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Your Invitation to the 2012 Annual Meeting

The Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion invite you to the 2012 Southeastern Regional Meeting from March 2-4 in Atlanta, GA at the Atlanta Marriott Century Center. For details about the hotel, go to: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/atln-atlanta-marriott-century-center/> .

Place your reservation by calling the hotel's toll-free reservation line (1-800-228-9290). Make sure you mention you are with the **SECSOR Conference** in order to receive the group rate. **Place your reservation by February 15, 2012.** Our room block will be released for general sale after that date, and the convention rate is not guaranteed.

Room Rate \$89.00

Special Programs

AAR Friday 1:00-3:00 pm Workshop

What Difference Does Place Make?: A Conversation on Religion, Land, and Pedagogy

How can religious and theological learning be deepened by sustained attention to and engagement with the land (the particular place in which education is happening) and our ecological context more broadly? And what challenges and opportunities greet teachers of religion and theology who seek this kind of deepened engagement through place-based pedagogies and other models of teaching and learning? Please join us for an open conversation on these themes, and the envisioning of a southern bio-regional network of scholars and teachers in religion and ecology. Our conversation will begin with some reflections on experiences,

interests and questions from key scholars in the field, including Dr. Barbara (Bobbi) Patterson, Emory University.

AAR Friday 4:30-6:00pm Workshop

Planning and Hosting Graduate Student Conferences

Graduate student conferences can be some of the most rewarding events of the PhD experience—they offer opportunities for developing professional friendships, presenting and getting feedback on early research, and otherwise networking with other aspiring professionals in your field. Attending conferences can be incredibly rewarding, and yet planning such a conference can seem like a daunting task for already stretched-thin graduate students. This graduate student run workshop aims to facilitate a discussion on planning and hosting an excellent grad student conference. From strategic visioning, to inviting your favorite scholar(s), to successfully securing funding, come hear about a cohort of graduate students who recently learned to swim in the organizational deep end. We'll swap ideas and stories about the best and worst of conference planning, including thoughts on starting your own graduate student conference.

AAR Saturday Noon

Town Hall on the Future of the AAR, Jack Fitzmier, Executive Director presiding

Meeting Pre-registration

Conference attendees have the option of registering on-line by the time you receive this Newsletter. Please check the SECSOR website <http://groups.wfu.edu/secsor/> for details.

Plans for Future Meetings

SECSOR meets in downtown Greenville, SC for 2013 (March 15-17). The 2014 site is open. Many future sites have been recommended to the Executive Committee, and we welcome institutions coming forward with an offer to host a future SECSOR meeting in their town. If you have questions or a suggested location, please contact Dr. Hoglund, our Executive Director.

Nominations

SBL-SE is seeking nominations for two officers: Vice-President Elect and Regional Coordinator. The position of Vice-President Elect “migrates” up the ladder of leadership; the second year one becomes the Vice-President for Programs; the third year one becomes the President and delivers a presidential address. The Regional Coordinator position is for three-years. The Regional Coordinator works with the Executive Director and leadership of SECSOR. The Regional Coordinator also belongs to the SBL committee of Regional Coordinators, which conducts business at the Annual Meeting. In return for service SBL picks up two nights of hotel charges. Self nominations are welcome. Send nominations to Vicki Phillips, phillips_v@wvwc.edu.

AAR/SE is seeking nominations for 2012-2013 Vice President elect. Forward nominations to Sally Holt sally.holt@belmont.edu .

SBL Regional Scholars Award

The Regional Scholar's Award is an SBL initiative to recognize and promote promising entry-level scholars in the field of biblical studies. The award includes various forms of recognition, including \$1000 to facilitate travel to and participation in the 2013 SBL Annual Meeting. Applicants must be at least ABD and no more than four years past receipt of the Ph.D. (at the time of application) and must present a paper at a 2012 SBL Regional meeting. Selection is based on the quality of the paper, oral presentation and scholarly promise as evaluated by both regional and national selection committees.

If you are eligible and interested, then the first step is to submit a paper proposal for presentation at the SECSOR meetings in Atlanta. If your paper is accepted, then you may apply for the Regional Scholars Award by submitting: (1) a brief statement requesting consideration for the award (an email message will suffice); (2) a copy of your paper as you will present it; (3) a c.v. which clearly indicates when you received your Ph.D. or became an ABD. The deadline for applications this year is Feb. 13, 2012.

For more information or to apply, contact Vicki Philips, SBL-SE Regional Coordinator (Phillips_v@wwvc.edu).

Program Notes

Business Meetings

Growth in participation and the need for more sessions means changes in our schedule. In order to provide each society with a separate time for business, please make notes of the following schedule for meetings. Make plans to attend these important meetings or contact your society representative with any business to be brought before the appropriate group. The preliminary schedule follows:

SECSOR—AAR, SBL, ASOR Joint Executive Committee, Fri. 3:00-4:00
SECSOR---AAR/SBL/ASOR Joint Business Meeting (Open to members of all societies), Fri. 4:00-5:00

AAR/SE Business Meeting, Sat. 12:45-1:15
SBL/SE Business Meeting, Sat. 1:15-1:45
ASOR/SE Business Meeting, Sat. 1:45-2:15

Program Schedule

The preliminary program schedule will be published in on-line, electronic format only in order to save publication costs and to avoid confusion with scheduling changes as the conference approaches. As always, the final schedule will be available in printed format on-site at the SECSOR information and registration table.

The preliminary schedule is now available on-line at <http://groups.wfu.edu/secsor/> . Please watch this site for updates, changes, room assignments, etc. as the conference approaches.

Women's Caucus Workshop and Saturday Breakfast (Sat. 7:30-8:45 am)

The Women's Caucus will have its regular Saturday morning breakfast. Please indicate on the pre-registration form your intent to attend.

Section Chairs' Breakfast (Sunday 7:00—8:15 am)

We invite section chairs for AAR, SBL, and ASOR to a breakfast meeting on Sunday morning at 7:00. This meeting begins planning the 2013 program. Newly designated section chairs are especially welcome.

Plenary Speaker

Prof. J. Ross Wagner, Princeton Theological Seminary is this year's plenary speaker. His presentation is entitled, *Is God the Father of Jews only, or also of Gentiles? The Peculiar Shape of Paul's Universalism*.

J. Ross Wagner, associate professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary, earned his Ph.D. from Duke University. His publications and courses revolve around two foci, both of which explore how Holy Scripture functions in the context of the church's life and mission. The first centers on the interpretation of scripture in early Jewish and Christian communities and encompasses investigation of the Old Greek version of Isaiah and its history of effects, as well as the use of scripture in Paul's writings, Hebrews, and 1 Peter. The second focal point is the intersection of biblical interpretation and missional theology. His work here includes interdisciplinary dialogue, joint research, and team-teaching with colleagues in the fields of theology and missiology. Cochair of the Pauline Soteriology Group of the Society of Biblical Literature, Wagner also serves on *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* editorial board. A Humboldt Research Fellow at the University of Göttingen in 2006–2007 and in 2010 (summer), he spent 2009–2010 as a member-in-residence at the Center of Theological Inquiry.

Friday Evening Reception

The Friday evening reception provides attendees with a chance to meet and greet featured speakers and guests.

Honor Roll Institutions 2012

**Appalachian State University
Candler School of Theology -- Emory University
Duke University
Elon University
Florida State University
Georgia State University
Maryville College
Millsaps College
Presbyterian College
University of Alabama
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
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2012 Southeastern Regional Meeting (SECSOR)
Atlanta, GA

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Please register me/us for the AAR/SBL/ASOR/SE (SECSOR) Regional Meeting. Enclosed is my check or money order, payable to SECSOR, in the amount indicated:

AAR Member (\$40.00) SBL Member (\$40.00)
 ASOR Member (\$40.00) Spouse (\$20.00)
 Non-Member/Visitor (\$50.00) Student member (\$20.00)

For Student members, please check professional affiliation: AAR , SBL , ASOR
 I will attend the Women's Caucus breakfast on Saturday morning.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Institution _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(Pre-registration deadline is February 22, 2012. On-site registration is \$50; for students \$20)
