

***Program for
the 2020 Annual
Central States Regional Meeting***

The Society of Biblical Literature

***Plenary Speaker
Prof. Craig Keener***

***Professor of Biblical Studies
Asbury Theological Seminary***

March 7-8, 2020

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

Keynote Speaker for the 2020 Meeting:

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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.

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, Bill Lyons for Hebrew Bible, Laurel Koepf-Taylor 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. Craig Keener, 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.

Respectfully,

Matt Easter, Regional Coordinator

Special Sessions

Publishers Display and Bookstore

Saturday, 1:00-5:00 PM

Sunday, 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: Saturday 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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Planning /Business Meetings

Sunday, 8:00-9:00 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.

Sunday, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM (McCarthy Room)

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. *Lunch will be provided for full SBL members*

Chronological Schedule

Summary

Saturday

- Registration: 11:30AM-5:00PM
- Publishers Display: 1:00-5:00PM (Chapel)
- Hebrew Bible I: 1:00-5:00PM (Classroom 200)
- New Testament I: 1:00-5:30PM (Classroom 201)
- Banquet: 5:30-6:30PM (Schroer Commons)
- Plenary: 6:30-8:00PM (Chapel)

Sunday

- Planning Meeting: 8:00-9:00AM (McCarthy Room)
- Publishers Display: 9:00AM-1:00PM (Chapel)
- Hebrew Bible II: 9:30-11:30AM (Classroom 200)
- New Testament II: 9:00-11:30AM (Classroom 201)
- Gender Issues Discussion: 10:00-11:30AM (Room 222)
- Lunch Break / Business Meeting: 11:30AM-1:00PM
- Hebrew Bible III: 1:00-3:00PM (Classroom 200)
- New Testament III: 1:00-3:30PM (Classroom 201)

Saturday Morning

Registration (pre-registrants pick up name tags) 11:30-5:00 PM

Saturday Afternoon

Saturday 1:00-5:00, Hebrew Bible I (Classroom 200)

Convener: William L. Lyons, Oral Roberts University

- 1:00 **David Baker**, Ashland Theological Seminary
"What was Going on at Sodom? Genesis 19:1–29 in its Wider Context"
- 1:30 **Samuel Slade Hogan**, Asbury Theological Seminary
"Qohelet's Depressing Didactic Against Daniel's Hopeful Apocalyptic: An Intertextual Study of Meaninglessness and Resurrection"
- 2:00 **Richard Liantonio**, University of Manchester
"One Thing I Have Desired: A New Argument for an Alternate Reading of Psalm 27:4 in Light of Conceptual Metaphor Theory"
- 2:30 **Break**
- 3:00 **Rosanne Liebermann**, Washington University in St. Louis
"'Kings 'Who Sit on the Throne of David': Doing Justice and Righteousness in Jeremiah and Ezekiel"
- 3:30 **Pamela Idriss**, Oral Roberts University
"A Textual Critical Analysis of 1 Samuel 2:22–23"
- 4:00 **Hebrew Bible General Discussion**

Saturday 1:00-5:00, New Testament I (Classroom 201)

Convener: Mark Given, Missouri State University

- 1:00 **Olegs Andrejevs**, Carthage College
"The Synoptic Debate: 'Minor Agreements' and Mark-Q Overlaps"
- 1:30 **Joshua Paul Smith**, University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology
"'Beginning with Moses and All the Prophets': Luke's Jewish Interpretation of Israel's Scriptures"

- 2:00 **Cary Smith**, Covenant Theological Seminary
 “Love and Longing in 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13: Revising Robert Funk’s Exclusive-Authority View of the Apostolic Parousia”
- 2:30 **Break**
- 3:00 **Daniel L. Smith**, Saint Louis University
 “Emulation vs. Supersession: Striving with Israel in Corinth”
- 3:30 **Mitchell L. Holley**, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
 “‘Live as Worthy Citizens’: The Politeuomai Metaphor in Philippians”
- 4:00 **Paul S. Bebout**, London School of Theology/Asbury Theological Seminary
 “Jesus, Ideal Prototype or Prototypical Ingroup Member in Hebrews?”
- 4:30 **Jennifer L. Greig-Berens**, Regent University
 “The Poetics of Apocalypse: Reconstructing the Communal Lyrics of Revelation 5:8–14”

Saturday Evening

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

Banquet: 5:30-6:30

Plenary: 6:45-8:00

Prof. Craig Keener, Professor of Biblical Studies, Asbury Theological Seminary

Student Paper Award Announced at the Banquet

Sunday Morning

Planning Meeting

Sunday, 8:00-9:00 (McCarthy Room)

Sunday 9:30-11:30, Hebrew Bible II (Classroom 200)

Convener: William L. Lyons, Oral Roberts University

- 9:30 **Michael Francis**, John Brown University
 “Philo of Alexandria on the Nazirite”
- 10:00 **Chris Paris**, Urshan Graduate School of Theology
 “The Prophetic Contest Type Scene”
- 10:30 **Victor H. Matthews**, Missouri State University
 “A Sensory and Spatial Examination of Josiah at Bethel (2 Kgs 23:16–19)”
- 11:00 **Jordan M. Way**, Oxford University
 “Queen Esther’s Thousand and One Nights: Textual Resignification and the Ancient Narrative Tradition”

Sunday 9:00-11:30, New Testament II: (Mostly) Matthew (Classroom 201)

Convener: Matthew Easter, Missouri Baptist University

- 9:00 **Susan Rieske**, North Park Theological Seminary
 “Matthew’s Lost Generation: Matt 1:17 Revisited”
- 9:30 **Justus Freeman**, B. H. Carroll Theological Institute
 “The False Prophets and Tree Imagery in Matthew and Jeremiah: An Intertextual Relationship between Matthew 7:15-20 and Jeremianic Message”
- 10:00 **John Genter**, Baylor University
 “The Mysteries of the Kingdom in Matthew 13:11: Probing a Purported ‘Scholarly Consensus’”

10:30 **Rev. Kimberly C. Orr**, Windsor Village United Methodist Church,
Houston, TX
"Is Matthew 28:18-20 Evidence of an Eschatological 'Ordo
Discipulus' in the Early Church?"

11:00 **Jared C. Calaway**, Illinois College
"Jesus and the Ancient Abattoir: Sacrifice and the Missing Animals of
the Gospels"

Sunday 10:00-11:30, Gender Issues (Breakout Room 222)

General conversation on Gender Issues

Convener: Laurel Koepf Taylor, Eden Theological Seminary

Sunday Afternoon

Sunday 11:30-1:00, Break for lunch / Business Meeting (McCarthy Room)

Lunch will be provided for full SBL members

Sunday 1:00–3:00, Hebrew Bible III (Classroom 200)

Convener: William L. Lyons, Oral Roberts University

1:00 **Cade A. Rich**, Asbury Theological Seminary
"Look Again: Unveiling the Intertextual Dialogue Between Job's
Wisdom Discourse and the Law"

1:30 **Nathan C. Stewart, Jr.**, University of the South
"Revisiting לִפְתֹּחַ חֲטָאֵת רִבִּי (Gen 4:7b)"

2:00 **Victoria Campbell**, London School of Theology
"The Genesis Stele: Sumero-Hebraic Theological History in
Genesis 2–11"

Hebrew Bible Concluding Discussion

Sunday 1:00 – 3:30, New Testament III: Galatians (Classroom 201)

Convener: James Ware, University of Evansville

Informal Respondent: Craig S. Keener, Asbury Theological Seminary

1:00 **James Ware**, University of Evansville
"The Function of 'Flesh and Blood' (Gal 1:16) in Galatians 1"

1:30 **Timothy Milinovich**, Dominican University
"Cross Talk: The Cross and the Law in the Campaign Rhetoric of
Galatians"

2:00 **Mark Given**, Missouri State University
"Everything I Ever Needed to Know about Paul, Rhetoric, and
Galatians I Learned from Augustine"

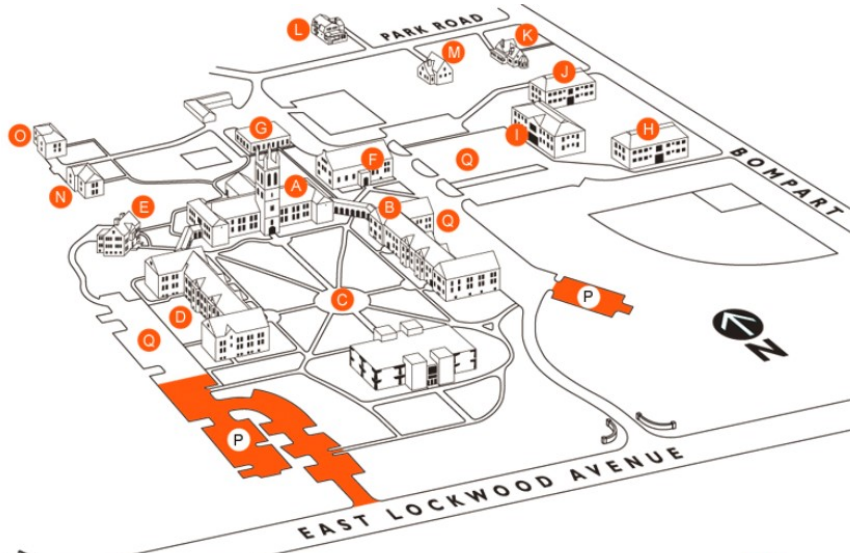
2:30 **Robin Thompson**, Dallas Theological Seminary
"Paul's Declaration of Freedom from a Freed Slave's Perspective"

3:00 **Danny McNamara**, Baptist Bible College and Seminary
"From Jacob to the 'Israel of God': An Investigation into the Context
of Paul's Benediction for 'Tricksters' in Galatians 6:16"

Business meeting agenda:

1. Call to order and reading of the minutes (2019 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

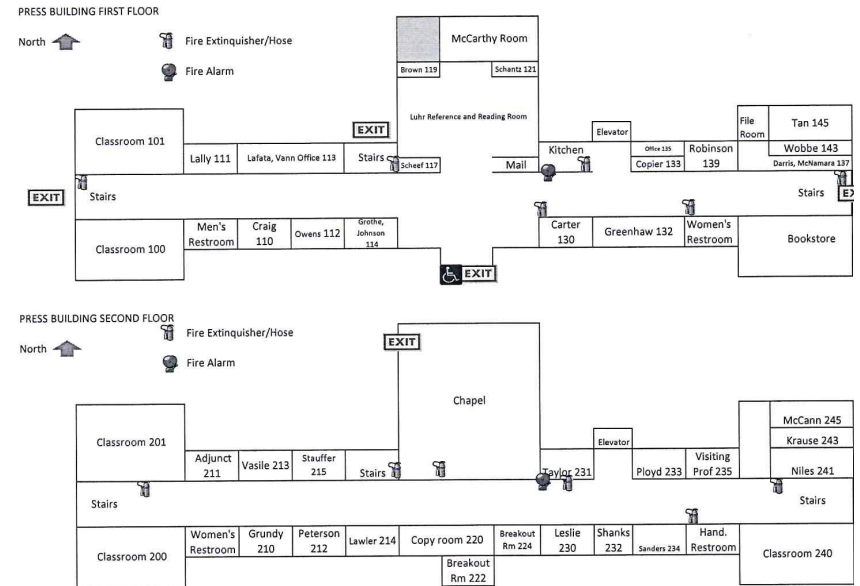


A: Press Building

F: Schroer Building

Q: Parking

Map of Press Building at Eden Theological Seminary



Room Assignments:

Press Building

Book Display: Chapel

Plenary Sessions: Chapel

Business Meeting: McCarthy Room

Gender Studies: Breakout Rm 222

Hebrew Bible: Classroom 200

New Testament: Classroom 201

Schroer Commons

Banquet