

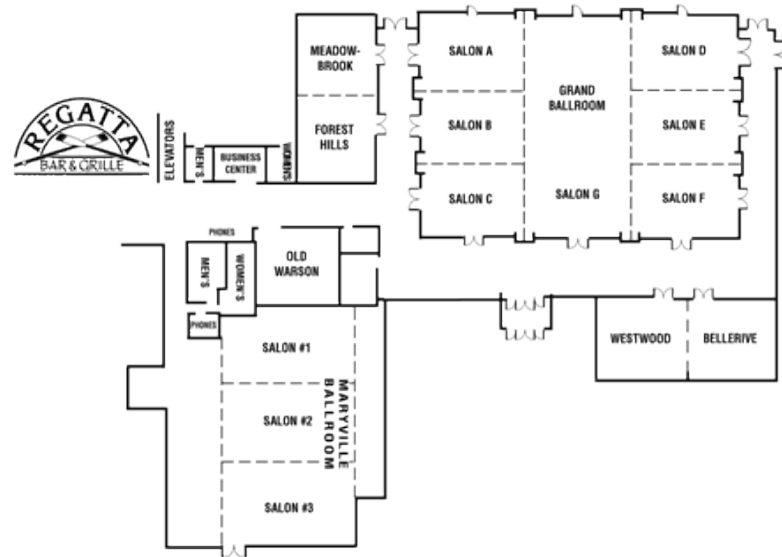
**Program for
the 2015 Annual
Central States Regional Meeting**

**The Society of Biblical Literature
and
American Schools of Oriental Research**

**Plenary Speaker
Dr. Ross Wagner**

**Associate Professor of New Testament
Duke Divinity School**

**March 22-23, 2015
St. Louis Marriott West Hotel**



Room Assignments:

Book Display -----	Maryville III
All Plenary Sessions -----	Maryville I and II
ASOR -----	Old Warson
Gender and Religious Studies	Westwood
Hebrew Bible -----	Meadowbrook
New Testament -----	Forest Hills
Pedagogy -----	Meadowbrook
Theta Alpha Kappa -----	Meadowbrook

**Rooms subject to change; updated schedule
will be available at the meeting registration table**

**Keynote Speaker for the 2015 Meeting:
Dr. Ross Wagner**

Associate Professor of New Testament
Duke Divinity School

''Beloved, on account of Their Ancestors' (Rom 11:28): Paul, Scripture and the Faithfulness of God''

J. Ross Wagner (Ph.D., Duke University) is Associate Professor of New Testament at Duke Divinity School. Specializing in Paul's letters and in Septuagint studies, he seeks to contribute to the recovery of theological exegesis through careful investigation of the ways scriptural interpretation shaped early Jewish and Christian communities. His publications include *Heralds of the Good News: Paul and Isaiah in Concert in the Letter to the Romans* (2002), *Between Gospel and Election: Explorations in the Interpretation of Romans 9–11* (coedited with Florian Wilk, 2010) and, most recently, *Reading the Sealed Book: Old Greek Isaiah and the Problem of Septuagint Hermeneutics* (2013).

Message from the Regional Coordinator

Dear Colleagues,

Let me thank the various section leaders, who are responsible for putting together our sessions.: Mark Given for New Testament, David Chapman for ASOR, Roger Cotton, Hebrew Bible, Laurel Koepf-Taylor for Gender and Religious Studies, jointly, Kristin Swanson and Brendon Benz for Pedagogy, Victor Matthews the regional scholar program. Some of the preparations were new assignments and joint assignments for our section leadership.

Second, I thank those who have chosen to present the fruits of their scholarship, those who gather for this meeting. Included in my thanks is an expression of gratitude to Dr. Ross Wagner, our plenary speaker. Many thanks to Mark Given for leading out in securing Dr. Wagner's participation this year.

Third, I offer a special thanks to the publishers who contributed in various ways to our book display. **Abingdon, Baker, and Concordia, whom we welcome back for a second year, InterVarsity Press, Paulist Press, SBL, Hendrickson, and Zondervan, of course.** If I've left any out, it is because the arrangements were made after this printing.

The staff of the Marriott Hotel has been helpful, as usual, in preparing for our meeting. They have had transitions this year, so we have gotten to work with new people. However, they have shown the highest professionalism in assisting us to have a successful meeting.

Finally, SBL continues to work well with the regional coordinators, most especially in assisting us to keep regional webpages updated and keeping track of our budget. This year they helped us again by overseeing on-line registration. I extend my thanks to all who contributed to the whole effort, most especially those who support the meeting through their attendance, presentations, and who bring their students so that they can be a part of the proceedings.

Respectfully,

Milton Horne, Regional Coordinator

Special Sessions

Publishers Display and Bookstore

Sunday, 1:00 pm – 6:00 PM

Monday, 9:00 am – 3:00 PM

Please visit the Publishers Display and Bookstore. You will find resources for your classes, scholarly research, and your own personal study. Many titles will be significantly discounted. We also want to thank our publishers who joined us at our meeting this year!

Special Session I: Sunday Evening Reception, 5:00 pm–6:00 PM

Join us for some hors d'oeuvres and good conversation, to be located outside the Book Display. Here is a chance to renew acquaintances, make new friends, or commit the sin of gluttony!

Special Session II: Sunday Evening Dinner and Plenary, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Dinner is included in the registration fee for all full-members. Persons who would like to purchase banquet tickets may do so at the Registration Table for \$32.00, while supplies last.

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Special Session III: Theta Alpha Kappa

Convener: Milton Horne, William Jewell College

Sunday Evening, following Special Session II (approximately 8:15 PM)

Special Session IV: Breakfast Planning Meeting

Monday, 7:15 – 8:00 AM

The various sections will meet together, select chairpersons, plan for next year's sessions, and discuss other matters, including the plenary speaker for 2016. Breakfast will be \$10.00 (in advance only).

Special Session V: A Conversation with Ross Wagner

Monday, 8:15-9:00 AM (Maryville I and II)

This is an opportunity for all participants to meet with Ross Wagner, our plenary speaker, to discuss his address and other matters of appropriate interest to the membership.

Special Session VI: Monday Plenary Business Session

Lunch and Business Meeting

Monday, 12:00 pm – 1:00 PM

A deli style buffet will be served for all those who purchase the lunch (\$18.00 in advance; \$20.00 at the meeting). The business session will bring us up to date on concerns for our regional ARM of the SBL, including our annual financial report and prices for next year.

Chronological Schedule

Sunday Morning

Publishers Display and Bookstore 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Registration (pre-registrants pick up packets) 10:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Enjoy the Coffee/Snack break hosted by Fortress Press!

Sunday Afternoon

Pedagogy (12:30 – 1:30)

**Conveners: Kristin Swanson, Luther College;
Brendon Benz, William Jewell College**

Open Discussion: Have you found ways to successfully incorporate film, popular media, and/or innovative technology in your classes? How have these facilitated student learning? What challenges have you encountered?

Gender Issues and Religious Studies (1:30 – 4:30)

Convener: Nokuphiwa Langeni, Chicago Theological Seminary

- 1:30** **Jamie A. Banister**, Brescia University
“Dressed to Kill: Comparing the Jewish Story of Judith and the Chinese Legend of Mulan,”
- 2:00** **Marquisha D. Lawrence**, Eden Theological Seminary
“Judges 4:1-21: When Women Lead,”
- 2:30** **René Schreiner**, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
“The Four Women of the Apocalypse: Lévi-Strauss, Kristeva, and the Birth of Christian Identity,”
- 3:00** **Jennifer Gates**, Eden Theological Seminary, Respondent
- 3:30** **Discussion**

New Testament I (1:30 – 5:00)

Convener: James Ware, University of Evansville

- 1:30** **Olegs Andrejevs**, Carthage College
“Back to the Beginning: Addressing Two Decades of Skepticism in Regard to Q’s Compositional History”
- 2:00** **John Christianson**, Bright Divinity School
“The AGGAREION and Non-Violent Resistance: Matthew 5:41 as a Subaltern Strategy for Social Change”
- 2:30** **Joshua Paul Smith**, Central Baptist Theological Seminary
“‘I Will Ask You a Question’: The Rhetorical and Social Function of Opposing-Turn Questions in the Gospel of Luke”
- 3:00** BREAK
- 3:30** **Robert L. Mowery**, Illinois Wesleyan University
“Aesop and the Early Christian Congregations”
- 4:00** **Bradley Arnold**, Southwest Baptist University
“Ethical Naturalism in Hellenistic Moral Philosophy and Paul”
- 4:30** **Eric R. Montgomery**, McMaster University
“The Knowledge of the Divine and the Image of God in Early Judaism and Christianity”

Hebrew Bible I (2:30 - 5:00)

Convener: Roger Cotton, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

- 2:30** **William Griffin**, Evangel University
“Tu or Vous: How Formal is Prayer in the Psalms?”
- 3:00** **Tucker Paavo**, PhD student, Asbury Seminary
“The Agrarian Rhetoric of the Sages: Farmers and their Markets in Proverbs,”

Hebrew Bible (Sunday afternoon, continued)

- 3:30** **Brendon Benz**, William Jewell College
“The Ethics of the Fall: The Divine Image, Social Power, and Biblical Wisdom”
- 4:00** **David Melvin**, McKendree University
“Priestly Influences in Apocalyptic Literature and the Quest for Apocalyptic Origins”
- 4:30** **Mark Awabdy**, Zarephath Bible Seminary, Islamabad
“A Hebrew Skeleton in Greek Skin: The Structure of Leviticus in Codex Vaticanus”

ASOR Session I (3:00 - 4:30)

Convener: David W. Chapman, Covenant Theological Seminary

- 3:00** **Laura Wright**, Albright Institute, Jerusalem
“Glyptics during Israelite Emergence: Negotiating Egyptian Hegemony”
- 3:30** **Cody Eklov**, Hebrew Union College
“Sixty Years of Guilt: Scholarship and the Ill-Attested Reign of Arḫalba, King of Ugarit”
- 4:00** **Paul Mirecki**, University of Kansas
“Twelve cuneiform tablets at the University of Kansas (ca. 2350–529 BCE)”
- 4:30** **David Vila**, John Brown University
“Excavating Abila of the Decapolis: the 2014 Season”

Sunday Evening

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Special Session II: Sunday Evening Dinner and Plenary (6:00 – 8:00)

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Special Session III Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society (begins at approximately 8:15 PM)

Convener: Milton Horne, William Jewell College

Approximately 20 minutes per paper for presentation and discussion

Joelle Axton, Truman State University

“The Lord's Supper in Light of Paul's Eschatology: Proclamation and Judgment”

Sabrina Davis, William Jewell College

“Conflict in Early 20th Century America: The Fundamentalist-Modernist Controversy”

Devi Fitelly, William Jewell College

“Finding Forgiveness in the Christian Tradition”

Hailey Mills, William Jewell College

“A Search for the Soul: Historical, Biblical and Modern Interpretations”

Alexandra Potter, Truman State University

“Jesus and Women: An Inclusive Vision”

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ASOR II (9:30-10:30)

Convener: Mark Appold, Truman State University

- 9:30** **Mark Appold**, Truman State University
“Archaeology, Text, and the Early Jesus Movement”
- 10:00** **David W. Chapman**, Covenant Theological Seminary
“Crucifixion in Antiquity: Commonly Overlooked Issues in Contemporary Study”

Hebrew Bible II (9:30-12:00)

Convener: Roger Cotton

- 9:30** **Andrew Abernethy**, Wheaton College
“Reading Isaiah Responsively: The Centrality of Responding to God’s Word in Isaiah’s Introduction and Conclusion”
- 10:00** **Ron Haydon**, Wheaton College
“The “Seventy Sevens” (Daniel 9:24) in Light of Heptadic Themes in Qumran”
- 10:30** **Adam Dodd**, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
“Aversion to Anthropomorphism and Avoidance of Theophany in the Book of Jubilees”

11:00 **Jim Moyer**, Missouri State University
“Let Your Curse Be on Me, Gen 27:13”

11:30 **Paul Mirecki**, University of Kansas
“An Old Torah Scroll From the Algiers Synagogue at the University of Kansas” (Kansas MS J 1:2)”

New Testament II: Intertextuality (9:00 – 12:00)

Convener: Mark D. Given, Missouri State University

- 9:00** **Timothy Milinovich**, Dominican University
“What Is the ‘Reader’ to ‘Understand’? Echoes of Daniel in the Markan Discourses”
- 9:30** **Matthew Monkemeier**, Wheaton College Graduate School
“‘A Righteous God and a Savior’: The Concepts of God’s Righteousness in the Old Testament and in Romans 1–3”
- 10:00** **Benjamin J. Lappenga**, Dordt College
“‘I myself am an Israelite’: Revisiting Paul’s Use of Ζῆλος in Romans 9–11”
- 10:30** **Todd R. Chipman**, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
“The Justification of Apostolic Authority: Paul’s Use of the Hebrew Bible to Validate His New Covenant Ministry to the Corinthians”
- 11:00** **James Ware**, University of Evansville
“Intertextual Christology: Biblical Echoes and their Message in 2 Thessalonians 1”
- 11:30** **Caleb T. Friedeman**, Wheaton College Graduate School
“Intertextual Rhetoric in 1 Peter 2:9–10”

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Monday Afternoon

Minutes of Business meeting Central States SBL, March 17-18, 2014 St. Louis, Missouri

Special Session VI: Monday Plenary Business Session

Lunch and Business Meeting

Monday, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Minutes

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Monday 1:00 – 2:30, New Testament III: More Intertextuality

Convener: Mark D. Given, Missouri State University

- 1:00 Jared W. Saltz**, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion
“Flashing All Around: περιαστρέπτω and Intertextuality in Acts 9”
- 1:30 Michael T. Graham Jr.**, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
“An Examination of Paul’s Use of Psalm 51:4 in Romans 3:4 and Its Implications on Romans 3:1–8”
- 2:00 Jim Wilson**, Asbury Theological Seminary
“God Loves a Cheerful Tither: Deuteronomy 14.22-29 as a model for the ‘Cheerful Giver’ of 2 Corinthians 9.7”

The meeting was held at the St. Louis Marriott West, March 16-17, 2014. Total attendance was 69, of which 52 were preregistered and 17 were registered onsite. Of the 69, 32 were members registered for two days, 7 were non-members registered for two days, and 30 were students registered for one day.

The section leaders were: Mark Given for New Testament, David Chapman for ASOR, Roger Cotton for Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, Deborah Krause for Gender and Religious Studies, and Kristin Swanson for Pedagogy. The keynote plenary speaker was Dr. Carol A. Newsom of Emory University, who spoke on the topic: “At Home or Homeless? The Wisdom Tradition and Contemporary Philosophy on the Problem of Evil.” The book display included Eerdmans, Fortress, Zondervan, Baker, Westminster/John Knox, Concordia Publishing House, Paulist Press, Hendrickson, and Society of Biblical Literature. There were 40 individual papers presented in the various sections, plus a student panel on effective teaching and learning, and 3 papers for the Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society. New officers were affirmed: Horne as Regional Coordinator, Raabe as Treasurer, and Cotton as OT section coordinator. For the past two years the Central States regional has been running in the red and eventually will use up our balance. The net loss for 2013 was \$520.16 and for 2014, \$382.98. The balance in the checking account as of October 2014 is \$7315.33.

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Submitted by Paul R. Raabe

Society of Biblical Literature	
Balance Sheet - *Regions Balance Sheet	
740 - Central States Region	
As of 1/31/2014	
ASSETS	7,698.31
BEGINNING NET ASSETS	
Total Beginning Net Assets	8,995.47
INCREASE (DECREASE) to NET ASSETS from	
Revenue	
Registration Fees	2,324.00
Other Meeting Revenue	769.75
Contributions and Gifts	200.00
Regional Subvention	1,500.00
Total Revenue	4,793.75
Expenses	
Honoraria	(950.00)
Fees - General	(10.00)
Office Supplies	(114.51)
Volunteer Transportation	(500.41)
Hospitality Expenses	(4,452.94)
Other Meeting Expenses	(63.05)
Total Expenses	(6,090.91)
Total Increase (Decrease) to adjust beginning Net Assets	(1,297.16)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	7,698.31