

# Call for Papers

## Annual Central States Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature

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### KEY DETAILS

**Date:** March 7-8, 2020

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

**Keynote Speaker:** Professor Craig Keener; Professor of Biblical Studies; Asbury Theological Seminary  
CRAIG S. KEENER (PhD, Duke University) is F. M. and Ada Thompson Professor of Biblical Studies at Asbury Theological Seminary. He is author of twenty-eight books (thirty-three volumes), seven of which have won national or international awards. He has also authored roughly one hundred academic articles; seven booklets; and more than one hundred fifty popular-level articles. More than a million copies of his books are in circulation. His commentaries include those on Matthew, Romans, 1-2 Corinthians, Galatians, Revelation, a two-volume commentary on John and a four-volume commentary on Acts. Craig is the former editor of the Bulletin for Biblical Research and the former program chair for the Institute for Biblical Research, and is coeditor with Michael Bird of the New Covenant Commentary series. Craig is married to Dr. Médine Moussounga Keener, who was a refugee in her home country of Congo for eighteen months.

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### 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, 2019.

**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](mailto: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.**

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## 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. **Send Proposals to:** Dr. Laurel Koepf-Taylor at [ltaylor@eden.edu](mailto:ltaylor@eden.edu) and Dr. Leah Schulte at [leah.schulte@doane.edu](mailto: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. William Lyons at [wlyons@oru.edu](mailto:wlyons@oru.edu). Alternatively, proposals may be mailed to Oral Roberts University, College of Theology and Ministry, Tulsa, OK 74171. *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. *Proposals are further invited for a special section on Galatians, where Dr. Craig Keener will serve as respondent.* **Send Proposals to:** Dr. Mark D. Given at [markgiven@missouristate.edu](mailto:markgiven@missouristate.edu). Alternatively, proposals may be mailed to Missouri State University, 901 S. National Ave., Springfield, MO 65897. *Email is preferred.*

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## AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

**Regional Scholar Awards; \$150:** Early career (no more than 5 years teaching in a tenure-track position), PhD candidate, women, or under-represented minority members are particularly 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](mailto:victormatthews@missouristate.edu). Alternatively, proposals may be mailed to the Office of the Dean, 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 Regional Scholars Award (\$1,000 per award – see the SBL 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 1, 2020.

**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](mailto:victormatthews@missouristate.edu). Alternatively, proposals may be mailed to the Office of the Dean, 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 1, 2020.