

***Program for  
the 2019 Annual  
Central States Regional Meeting***

***The Society of Biblical Literature***

***Plenary Speaker***  
**Prof. John Walton**

**Professor of Old Testament  
Wheaton College & Graduate School**

**March 17-18, 2019**

***Eden Theological Seminary***  
***Saint Louis, Missouri***  
**475 E Lockwood Ave**  
**Saint Louis, MO 63119**

## **Keynote Speaker for the 2019 Meeting:**

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**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.

## **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, Roger Cotton for Hebrew Bible, Laurel Koepf-Taylor and Leah Schulte for Gender Studies, and Victor Matthews for the regional scholar program.

Second, I thank those who have chosen to present the fruits of their scholarship, and those who gather for this meeting. Included in my thanks is an expression of gratitude to Dr. John Walton, our plenary speaker.

Third, I offer a special thanks to the publishers who contributed in various ways to our book display.

My deepest thanks to the staff of Eden Theological Seminary for graciously hosting us. Also, thanks to Missouri Baptist University for their assistance with name badges and programs.

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 online registration. My thanks to Paige Schmidt, who has been incredibly helpful.

This is my first year as Regional Coordinator, taking the place of Milton Horne, who has retired. My thanks to Milton for his fantastic leadership of this region for the past number of years.

Respectfully,

Matt Easter, Regional Coordinator

## **Special Sessions**

### **Publishers Display and Bookstore**

**Sunday, 1:00-5:00 PM**

**Monday, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM**

Please visit the Publishers Display and Bookstore in the Chapel. You will find resources for your classes, scholarly research, and your own personal study. Many titles will be significantly discounted.

### **Special Session I: Sunday Evening Dinner (Schroer Commons) and Plenary (Chapel), 5:30-8:00 PM**

*Dinner is included in the registration fee for all pre-registered full members.*

Persons who would like to purchase banquet tickets may do so at the Registration Table for \$20.00, while supplies last.

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### **Breakfast Planning Meeting**

#### **Monday, 7:15-8:00 AM (McCarthy Room)**

The various sections will meet together, select chairpersons, plan for next year's sessions, and discuss other matters, including the plenary speaker for next year.

### **Special Session II: A Conversation with John Walton**

#### **Monday, 8:15-9:00 AM (Chapel)**

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

### **Monday Business Session**

#### **Lunch and Business Meeting, (McCarthy Room)**

#### **Monday, 12:00-1:00 PM**

A deli style lunch will be served for all those who purchase the lunch (\$20.00). The business session will bring us up to date on concerns for our regional arm of the SBL, including our annual financial report and the future of the Region.

## **Chronological Schedule**

### **Sunday Morning**

**Publishers Display and Bookstore 1:00-5:00 PM (Chapel)**

**Registration (pre-registrants pick up name tags) 10:30 AM-5:00 PM**

### **Sunday Afternoon**

**Sunday 1:30-5:00, Hebrew Bible I (Classroom 200)**

*Convener: Roger Cotton, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary*

1:30     **Victoria Campbell**, London School of Theology – Middlesex University & Asbury Theological Seminary

“The Genesis Stele: Sumero-Hebraic Theological History in Genesis 2-11”

2:10     **Anna Williams**, Saint Louis University

“Swallowed by Patristic Controversies: The Book of Jonah in Theodore of Mopsuestia and his Followers”

2:50     **BREAK**

2:55     **Parker Outman**, Indiana Wesleyan University

“Suffering Servant or Substitute King? Reevaluating the Imagery of the Suffering of the Servant in Isaiah’s Servant Songs”

3:35     **William L. Lyons and Jordan Way**, Oral Roberts University

“Ruth and Migration: An Intertextual Biblical Dialogue.”

4:15     **BREAK**

4:20     **Thehil Russelliah Singh**, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

“Rebekah’s Choice: An Ancient Biblical Woman’s Power and Agency”

## **Sunday 1:00-5:00, New Testament I (Classroom 201)**

*Convener: Mark Given, Missouri State University*

- 1:00     **Kyle Taft**, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
          *"Reconsidering W.H Raney's Proposal From *The Relation of the Fourth Gospel to the Christian Cultus*"*
- 1:30     **Devin Murphy**, Concordia Seminary  
          *"Let He Who is Without Sin Cast the First Stone": Jesus and the Law of Moses in the *Pericope Adulterae* (John 7:53-8:11)*
- 2:00     **Pamela Idriss**, Oral Roberts University  
          *"An Exegesis of 'καὶ ἐπὶ ταύτῃ τῇ πέτρᾳ' in Matthew 16:18 with Insight from the Septuagint, the *Tanakh*, and the Dead Sea Scrolls"*
- 2:30     **Jeffrey Lee Flanagan**, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
          *"The Necessity of Suffering: Luke's Audience and Paul's Use of ἡμᾶς in Acts 14:22."*
- 3:00     **James Ware**, University of Evansville  
          *"The Servants of the Servant in Isaiah and Philippians"*
- 3:30     **Paul Bebout**, London School of Theology  
          *"Sanctification in Hebrews 2:9–18 as an Instrument in the Formation of the Identity of the Children of God"*
- 4:00     **Matthew T. Kimbrough**, Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary  
          *"'Let Brotherly Love Continue': A Socio-Cultural Analysis of the Familial Ecclesiology of Hebrews"*
- 4:30     **Ryan Austin Fitzgerald**, The University of Texas at Austin  
          *"Sexual Semantics: Alternative Lineage in the Acts of Paul and Thecla"*

## **Sunday Evening**

### **Special Session I: Sunday Evening Dinner (Schroer Commons) and Plenary (Chapel) 5:30-8:00**

*Banquet: 5:30-6:30*

*Plenary: 6:45-8:00*

**Prof. John Walton**, Professor of Old Testament, Wheaton College & Graduate School

**"The Israelite Conquest"**

***Student Paper Award Announced at the Banquet***

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**Monday 9:15-12:00, Hebrew Bible II (Classroom 200)**

9:15     **Marshall Johns**, Asbury Theological Seminary

“The Third Commandment As Prophetic Call”

9:55     **Michael Francis**, John Brown University

“Philo of Alexandria on Refuge for the Homicide in Biblical Law”

10:35     **BREAK**



- 10:40 **Richard Liantonio**, The University of Manchester  
 “Enlightening the Eyes: Happiness, Metaphor, and Coherence in Psalm 19”
- 11:20 **David P. Melvin**, Illinois Wesleyan University / Eden Theological Seminary  
 “Priestly Elements in Apocalyptic Literature and the Social Background of Early Jewish Apocalypticism”

**Monday 9:00-12:00, New Testament II (Classroom 201)**

*Convener: James Ware, University of Evansville*

- 9:00 **Robert L. Mowery**, Illinois Wesleyan University  
 “‘Why?’ (Mark 15:34 and Matt 27:46)”
- 9:30 **Daniel L. Smith**, Saint Louis University  
 “The Many Temples of the Second Temple Period: Looking Beyond Jerusalem”
- 10:00 **Justus Freeman**, B. H. Carroll Theological Institute  
 “Two Sermons: A Presentation of the Thematic Relationship between the Temple Sermon of Jeremiah 7 and the Baptism Pericope of Matthew 3:7-10”
- 10:30 **Ben Nickodemus**, Concordia Seminary  
 “Ethnic and apocalyptic arguments in Galatians 3 united through the concept of promise”
- 11:00 **Paul Euihyun Chung**, Vanderbilt University Divinity School  
 “Ethnic Nationalism and Its Consequences: Korean Racial Homogeneity and Jewish Elitism”
- 11:30 **Joseph Culbertson**, The King’s University, Southlake, TX  
 “Revelation 7 and the Destiny of the Righteous among the Nations in Jewish Literature”

## **Monday 10:00-Noon, Gender Issues (Breakout Room 222)**

### **General conversation on Gender Issues**

*Conveners: Laurel Koepf Taylor, Eden Theological Seminary; Leah Schulte, Doane University*

## **Monday Afternoon**

### **Monday 12:00-1:00, Lunch and Business Meeting (McCarthy Room)**

### **Monday 1:00 – 3:00, New Testament III: Panel Review of James Ware, *Paul's Theology in Context: Creation, Incarnation, Covenant, and Kingdom* (Eerdmans, 2019) (Classroom 201)**

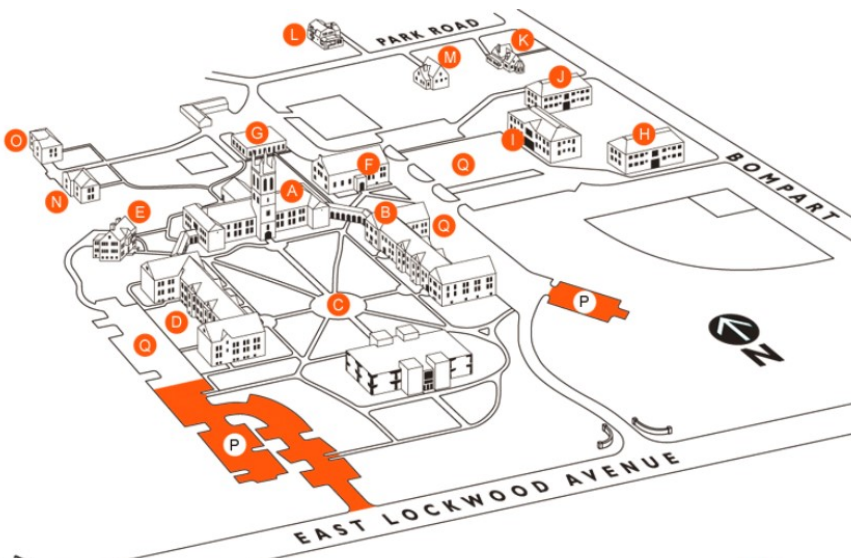
*Convener: Mark D. Given, Missouri State University*

- 1:00     **Ben Nickodemus**, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis  
          "Review of 'Part 1: Creation'"
- 1:15     **Matthew C. Easter**, Missouri Baptist University  
          "Review of 'Part 2: Incarnation'"
- 1:30     **Olegs Andrejevs**, Carthage College  
          "Review of 'Part 3: Covenant'"
- 1:45     **David Armstrong**, Washington University, St. Louis  
          "Review of 'Part 4: Kingdom'"
- 2:00     **Paul Hartog**, Faith Baptist Bible College and Seminary  
          "Review of 'Part 5: Paul and Christian Origins'"
- 2:15     **James Ware**, University of Evansville  
          "Author Response"
- 2:40     **General Discussion**

## Business meeting agenda:

1. Call to order and reading of the minutes (2018 meeting)
2. Old business
3. New business
  - a. Future of the Central States Region
  - b. Next year's meeting location
  - c. Next year's plenary speaker
4. Adjourn

## Eden Theological Seminary Campus Map



**A: Press Building**

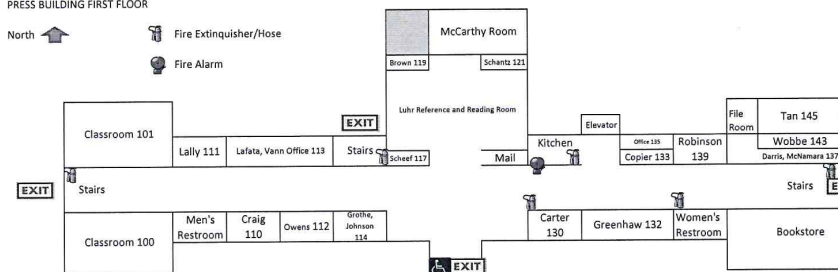
**F: Schroer Building**

**Q: Parking**

## Map of Press Building at Eden Theological Seminary

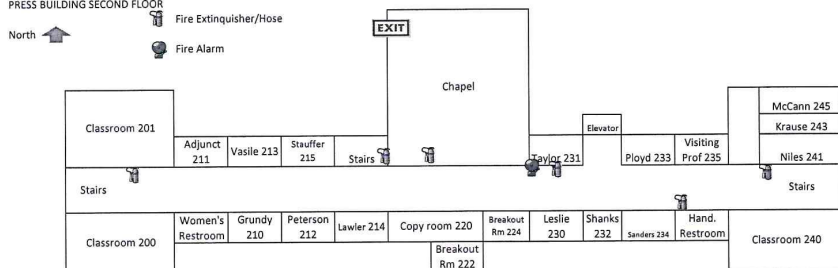
### PRESS BUILDING FIRST FLOOR

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### PRESS BUILDING SECOND FLOOR

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## Room Assignments:

### ***Press Building***

Book Display: Chapel

Plenary Sessions: Chapel

Business Meetings: McCarthy Room

Gender Studies: Breakout Rm 222

Hebrew Bible: Classroom 200

New Testament: Classroom 201

### ***Schroer Commons***

Banquet