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## SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE - PACIFIC COAST REGION 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday March 11, 2018 (8:00am-6:30pm)**

**Hope International University**

2500 E. Nutwood Ave.

Fullerton, CA 92831

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

*Submission Deadline: October 1, 2017*

The 2018 meeting of the Pacific Coast Region of the Society of Biblical Literature will be held Sunday March 11, 2018 at Hope International University in Fullerton, California. 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 to this email or on the SBLPCR's regional meeting page at [www.sbl-site.org](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 about the call for papers, or questions about an area of study not covered in program units, contact the SBL-PCR Regional Coordinator: Brad E. Kelle, Point Loma Nazarene University ([bradkelle@pointloma.edu](mailto:bradkelle@pointloma.edu)).

### DUE DATES

Call for papers opens	May 1, 2017
Call for papers closes	October 1, 2017
Decisions announced	November 1, 2017
Application for awards due	January 15, 2018
Award decisions announced	June 30, 2018

### PRE-REGISTRATION FOR THE MEETING

Pre-registration information will be available in January 2018. SBL membership is required for participation in the program; non-members may register and attend the meeting. For membership inquiries and registration visit: <http://www.sbl-site.org/>.

## **SBL-PCR 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 papers employing postcolonial, 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.

### **HEBREW BIBLE**

*Chair:* Christopher Heard, Pepperdine University, [cheard@pepperdine.edu](mailto:cheard@pepperdine.edu)

The Hebrew Bible/Old Testament unit invites proposals for 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 twenty-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.

### **JUDAISM IN THE GRECO-ROMAN ERA**

*Chair:* Randall D. Chesnutt, Pepperdine University, [chesnutt@pepperdine.edu](mailto:chesnutt@pepperdine.edu)

The Judaism in the Greco-Roman Era unit invites proposals on any aspect of Judaism between the late Persian period and the compilation of the Mishnah: textual, historical, theological, cultural, literary, archaeological, methodological, or some combination.

### **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.

## SBL/PCR AWARDS

All award applications must submit a *completed* paper to the appropriate unit chair *by the due date shown in the call for papers (January 15<sup>th</sup>)*. Faculty members are encouraged to nominate students or recent graduates with the understanding that the student or graduate must submit a paper for consideration.

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 one of the program unit chairs by the due date shown in the call for papers (January 15<sup>th</sup>). On your presentation proposal form, indicate in the spaces provided that you wish to have the paper considered for a Regional Scholar Nominee designation. Send your completed paper and presentation proposal form to the program unit chair as normal, but *also* send copies of the same documents—and 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 one of the program unit chairs by the due date shown in the call for papers (January 15<sup>th</sup>). On your presentation proposal form, indicate in the spaces provided that you wish to have the paper considered for a Student Essay Award. Send your completed paper and presentation proposal form to the program unit chair as normal, but *also* send copies of the same documents—plus 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