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## 2022 Rocky Mountains / Great Plains Regional AAR / SBL

### Call for Submissions

The Regional Program Committee invites proposals for panels and papers to be presented at the 2022 Rocky Mountains / Great Plains Regional Meeting, which will be held at the University of Denver in Denver, CO, Friday-Saturday March 25-26. The deadline for submissions is **Monday, November 8**.

We welcome proposals dealing with any aspect of the fields of religious studies and biblical studies. We seek proposals on all topics pertaining to religious traditions, beliefs or practices; historical periods; and biblical texts and their traditions. We welcome proposals for panels of multiple papers, and also accept proposals for single papers or other types of sessions, such as roundtables involving structured discussions of pre-circulated questions.

### Proposal Requirements

All proposals should follow the instructions listed below. Proposals should be submitted via Qualtrics [here](#):

Please make sure to include the following information in each proposal. Respondents for panels do not need to fill out a title or abstract but should be noted as "Respondents".

#### Panel Proposals

- 1) tentative title
- 2) panel organizer name
- 3) panel organizer institutional affiliation
- 4) panel organizer email address/es
- 5) panel abstract (300 words maximum) that discusses the subject matter and significance of the session
- 6) presenters' names
- 7) presenters' institutional affiliations
- 8) presenters' email addresses
- 9) presenters' individual abstracts (300 words maximum each), each discussing the subject matter and methodology of the paper, as well as the significance of the subject within the broader field of interest
- 10) Whether the paper is a candidate for the SBL Regional Scholars Award (details below)
- 11) technology needed

#### Individual Paper Proposals

- 1) tentative title
- 2) presenter name/s



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- 3) presenter/s institutional affiliation/s
- 4) presenter/s email address/es
- 5) abstract (300 words maximum) that discusses the subject matter and methodology of the paper, as well as the significance of the subject within the broader field of interest
- 6) Whether the paper is a candidate for the SBL Regional Scholars Award (details below)
- 7) technology needed

#### Roundtables, Book Panels, and Other Sessions

- 1) tentative title
- 2) session organizer name
- 3) session organizer institutional affiliation
- 4) session organizer email address/es
- 5) session abstract (300 words maximum) that describes the format, subject matter, and significance of the session
- 6) technology needed

#### **SBL Regional Scholars Award**

The SBL offers a Regional Scholars award for an outstanding paper presented at the regional meeting by a Ph.D. candidate or recent Ph.D. (four years or fewer) who is a member of the SBL. After the meeting, the Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Regional conference committee recommends one scholar based on criteria outlined [here](#) to the national SBL. Award winners will be notified by a representative from the SBL Regional Scholar Award Selection Committee no later than August 31, 2022. Qualified individuals interested in competing in the Regional Scholars competition must indicate this in the submission process above.

#### **AAR/SBL Graduate Student Paper Awards:**

The AAR and SBL offer awards for the best graduate student papers. The awards are presented during lunch on Saturday and carry a stipend of \$100 each. Students interested in competing for one of the awards must follow the instructions for submission and indicate they are interested in being considered for the award. Papers not chosen for an award will be considered for the program.

Students will be notified of the opportunity to compete for these awards with notification of acceptance on the 2022 program. In order to be considered, students accepted into the conference must email the conference paper (the length of a 20-minute presentation, i.e., 10 pages double-spaced) to [dheepa.sundaram@du.edu](mailto:dheepa.sundaram@du.edu) no later than **January 1, 2022**. Students will then submit the following via email to [dheepa.sundaram@du.edu](mailto:dheepa.sundaram@du.edu) by **February 1, 2022**:

- 1) Proof of active membership in the relevant organization
- 2) An abstract (250 words maximum) for the paper



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- 3) A copy of an article-length paper (15-20 pages double-spaced, 12 point font)

### **Undergraduate Student Panel:**

To foster undergraduate involvement in the 2022 Regional Meeting there will be one undergraduate student panel. Undergraduates who would like to submit an abstract for this session should follow the Individual Paper Proposals guidelines outlined above and ***note in the abstract section*** that they are submitting for the undergraduate session. Please also include the name and email address of a faculty member from the student's institution who is familiar with the student's work.

### **Covid Protocols:**

The University of Denver follows state and local guidelines for COVID-19. Please look over [this document](#) for visitor entry to campus. When conference participants register for the conference, specific requirements will be provided. All conference participants must comply with University of Denver requirements for campus access.

### **Program Committee**

The Program Committee will review all proposals and will meet virtually in November to discuss final program selections.

The 2022 Regional Meeting co-chairs Dheepa Sundaram ([dheepa.sundaram@du.edu](mailto:dheepa.sundaram@du.edu)) and Lynn Schofield Clark ([lynn.clark@du.edu](mailto:lynn.clark@du.edu)) invite members of the AAR/SBL Rocky Mountain–Great Plains Region to serve on the Program Committee. We hope that at least one faculty member from each of the participating institutions in the RMGP region will serve on the Program Committee.

Please notify the co-chairs by **Friday, October 30** if you are willing to serve on the Program Committee.