SBL SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE

ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS
New England and Eastern Canada Regional Meeting of the *Society of Biblical Literature*
March 31, 2017
Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut

We welcome paper proposals in the following areas:
- (1) Hebrew Bible
- (2) Ancient Israel and Ancient West Asia
- (3) New Testament
- (4) Ancient Christianity
- (5) Ancient Judaism
- (6) Thematic Session: the Preservation of Antiquities

We especially welcome proposals from women scholars and scholars of color.

Email proposals, with "NE / EC SBL Paper Proposal" in the subject line, to the Regional Coordinator, Amelia Devin Freedman, at amelia.devin.freedman@gmail.com. Indicate the unit to which you are submitting your proposal. We will not accept more than one proposal per person for the final program.

Your proposal should be in the form of a 300-word abstract, including your name, institutional affiliation, contact information, and SBL membership status (regular or student). You must send your proposal by **January 15, 2017**. We will notify you about whether your proposal has been accepted no later than **February 15, 2017**.

NEW: If this will be your first paper for an SBL meeting, your proposal must also include either
- (a) the name, institutional affiliation, contact information, and signature of a faculty member who knows your work, or
- (b) the whole paper.

All those selected to present at the meeting must preregister in order to be included on the program.

Preregistration will be available **February 15 – March 22, 2017** on the NE / EC Region's page on the SBL website, at https://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/rm_newengland.aspx

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
- "Using Material Culture to Teach the Bible," a panel discussion with Susan Ackerman (Dartmouth College), Dale B. Martin (2017 NE / EC Regional President; Yale University), and Laura S. Nasrallah (Harvard Divinity School)
- an address by Michael Peppard (Fordham University) on the Dura-Europos wall paintings in the Christian church

- free time at the Yale University Art Gallery to view the exhibit, "Dura-Europos: Excavating Antiquity" (transportation provided); a guided tour will be also available on **Saturday, April 1** (details TBA)

FOR GRADUATE STUDENT MEMBERS

<u>Graduate student session</u>: a panel discussion on academic freedom with Tracy Lemos (Huron University College) and Matthew Neujahr (Marquette University)

<u>Best Student Paper Award</u>: The NE / EC Region will give an award for the best student paper delivered at the meeting.

If you would like your paper considered for this award, please note the following deadlines:
> **January 15**: notify the Regional Coordinator of your intention to submit a paper
> **March 15**: email the final version of your paper to the Regional Coordinator

Eligibility
- SBL student member
- paper accepted to one of the program units for the 2017 NE / EC Regional Meeting

Criteria for evaluation
- demonstrated knowledge of scholarly resources and publications related to the paper topic
- use and knowledge of the primary sources related to the topic of the paper
- clarity of written expression
- use of scholarly practices of annotation
- originality of ideas and solutions developed in the paper

FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS

The NE / EC Region will give a <u>Regional Scholar Award</u> for the best paper delivered by a junior member of the SBL at the Regional Meeting. The Regional Executive Committee may also nominate the NE / EC Regional Scholar for a national SBL award and the opportunity to present his or her paper at the 2017 Annual Meeting.

If you would like your paper considered for this award, please note the following deadlines:
> **January 15**: notify the Regional Coordinator of your intention to submit a paper
> **March 15**: email your current CV, the final version of your paper, and all handouts, slides, etc. to the Regional Coordinator

More information about the SBL Regional Scholar Award, including eligibility and criteria for evaluation, is available at http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/regionalMeetings.aspx