

## **SBL Mid-Atlantic Region 2018 Regional Meeting Information**

### **Proposal Guidelines and Submissions**

The proposal should state the paper's topic and purpose and give some indication as to how the argument will proceed. Provide enough context to show that you are aware of the basic literature in the field and summarize the argument of your presentation. You may submit only one proposal for the MAR-SBL meeting.

To submit a proposal, find the section that you feel best fits your presentation. See the list at the end of this document. Then, email a 150–250 word proposal (250 words maximum) to the section head for the appropriate section. When sending your email, you **MUST** title the subject line of your email: “2018 MAR-SBL PAPER PROPOSAL” (use all capital letters). Proposals must include your full name, title, institution (or location), email address, and, as available, your phone number, mobile number, and mailing address. Also, it is very important that you indicate any date or time restrictions that you have when you send your proposal. While we try to accommodate all requests, we cannot guarantee that everyone will present during his or her preferred date/time slot. In general, we assume that those submitting proposals will keep March 15–16 open. Proposals are due on DECEMBER 4, 2017, but we encourage you to submit as soon as possible. Proposals that do not conform to these guidelines may be disregarded. You should be notified by the section head regarding the status of your proposal by mid-January 2018.

Each section head will determine the time allotted for each paper presentation. Presentations will generally last 20–25 minutes, although presenters are encouraged to set aside a few minutes of this time to allow for questions. Paper length should not exceed ten (10) double-spaced, single-sided pages. Out of respect for your fellow presenters please do not exceed your allotted time.

### **Registration**

Online registration will be available in January. You will be notified by email when our online registration is live. Please utilize the website for registration, as it saves paper and helps the region promote environmentally sustainable gatherings.

### **Lodging**

There are numerous hotels within five miles of the Hyatt Regency. A block of rooms have been set aside at the Hyatt Regency at a discount. Details will be available during the registration process.

### **Sustainability**

We are asking participants to consider bringing reusable beverage containers and name badge holders from previous conferences in order to cut down on waste at the conference.

### **SBL Conference Awards**

MAR-SBL will confer the Howard Clark Kee Award of \$100 for the best student paper by an SBL student from the region. We will also participate in the SBL Regional Scholars Program, sponsored by the society-wide conference of Regional Coordinators. Our region's nominee for this honor will receive a \$100 prize upfront, in addition to whatever awards and recognition she or he may receive in the society-wide program. To qualify for the SBL Regional Scholars Program scholars should be at least ABD and no more than four years past the receipt of their Ph.D. Women and underrepresented minorities are encouraged to apply. Those interested in either of these prizes should submit their full paper to John Herbst (herbstot13@gmail.com) when submitting a proposal to the appropriate section head by December 11, 2017. Please clearly indicate: (1) for which prize or prizes you would like to be considered and (2) your exact student status (Kee Award) and/or your exact status between ABD and when you received your Ph.D. (Regional Scholars Program).

## **List of Sections, with Section Head Email**

### **Old Testament/Hebrew Bible**

Pentateuch. David Moster, Brooklyn College, davidmoster@gmail.com  
Prophets. Alexandria Frisch, Ursinus College, afrisch@ursinus.edu  
Writings. Jennifer Koosed, Albright College, jkoosed@alb.edu

### **New Testament**

Robert Seesengood, Albright College, rseesengood@albright.edu  
Lindsay Guy, Drew University, lguy@drew.edu

### **Biblical Reception History**

Ilona Rashkow, Professor Emerita SUNY at Stony Brook, Ilona.rashkow2@gmail.com  
This section is open to proposals addressing any aspect of the reception history of the Bible.

### **Hebrew Bible, History, and Archaeology**

Peter Feinman, Institute of History, Archaeology, and Education, feinmanp@ihare.org  
This session is for papers that address the history or historical reconstructions of ancient Israel and the kingdoms of Israel and Judah through the use of texts, archaeology, and anthropological approaches. The use of materials from surrounding cultures in the ancient Near East, Egypt, and the Aegean to develop an integrated understanding of the past are welcome.

### **Undergraduate Research Presentation**

Kim Paffenroth, Iona College, kimpaffenroth@msn.com  
The undergraduate section is dedicated to promoting research in biblical fields at the undergraduate level. Proposals should be submitted on behalf of undergraduate students by the student's professor or mentor. The professor/mentor must be an SBL member in good standing, but it is not necessary for the student to be a member of SBL.

If you are unsure which section best fits your proposal, you may contact our regional coordinator, John Herbst (herbstot13@gmail.com). Priority will be given, however, to proposals that best fit the sections listed above. You may also direct general inquiries about the meeting to Dr. Herbst. All other inquiries regarding your proposal should be sent to the appropriate section

head.

Scholars who wish to create a new section should contact the regional coordinator.

John W. Herbst  
Regional Coordinator