

SBL-MAR Annual Conference
Newburgh, New York
March 7-9, 2014

President: Danna Nolan Fewell, Drew University; *Vice-President/President-Elect:* Robert Seesengood, Albright College; *Regional Coordinator:* Robert Miller, Catholic University of America; *Graduate Student Director:* Vinnie Moulton, Temple University

Registration

LOCATION TBD

Friday 5:30-7 pm; Saturday 9 am-6 pm; Sunday 9-10:30 am

Exhibitors Hall

LOCATION TBD

Saturday: 9 am-6 pm; Sunday: 9 am-12 pm

Friday, March 7

6:45-9:00 pm

Old Testament Writings

Location TBD

Moderator: Alexandria Frisch, Ursinus College

There is No Humility Without Defeat: The Intended Lesson of the Manasseh Pericope in Chronicles

Zachary Levine, New York University

“Irregular” Warriors: Stereotypes of Benjaminite Soldiers in the Deuteronomistic History and Chronicles

Benjamin D. Giffone, University of Stellenbosch

To Reveal and Conceal: Strategic Ambiguity in Fried Green Tomatoes and the Book of Ruth

Stephanie Day Powell, Drew University

Washing Away Sin: Metaphor and Inner-Biblical Allusion in Psalm 51

Lesley DiFransico, Catholic University of America

New Directions in New Testament Interpretation

Location TBD

Moderator: Robert Paul Seesengood, Albright College

When and What Was Biblical Postmodernism? A Postmortem
Stephen D. Moore, Drew University

Glossing Empire: A Poststructuralist / Postcolonial Reading of Acts 2:1-13.

Christy Cobb, Drew University

The Multinational Corporation of God: Globalization Studies and God's Basileia

Jason Coker, Albertus Magnus College,

“Serve one another through love”: *Communitarian Aspects of Paul's Letter to the Galatians*

Eric Plumer, University of Scranton

Saturday, March 8

8:00am-9:00am

MAR-SBL Business Meeting: LOCATION TBD

Saturday: Session 1 – 9:30-11:15 am

Former and Latter Prophets

Location TBD

Moderator: Mark Leuchter, Temple University

Reconsidering the Amalekites in Judges

Vincent Moulton, Temple University

Breath and Bone: God's Presence in Ezekiel's Text

Katherine Brown, Catholic University of America

Beginning of a Trend: The Diachronic Development of Solomon's Prayer in 1 Kings 8

John Herbst, Union Presbyterian Seminary

Hellenistic Judaism conversing with Greek Mythology: The Song of Deborah

Nathan LaMontagne, Catholic University of America

Reception History

Location TBD

Moderator: C. L. Seow, Princeton Theological Seminary

Sons of Lamech: Noah and Tubal-Cain as Culture Heroes

Jack Collins, Independent Scholar

Lots Wife: Memory, Monument, and Reception

Katherine Low, Mary Baldwin College

From Egypt to Exegesis: The Genesis Wife-Sister Narratives in Second Temple and Late Antique Judaism

Jeffrey Garcia, Nyack College

“What Did Sarah Think About All This?” The Expansions of the Biblical Narrative in the Exegesis of Ephraem Graecus
Trevor Crowell, The Catholic University of America

AAR Scriptural Reasoning Section

Title: *Lived Experience and Moral Interpretations of Scripture in American Philosophy*

Location TBD

Moderator: Nauman Faizi, University of Virginia

Jane Addams on Matthew 16

Ann Duncan, Goucher College

George Santayana on Psalm 22, Matthew 6, and Surah 7

Jacob L. Goodson, Southwestern College

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Graduate Student Luncheon: Location TBD

Saturday: Session 2 – 1:00-2:45 pm

Keynote Paper and Responses

Location TBD

Traumatic Gaps and Swerves in the Biblical Corpus?: An exploration of communal forgetting and its impact on the Tanach

David Carr, Union Theological Seminary

Respondents:

Seth L. Sanders, Trinity College

Stephen L. Cook, Virginia Theological Seminary

The Synoptic Gospels and their Interpretation

Location TBD

Moderator: Kim Paffenroth, Iona College

For I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food: Pragmatics of Food Access in the Gospel of Matthew

Carol Wilson, Wesley Theological Seminary,

Jesus, A Prophet without Honor: Presumptuous Son or Uncredentialed Teacher?

Jonathan A. Blanke, Trinity Lutheran

"Something Greater than the Temple"

S. Notley, Nyack College

Eccentric Early Christian Explanations for Jesus' Bloody Death.

Frank Connolly-Weinert, St. John's University

2:45 – 3:00 Coffee Break – Location TBD

Saturday: Session 3 – 3:00-4:45 pm

The Oxford Handbook to Biblical Narrative: A Select Preview

Location TBD

Moderator: Danna Nolan Fewell, Drew University

Exodus and the Kinships of its Narrative Strangers

Kenneth Ngwa, Drew University

The Big Story: Metanarrative and the Letters from Paul

Melanie Johnson-Debaufre, Drew University

Story and Verse

Tod Linafelt, Georgetown University

Children in Biblical Narrative and Childist Interpretation

Kathleen Gallagher Elkins, Rutgers University, and Julie Faith Parker, Fordham University

Stories of Sustenance and Survival

Jennifer Koosed, Albright College

Archaeology and the Ancient Near East

Location TBD

Moderator: Peter Feinman, Institute of History, Archaeology, and Education

Gender and the Ugaritic Goddess Anat: A Possible Explanation for Her Motives in Myths, Especially in the Epic of Aqhat

Kevin R. Hensler, Catholic University of America

The Four Lands of Mesha: An Analysis of Transjordanian Geography

David Z. Moster, New York University

Who Built the Tower of Babel?

Peter Feinman, Institute of History, Archaeology, and Education

6:15pm

Presidential Address and Reception: Location TBD

Making Space: Biblical Storytelling as Social Negotiation
Danna Nolan Fewell, Drew University

Sunday, March 9

**Continental Breakfast: 8:00am – 8:45am,
LOCATION TBD**

***Section Chair Meeting: 8:00am – 8:45am, Location TBD**

Sunday: Session 4 – 9:00-10:45 am

Keynote Paper and Responses

Location TBD

More that is Needed: Indelibly Ethical Reading and Luke's Gospel

Gary A. Phillips, Wabash College

Respondents:

Stephen Moore, Drew University

Robert Seesengood, Albright College

Jennifer Koosed, Albright College

Reception History

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Moderator: Katherine Low, Mary Baldwin College

*Father Jeremiah, Evangelist?: Sectarian Deployments of the
Jeremian Tradition in 2 Baruch and 4 Baruch.”*

Julie Pfau, Temple University,

*Job the Ascetic: Origen's reading of the book of Job and its
consequences*

Adam Stokes, Princeton Theological Seminary

When God Abandons Us: A Look at the Book of Job in Film

Meghan Beddingfield, Princeton Theological Seminary

Pushing the Boundaries: Dürer's Apocalypse Woodcuts as a New Form of (Visual) Exegesis

Robin Whitaker, The Marc Sanders Foundation

Pentateuch and Prophets

Location TBD

Moderator: Katherine Brown, Catholic University of America

"Mouth to Mouth" and "Face to Face": Is There Really Another Prophet Like Moses? (Deut. 18; Num. 12).

Virginia Wayland, University of Pennsylvania

Captivating Purity? Ritual Shaving Practices and the Captive Woman Law in Deut 21:10-14.

Sarah Bollinger, Hebrew Union College

Jeremiah 34:18: The Ancient Near Eastern Treaty with Christological Insights.

Kristopher McFadden, Evangelical Theological Seminary

An Unjust, Bloody Israelite God? Israel's Conquest Foretold in Deuteronomy 1-3

Joshua Arp, University of Scranton.

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