The Mid-Atlantic Region Society of Biblical Literature (MAR-SBL)
March 11 (FRI) and 14 (MON) 2022 Annual Meeting
Location: via Zoom

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Program Schedule

Friday March 11, 2022

Morning Session
9:45 am-11:45 am

NEW TESTAMENT: Conflicts and Controversy
Zoom link:

Presider: Robert Seesengood, Albright College

Michael Blythe, South African Theological Seminary, “The Progression of Controversy and Response in Mark 1:21-3:6”

Yajenlemla, Drew University, “‘Do you Hear this Woman?’ A Postcolonial Feminist Affective Reading of Luke 7:36-50”


Kenneth J. Bendiksen, Princeton Theological Seminary, “Authorship and Heresy and the Epistle to the Colossians”

MAR SBL Presidential Address
12:00 pm-1:00 pm
Zoom link:

Presider: Jennifer Kaalund, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Presidential Address: John Ahn, Howard University, “In Statelessness, the Wilderness as Sacred and Ordinary Space: Between Persia and Egypt”

Afternoon Session 1
2:00 pm-3:30 pm

HEBREW BIBLE Pentateuch and Prophets
Zoom link

Presider: Tamar Kamionkowski, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
Ilona Rashkow, SUNY at Stony Brook, “Abstract Eating and Drinking in Ancient Israel”


Jonathan Riley, Catholic University of America, “Destruction and Silence: Paronomasia and Prophetic Call”

Afternoon Session 2
4:00 pm-5:30 pm

BOOK REVIEW: Angela N. Parker, If God Still Breathes, Why Can’t I? Black Lives Matter and Biblical Authority

Zoom link:

**Presider:** Jennifer Kaalund, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

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Stephen Reid, Truett Theological Seminary (Baylor)

Marcus Shields, University of Edinburgh

Imhotep Newsome, Howard University School of Divinity

Respondent: Angela N. Parker, Mercer University

Discussion

Evening Session
6:00 pm-7:30 pm

GENERATIVE APPROACHES TO THE KINGS PARABLES

Zoom link:

**Presider:** Mark Giacobbe, Westminster Theological Seminary

Christopher Morrissey, Trinity Western University. “Quotation within Parables: Imaginative Rehearsals of Jesus's Occupation of the Temple”

Gilad Elbom, Oregon State University, “The Parable of the Wedding Banquet: Between Anti-Jewish and Anti-Roman Sentiments”

Robert Vanhoff, Torah Resource Institute, “The Reader, the Rex, and His Flexible Text: Malleable Symbols in the Mouth of Matthew's Messiah”
Monday, March 14, 2022

Morning Session
9:45 am-11:50 am
NEW TESTAMENT: NT and Public Identities
Zoom link:

Presider: Greg Carey, Lancaster Theological Seminary

Tzu yu Lin, Drew University Theological School, “The Imperial Temptation in the Lord’s Prayer: A Repression of Local Independence”

Matthew Goldstone, Academy for Jewish Religion, “A Contextual Comparative Approach for Reading the Gospels and the Tannaitic Midrashim”

Mark C. Kiley, St. John’s University, “The Johannine Paraclete: Considerations Literary and Theological”


Dennis Lutero, Trinity School for Ministry, “‘Jew and Greek:’ Intra-Israelite Group Markers in Romans”

Afternoon Session
12:00 pm-1:30 pm
NRSV Updated Edition: Text Criticism, New and Old Challenges, and Insights Gleaned

Zoom link:

Presider: Jennifer Koosed, Albright College

Ron Hendel, UC Berkely

Jennifer Knust, Duke University

Sidnie Crawford, University of Nebraska

Benjamin Wright III, Lehigh University

Susan Hylen, Emory University

Discussion
MAR SBL Keynote Address: Bart Ehrman
2:00 pm- 3:00 pm

Zoom link:

**Presider:** John Ahn, Howard University

**Keynote Address:** Bart Ehrman, University of North Carolina, “The Book of Revelation”

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**Afternoon Session 1**
3:15 pm-4:45 pm

**HEBREW BIBLE Writings**

Zoom link:

**Presider:** David Moster, Institute of Biblical Culture

Hunter Edwards, Drew University, “A Queer Eye on the Priests”

Janet Okang, Drew University, “Shifting and Decolonizing Our Hierarchical Tables”

Elizabeth Siegelman, Drew Theological School, “Trampling On Vines: Violence as an Expression of Communal Trauma in Song of Songs”

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**Afternoon Session 2**
5:00 pm-6:30 pm

**RECEPTION HISTORY**

Zoom link:

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

Drake Williams, Evangelische Theologische Faculteit (Belgium), “Tradents, Tradition, and the Church in Antioch in the Early Second Century”


Stephen Moore, Drew University, “Christ in Clashing Colors: Jesus in Jackboots, Jesus on the Lynching Tree, and Other Christoracial Constructs”