

**EGLBS - CALL FOR PAPERS
FOR 2018 MEETING
Updated January 30, 2018**

The Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society will hold its 2018 Annual Meeting on March 15-16 at the Cambria Hotel and Suites, 1787 Thorn Drive, Uniontown, OH 44685. (Note new location)

A learned society of Biblical scholars sponsored by the Society of Biblical Literature in partnership with the Catholic Biblical Association, the EGLBS invites paper or poster-session proposals from members of any of these organizations, scholars in higher education, ministers, students (with a professor's nomination), and other interested parties.

Please note that EGLBS is not affiliated with the American Academy of Religion. While AAR members are welcome to participate in EGLBS meetings, paper proposals on topics unrelated to the Ancient Near East and/or the Bible and cognate literature ought to be directed elsewhere. See <https://www.aarweb.org/node/166> for more information.

Our plenary speaker will be Dr. Marvin A. Sweeney, of the Claremont School of Theology

Title: TBA

Note – updates on the conference and any additional information about topics for the sessions will be available online as follows:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EGLBS/>

SBL website: http://sbl-site.org/meetings/rm_egreatlakes.aspx

(note – posts to the SBL site may be delayed by a few days)

you may contact the Regional Coordinator, Jonathan Lawrence at eglbsmeeting@gmail.com

REGISTRATION

Conference registration will be handled online through the SBL website through March 8:

<https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=308855&t=20673001c4b29185d511fa40e667120b>

Check http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/rm_egreatlakes.aspx and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EGLBS/> for updates.

Registration site: will be announced via email, Facebook, and the SBL site.

Registration Fees:

\$80 EGLBS Member (or member of SBL or CBA)

\$60 Retired

\$60 Student

\$60 Guest Accompanying another registrant

The dinner will be a buffet with meat and vegetarian choices. If you have special dietary needs, you may indicate that in the registration process.

HOTEL INFORMATION (register separately) (Note new location)

Cambria Hotel & Suites – Akron-Canton Airport
1787 Thorn Drive
Uniontown, OH 44685
1-330-899-1990
gm.oh344@choicehotels.com

Room rates for singles and doubles will be \$79, additional taxes will be applied.

Hotel registration will be available online at least until March 1, 2018. You may also make reservations by phone. Room rates and availability are guaranteed until March 1 but you may still be able to make reservations after that time.

RESERVATION LINK: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/NV9WL2>

CALL FOR PAPERS OPENS January 6, 2018 – extended to Feb. 19 at noon.

Submit proposals via: <https://goo.gl/forms/YGEgUej1ztk7ZrUw2>

Note – you may contact section chairs with questions (see below) but you must submit the proposal through Google Forms for consideration.

Paper proposals will be considered under the following categories. Select the category that best fits your paper topic and send the necessary information to the appropriate Convener(s) by electronic mail. After all proposals have been received, conveners will sometimes shift papers to other sections, so you need not be concerned that submitting to the “wrong” section will hurt your chances.

NB: In order to foster wider participation, individuals are limited to one presentation at the annual meeting, with very few exceptions. If you are making multiple proposals, make sure to inform the appropriate conveners and indicate which of the presentations you would prefer to give (since only one per person is permitted).

The deadline for receipt of paper proposals for the 2018 annual meeting (including any necessary supporting materials) is **February 19, 2018** and you should receive a determination of acceptance by or before March 1.

PLEASE NOTE:

Anyone who wishes to submit proposals for inclusion in the annual meeting program *must be registered for the annual meeting by the proposal cutoff date of February 19, 2018*. If your presentation does not get accepted onto the program, you may withdraw your meeting registration by sending a notice to the Annual Meeting Coordinator at eglbsmeeting@gmail.com. Such requests received by March 5, 2018 will be eligible for a full refund.

SBL Policies regarding participation in national and regional meetings:

- 1) By submitting a paper proposal or accepting a role in any session at the EGLBS meeting, you agree to participate in an open academic discussion guided by a common standard of scholarly discourse that engages your subject through critical inquiry and investigation. For more on the SBL Professional Conduct Policy, see https://www.sbl-site.org/assets/pdfs/Meetings/Professional_Conduct_Policy.pdf
- 2) Any proposals discussing artifacts or manuscripts must comply with the SLB artifacts policy. See https://www.sbl-site.org/assets/pdfs/SBL-Artifacts-Policy_20160903.pdf. When you submit your proposal you will be asked several questions regarding use of artifacts and manuscripts. Some of the issues addressed in the policy are: a) whether the item has been published in a scholarly venue, b) if unpublished whether you have permission to discuss it, c) whether the provenance of the artifact has been identified, d) if it is not provenanced, there may be limitations on discussing it in your paper and if you do discuss it you must clearly identify it as being unprovenanced. Since an SBL review committee may need to review use of unprovenanced artifacts, it may be easier to leave them out of your EGLBS paper since there is limited time between proposal submission and the conference. You may direct any questions

about this policy to eglbsmeeting@gmail.com.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PAPERS

The online proposal form will ask for:

1. Nature of the Presentation (Paper or Poster)
2. Presentation Title
3. Presenter's name, professional affiliation (*e.g.*, university or church name), and status (undergrad, grad. student, Ph.D. candidate, faculty, pastor, *etc.*)
4. Contact information (e-mail address, daytime telephone)
5. Abstract (*no more than 150 words*) (you may submit additional information that will not be included in the abstract if you think that will strengthen your proposal.
NB: An excessively long abstract or failure to include one or more of these data may result in disqualification of your proposal.
6. Equipment needs.
-Paper sessions will be provided with a laptop, LCD projector, projection screen, and podium. Indicate any other equipment you will require or, if none, so state.
-If there are posters, most will be mounted on the walls of one of the meeting rooms. A limited number of display tables will be available. Indicate which type of display space you will require for your poster.

All proposals require the above information. There are two situations which would require you to send the entire text of your presentation as well as the proposal itself:

1. This would be your first presentation at the EGLBS;
2. You are applying for either the Student Paper Prize or the SBL Regional scholar Award. (more information about these will be posted on the EGLBS page in the SBL Regional Meetings section of the website.)

If you are submitting the full paper, please send it to the section chair (listed below) and to the regional coordinator (eglbsmeeting@gmail.com)

NB: If you need to send your paper with the proposal, please save it in PDF format and preview the file to ensure that any foreign fonts, diagrams, tables, or other printer-dependent features will appear correctly in the attachment.

Student Paper Prizes and Regional Scholar Award Nominations – See the EGLBS page on the SBL website for additional information.

See next page for information on sections and topics for your papers.

Sections

If you have questions about where your topic will fit best, contact the coordinator at eglbsmeeting@gmail.com.

Alpha Christianity Seminar (updated)

E. Bruce Brooks, Ph.D.
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The general topic for 2018 is periscope, text, or corpus formation in the Hebrew or Greek Bibles. Papers defining a problem or reviewing its status are welcome, along with proposals for its solution. Brief papers are preferred and where possible they will be pre-distributed to allow maximum time for discussion at the live session.

For tentative information see:

<https://www.umass.edu/wsp/alpha/index.html>

Hebrew Scriptures

Susan Haddox
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Open theme for 2018.

New Testament

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Open theme for 2018.

Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity (updated)

Vernon Robbins, Ph.D.
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Note – RRA members will be participating in sessions at EGLBS and will reserve their papers for the extended meeting Friday afternoon into Saturday. EGLBS members are invited to participate. If you have a paper with a topic related to RRA, you can submit it to one of the other sections.

Miscellany (indicate “Unsure” in online form)

Craig Tyson, Ph.D.
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Possible topics include:

- Biblical Pedagogy
- Comparative Literature of the Ancient Near East & Mediterranean World
- Non-Canonical Jewish & Christian Writings

This is also the program section to which to submit ideas for a special colloquium, panel discussion, or seminar you would like to arrange. If you are proposing a panel, be sure to include not only the panel title, abstract, and name of the moderator, but also the names and contact information for all the intended panelists.

Student Advisory Board

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Contact with any questions about student involvement in EGLBS or SBL.