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\***Throughout the months of March and April, 2021**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

*Submission Deadline for Proposals: October 1, 2020*

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The 2021 meeting of the Pacific Coast Region of the Society of Biblical Literature will be unusual and creative! *Due to health and safety concerns, we will not gather for our usual in-person conference. Rather, we will take this opportunity to make the most innovative and inviting use we can of online technology in order to provide the most accessible and inclusive meeting we have ever sponsored. Our inspiration is the scribal tradition's system for distinguishing between what is written (*ketib*) and what is read (*qere*) in the text of the Hebrew Bible!*

**\*\*Rather than meeting on a particular day and time at a physical location, papers accepted for presentation will be presented to the public *either as a pre-recorded video (that includes interaction between the presenter and another scholar) or as a fully written paper published online in a collection from the region.* NOTE: Some papers will be accepted for video presentation and some for written publication (members will be notified into which category they have been accepted).**

**\*\*The video presentations and written papers will be published sequentially online throughout the months of March and April, 2021 through the SBL Pacific Coast Region's website and social media platform.**

**\*\*SBL 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](http://www.sbl-site.org). SBL membership is required for participation in the program. For membership inquiries and registration visit: <http://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, contact the SBLPCR Regional Coordinator: Brad E. Kelle, Point Loma Nazarene University ([bradkelle@pointloma.edu](mailto:bradkelle@pointloma.edu)).

**DUE DATES**

**Call for papers closes**

Decisions announced

Application for awards due

**Papers presented/published online**

Award decisions announced

**October 1, 2020**

November 1, 2020

January 15, 2021

**March-April, 2021**

June 30, 2021

## **SBLPCR PROGRAM UNITS**

### **EMERGING CRITICAL THEORY AND PERSPECTIVES**

*Chair:* Kay Higuera Smith, Azusa Pacific University, [kathrynsmith@apu.edu](mailto:kathrynsmith@apu.edu)

The Emerging Critical Theory and Perspectives unit invites proposals for **20-minute** papers employing pos/tcolonial, 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](mailto:ctoney@hiu.edu), and Christopher Heard, Pepperdine University, [cheard@pepperdine.edu](mailto:cheard@pepperdine.edu)

*In 2021, this unit will sponsor invited papers; it is not accepting paper proposals.*

### **HEBREW BIBLE**

*Co-Chairs:* C. L. Crouch, Fuller Theological Seminary, [clcrouch@fuller.edu](mailto:clcrouch@fuller.edu), and Christopher Hays, Fuller Theological Seminary, [hays@fuller.edu](mailto:hays@fuller.edu)

The Hebrew Bible/Old Testament unit invites proposals for **20-minute** 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](mailto:tammi.schneider@cgu.edu)

The Bible and the Ancient Near East unit invites proposals for **20-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.

### **NEW TESTAMENT GOSPELS AND ACTS**

*Chair:* Thomas Phillips, Claremont School of Theology, [enctom@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bradkelle@pointloma.edu)), *by the due date shown in the call for papers (January 15<sup>th</sup>)*. The regular Presentation Proposal Form (with paper abstract) should first be submitted to the appropriate unit chair by the call for papers deadline (October 1<sup>st</sup>). 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](mailto:bradkelle@pointloma.edu)), *by the due date shown in the call for papers (January 15<sup>th</sup>)*. On your presentation proposal form (due by October 1<sup>st</sup>), 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](mailto:bradkelle@pointloma.edu)), *by the due date shown in the call for papers (January 15<sup>th</sup>)*.

### 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](mailto:bradkelle@pointloma.edu)), *by the due date shown in the call for papers (January 15<sup>th</sup>)*. On your presentation proposal form (due by October 1<sup>st</sup>), 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](mailto:bradkelle@pointloma.edu)), *by the due date shown in the call for papers (January 15<sup>th</sup>)*.

### 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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## PRESENTATION PROPOSAL FORM

*Submission Deadline: October 1, 2020*

Given Name \_\_\_\_\_ Family Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please give your name here as you wish for it to appear in the program book.)*

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 1<sup>st</sup>, and the completed paper (along with a c.v.) should be submitted to the regional coordinator by January 15<sup>th</sup>. **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 \_\_\_\_\_

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:**