

Zhang Ying, East China Normal University
"Innovations" in Scriptural Interpretation: A Tentative Cross-textual Reading of the Hermeneutical Practices in Maimonides and Zhu Xi
 (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Business Meeting (30 min)

(Business meeting for ECBC members only)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

S25-101

SBL Program Unit Chairs Meeting

7:30 AM–8:45 AM

Convention Center – Room 20A (Upper level)

Both Annual Meeting and International Meeting program unit chairs for the current year are invited to attend.

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

S25-102

SBL African Biblical Hermeneutics Section

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Hilton Bayfront – C (Level 3 (Aqua))

Theme: **African Biblical Response to Global Crises of War and Mass Violence**

Lovemore Togarasei, University of Botswana, Presiding

Kenneth Ngwa, Drew University, Theological School
Bible after Gunshots: African Biblical Hermeneutics as Postwar Hermeneutics? (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Robert S. Wafula, Drew University
The Curse of Election: A Postcolonial Saidian Reading of Gen: 18–19
 (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Isaiah Allen, Asbury Theological Seminary
Religious Persecution: A Lens for Contemporary Biblical Hermeneutics in Northern Nigeria (with Romans 12 as a test case) (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Thema Bryant-Davis, Pepperdine University
Sexual assault recovery in the aftermath of the Liberian Civil War: Forging a sisterhood between feminist psychology and feminist theology
 (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S25-103

SBL Ancient Near Eastern Iconography and the Bible Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront – 310 A (Level 3 (Aqua))

Theme: **Questions of Iconographical Method and Iconographical Material**

Brent Strawn, Emory University, Presiding

Ryan P. Bonfiglio, Emory University
Israelite Religion and the Myth of Aniconism (30 min)

Dorothea Erbele-Küster, Faculte Universitaire de Theologie Protestante
Transforming the sacrificial act into images (and texts) (30 min)

Brett E. Maiden, Emory University
Counterintuitive Mischwesen: A Cognitive Approach to the Iconography of Hybrid Creatures (30 min)

Laura Wright, Johns Hopkins University
Glyptics during Israelite Emergence: Continuity and Discontinuity
 (30 min)

Izaak J. de Hulster, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen
Images along the Sacred Bridge: The Northern Influence on Iron Age Glyptics in Israel (30 min)

S25-104

SBL Applied Linguistics for Biblical Languages Seminar / National Association of Professors of Hebrew

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center – Room 33 A (Upper level)

Theme: **Issues Surrounding Spoken Hebrew in Pedagogy**

Randall Buth, Biblical Language Center, Israel, Presiding

Brian Schultz, Fresno Pacific University
Reflections of Seven Years of Teaching Biblical Hebrew in Biblical Hebrew (30 min)

Aaron Hornkohl, University of Cambridge
Modern Hebrew and Biblical Hebrew: Reflections on Their Integration (30 min)

Sarah Lynn Baker, University of Texas at Austin and Benjamin Kantor, University of Texas at Austin
Dabber Immanu Yehudit: Biblical Dialogues in the Pedagogical Toolbox (30 min)

Cynthia L. Miller-Naude, University of the Free State, Luna Bergh, University of the Free State and Jacobus A. Naude, University of the Free State
An Eye-Tracking Analysis of Students' Ability to Read Biblical Hebrew (30 min)

Travis West, Western Theological Seminary and Tom Boogaart, Western Theological Seminary
Language Learning as Spiritual Formation: Teaching Hebrew in a Seminary Context (30 min)

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

S25-105

SBL Aramaic Studies Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront – Sapphire Ballroom D (Level 4 (Sapphire))

Leeor Gottlieb, Bar-Ilan University
A Tale of Two Targums: Similarities and Differences in the Targums of Psalms and Chronicles (30 min)

Morgan Reed, Catholic University of America
A Sixth Century Syriac Homily on the Lord's Prayer: Humanity's Slavery Contract Lacks the Valid Signatures (30 min)

The State of Aramaic Studies Today

Tawny Holm, Pennsylvania State University, Panelist (10 min)

Moshe Bernstein, Yeshiva University, Panelist (10 min)

Andrew Gross, Catholic University of America, Panelist (10 min)

Christian Brady, Pennsylvania State University, Panelist (10 min)

Leeor Gottlieb, Bar-Ilan University, Panelist (10 min)

Discussion (30 min)

S25-106

SBL Art and Religions of Antiquity Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center – Room 21 (Upper level)

Theme: **Art and Ritual in Antiquity**

Felicity Harley-McGowan, Yale Divinity School, Presiding (5 min)

Erin Darby, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
'As a Seal upon My Heart': Evaluating Seals as Evidence for Personal Religious Ritual in the Ancient Near East (20 min)

Bruce Longenecker, Baylor University
Forming the Cross in Pompeii: Unity and Diversity in the Symbolism of Four First-Century Artifacts of Jesus-Devotion (20 min)

Jacob A. Latham, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Gods and Game-Givers in the pompa circensis: Ritual and Remembrance (20 min)

Alison C. Poe, Fairfield University
A Viewing Scenario for Early Christian Catacomb Art in Rome (20 min)

Gary Gilbert, Claremont McKenna College
The Akedah and the Temple in Ancient Jewish Art (20 min)

Iain Gardner, University of Sydney
Art and Ritual Practice in the Coptic Magical Handbooks of Antiquity (20 min)

Discussion (25 min)

S25-107

SBL Bible and Film Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront – 300 A (Level 3 (Aqua))

Theme: **Foreign Auteurs**

Matthew Rindge, Gonzaga University, Presiding

Caroline Vander Stichele, Universiteit van Amsterdam
Carl Theodor Dreyer's 'Blade of Satans bog' (1921) and unrealized 'Jesus of Nazareth' (1950) (40 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Gitte Buch-Hansen, Københavns Universitet
Compromesso storico in Rossellini's TV-version of Atti degli Apostoli (40 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Hans Wiersma, Augsburg College
"God Smiles on Some Projects": Ingenuity and Disingenuity among Life of Brian's Auteurs (40 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S25-108

SBL Bible and Practical Theology Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront – 300 B (Level 3 (Aqua))

Theme: **Intersections of Biblical Interpretation and Practical Theology III**

Randall Furushima, New Hope Christian College, Presiding

Ron Clark, George Fox Evangelical Seminary
Dear Theophilus: A Lucan Practical Theology of Jesus Among the Marginalized (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Tiffany Webster, University of Sheffield
A call to consider the potential of Contextual Bible Study as the basis for a new form of 'Biblical therapy' through reimagining the final 'Action Plan' phase: an experimental work in progress. (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

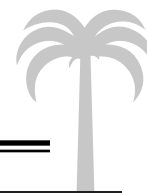
Daniel Hjort, Lund University
The transforming leader: The characterization of Jesus as leader in Matthew's call narratives and its implications for pastoral leadership today (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Hyun Chul Paul Kim, Methodist Theological School in Ohio and M. Fulgence Nyengele, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
Well-Being in Positive Psychology and Hebrew Bible (30 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Business Meeting (25 min)



S25-109

SBL Bible, Myth, and Myth Theory Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront – 410 A (Level 4 (Sapphire))

Robert Kawashima, University of Florida, Presiding

Francis Landy, University of Alberta
The Mythical and the Mystical: Rivers in Psalm 93 (30 min)

Noga Ayali-Darshan, Bar-Ilan University
The Mythologem of the Creation of Mount ʿaphon Echoed in Job 26 and Psalm 89 (30 min)

Robert R. Cargill, University of Iowa
Swapping Sex for Drugs: Mandrake Mythology and Fertility Drugs in Genesis 30:14–24 (30 min)

Andrew Tobolowsky, Brown University
The Sons of Jacob and the Sons of Herakles (30 min)

Jonathan Redding, Vanderbilt University
Decolonizing Daniel: A Post-Colonial Interpretational Examination (30 min)

S25-110

SBL Children in the Biblical World Section / Gender, Sexuality, and the Bible Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront – D (Level 3 (Aqua))

Theme: **Children, Gender, and Sexuality in the Biblical World**

Laurel Taylor, Eden Theological Seminary, Presiding

Stephen M. Wilson, Duke University
What Makes a Man?: The Construction of Biblical Masculinity in Contrast to Boyhood (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Caryn A. Reeder, Westmont College
Colonized Bodies: The Rape of Children in 4 Ezra, Josephus, and Tacitus (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Break (10 min)

Robert von Thaden, Jr., Mercyhurst University
Temple Children: Children, Sex, and the Rhetoric of Sacred Space (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

John Penniman, Fordham University
“What flows from the breast is milk, and milk is the food of babes”: Infancy and Maternity in Gregory of Nyssa’s Homilies on the Song of Songs (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Discussion (20 min)

Business Meeting (20 min)

S25-112

SBL Corpus Hellenisticum Novi Testamenti Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront – 311 B (Level 3 (Aqua))

Theme: **History-of-Religions School Today-1**

This is the first of two sessions of papers representing new applications of the history-of-religions approach to the study of early Christianity in the broader Hellenistic and early Roman context.

Troy W. Martin, Saint Xavier University, Presiding

Justin Howell, University of Chicago
Lucian’s Hermotimus: A Fictive Dialogue with Marcus Aurelius (30 min)

Jeffrey Trumbower, Saint Michael’s College (Vermont)
Christians, Sabbateans, and the Dead Sea Sect: A Comparative Case Study in Jewish Sectarian Logic (30 min)

Thomas R. Blanton, Luther College
De caelo patrocinium: The Economy of Divine Patronage in Apuleius’ Metamorphoses (30 min)

Laurie Brink, Catholic Theological Union
Going the Extra Mile: Reading Matt 5:41 Literally and Metaphorically (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

S25-113

SBL Current Historiography and Ancient Israel and Judah Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront – 400 A (Level 4 (Sapphire))

Daniel Pioske, Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York, Presiding

Peter Dubovsky, Pontifical Biblical Institute
How and Why the Temple of Jerusalem Changed? “Historiography” of Religious Architecture. (30 min)

Brad Crowell, Drake University
When Bhabha meets Solomon: Postcolonial Theory and the Historiography of Ancient Israel and Judah (30 min)

Urmas Nõmmik, University of Tartu, Estonia
The Phenomenon of Royal Lore in Ancient Israel (30 min)

Ian Douglas Wilson, University of Alberta
Prophetic Literature as Metahistorical Discourse: Rethinking the Prophetic Book vis-à-vis Ancient Judean Historiography, with Kingship as a Test Case (30 min)

Tova Ganzel, Bar-Ilan University
Title of article: Isaiah’s Critique of Shebna’s Trespass: A Reconsideration of Isa 22:15–25 (30 min)

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

S25-114

SBL Ecological Hermeneutics Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center – Room 24 B (Upper level)

Theme: **New Testament Readings**

Elaine Wainwright, University of Auckland, Presiding

Elizabeth Dowling, Australian Catholic University
Hearing the Voice of Earth in the Lukan Parable of the Pounds (30 min)

Ma. Marilou S. Ibita, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Proposing an Ecological–Economic Hermeneutics in View of Mt 6:19–34 (30 min)

Margaret Daly-Denton, Trinity College Dublin
An Eco-Hermeneutical Reading of the Fourth Gospel: Problems and Possibilities (30 min)

Kathleen Rushton, Catholic Institute of Aotearoa New Zealand
Waterlings from Water: Exploring a Cosmological Reading of “Living Water” in John 4:4–42 amidst the Braided Rivers of Canterbury, Aotearoa New Zealand (30 min)

Leah D. Schade, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia
Is Romans 8:19–25 Truly a Green Text?: An Ecofeminist Critique (30 min)

S25-115

SBL Egyptology and Ancient Israel Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center – Room 28 B (Upper level)

Theme: **Egypt and Israel in the First Millennium**

John Gee, Brigham Young University, Presiding

Ash Melika, California Baptist University
The Founding of the Temple in Ancient Egypt and Israel (30 min)

David Calabro, University of Chicago
Egyptian Imperialism and the Geography of Gesture (30 min)

John Huddlestun, College of Charleston
Was the Author a Literary Polymath? Egyptian and Neo-Assyrian Imagery in First Isaiah (30 min)

Brandon J. Simonson, Boston University
‘They Took and Made Their Own’: Imperial Policy and Local Law Regarding Theft in Persian Egypt (30 min)

S25-116

SBL Ethiopic Bible and Literature Section

9:00 AM–12:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront – 400 B (Level 4 (Sapphire))

Theme: **Open Session: Ideology, Sociology and Literary Formation in the Ethiopic Tradition**

The Ethiopic tradition bears as many marks of originality as it does marks of external influence. Influences come from Christian traditions—like the Greek, Syriac, and Armenian—but also from Jews and Muslims in the Horn of Africa. Ethiopian theologians and community leaders developed their own sense of identity and expressed these in their form of the biblical text (unique in form and extent) and in various works of literature. This session invites a vibrant discussion on these themes.

Steve Delamarter, George Fox University
The Singular, Dual, and Triple Textual Histories of Ethiopic Old Testament Texts (25 min)

Daneil Assefa, Capuchin Friary, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
The Traditional Ethiopic Commentary on the Animal Apocalypse of Enoch (25 min)

James Prather, Abilene Christian University
Artificial Intelligence and Data Mining Methods for Ethiopic Textual Criticism (25 min)

Desta Heliso, Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology
Canticles and Christology (25 min)

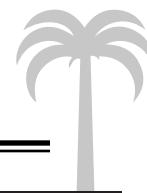
Yonatan Binyam, Florida State University
The Ethiopian Alexander: Tracing the Roots of Ethiopic Traditions About Alexander the Great in the Zena Ayhud (25 min)

Bruk A. Asale, University of KwaZulu-Natal
The Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church (EOTC) Canon of Scripture: Neither Open nor Closed (25 min)

Meron Tekleberhan, Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology
The Reception and Adaptation of 1 Corinthians 7:1–16 in Selected Ethiopic Literature: A Study in Biblical Reception History (25 min)

Alemayehu Gabreil, Saint Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary
Genesis 3:5 in the Ethiopic Tradition (25 min)

Ralph Lee, Holy Trinity Theological College, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Presiding



S25-118

SBL Gospel of Luke Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center – Room 23 B (Upper level)

Theme: **Readings in the Gospel of Luke**

Mark Matson, Milligan College, Presiding

Andrew W. Pitts, McMaster Divinity College
Is Luke's Gospel Bios or History? A Critique of Richard Burridge (30 min)

Jeremy D. Otten, Wheaton College Graduate School
Elijah, the Remnant, and Eating Bread in the Kingdom of God: The Miracle of the Loaves in Luke (30 min)

J. D. Atkins, Marquette University
Rewriting "Canonical" Luke in the Period before Marcion and Valentinus (30 min)

Gregory R. Lanier, Cambridge University
Against the Gods: Re-Reading Luke 1:78–79 and 2:32–35 as Implicit Polemic against Sun Worship (30 min)

William Glass, Duke University
The Face of God: An Exploration in Lucan Christology (30 min)

S25-120

SBL Healthcare and Disability in the Ancient World Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront – 501 C (Level 5 (Cobalt))

Theme: **Healthcare and Disability in the Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near East**

Laura Zucconi, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Presiding

Hector Avalos, Iowa State University
How Healing People can Sicken Environments: Health Care, Economics, and Ecology in the Ancient Near East (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Katharine Dell, University of Cambridge
What was Job's malady? (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Kirk Patston, Sydney Missionary and Bible College
Ostriches and Others: Disability in the book of Job (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Vincent Moulton, Temple University
Sight and Sightlessness: An evaluation of the exegetical diversity of Samson's blindness (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Yael Avrahami, ORANIM: Academic College of Education
To see or not to be: the hidden disability of king Saul (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Albert McClure, University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology
From Exclusion to Healing: Disability and Purity at Qumran (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S25-121

SBL Intertextuality in the New Testament Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront – 411 B (Level 4 (Sapphire))

Theme: **Intertextuality in the letter of James**

James use of intertexts from the Bible, other Jewish or Hellenistic sources.

Roy Jeal, Booth University College, Presiding

Brendan Case, Duke University
James as Origin of Paul's Doctrine of Justification (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Annette Merz, University of Tilburg
The letter of James and the teachings of Jesus: which Jesus tradition is referred to by James? (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Nicholas J. Ellis, University of Oxford
Rewriting Evil: The Epistle of James and the Jobraham Narratives (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Lori Baron, Duke University
The Shema in James (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S25-122

SBL Islands, Islanders, and Scriptures Section

9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Hilton Bayfront – 502 B (Level 5 (Cobalt))

Theme: **Dancing scriptures**

Nathaniel Murrell, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Presiding (5 min)

Don Tamihere, Te Rau Theological College
Reading The Creation Story (Genesis 1:1–2:4) as Haka Taparahi (Maori Posture Dance) (30 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Fiona C. Black, Mount Allison University
"Ain't Nobody Goin' Take It From Me!" Dancing with David and the Shulamite as Frames for Junkanoo and Bahamian Identity. (30 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Melanie A. Howard, Princeton Theological Seminary
Boogie with the Bible: Movement as an Interpretive Lens for Mark 6:14–29 and Beyond (30 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Vaitusi Nofoaiga, University of Auckland
Reading the dance of Herodias' daughter (Mark 6:14–29) as 'sasa' (a Samoan dance) (30 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Presenters will perform and reflect on a selection of biblical texts (Gen 1, Gen 22, 2 Sam 6, Mark 6). How might we see, feel and read one of those texts again? The presenters will tease out how embodying texts through dance supplements the usual readings of scriptures, and explore how we might welcome dancing (which fuels relational island cultures) into the halls of biblical criticism.

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

S25-123

SBL Johannine Literature Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center – Room 25 B (Upper level)

Theme: **Alternate Views of the Johannine Epistles**

Jo-Ann Brant, Goshen College, Presiding

PHEME PERKINS, Boston College

Sin and Otherness in the Johannine Epistles (25 min)

George van Kooten, Groningen University

The Explicit Anti-Pagan Polemics of 1 John (25 min)

Break (5 min)

Beth M. Stovell, Ambrose Seminary

Love One Another and Love the World: The Love Command and Jewish Ethics in the Johannine Community (25 min)

Julian V. Hills, Marquette University

Cult, Hope, and Love in 1 John 3 (25 min)

Duane Watson, Malone University, Respondent (25 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S25-124

SBL John's Apocalypse and Cultural Contexts Ancient and Modern Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront – 402 (Level 4 (Sapphire))

David Sánchez, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

Jason A. Myers, Asbury Theological Seminary

Reading Revelation Economically: An Ancient and Modern Critique of Oppressive Economics (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Robby Waddell, Southeastern University

A Green Apocalypse: Comparing Secular and Religious Eschatological Visions of Earth (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Rebecca Skaggs, Patten University

The Audio-Visual Motif in the Apocalypse of John (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Patrick G. McCullough, University of California—Los Angeles

Apocalyptic Satire? Genealogies of Parody and Wishful Readings of Revelation (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Eugenia Constantinou, University of San Diego

"Come Up Here!" The Throne Room of Revelation As Reflected in Orthodox Liturgical Experience (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Business Meeting (25 min)

S25-125

SBL John, Jesus, and History Seminar

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center – Room 30 B (Upper level)

Theme: **Methodologies for Conducting Johannine Historiography**

Methodology has been a major focus of discussion in studies of the historical Jesus. Since the nineteenth century, the criteria used for assessing early Jesus traditions have usually given priority to Synoptic material, with far less attention to John's gospel. As part of an ongoing reevaluation of the criteria used the field, this session will focus on ancient historiography in relation to the Johannine witness to Jesus.

Paul N. Anderson, George Fox University, Presiding (5 min)

Beth M. Sheppard, Duke University

History, Historical, Historiography: The Fourth Gospel's Use of Dialogue as Window to the Past (25 min)

Stanley E. Porter, McMaster Divinity College

John's Gospel and the Criteria for Authenticity (25 min)

Robyn Faith Walsh, Brown University

The Literary Environment of John and the Influence of German Romanticism (25 min)

Chris Keith, St Mary's University (Twickenham)

The Competitive Textualization of the Jesus Tradition John 20:30–31 and 21:25 (25 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S25-126

SBL Literature and History of the Persian Period Section

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Hilton Bayfront – Sapphire Ballroom H (Level 4 (Sapphire))

Theme: **Review of Dalit Rom Shiloni, Exclusive Inclusivity: Identity Conflicts Between The Exiles and the People Who Remained (6th-5th centuries BCE) (Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2013)**

Mark Leuchter, Temple University, Presiding (10 min)

John Kessler, Tyndale University College and Seminary (Ontario), Panelist (10 min)

Mark Boda, McMaster Divinity College, Panelist (10 min)

Lena-Sofia Tiemeyer, University of Aberdeen, Panelist (10 min)

Marvin Sweeney, Claremont School of Theology, Panelist (10 min)

Andrew Mein, Westcott House, Panelist (10 min)

Dalit Rom-Shiloni, Tel Aviv University, Respondent (20 min)

Discussion (30 min)

S25-127

SBL Mark Seminar

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

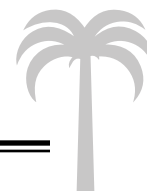
Convention Center – Room 29 D (Upper level)

Theme: **Putting Mark in Its Place — Mark and the Rest of the NT (not Gospels or Paul)**

Papers are sent to formal members to be read in advance.

Presentations consist of a short summary followed by extended discussion among seminar members.

Tom Shepherd, Andrews University, Presiding



Elizabeth Shively, University of St. Andrews
Redemption from Satan, sin, and death: Mark 10:45b and its relationship to images of redemption in 1 John and Hebrews (10 min)

Discussion (30 min)

Michal Beth Dinkler, Yale Divinity School
"The Suffering Self" in Mark and 1 Peter (10 min)

Discussion (30 min)

Victoria Phillips, West Virginia Wesleyan College
Suffering as Jesus Suffered: Two Interpretations (10 min)

Discussion (30 min)

General Discussion (open to all)

Discussion (30 min)

S25-128

SBL Mysticism, Esotericism, and Gnosticism in Antiquity Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront – 500 (Level 5 (Cobalt))

Theme: **Early Judaism**

Featuring reviews of James Davila, *Hekhalot Literature in Translation: Major Texts of Merkavah Mysticism* (Brill, 2013)

M. David Litwa, University of Virginia, Presiding

Ra'anana Boustany, University of California–Los Angeles
Review of James Davila, Hekhalot Literature in Translation (20 min)

Rebecca Lesses, Ithaca College
Review of James Davila, Hekhalot Literature in Translation (20 min)

James Davila, University of St. Andrews, Respondent (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Ryan E. Stokes, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Reconsidering the Assumption of Moses (25 min)

Tom Hull, Monash University–Victoria Australia
Honest to God: Truth, theodicy and the heavenly law court in 3 Enoch (25 min)

INCHOL YANG, Claremont Lincoln University
The Influence of Ezek. 40–48 on 1 Enoch 14:8–25 (25 min)

S25-129

SBL Papyrology and Early Christian Backgrounds Section

9:00 AM–11:15 AM

Hilton Bayfront – Sapphire Ballroom A (Level 4 (Sapphire))

Theme: **New Testament Manuscripts**

Lincoln H. Blumell, Brigham Young University, Presiding

Don Barker, Macquarie University
Classification of Early Christian Manuscript Styles (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Charles E. Hill, Reformed Theological Seminary
Textual Division in Early Christian Gospel Manuscripts. An Unexplored Correspondence between P75 and B (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Larry W. Hurtado, University of Edinburgh
P.Oxy. 10.1228 (P22): A Fresh Autopsy Analysis (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Brent Nongbri, Macquarie University
What Can We Know About P4, P64, and P67? (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S25-129a

SBL Paul and Judaism Consultation

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront – Sapphire Ballroom L (Level 4 (Sapphire))

Theme: **Re-Imagining Paul's Assemblies Within Judaism**

Magnus Zetterholm, Lund University, Presiding (5 min)

Michael Cover, Valparaiso University
Scripture Speaks: The Personification of Scripture as Interpretive Authority in Paul and the School of Rabbi Ishmael (25 min)

Karin Neutel, University of Groningen
A Cosmopolitan Community: Paul's Eschatological Ideal in Its Jewish Context (25 min)

Break (5 min)

Genevieve Dibley, University of California–Berkeley
Abraham's Uncircumcised Children: the Enochic Precedent for Paul's Program of Gentile Reclamation qua Gentiles (25 min)

Benjamin D. Gordon, Duke University
On the Sanctity of Mixtures and Branches: Two Halakhic Sayings in Romans 11 (25 min)

Discussion (25 min)

Business Meeting (15 min)

S25-130

SBL Philo of Alexandria Seminar

9:00 AM–11:45 AM

Convention Center – Room 33 C (Upper level)

Theme: **Philo's De Decalogo**

Ronald Cox, Pepperdine University, Presiding

Sarah Judith Pearce, University of Southampton
'Excellent and profitable for life': Philo on the Decalogue (15 min)

Hindy Najman, Yale University
Response to Sarah Pearce (15 min)

Discussion (30 min)

Break (15 min)

James R. Roysse, Claremont, CA
The Text of Philo's De Decalogo (15 min)

Abraham Terian, National Academy of Sciences / Armenia
The Armenian Textual and Interpretive Traditions of Philo's De Decalogo (15 min)

Manuel Alexandre Jr., Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal
Rhetorical Texture and Pattern in Philo of Alexandria's De Decalogo (15 min)

Discussion (30 min)

Business Meeting (15 min)

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

S25-131

SBL Polis and Ekklesia: Investigations of Urban Christianity Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront – Sapphire Ballroom I (Level 4 (Sapphire))

Theme: **Philippi**

James Harrison, Sydney College of Divinity, Presiding

Cedric Brelaz, Universite de Strasbourg
First-Century Philippi: the Social and Political Background of Paul's Visit (25 min)

Richard Ascough, Queen's University
Associations and the Social Dynamics in the Christ Group at Philippi (25 min)

Peter Oakes, University of Manchester
The Imperial Authorities in Paul's Letter to Predominately Greek Hearers in a Roman Colony (25 min)

Samuel Vollenweider, Universität Zürich
Rivals, Opponents and Enemies: Three Kinds of Theological Argumentation in Philippians (25 min)

L. White, University of Texas at Austin, Respondent (25 min)

Discussion (25 min)

S25-132

SBL Pseudepigrapha Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront – 313 (Level 3 (Aqua))

Theme: **Notions of Time in Early Judaism and Christianity**

Jacques van Ruiten, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Presiding

Shayna Sheinfeld, McGill University
Crossing the River WHEN We Come to It: The Euphrates as a Temporal Marker in Second Temple Judaism (30 min)

Jan W. van Henten, Universiteit van Amsterdam
2 Maccabees as Literature: the Perspective of Time (30 min)

Aaron Sherwood, Alliance Theological Seminary
Timely Visions of Humanity in Jubilees 5:1–13 and 23:26–31 (30 min)

Andrew B. Perrin, Trinity Western University
The Dreamer's Historiography: Visionary Outlooks on the Course and Configuration of History in the Aramaic Texts from the Judaean Desert (30 min)

S25-133

SBL Religious Competition in Late Antiquity Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront – 501 A (Level 5 (Cobalt))

Theme: **Fighting over Fingerbones: the Competition for Relics in Late Antiquity**

This session will explore the role of relics – the venerated remains of “holy individuals” and the objects with which they came into contact – in Greco-Roman religions, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in late antiquity.

This includes the bodies, bones, or ashes of saints, heroes, martyrs, priests, biblical figures, founders of religious traditions, and other holy men and women, as well as the objects that they once owned and, by extension, things that were once in physical contact with them. Like other forms of material culture, relics played significant roles in the formative ages of ancient Mediterranean religions. We invite papers on late-antique religious texts and material culture that unearth the role that these items played in identity formation, religious competition, political propaganda, and the so-called “parting of the ways” between Judaism and Christianity.

Arthur Urbano, Providence College (Rhode Island), Presiding (5 min)

Adam Bursi, Cornell University
Collecting and Using the Prophet's Hair in Early Islamic Texts (20 min)

Dina Boero, University of Southern California
Promoting a Cult Site without Bodily Relics: Material Substances and Imagined Topography in the Syriac Life of Symeon the Stylite (20 min)

Mary Joan Leith, Stonehill College and Allyson Sheckler, Stonehill College
Relics? What Relics? (20 min)

Gary Vikan, Gary Vikan Consulting, LLC
The Asklepieion Becomes a Healing Locus Sanctus (20 min)

Susan Harvey, Brown University, Respondent (20 min)

S25-134

SBL Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity Seminar

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront – Indigo Ballroom E (Level 2 (Indigo))

Theme: **Refining topos for use in sociorhetorical interpretation**

Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay, Université Saint-Paul - Saint Paul University, Presiding

Johan Thom, Universiteit van Stellenbosch - University of Stellenbosch
Topos as a heuristic construct for reading ancient moral and religious texts (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Ian H. Henderson, McGill University
Refining Topos: “Finding” “Places” for Embodied Persuasion in early Christian Rhetoric (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Steven Mailloux, Loyola Marymount University
The rhetorical hermeneutics of topos in sociorhetorical interpretation: Burke reading Augustine reading Genesis (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

L. Bloomquist, Université Saint-Paul - Saint Paul University, Respondent (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

RRA Group Track 3: Refining sociorhetorical interpretation



S25-135

SBL Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront – 410 B (Level 4 (Sapphire))

Theme: **Echoes of Scripture in the Gospels**

Bruce Fisk, Westmont College, Presiding

Michael Morris, Trinity College - Dublin
Scriptural Apotropaism in the Matthean and Lucan Temptation (30 min)

Carolyn Stalter, Heidelberg University
Many Shall Come from East and West – Matthew 8:11-12 and Psalm 106LXX (30 min)

Catherine Sider Hamilton, Wycliffe College, University of Toronto
“Then was fulfilled”: Jeremiah, Zechariah and the Death of Judas In Matthew (30 min)

Tucker S. Ferda, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Isaiah 52 and the Subtext of Luke’s Triumphant Entry (30 min)

Zack Phillips, Duke University
A Failure to Interpret the Signs: The Crowd’s Ironic Appeal to Psalm 77 in Jn 6:31 (30 min)

S25-136

SBL Textual Criticism of Samuel – Kings Section

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Hilton Bayfront – Boardroom (Level 3 (Aqua))

Theme: **From manuscripts to exegesis**

Torleif Elgvin, NLA Høgskolen
1QS Samuel—A Variant Literary Edition of 2 Samuel (30 min)

Jonathan Miles Robker, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster
The Kings and Reigns of Jehu’s Dynasty (30 min)

Frank Ueberschaer, Universität Zürich
Prophet vs. Prophet: Prophecy in Question (30 min)

Business Meeting (30 min)

S25-137

SBL Textual Growth: What Variant Editions Tell Us About Scribal Activity Seminar

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront – 311 A (Level 3 (Aqua))

Deirdre Fulton, Baylor University, Presiding

John Screnock, University of Toronto
Completing the Prophetic Process in the Third Edition of Exodus: A New Theory on the Origins of the Ten Plagues Insertions (30 min)

Mika Pajunen, University of Helsinki
Creating a Synthesis out of Torah Centered and Proverbial Admonitions: the Direction and Larger Significance of the Textual Connection between 4Q185 and 4Q370 (30 min)

Francis Borchardt, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Hong Kong
From the Horse’s Mouth: 2Macc 2:19-32; 15:38-39 and Textual Adaptation (30 min)

Kipp Davis, Universitetet i Agder

4QJeremiah-a (4Q70): From Anthology to Scripture in the Oldest Known Copy of Jeremiah (30 min)

Justus T. Ghormley, University of Notre Dame

Thus Saith the Scribe: Textual Divination in the Mari Letters and the Book of Jeremiah (30 min)

S25-138

SBL Warfare in Ancient Israel Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront – E (Level 3 (Aqua))

Theme: **Panel Discussion of Jacob L. Wright’s King David and His Reign Revisited**

This session offers a panel discussion of the book, *King David and His Reign Revisited* (Cambridge University Press, 2013). The author, Jacob L. Wright, will attend and join in the discussion.

Brad Kelle, Point Loma Nazarene University, Presiding (5 min)

Peter Machinist, Harvard University, Panelist (20 min)

Susan Ackerman, Dartmouth College, Panelist (20 min)

Saul Olyan, Brown University, Panelist (20 min)

Angela Erisman, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, Panelist (20 min)

Jacob Wright, Emory University, Respondent (20 min)

Discussion (45 min)

S25-139

SBL Writing/Reading Jeremiah Section

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center – Room 30 E (Upper level)

Theme: **Whither Jeremiah Scholarship?: Retrospective and Prospective**

Senior scholars who have worked on Jeremiah will discuss how their views have stayed the same and/or changed over the past twenty-five years. The panelists are invited to address one or more of the following prompts: 1) How did the publication of the commentaries by Holladay, McKane, and Carroll energize or complicate your own position on Jeremiah? 2) What misunderstanding or inadequately theorized position regarding Jeremiah would you like to dispatch once and for all? 3) What new trajectory of interpretation for Jeremiah do you find most promising? Panelists will be encouraged to situate themselves with regard to the methodological debates accompanying the rise of postmodernism, rather than just offering views on this or that ‘local’ historical or literary issue.

Else K. Holt, Aarhus Universitet, Presiding

Christl Maier, Philipps-Universität Marburg, Panelist (25 min)

Mark Biddle, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, Panelist (25 min)

Mary Mills, Liverpool Hope University, Panelist (25 min)

Louis Stulman, University of Findlay, Panelist (25 min)

Steed Davidson, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Respondent (20 min)

Discussion (30 min)
