

**EASTERN GREAT LAKES BIBLICAL SOCIETY
CALL FOR PAPERS for 2021 MEETING**

The Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society will hold its 2021 Annual Meeting FULLY ONLINE on March 18–20 (Thursday – Saturday), 2021.

A learned society of Biblical scholars sponsored by the Society of Biblical Literature in partnership with the Catholic Biblical Association, the EGLBS invites paper or poster-session proposals from members of either of these organizations, scholars in higher education, ministers, students (with a professor's nomination), and other interested parties.

For the fully Virtual Online conference this year, we are grateful to Indiana Wesleyan University for co-hosting the technological systems and programs, along with the SBL.

EGLBS is not affiliated with the American Academy of Religion. AAR members are welcome to participate in EGLBS meetings, including proposing papers on topics related to the Ancient Near East and/or the Bible and cognate literature. Proposals on other topics should be directed elsewhere. See <https://aarweb.org/AARMBR/Who-We-Are-/Regions.aspx> for more information.

**Our plenary speaker will be Dr. Danna Nolan Fewell of Drew University Theological School.
Title: “Child Laborers: The Narrative Work of Biblical Children”**

Note – updates on the conference and any additional information about topics for the sessions will be available online as follows:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EGLBS/>
- SBL website: http://sbl-site.org/meetings/rm_egreatlakes.aspx
- Or you may contact the Regional Coordinator, Paul Kim at eglbsmeeting@gmail.com

CALL FOR PAPERS OPENS: December 15, 2020

Submit proposals via: <https://forms.gle/bQEQFRPSSDMAbbhu6>

Note – you may contact section chairs with questions (see below) but you must submit the proposal through Google Forms for consideration.

CALL FOR PAPERS CLOSES: February 15, 2021

Paper proposals will be considered under the following categories. Select the category that best fits your paper topic and send the necessary information to the appropriate Convener(s) by electronic mail. After all proposals have been received, conveners will sometimes shift papers to other sections, so you need not be concerned that submitting to the “wrong” section will hurt your chances.

NB: In order to foster wider participation, individuals are limited to one presentation at the annual meeting, with very few exceptions. If you are making multiple proposals, make sure to inform the appropriate conveners and indicate which of the presentations you would prefer to give (since only one per person is permitted).

The deadline for receipt of paper proposals for the 2021 annual meeting (including any necessary supporting materials) is *February 15, 2021* and you should receive a determination of acceptance by or before February 25.

PLEASE NOTE:

Anyone who wishes to submit proposals for inclusion in the annual meeting program *must be registered for the annual meeting by the proposal cutoff date of February 15, 2021*. If your presentation does not get accepted for the program, you may withdraw your meeting registration and receive a refund by sending a notice to the Regional Meeting Coordinator at eglbsmeeting@gmail.com, no later than March 1, 2021.

SBL Policies regarding participation in national and regional meetings:

- 1) By submitting a paper proposal or accepting a role in any session at the EGLBS meeting, you agree to participate in an open academic discussion guided by a common standard of scholarly discourse that engages your subject through critical inquiry and investigation. For more on the SBL Professional Conduct Policy, see https://www.sbl-site.org/assets/pdfs/Meetings/Professional_Conduct_Policy.pdf
- 2) Any proposals discussing artifacts or manuscripts must comply with the SBL artifacts policy. See https://www.sbl-site.org/assets/pdfs/SBL-Artifacts-Policy_20160903.pdf. When you submit your proposal you will be asked several questions regarding use of artifacts and manuscripts. Some of the issues addressed in the policy are: a) whether the item has been published in a scholarly venue, b) if unpublished whether you have permission to discuss it, c) whether the provenance of the artifact has been identified, d) if it is not provenanced, there may be limitations on discussing it in your paper and if you do discuss it you must clearly identify it as being unprovenanced. Since an SBL review committee may need to review use of unprovenanced artifacts, it may be easier to leave them out of your EGLBS paper since there is limited time between proposal submission and the conference. You may direct any questions about this policy to eglbsmeeting@gmail.com.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PAPERS

The online proposal form will ask for:

1. Nature of the Presentation (Paper)
2. Presentation Title
3. Presenter's name, professional affiliation (*e.g.*, university or church name), and status (undergrad, grad. student, Ph.D. candidate, faculty, pastor, *etc.*)
4. Contact information (e-mail address, daytime telephone)
5. Abstract (*no more than 150 words*) (you may submit additional information that will not be included in the abstract if you think that will strengthen your proposal.
NB: An excessively long abstract or failure to include one or more of these data may result in disqualification of your proposal.
6. Equipment needs.
-Paper sessions will be provided with the options of pre-recording (to be confirmed), uploading of the paper, and/or live presentation via Zoom.
-Those who want to pre-record need to make the recording on their own and have it read for uploading at least 3 weeks before the meeting date. Papers *or* handouts can be uploaded, but these too should be submitted at least 2 weeks before the meeting.

All proposals require the above information. There are two situations which would require you to send the entire text of your presentation as well as the proposal itself:

1. This would be your first presentation at the EGLBS;
2. You are applying for either the Student Paper Prize or the SBL Regional scholar Award. (more information about these will be posted on the EGLBS page in the SBL Regional Meetings section of the website.)

To submit the full paper, please send it to the section chair (listed below) and to the regional coordinator (eglbsmeeting@gmail.com)

NB: If you need to send your paper with the proposal, please save it in PDF format and preview the file to ensure that any foreign fonts, diagrams, tables, or other printer-dependent features will appear correctly in the attachment.

Student Paper Prizes and Regional Scholar Award Nominations – See the EGLBS page on the SBL website for additional information.

See next page for information on sections and topics for your papers.

Sections

If you have questions about where your topic will fit best, contact the coordinator at eglbsmeeting@gmail.com.

<p>Alpha Seminar E. Bruce Brooks, University of Massachusetts at Amherst Keith L. Yoder, University of Massachusetts at Amherst ebb Brooks@research.umass.edu; klyoder@research.umass.edu</p> <p>The theme is “Text Formation and Alteration in Either Testament.” Brief papers are preferred.</p>	<p>Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity Vernon Robbins Emory University relvkr@emory.edu</p> <p>The RRA Group will be meeting Saturday 2-5pm. Anyone interested in joining us or giving a presentation during that time can contact Vernon Robbins directly.</p>
<p>Hebrew Scriptures Susan Haddox University of Mount Union haddoxse@mountunion.edu Open theme for 2021.</p>	<p>New Testament Tucker Ferda Pittsburgh Theological Seminary tferda@pts.edu Open theme for 2021.</p>
<p>Miscellany (indicate “Unsure” in online form) Craig Tyson D’Youville College tysonc@dyc.edu</p> <p>The miscellany section will consider papers on any topic that does not fit clearly in the HB or NT sections. In addition, there will be a special <i>Themed Session</i> on “Bible and Popular Culture” that seeks papers addressing the intersection of the Bible with popular culture, including film, TV, literature, music or other media.</p>	<p>Student Advisory Board Michele Stopera Freyhaufl, MA John Carroll University msfrehaufl@gmail.com</p> <p>Contact with any questions about student involvement in EGLBS or SBL.</p>

REGISTRATION

Conference registration will be handled online through the SBL website through March 1, 2021:

<https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=598798&t=a395f3b37ee38d0138f835c53d2bc71c>

Check http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/rm_egreatlakes.aspx and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EGLBS/> for updates.

Registration Fees: (Refunds are available until March 1, 2021 by notifying the Regional Meeting Coordinator at eglbsmeeting@gmail.com).

- \$25 EGLBS Member (or member of SBL or CBA)
- \$10 Student
- \$10 Retired