

**Program for
the 2014 Annual
Central States Regional Meeting
of**

The Society of Biblical Literature

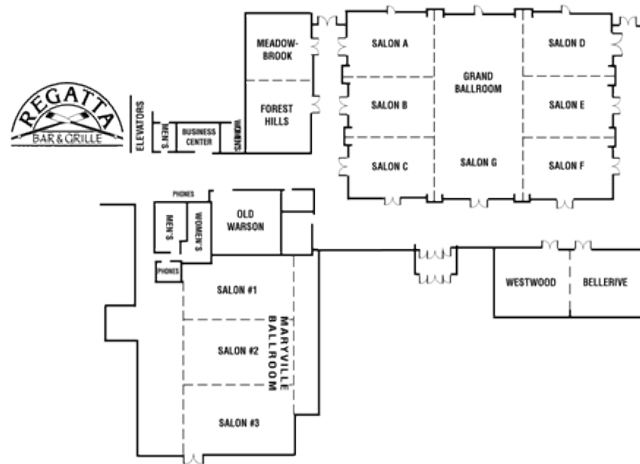
***American Schools of Oriental
Research***

Plenary Speaker

Dr. Carol A. Newsom

**Candler School of Religion and the
Graduate Division of Religion
At Emory University**

**March 16-17, 2014
St. Louis Marriott West**



Room Assignments:

Book Display-----Maryville III
All Plenary Sessions-----Maryville I and II
ASOR-----Old Warson
Gender and Religious Studies Westwood
Hebrew Bible-----Meadowbrook
New Testament-----Forest Hills
Pedagogy-----Meadowbrook
Theta Alpha Kappa -----Meadowbrook
**Rooms subject to change; updated schedule
will be available at the meeting registration table**

Keynote Speaker for the 2014 Meeting:

Dr. Carol A. Newsom

Candler School of Theology and the Graduate Division of Religion
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**“At Home or Homeless? The Wisdom Tradition and Contemporary
Philosophy on the Problem of Evil”**

Professor Newsom holds an MTS from Harvard Divinity School (1975) and a PhD from Harvard University, the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (1982). Since 1980 she has taught Hebrew Bible at the Candler School of Theology and the Graduate Division of Religion of Emory University. In 2005 she was named to be a Charles Howard Candler Distinguished Professor at Emory University in recognition of excellence in research and teaching. She currently serves as the Director of the Graduate Division of Religion. Professor Newsom's scholarly interests are broad, serving as a member of the international team of translators of the Dead Sea Scrolls (as the first woman to be named to the team) and recently producing a monograph entitled *The Self as Symbolic Space: Constructing Identity and Community in the Dead Sea Scrolls* (Brill, 2004; SBL, 2007). She is also a scholar of the wisdom literature, having published a commentary on the book of Job (in the New Interpreter's Bible Commentary series with Abingdon Press) and a monograph, *The Book of Job: A Contest of Moral Imaginations* (Oxford University Press, 2003). She also has co-edited with Sharon Ringe and Jacqueline Lapsley *The Women's Bible Commentary*, a revised and expanded 20th anniversary edition of which appeared in 2012.

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Message from the Regional Coordinator

Dear Colleagues,

First, I would like to thank the various section leaders, who are responsible for putting together our various sessions.: Mark Given for New Testament, David Chapman for ASOR, Roger Cotton, Hebrew Bible, Deborah Krause for Gender and Religious Studies, and Kristin Swanson for Pedagogy. Some of the preparations were new assignments and joint assignments for our section leadership.

Second, I thank those who have chosen to present the fruits of their scholarship, those who gather for this meeting. Included in my thanks is an expression of gratitude to Dr. Carol Newsom, our plenary speaker. Many thanks to John Strong for leading out in securing Dr. Newsom's participation this year.

Third, I offer a special thanks to the publishers who contributed in various ways to our book display. **Eerdmans sent a personal representative; Fortress, Zondervan, Baker, WJK and SBL have sent books for display. In addition, Fortress contributed funds to cover the costs of our first day coffee break.**

The staff of the Marriott Hotel has been most helpful in the transition from Brad Chance's leadership to my own and I express appreciation for their dedication and professionalism. I also thank Brad Chance for his encouragement and advice in the process of preparation of the meeting.

Finally, SBL continues to work well with the regional coordinators, most especially in assisting us to keep regional webpages updated. And this year they helped us again by overseeing on-line registration. There were three other regionals registering online, making the national office's work of coordination especially demanding.

I extend my thanks to all who contributed to the effort, most especially those who support the meeting through their attendance and presentation and who bring their students so that they can be a part of the proceedings.

Respectfully,

Milton Horne, Regional Coordinator

Special Sessions

Publishers Display and Bookstore

Sunday, 1:00 pm – 6:00 PM

Monday, 9:00 am – 3:00 PM

Please visit the Publishers Display and Bookstore. You will find resources for your classes, scholarly research, and your own personal study. Many titles will be significantly discounted. We also want to thank our publishers who joined us at our meeting this year!

Special Session I: Sunday Evening Reception, 5:00 pm–6:00 PM

Join us for some hors d'oeuvres and good conversation, to be located outside the Book Display. Here is a chance to renew acquaintances, make new friends, or commit the sin of gluttony!

Special Session II: Sunday Evening Dinner and Plenary, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Dinner is included in the registration fee for all full-members. Persons who would like to purchase banquet tickets may do so at the Registration Table for \$30.00, while supplies last.

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**“At Home or Homeless? The Wisdom Tradition and Contemporary
Philosophy on the Problem of Evil”**

Special Session III: Theta Alpha Kappa

Convener: Milton Horne, William Jewell College

Sunday Evening, following Special Session II (approximately 8:15 PM)

Special Session IV: Breakfast Planning Meeting

Monday, 7:15 – 8:00 AM

The various sections will meet together, select chairpersons, plan for next year's sessions, and discuss other matters, including the plenary speaker for 2014. Breakfast will be \$10.00 (in advance only).

Special Session V: A Conversation with Carol Newsom

Monday, 8:15-9:00 AM (Maryville I and II)

This is an opportunity for all participants to meet with Carol Newsom, our plenary speaker, to discuss her address and other matters of appropriate interest to the membership.

Special Session VI: Monday Plenary Business Session

Lunch and Business Meeting

Monday, 12:00 pm – 1:00 PM

A deli style buffet will be served for all those who purchase the lunch (\$17.00 in advance; \$19.00 at the meeting). The business session will bring us up to date on concerns for our regional ARM of the SBL, including prices for next year..

Chronological Schedule

Sunday Morning

Publishers Display and Bookstore 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Registration (pre-registrants pick up packets) 10:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Enjoy the Coffee/Snack break hosted by Fortress Press!

Sunday Afternoon

Pedagogy (12:30 – 1:30)

Convener: Kristin Swanson, Luther College

"Effective Teaching and Learning: A Student Panel."

Sarah Hulberg, Luther College; Ashley Mix, William Jewell College

Gender Issues and Religious Studies (Sunday, 1:30 – 4:30)

Laurel Koepf Taylor, Eden Theological Seminary, Presiding

- 1:30 Jennifer Gates**, Eden Theological Seminary
"Gender and Ontology in Genesis 2."
- 2:00 Jennifer Williams**, Vanderbilt University
"Ruth's Private Contracts and Acts of Self-Care."
- 2:30 Nokuphiwa Langeni**, Chicago Theological Seminary
"Border Crossing Femininity in the Bible."
- 3:30 Susan Kray**, Indiana State University at Terre Haute
"And Then... He is Abducted, Sold, Dispossessed, Enslaved,
Exiled, Sacrificed or Almost Sacrificed, Jailed, and/or Massacred:
The Down Side of Male Privilege in Some Tanakh Texts."
- 4:00 Maria Griswold**, Eden Theological Seminary
"1 Corinthians 7 – Ethics, Sexuality and Gender Roles in Christian
Science and other Churches."

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ASOR Session (1:30 - 5:00)

Convener: David Chapman, Covenant Theological Seminary

- 1:30 Victor H. Matthews**, Missouri State University
"Using Social Science Models to Open up the World of Ancient Israel."
- 2:00 David W. Chapman**, Covenant Theological Seminary
"'Hang Him Upon a Tree' – Impalement and Bodily Suspension in Egypt, the ANE, and the Hebrew Bible."
- 2:30 Sara Orel**, Truman State University
"Burials and Building Blocks: Spatial Reuse at the Gebel es-Sheikh el-Haridi, Egypt."
- 3:00 Jared Chatfield**, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
"Pillared Buildings and City Planning in the Iron II."
- 3:30 Peter Warnock**, Missouri Valley College
"The Use of Olive Pressing Wastes '*jift*' as Fuel: An Ethnographic Study."
- 4:00 Susan Ellis**, Wayne State College, and **Cheryl Eaton**, Trinity College, Bristol
"An Engraving from Abila."
- 4:30 Paul Mirecki**, University of Kansas
"Greek Temple Warning Inscriptions: a Study of the Type and its Functions."

New Testament I: Paul (Sunday, 1:30 – 5:00)

Convener: Matt Thiessen, St. Louis University

- 1:30 James Ware**, University of Evansville
"The Salvation of Creation: Seneca and Paul on the Cosmos and its Renewal."
- 2:00 Robert L. Mowery**, Illinois Wesleyan University
"Slaves, Freedpersons, Freeborn, and Romans 8:12-17."

- 2:30 Nii Addo Abrahams**, Missouri State University
“A Fool’s Wisdom, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25.”
- 3:00 Mark D. Given**, Missouri State University
“The Ends of Suffering: the Rhetorical and Theological Goals of 2 Corinthians.”
- 3:30 Bradley Arnold**, Southwest Baptist University
“αὐτάρκης in Stoicism and Phil 4:11: Challenging Modernist Readings of ‘Self-Sufficiency’”
- 4:00 Matthew A. Goetz**, Eden Theological Seminary
“‘With God on Our Side’: the Apostle Paul and Post-9/11 American Christian Exceptionalism.”
- 4:30 Paul Hartog**, Faith Baptist Seminary
“Paul as Epistolary Author and Church Planter in *1 Clement* and Polycarp’s *Philippians*”

Hebrew Bible Session I (Sunday, 3:00-5:00)

Convener: Roger Cotton, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

- 3:00 Geoffrey David Miller**, St. Louis University
“A Benign Deity Tests an Inadequate Father: A New Reading of the Aqedah.”
- 3:30 Paul R. Raabe**, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
“The Righteous and the Wicked in the Psalms: An Asymmetrical Anthropology.”
- 4:00 John Strong**, Missouri State University
“Amos, the Voice of the Lion Roaring from Zion.”
- 4:30 Matthew Umbarger**, Newman University, Wichita
“Sacrifice and the Structure of the Books of Samuel.”

Sunday Evening

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Special Session II: Sunday Evening Dinner and Plenary (6:00 – 8:00)

Dr. Carol A. Newsom, Candler School of Theology and the Graduate Division of Religion at Emory University

“At Home or Homeless: The Wisdom Tradition and Contemporary Philosophy on the Problem of Evil.”

Special Session III Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society (begins at approximately 8:15 PM)

Convener: Milton Horne, William Jewell College

Approximately 15 minutes per paper, plus five minutes for discussion between papers [20 minutes total]

Levi Bakerink, Evangel University

“Jeremiah and יִרְמְיָהוּ”

Ashley Mix, William Jewell College.

“The Existence of Free Will.”

Ben Batzer, Truman State University.

“Is Symbolic Israel Really Problematic? Distinguishing Metaphor and Symbol as Figurative Language.”

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Hebrew Bible Session II (Monday, 9:30 -12:00) **Convener: Roger Cotton, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary**

- 9:30** **David P. Melvin**, McKendree University / Washington University
“There is a God in Heaven Who Reveals Mysteries: Anti-Divinatory Polemics in Gen 41 and Dan 2.”
- 10:00** **Bryan Miller**, University of Kansas
“Justifying Divine Violence: The Metaphor of the Bloody City in Ezekiel 22.”
- 10:30** **Victor Matthews**, Missouri State University
“Remembering Egypt.”
- 11:00** **David T. Crater**, University of Birmingham
“So I Hated Life: Qoheleth, the Problem of Evil, the Wisdom Tradition, and Contemporary Scholarship.”
- 11:30** **Andrew Giorgetti**, Fuller Theological Seminary
“Jael as Victorious King and the Woman at the Window: Transfiguration and Tradition of Two Iconographic Motifs in Judges 5:24-30.”

New Testament II: Gospels (Monday, 9:00 – 12:00) **Convener: James Ware, University of Evansville**

- 9:00** **Matthew Thiessen**, Saint Louis University
“Reading Mark 10:42-45 in Rome.”
- 9:30** **David H. Sick**, Rhodes College
“The Symposium of the 5,000.”
- 10:00** **Olegs Andrejevs**, Loyola University-Chicago
“‘...but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.’ Late Second Temple mythology in Q 9:57-58.”
- 10:30** **David K. Bryan**, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
“Replanting the Mustard Seed (and Leaven): A Co(n)textual Reading of Kingdom Parables in the Gospel of Luke.”
- 11:00** **Ellis, J. Edward**, Olivet Nazarene University
“We Are the One Percent: Trading Places and Shifting Ratios in Luke 15.”
- 11:30** **Mark Appold**, Truman State University
“The Five Disciples of Bethsaida.”

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Special Session VI: Monday Plenary Business Session

Lunch and Business Meeting

Monday, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

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New Testament III (Monday, 1:00 – 3:00)

Convener: Mark Given, Missouri State University

- 1:00 Daniel L. Smith**, Saint Louis University
“Preparing a Way through the Wilderness: The New Exodus Motif in New Testament Scholarship.”
- 1:30 Todd R. Chipman**, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
“140 Characters @ Qumran: Scripture, Social Media, and Worldview Wars.”
- 2:00 T. W. Dilbeck**, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion
“The Creation and Destruction of Many Worlds: Epicurean Terminology for the Ethical Problem of Evil in Genesis Rabbah 9.2.”
- 2:30 Eric R. Montgomery**, McMaster University
“Wisdom and the Restoration of Paradise in Early Judaism and Christianity.”

Hebrew Bible Session III (Monday, 1:30-2:30)

Convener: Paul Raabe, Concordia Theological Seminary

- 1:30 Marshall H. Lewis**, Chicago Theological Seminary
“Viktor Frankl and The Book Of Job.”
- 2:00 Brendon C. Benz**, William Jewell College
“The Reforms of Jeroboam I: Religious Heresy or Political Orthodoxy?”

**Minutes of Business meeting
Central States SBL, March 17-18, 2013
St. Louis, Missouri**

Agenda

Minutes of last meeting (2012): Approved as read.

Reports: President's report.

1. Report of online difficulties; was given Samantha Spitzner's email:
samantha.spitzner@sbl-site.org.

2. Admonished the society about the lateness of registration and room reservation. Treasurer's report: Prereg: 51; on-site, Prereg amount 3156.00; on-site: Total of 654 (as compared with 67 preregistered online last year) .

3. Books: Students need to claim their free books; for others, half price. It is a donation, but it helps the society. Society needs the help by members buying the books. Our numbers for this year are down. Last year we preregistered 67 as compared with 51 this year (but we sold 48 banquets last year as opposed to 55 this year). Our initial intake this year was 3156.00, so we are a little low. We'll see how everything shakes out when we get all of the data in.

4. This year's publishers: Hendrickson, Zondervan, Baker, IVP. Moyer: Concerned that Abingdon is not here. Last week Abingdon was selling the NIDB at 75% off at the Southwest regional meeting. They want to move the NIDB, so write them to see if they will do it.

5. See treasurer's report from 2012 printed in your program. Note an \$8003.00 balance (we did not have last year). Atlanta provided this report for this year. Much more helpful. However, we are charged for this service.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. New Officers: a. Horne nominated as Regional Coordinator; b. Raabe nominated as Treasurer. c. Cotton to take Raabe's place as OT section coordinator. Nomination committee consisted of past regional coordinators: Moyer, Strong, Mathews, and Chance. No challenges. Affirmed by acclamation.

2. Next year's meeting 3.16-3.17: Room rates will go up 2.00 to 87.00. About a 3% price increase in food. No objections.

3. Pay Pal for credit on book charges? Might try this next year.

Recorded by Milton P. Horne, Treasurer

Society of Biblical Literature	
Balance Sheet - *Regions Balance Sheet	
740 - Central States Region	
As of 1/31/2014	
ASSETS	7,698.31
BEGINNING NET ASSETS	
Total Beginning Net Assets	8,995.47
INCREASE (DECREASE) to NET ASSETS from	
Revenue	
Registration Fees	2,324.00
Other Meeting Revenue	769.75
Contributions and Gifts	200.00
Regional Subvention	1,500.00
Total Revenue	4,793.75
Expenses	
Honoraria	(950.00)
Fees - General	(10.00)
Office Supplies	(114.51)
Volunteer Transportation	(500.41)
Hospitality Expenses	(4,452.94)
Other Meeting Expenses	(63.05)
Total Expenses	(6,090.91)
Total Increase (Decrease) to adjust beginning Net Assets	(1,297.16)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	7,698.31