, Fuller Theological Seminary, clcrouch@fuller.edu, and Christopher Hays, Fuller Theological Seminary, hays@fuller.edu

The Hebrew Bible/Old Testament unit invites proposals for papers focusing on any portion of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, interpretive methodology for its study, its historical and cultural contexts, its reception history, and other relevant studies.

THE BIBLE AND THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST

Chair: Tammi Schneider, Claremont Graduate University, tammi.schneider@cgu.edu

The Bible and the Ancient Near East unit invites proposals for twenty-minute papers exploring points of contact between biblical texts and interpretation and ancient Near Eastern contexts. These points of contact may be historical, archaeological, literary, theological, social, or cultural.

ANCIENT JUDAISM

Chair: Catherine Bonesho, UCLA, bonesho@g.ucla.edu

The Ancient Judaism unit invites proposals for papers that focus on facets of Judaism from the Second Temple period until Late Antiquity, including Rabbinic Judaism.

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPELS AND ACTS

Chair: Thomas Phillips, Claremont School of Theology, enctom@yahoo.com

The New Testament Gospels and Acts unit invites proposals dealing with topics in the areas of New Testament texts and traditions related to the gospels and Acts.

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLES AND APOCALYPSE

Chair: Kenneth L. Waters, Azusa Pacific University, kwaters@apu.edu

The New Testament Epistles and Apocalypse unit invites proposals that focus within a wide range of exegetical and hermeneutical issues elicited by the Pauline, Johannine, and general epistles; the book of Hebrews, and the book of Revelation.

SBLPCR AWARDS

All award applicants must submit a *completed* paper to the SBLPCR Regional Coordinator, Brad E. Kelle (bradkelle@pointloma.edu), *by the due date shown in the call for papers (January 15th)*. The regular Presentation Proposal Form (with paper abstract) should first be submitted to the appropriate unit chair by the call for papers deadline (October 1st). The paper must be accepted for presentation at the meeting in order to be considered for one of the awards.

An applicant may seek only one of the following awards during any given award year (the “award year” begins with the publication of the call for papers and ends with announcement of awards), and may submit only one paper for award consideration. All papers submitted for awards must be new, original work; a paper previously submitted for an award may not be resubmitted for either award.

Regional Scholar Nominee

Award: One prize of \$400, plus nomination for a national SBL Regional Scholar Award.

Eligible Applicants: Any SBL member who has earned a doctoral degree within the past four years or is at the ABD stage of a doctoral program.

Application Procedure: Submit a completed paper to *the SBLPCR Regional Coordinator, Brad E. Kelle* (bradkelle@pointloma.edu), by the due date shown in the call for papers (January 15th). On your presentation proposal form (due by October 1st), indicate in the spaces provided that you wish to have the paper considered for a Regional Scholar Nominee designation. Also send *a current CV*—to the Regional Coordinator, Brad E. Kelle (bradkelle@pointloma.edu), by the due date shown in the call for papers (January 15th).

Student Essay Award

Award: One prize of \$250.

Eligible Applicants: Any SBL student member.

Application Procedure: Submit a completed paper to the SBLPCR Regional Coordinator, Brad E. Kelle (bradkelle@pointloma.edu), by the due date shown in the call for papers (January 15th). On your presentation proposal form (due by October 1st), indicate in the spaces provided that you wish to have the paper considered for a Student Essay Award. Also send *a current CV*—to the Regional Coordinator, Brad E. Kelle (bradkelle@pointloma.edu), by the due date shown in the call for papers (January 15th).

Criteria for Evaluation

Applications for both awards are judged on the following criteria, with higher expectations for Regional Scholar Nominee applicants than for Student Award applicants.

- Presentation content
 - Clarity of expression and argumentation
 - Knowledge and critical use of scholarly resources and publications related to the topic
 - Use and knowledge of the primary sources related to the topic of the paper
 - Originality of ideas and solutions developed in the paper
- Presentation delivery
 - Clear articulation of argument advanced
 - Even and engaging delivery
 - Clear pronunciation and style appropriate to oral presentation
 - Creative use of materials that aid the presentation

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Given Name _____ Family Name _____
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Institution _____

SBL membership at the Full or Student level is required for participation. For more information about membership levels and benefits, visit <http://www.sbl-site.org/>.

SBL Membership Full → Faculty Independent Scholar
 Student → PhD MA

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

PRESENTATION PROPOSAL FORM INSTRUCTIONS

*A **complete proposal** consists of this form (including within it an abstract [up to 300 words] from experienced presenters). First-time presenters must also submit a complete manuscript along with this form. For those who wish to apply for the Regional Scholar or Student Essay award, this form should be submitted to the appropriate program unit chair by October 1st, and the completed paper (along with a c.v.) should be submitted to the regional coordinator by January 15th. **Incomplete proposals will not be considered.** Complete registration (including payment of the registration fee) is required for attendance or presentation.*

*Submit your proposal to **only one** program unit. Consult the call for papers to find your unit chair's e-mail address. **No individual may appear more than twice in the program** (as presenter, moderator, respondent, or panel participant).*

PRESENTATION PROPOSAL

Presentation Title _____

Program Unit _____

Digital Projection (*requests not included on this form may not be accommodated*)

- Yes (bring your own computer and any necessary adapter[s] or cable[s])
 No

Award Submission (*optional; consult the Call for Papers for eligibility and requirements*)

- Student Essay Award
 Regional Scholar Nominee → Received PhD in _____ (year)
 Dissertation completed; defense scheduled
for _____ (month), _____ (year)
 ABD since _____ (month), _____ (year)

****INCLUDE YOUR PAPER ABSTRACT (MAX. 300 WORDS) BELOW:**