SBL-MAR Annual Conference  
Newburgh, New York  
March 7-9, 2014

President: Danna Nolan Fewell, Drew University; Vice-President/President-Elect: Robert Seesengood, Albright College; Regional Coordinator: Robert Miller, Catholic University of America; Graduate Student Director: Vinnie Moulton, Temple University

Registration  
LOCATION TBD  
Friday 5:30-7 pm; Saturday 9 am-6 pm; Sunday 9-10:30 am

Exhibitors Hall  
LOCATION TBD  
Saturday: 9 am-6 pm; Sunday: 9 am-12 pm

Friday, March 7  
6:45-9:00 pm  
Old Testament Writings  
Location TBD  
Moderator: Alexandria Frisch, Ursinus College

*There is No Humility Without Defeat: The Intended Lesson of the Manasseh Pericope in Chronicles*  
Zachary Levine, New York University

*“Irregular” Warriors: Stereotypes of Benjaminites in the Deuteronomistic History and Chronicles*  
Benjamin D. Giffone, University of Stellenbosch

*To Reveal and Conceal: Strategic Ambiguity in Fried Green Tomatoes and the Book of Ruth*  
Stephanie Day Powell, Drew University

Washing Away Sin: Metaphor and Inner-Biblical Allusion in Psalm 51  
Lesley DiFransico, Catholic University of America

New Directions in New Testament Interpretation  
Location TBD  
Moderator: Robert Paul Seesengood, Albright College

*When and What Was Biblical Postmodernism? A Postmortem*  
Stephen D. Moore, Drew University

Glossing Empire: A Poststructuralist / Postcolonial Reading of Acts 2:1-13  
Christy Cobb, Drew University

The Multinational Corporation of God: Globalization Studies and God’s Basileia  
Jason Coker, Albertus Magnus College,

*“Serve one another through love”: Communitarian Aspects of Paul’s Letter to the Galatians*  
Eric Plumer, University of Scranton
Saturday, March 8

8:00am-9:00am
MAR-SBL Business Meeting: LOCATION TBD

Saturday: Session 1 – 9:30-11:15 am

Former and Latter Prophets
Location TBD
Moderator: Mark Leuchter, Temple University

Reconsidering the Amalekites in Judges
Vincent Moulton, Temple University

Breath and Bone: God’s Presence in Ezekiel’s Text
Katherine Brown, Catholic University of America

Beginning of a Trend: The Diachronic Development of Solomon’s Prayer in 1 Kings 8
John Herbst, Union Presbyterian Seminary

Hellenistic Judaism conversing with Greek Mythology: The Song of Deborah
Nathan LaMontagne, Catholic University of America

Reception History
Location TBD
Moderator: C. L. Seow, Princeton Theological Seminary

Sons of Lamech: Noah and Tubal-Cain as Culture Heroes
Jack Collins, Independent Scholar

Lots Wife: Memory, Monument, and Reception
Katherine Low, Mary Baldwin College

From Egypt to Exegesis: The Genesis Wife-Sister Narratives in Second Temple and Late Antique Judaism
Jeffrey Garcia, Nyack College

“What Did Sarah Think About All This?” The Expansions of the Biblical Narrative in the Exegesis of Ephraem Graecus
Trevor Crowell, The Catholic University of America

AAR Scriptural Reasoning Section
Title: Lived Experience and Moral Interpretations of Scripture in American Philosophy
Location TBD
Moderator: Nauman Faizi, University of Virginia

Jane Addams on Matthew 16
Ann Duncan, Goucher College

George Santayana on Psalm 22, Matthew 6, and Surah 7
Jacob L. Goodson, Southwestern College

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Graduate Student Luncheon: Location TBD

Saturday: Session 2 – 1:00-2:45 pm

Keynote Paper and Responses
Location TBD
Traumatic Gaps and Swerves in the Biblical Corpus?: An exploration of communal forgetting and its impact on the Tanach
David Carr, Union Theological Seminary
Respondents:

Seth L. Sanders, Trinity College
Stephen L. Cook, Virginia Theological Seminary

The Synoptic Gospels and their Interpretation
Location TBD
Moderator: Kim Paffenroth, Iona College

For I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food: Pragmatics of Food Access in the Gospel of Matthew
Carol Wilson, Wesley Theological Seminary,

Jesus, A Prophet without Honor: Presumptuous Son or Uncredentialed Teacher?
Jonathan A. Blanke, Trinity Lutheran

"Something Greater than the Temple"
S. Notley, Nyack College

Eccentric Early Christian Explanations for Jesus' Bloody Death.
Frank Connolly-Weinert, St. John's University

2:45 – 3:00 Coffee Break – Location TBD

Saturday: Session 3 – 3:00-4:45 pm

The Oxford Handbook to Biblical Narrative: A Select Preview
Location TBD
Moderator: Danna Nolan Fewell, Drew University

Exodus and the Kinships of its Narrative Strangers
Kenneth Ngwa, Drew University

The Big Story: Metanarrative and the Letters from Paul
Melanie Johnson-Debaufre, Drew University

Story and Verse
Tod Linafelt, Georgetown University

Children in Biblical Narrative and Childist Interpretation
Kathleen Gallagher Elkins, Rutgers University, and Julie Faith Parker, Fordham University

Archaeology and the Ancient Near East
Location TBD
Moderator: Peter Feinman, Institute of History, Archaeology, and Education

Gender and the Ugaritic Goddess Anat: A Possible Explanation for Her Motives in Myths, Especially in the Epic of Aqhat
Kevin R. Hensler, Catholic University of America

The Four Lands of Mesha: An Analysis of Transjordanian Geography
David Z. Moster, New York University

Who Built the Tower of Babel?
Peter Feinman, Institute of History, Archaeology, and Education

6:15pm
Presidential Address and Reception: Location TBD
Sunday, March 9

Continental Breakfast: 8:00am – 8:45am, LOCATION TBD
*Section Chair Meeting: 8:00am – 8:45am, Location TBD

Sunday: Session 4 – 9:00-10:45 am

Keynote Paper and Responses
Location TBD
More that is Needed: Indelibly Ethical Reading and Luke's Gospel
Gary A. Phillips, Wabash College

Respondents:
Stephen Moore, Drew University
Robert Seesengood, Albright College
Jennifer Koosed, Albright College

Reception History
Location TBD
Moderator: Katherine Low, Mary Baldwin College

Father Jeremiah, Evangelist?: Sectarian Deployments of the Jeremian Tradition in 2 Baruch and 4 Baruch.”
Julie Pfau, Temple University,

Job the Ascetic: Origen's reading of the book of Job and its consequences
Adam Stokes, Princeton Theological Seminary

When God Abandons Us: A Look at the Book of Job in Film
Meghan Beddingfield, Princeton Theological Seminary

Pushing the Boundaries: Dürrer’s Apocalypse Woodcuts as a New Form of (Visual) Exegesis
Robin Whitaker, The Marc Sanders Foundation

Pentateuch and Prophets
Location TBD
Moderator: Katherine Brown, Catholic University of America

“Mouth to Mouth” and “Face to Face”: Is There Really Another Prophet Like Moses? (Deut. 18; Num. 12).
Virginia Wayland, University of Pennsylvania

Sarah Bollinger, Hebrew Union College

Kristopher McFadden, Evangelical Theological Seminary

An Unjust, Bloody Israelite God? Israel’s Conquest Foretold in Deuteronomy 1-3
Joshua Arp, University of Scranton.