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2021 Annual Meeting

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Program Schedule

Friday March 12, 2021

Morning Sessions
9:45 am-11:45 am

NEW TESTAMENT: GOSPELS

Presider: Mark Giacobbe, Citylight Church, markgia@gmail.com

Timothy Keiderling, Princeton Theological Seminary, timothy.keiderling@ptsem.edu, “Latin in the Synoptic Tradition”

B. G. White, The King’s College, bwhite@tkc.edu “Jesus’s Depression? The Depth of ‘Sorrow’ and the Vindication of Mental Distress in Matthew’s Gethsemane”

Brian Eduardo Guy, Washington, D.C., brian.guy@yahoo.com “The Impaired Kingdom of God: The Parable of the Great Banquet”

HoThi Nguyen, Villanova University, hnguye25@villanova.edu, “The Beloved Disciple According to John’s Gospel”

Stephen D. Moore, Drew University, smoore@drew.edu, “Why There Are No Bodies in the Synoptic Gospels and How to Read Them Anyway: Narrative Analysis After Deleuze”

RECEPTION HISTORY 1

Presider: Sarah Malena, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, slmalena@smcm.edu

H H Drake Williams, Evangelische Theologische Faculteit, hhrakewilliamsii@gmail.com, “Memory of Jesus and Its Impact on Imitation of Christ in First Clement”

Linda Sue Galate, Drew University, doclsg1.16@gmail.com, “First Eyewitness: Depicting the Resurrection in ante pacem Art”

Robert Costello, University of Aberdeen, robescos@mail.regent.edu, “Death’s Search for Moses and Satan’s Search for the Torah: Related Aggadic Traditions and a Proposed Priority Between Them”

MARSBL Undergraduate Section

Presider: Kim Paffenroth, Iona College, kimpaffenroth@msn.com

Ian Jarosz, Email: jarosziy@dukes.jmu.edu, “An Historical-Literary-Critical Analysis of Homosexuality in Leviticus and the Vendidad”

Jake Conley, conleyjm@dukes.jmu.edu, “The Ethno-nationalist Origins of Necromancy’s Condemnation in the Hebrew Bible”
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Lunch

**Presidential Address:** Tamar Kamionkowski, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, tkamionkowski@rrc.edu

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**Afternoon Sessions**

2:15 pm-4:15 pm

**HEBREW BIBLE PENTATEUCH SECTION**

**Presider:** David Moster, davidmoster@gmail.com

Ilona Rashkow, SUNY Stony Brook, ilona.rashkow2@gmail.com, “"Bury me with my fathers’- Ancient Israel Funerary Practices and Artifacts"  

J. Richard Middleton, Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan College, middleton_richard@roberts.edu, “Did Abraham Pass the Test? Unbinding the Aqedah from the Straitjacket of Tradition”  

Kelsey Wallace, Drew University, kwallace1@drew.edu, “From Pharaoh to Yahweh: Debt and the Dark Side of the Gift”  

John Herbst, Virginia Peninsula Baptist Association, herbstot13@gmail.com, “Cain’s ‘ir : Small, Safe, Sufficient”  

Christiaan Faul, Union Theological Seminary, jf3261@utsnyc.edu, “Disrupting Imperial Uniformity: An Anti-Imperial Reading of Genesis 11:1-9”

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**HEBREW BIBLE WRITINGS 1**

**Presider:** John Ahn, Howard University, john.ahn@howard.edu

Ryan M. Amstrong, Jewish Theological Seminary, ryarmstrong@jtsa.edu, “Embracing the Dark Side: Who Darkened Counsel in Job’s Final Speech”  

Carolyn Baldwin, Howard University School of Divinity, drcybaldwin@gmail.com, “The Fighting Words of Job: The Storm of Job and the Black Experience”  

Carrie Cifers, University of Virginia, cac5qz@virginia.edu, “Reading Elihu in His Place”  

Imhotep A. Newsome, Howard University School of Divinity, imhotep.newsome@bison.howard.edu, “Job’s Silence on Slavery: Theodicy and Retribution in Tension (Job 31:13)”

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**WRITING SESSION**

**Presider:** Rob Seesengood, Albright College, rseesengood@albright.edu
Monday, March 15, 2021

Morning Sessions
9:45 am-11:45 am

HEBREW BIBLE WRITINGS 2

**Presider**: John Ahn, Howard University, [john.ahn@howard.edu](mailto:john.ahn@howard.edu)

Richard Liantonio, University of Manchester, [Richard.liantonio@gmail.com](mailto:Richard.liantonio@gmail.com), “Happy is Up: Emotion, Metaphor, and Spatiality in the Psalms and ANE Literature”

Mark S. Giacobbe, Citylight Church, [markgia@gmail.com](mailto:markgia@gmail.com), “Pivot Patterns and Double-Duty Modifiers: Doubling Down on a Pivotal Construction in Hebrew Poetry”

Amy Chase, Carey Theological College, [achase@carey-edu.ca](mailto:achase@carey-edu.ca), “Grasping the Spindle, Stretching toward the Poor: Re-examining the Chiasm of Proverbs 31:19-20 in Light of Textual and Contextual Socio-Economic Tensions”

Elizabeth Siegelman, Drew University, [esiegelman@drew.edu](mailto:esiegelman@drew.edu), “Erotic Blackness and Social Difference: An Exploration of Race, Gender, and Violence in the Song of Songs 5:7”

NEW TESTAMENT: EPISTLES

**Presider**: Greg Carey, Lancaster Theological Seminary, [gcarey@lancasterseminary.edu](mailto:gcarey@lancasterseminary.edu)

Brigid Dwyer, Drew Theological Seminary, [cdwyer@drew.edu](mailto:cdwyer@drew.edu), “Sacramental Collectivism: A Marxist Reading of First Corinthians”

Stephen A. Cooper, Franklin & Marshall College, [stephen.cooper@fandm.edu](mailto:stephen.cooper@fandm.edu), “Reviving F. C. Baur in Dating 1 Timothy”

Christopher Marsh, Dallas Theological Seminary, [Christophermarsh2.0@gmail.com](mailto:Christophermarsh2.0@gmail.com), “Reviewing the History of the Colossian Hymn Hypothesis”

Daniel Joseph Stevens, Museum of the Bible, [Daniel.stevens@mbible.org](mailto:Daniel.stevens@mbible.org), “Hebrews as an Interpreter of Paul”

Ohchang Kwon, Westminster Theological Seminary, [okwon@student.wts.edu](mailto:okwon@student.wts.edu), “Peter’s Exhortation According to God’s Will: A Study of 1 Peter’s Use of Thelma”

RECEPTION HISTORY 2

**Presider**: Sarah Malena, St. Mary’s College of Maryland

Brandon Massey, “Georg Bertram, Anti-Semitism, and the Septuagint in the Theological Dictionary of the New Testament” [mbrandon.massey@gmail.com](mailto:mbrandon.massey@gmail.com), St. Mary’s University, Twickenham

Sharon Gutkowski, “The ‘Second Death’ in Revelation and the Cremation Rules of the Catholic Church” [sgutkows@villanova.edu](mailto:sgutkows@villanova.edu), PhD student, Villanova

Odell Horne, "Thou who has by Thy might, Led us into the light" [odell.horne@evangelical.edu](mailto:odell.horne@evangelical.edu), Evangelical Seminary, Myerstown, PA
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Lunch/Plenary Session

**Keynote Speaker:** Mark Leuchter (past president)

**Afternoon Sessions**
2:15 pm-4:45 pm

**HEBREW BIBLE PROPHETS SECTION**

**Presider:** Alexandria Frisch, Ursinus College, afrisch@ursinus.edu

Leslie Virnelson, Princeton Theological Seminary, leslie.virnelson@ptsem.edu, "Materiality of Prophecy in Ezekiel 13:10-16,"

Brian Chu, Duke University, briantgchu@gmail.com, "Exposure, Estrangement, and Exile –The Well-Being of Land and Community in Hosea 2"

Robert Miller, The Catholic University of America, millerb@cua.edu, “Daniel and Friends at the Carlisle Indian School”

Nazeer Bacchus, New York University, nazeer.bacchus@nyu.edu, “Theorizing Lament: A Reexamination of the Qināh”

SuJung Shin, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, sshin@nbts.edu, “The Ambivalence of David’s Lament from a Rabelaisian Perspective”

**BOOK REVIEW SESSION**

**Presider:** Robert Seesengood (rseesengood@albright.edu)

Book review panel of Reading with Feeling: Affect Theory and the Bible, edited by Fiona C. Black and Jennifer L. Koosed (SBL 2019).

**Opening remarks:** Jennifer L. Koosed, Albright College (jkoosed@albright.edu)

**Panelists:**

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**Response:** Stephen Moore, Drew University (smoore@drew.edu)
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