

Call for Papers

Annual Central States Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature

KEY DETAILS

Date: March 17-18, 2019

Location: Eden Theological Seminary; 475 E Lockwood Ave, Saint Louis, MO 63119

Keynote Speaker: Professor John Walton; Professor of Old Testament; Wheaton College & Graduate School
JOHN H. WALTON (Ph.D. Hebrew Union College) is Professor of Old Testament at Wheaton College and Graduate School where he has taught for seventeen years. Dr. Walton has published nearly 30 books, among them commentaries, reference works, text books, scholarly monographs, and popular academic works. He was the Old Testament general editor for the *Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible* (NIV, NKJV), and is perhaps most widely known for the "Lost World" books (including *The Lost World of Genesis One*, *The Lost World of Adam and Eve*, *The Lost World of the Israelite Conquest*, and *The Lost World of the Flood*). His areas of expertise include the importance of the ancient Near East for interpreting the Old Testament as well as the dialogue between science and faith.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The Central States Region Society of Biblical Literature invites papers for its annual meeting, to be held in St. Louis, Missouri in the areas described below.

Proposal limit: 250 words

Deadline for submissions to be received by section chair: December 1, 2018.

All participants, even those invited to present, must submit notification to the section chair. This notification must include the following personal information: name (as it should appear in the program), mailing address, institutional affiliation (as it should appear in the program), phone number, email, and role in the program (i.e., presider, respondent, panelist, presenting a paper).

Questions regarding a proposal should be sent to the relevant section chair. If your proposal does not appear to fit one of the sections below, please contact the Regional Coordinator, Matthew Easter:

matthew.easter@mobap.edu.

Student proposals are welcomed. Students should include the name of a sponsoring scholar. Masters-level students should submit the complete manuscript with their proposal.

All program participants must register for the meeting.

PROGRAM UNITS

Gender Issues: Proposals are invited for one session dealing with topics that relate Gender Studies to the interpretation of the Bible (be that biblical texts or loci in the history of interpretation of biblical texts). In addition, proposals are welcome from constituency-based critical perspectives related to Gender Studies (e.g., Feminist, Womanist, Queer theory) that engage in the interpretation of biblical texts and/or the history of interpretation. *Proposals are especially welcome that engage the topic of "Biblical Bathrooms."* **Send Proposals to:** Dr. Laurel Koepf-Taylor at ltaylor@eden.edu and Dr. Leah Schulte at leah.schulte@doane.edu. Alternatively, proposals may be mailed to Eden Theological Seminary, 475 E Lockwood AVE, Saint Louis, MO 63119. *Email is preferred.*

Hebrew Bible: The Hebrew Bible section invites proposals dealing with the texts of the Hebrew Bible and their interpretation. Also welcome are papers that concentrate on related extra-textual matters, such as historical backgrounds and culture, related Near Eastern literature, and history of interpretation. **Send Proposals to:** Dr. Roger Cotton at cottonr@evangel.edu. Alternatively, proposals may be mailed to Assemblies of God Theological Seminary 1435 N. Glenstone Ave. Springfield, MO 65802. *Email is preferred.*

New Testament Studies: Proposals are invited for at least two open sessions dealing with any topic pertaining to the New Testament and related literature. Related literature includes texts of Second Temple Judaism. **Send Proposals to:** Dr. Mark D. Given at markgiven@missouristate.edu. Alternatively, proposals may be mailed to Missouri State University, 901 S. National Ave., Springfield, MO 65897. *Email is preferred.*

AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

Regional Scholar Awards; \$150: Junior members of SBL (no more than 5 years teaching in a tenure-track position), women, or under-represented minority members are encouraged to apply. The paper must be accepted by one of the section chairs for inclusion in the 2019 regional program. A letter of application, the notice of the section chair's acceptance, and an up-to-date vita must be submitted along with the full text of the paper. **Send application materials to:** Dr. Victor Matthews at victormatthews@missouristate.edu. Alternatively, proposals may be mailed to College of Humanities and Public Affairs, Missouri State University, 901 S. National Ave., Springfield, MO 65897. *Email is preferred.* Regional Scholars are eligible for a National Award (minimum of \$1,000 per award – see the national website for details) and possible inclusion at the national meeting. Announcement of the award will be made at the business meeting during the evening banquet. **Deadline:** February 8, 2019.

Student Presentation Awards; \$100: Candidates must be student members of SBL, and proof of membership must be submitted with the application. Candidates must have a paper proposal accepted by a Central States SBL section, and candidates are responsible for obtaining verification of acceptance. Applicants should send a letter of application, a copy of the notification that the paper was accepted, and the full text of the paper. **Send application materials to:** Dr. Victor Matthews at victormatthews@missouristate.edu. Alternatively, proposals may be mailed to College of Humanities and Public Affairs, Missouri State University, 901 S. National Ave., Springfield, MO 65897. *Email is preferred.* Please direct any questions to Dr. Matthews. Announcement of the award will be made at the evening banquet and Monday's business meeting. **Deadline:** February 8, 2019.