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S25-6 Plenary 6:45-8:15PM

Theme: The Bible and Film

Robert K. Johnston, Fuller Theological Seminary

"Is 'Reel' Spirituality a Real Spirituality?"
Research suggests that 20% of Americans turn to media, arts, and culture as their primary means of "spiritual expression and growth." It should not be surprising, therefore, that a growing number of books tout the spiritual potential of movies with such titles as God in the Movies, Screening the Sacred, and How Movies Saved My Soul. Johnston will explore: How might we understand this claim, and how might we find the Old Testament an important conversation partner in the dialogue?

Robert K. Johnston is Professor of Theology and Culture at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena CA, where he teaches students how to engage both biblically and theologically with movies, popular culture, and contemporary fiction. A co-director of Fuller’s Reel Spirituality Institute and a past president of the American Theological Society, Johnston’s books include: Reframing Theology and Film: New Focus for an Emerging Discipline (editor, 2007); Useless Beauty: Ecclesiastes through the Lens of Contemporary Film (2004), Finding God in the Movies (2004, co-authored with Catherine Barsotti), Reel Spirituality (2000, 2006), and The Christian at Play (1983, 1997). He is the former provost, both at North Park University in Chicago, and at Fuller Seminary.


Also note worth is Dr. Gilber’s book: Contested Empires: Roman Propaganda and the Writing of Luke-Acts (Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix)
SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2012

**REGISTRATION** 10:00AM-5:00PM (Arts Sci Foyer)

**EXHIBITION** 12:00-5:00PM (Arts Sci Foyer)

**11:30AM-12:30PM (Arts Sci 232)**
M25-1 SBLPCR Executive Board Meeting

**12:45-2:00PM (Arts Sci 232)**
M25-2 SBLPCR Program Unit Chairs Lunch Meeting

**2:15-3:45 PM SESSIONS**

- **S25-1 HEBREW BIBLE I (Lucas Hall 309)**
  Theme: Women in Genesis
  Christopher Heard, Pepperdine University, Presiding
  Jacob Rennaker, Claremont Graduate University
  *The Eve of Creation: How Interpreters Viewed the Mother of All Living (30 mins)*
  Craig Anderson, Azusa Pacific University
  *The Rape of Dinah and the Politics of John Hyrcanus (30 mins)*
  Carolyn Patterson, Claremont Graduate University
  *Legitimacy and Inheritance: Bilhah, Zilpah, and the Pilegesh Question (30 mins)*

- **S25-2 JUDAISM IN THE GRECO-ROMAN ERA (Lucas Hall 310)**
  Randall D. Chesnutt, Pepperdine University, Presiding
  Ashley Bacchi, Graduate Theological Union
  *Ptolemy IV: The Straw Man Villain in III Maccabees (30 mins)*
  David L. Matson, Hope International University
  *Translating Ioudaioi as ‘Judean’: The Special Case of I Thessalonians 2:14 (30 mins)*
  Honora Howell Chapman, California State University, Fresno
  *‘Where they make a desert, they call it peace’: Judean and Roman Identity in the First Century (30 mins)*

**4:00-5:30PM SESSIONS**

- **S25-3 NEO-ASSYRIAN INSIGHTS ON ANCIENT ISRAEL AND THE HEBREW BIBLE (Lucas Hall 309)**
  Theme: Ancient Women in Text, Archaeology, and Iconography
  This session features a panel discussion, including audience interaction, by several scholars and archaeologists that will identify a set aspects related to the study of women in the ancient world.
  Brad E. Kelle, Point Loma Nazarene University, Presiding
  Panelists:
  Ronald S. Hendel, University of California, Berkeley
  Laurie Pearce, University of California, Berkeley
  Aaron Brody, Pacific School of Religion
  Tammi J. Schneider, Claremont Graduate University

- **S25-4 NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLES AND APOCALYPSE (Lucas Hall 310)**
  Kenneth L. Waters, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding
  Alice Yafeh-Deigh, Azusa Pacific University
  *Sin, Sex, and Marriage: Toward A Decolonizing Reassessment of Augustine’s Interpretation of 1 Corinthians 7 (22 mins)*
  Ross P. Ponder, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California
  ‘Caught Up to the Third Heaven…into Paradise’: the Legitimizing Function of Paul’s Apocalyptic Vision in Antiquity (22 mins)
  Philip Erwin, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California
  ‘Synagogue of Satan’ as Polemic and Identification: A Discursive Reading of Rev 2:9 and 3:9 (22 mins)
  Kenneth L. Waters, Azusa Pacific University
  *Ordering Chaos: Revisiting Style and Structure in the Apocalypse of John (22 mins)*

**5:45-6:30PM**

- **S25-5 SBL Pacific Coast Reception (Lucas Hall 126)**

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- **S25-6 SBLPCR Plenary Session Theme: The Bible and Film**
  Robert K. Johnston, Fuller Theological Seminary
  *“Is ’Reel’ Spirituality a Real Spirituality?”*

**8:30-10:00 PM**

- **M25-3 WECSOR Board Meeting (Arts Sci 232)**
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S26-1 OPEN SESSION (Lucas Hall 309)
Tim Finlay, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding

James Petitfils, University of California, Los Angeles
Ignatian Exempla: Ignatius of Antioch on Leadership in light of the
Roman Discourse of Exemplarity (30 mins)

Ryan N. Roberts, University of California, Los Angeles
Records of Ruin in Middle Assyrian Building Inscriptions: Propaganda
or Problems in the Textual and Archaeological Record? (30 mins)

J. R. Daniel Kirk, Fuller Theological Seminary
Reconfiguring Divine Identity Christology (30 mins)

S26-2 QUMRAN (Lucas Hall 310)
Simon Yoo, Santa Clara University, Presiding

Jacob Rennaker, Claremont Graduate University
A Community of “Adams” Returning to Eden: Song 13 of the Songs of
Sabbath Sacrifice (30 mins)

Hannah Harrington, Patten University
Body as Sanctuary in the Dead Sea Scrolls (30 mins)

Craig Evan Anderson, Azusa Pacific University
The Veracity of 4QJoshA within the Disputed Placement of the Covenant
Ratification Ceremony in the Book of Joshua" (30 mins)

10:00-11:30AM SESSION

S26-3 SBLPCR Presidential Address (Daly Sci 206)
Gary Gilbert, Claremont McKenna College
Labeling the Convert in Late Antique Judaism

11:45-1:15PM

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Mignon R. Jacobs, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

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S26-4 HEBREW BIBLE II (Lucas Hall 309)
Theme: Person and Place in the Deuteronomistic History

Christopher Heard, Pepperdine University, Presiding

Kyung Sik Park, Claremont School of Theology
Hyper-Heroization, De-Heroization, and Trans-Heroization: A Narrative
Reading of Judges 9 (30 mins)

Garrett Galvin, Franciscan School of Theology
Jeroboam as a Fugitive and Refugee in the Hebrew Bible: The Motif of
Journey (30 mins)

Gary Arbino, Golden Gate Seminary
What Is For You Here?: Geography and Setting in the Elijah Narratives
(30 mins)

S26-5 NEW TESTAMENT TEXTS AND TRADITIONS (Lucas Hall 310)
Rebecca Skaggs, Patten University, Presiding

Jeff Cate, California Baptist University
The Greek New Testament Manuscripts in California (22 mins)

Matthew Hauge, Azusa Pacific University
The katabasis of Jesus in the Lukan Corpus (22 mins)

Joseph Hyung S. Lee, Regent College
Temple Christology in New Creation: Genesis 28:12 in John 1:51 (22
mins)

Kathryn Smith, Azusa Pacific University
Mary’s Magnificat Through a Postcolonial Optic (22 mins)
3:15-4:45PM SESSION

S26-6 HEBREW BIBLE III (Lucas Hall 309)
Theme: Magic, Mesopotamia, and the Hebrew Bible

Christopher Heard, Pepperdine University, Presiding

Duane Smith, Independent scholar
The Divining Snake: Reading Genesis 3 in the Context of Summa Alu Tablets 22-26 (30 mins)

Melissa Ramos, University of California, Los Angeles
The Magical Background of Deuteronomy 27-28 (30 mins)

Ryan Roberts, University of California, Los Angeles
Reevaluating Leonine Imagery in Amos 1:2 in Light of a Neo-Assyrian Parallel (30 mins)
Program Participants
Anderson, Craig E.
Arbino, Gary
Bacchi, Ashley
Brody, Aaron
Cate, Jeff
Chapman, Honora Howell
Chesnutt, Randall D.
Erwin, Philip
Finlay, Tim
Galvin, Garrett
Gilbert, Gary
Harrington, Hannah
Hauge, Matthew
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Johnston, Robert K.
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Lee, Joseph Hyung S.
Matson, David L.
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Patterson, Carolyn
Pearce, Laurie
Petitfils, James
Ponder, Ross P.
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Rennaker, Jacob
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Institutions Represented on the Program
Azusa Pacific University
California Baptist University
California State University, Fresno
Claremont School of Theology
Claremont Graduate University
Claremont McKenna College
Fuller Theological Seminary
Franciscan School of Theology
Golden Gate Seminary
Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California.
Hope International University
Pacific School of Religion
Patten University
Pepperdine University
Point Loma Nazarene University
Regent College
Santa Clara University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Los Angeles
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