
SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE - PACIFIC COAST REGION 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

March 13–14, 2016

Claremont Graduate University – School of Arts and Humanities

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Submission Deadline: November 13, 2015

The 2016 meeting of the Pacific Coast Region of the Society of Biblical Literature will be held March 13–14, 2016 at the Claremont Graduate University School of Arts and Humanities in Claremont, California. Members wishing to present papers should email a program participation form and a one-page abstract (300 words maximum) to the appropriate program unit chair. First-time presenters must submit complete papers. Papers from established scholars are particularly encouraged.

For further information about the call for papers, or questions about an area of study not covered in program units, contact the SBL-PCR Regional Coordinator: Christopher Heard, Pepperdine University, cheard@pepperdine.edu.

DUE DATES

Call for papers opens	August 17, 2015
Call for paper closes	November 13, 2015
Decisions announced	December 18, 2015
Application for awards	January 15, 2016
Award decisions announced	June 10, 2016

PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-registration information will be available in January 2016. SBL membership is required for participation in the program; non-members may register and attend the meeting. For membership inquiries and registration visit: <http://www.sbl-site.org/>.

SBL-PCR PROGRAM UNITS

HEBREW BIBLE

Chair: Mignon R. Jacobs, Fuller Theological Seminary, jacobs@fuller.edu

The Hebrew Bible/Old Testament unit invites proposals for papers focusing on any portion of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, interpretive methodology for its study, its historical and cultural contexts, its reception history, and other relevant studies.

THE BIBLE AND THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST

Chair: Brad E. Kelle, Point Loma Nazarene University, bradkelle@pointloma.edu

The Bible and the Ancient Near East unit invites proposals for twenty-minute papers exploring points of contact between biblical texts and interpretation and ancient Near Eastern contexts. These points of contact may be historical, literary, theological, social, or cultural.

JUDAISM IN THE GRECO-ROMAN ERA

Chair: Randall D. Chesnutt, Pepperdine University, chesnutt@pepperdine.edu

The Judaism in the Greco-Roman Era unit invites proposals on any aspect of Judaism between the late Persian period and the compilation of the Mishnah: textual, historical, theological, cultural, literary, archeological, methodological, or some combination.

NEW TESTAMENT: GOSPELS AND ACTS

Chair: Rebecca Skaggs, Patten University, rjskaggs@aol.com

The New Testament: Gospels and Acts unit invites proposals dealing with topics in the areas of New Testament texts and traditions related to the gospels and Acts.

NEW TESTAMENT: EPISTLES AND APOCALYPSE

Chair: Kenneth L. Waters, Azusa Pacific University, kwaters@apu.edu

The New Testament: Epistles and Apocalypse unit invites proposals that focus within a wide range of exegetical and hermeneutical issues elicited by the Pauline, Johannine, and general epistles; the book of Hebrews, and the book of Revelation.

SBL/PCR AWARDS

All award applications must submit a completed paper to the appropriate unit chair by the due date shown in the call for papers. Faculty members are encouraged to nominate students or recent graduates with the understanding that the student or graduate must submit a paper for consideration.

An applicant may seek only one of the following awards during any given award year (the “award year” begins with the publication of the call for papers and ends with announcement of awards), and may submit only one paper for award consideration. All papers submitted for awards must be new, original work; a paper previously submitted for an award may not be resubmitted for either award.

Regional Scholar Nominee

Award: One prize of \$400, plus nomination for a national SBL Regional Scholar Award.

Eligible Applicants: Any SBL member who has earned a doctoral degree within the past four years or is at the ABD stage of a doctoral program.

Application Procedure: Submit a paper to one of the program unit chairs by the due date shown in the call for papers. On your participation form, indicate in the spaces provided that you wish to have the paper considered for a Regional Scholar Nominee designation. Send your proposal/paper and participation form to the program unit chair as normal, but *also* send copies of the same documents—*plus a completed paper and a current CV*—to the Regional Coordinator, Christopher Heard (cheard@pepperdine.edu), by the due date shown in the call for papers.

Student Essay Award

Award: One prize of \$250.

Eligible Applicants: Any SBL student member.

Application Procedure: Submit a paper to one of the program unit chairs by the due date shown in the call for papers. On your participation form, indicate in the spaces provided that you wish to have the paper considered for a Student Essay Award. Send your proposal/paper and participation form to the program unit chair as normal, but *also* send copies of the same documents—*plus a completed paper and a current CV*—to the Regional Coordinator, Christopher Heard (cheard@pepperdine.edu), by the due date shown in the call for papers.

Criteria for Evaluation

Applications for both awards are judged on the following criteria, with higher expectations for Regional Scholar Nominee applicants than for Student Award applicants.

- Presentation content
 - Clarity of expression and argumentation
 - Knowledge and critical use of scholarly resources and publications related to the topic
 - Use and knowledge of the primary sources related to the topic of the paper
 - Originality of ideas and solutions developed in the paper
- Presentation delivery
 - Clear articulation of argument advanced
 - Even and engaging delivery
 - Clear pronunciation and style appropriate to oral presentation
 - Creative use of materials that aid the presentation