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Louisville—2011

Our Annual meeting for 2011 will be March 4-6 and held at the Gault House, 140 North Fourth St., right in the midst of downtown Louisville, KY (<http://www.gaulthouse.com/>). Room rates will be \$119 a night, with suites available for \$139 a night. To receive these rates, reservations will need to be made before **February 17th**. Reservations should be made directly with the Gault House, 1-800-843-4258. Be sure to mention you are connected with the SECSOR meeting. Be sure to check our website, <http://groups.wfu.edu/secsor/>, for updates on the 2011 meetings.

Program Plans for 2011

Since 2011 marks the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible, the theme for the 2011 meeting is “Texts and Textual Traditions.”

Please also note we have a new AAR/SBL Joint section specifically for MA/MDiv students as an effort to encourage graduate students in a divinity context to share the results of their research.

Once and Future Meetings

The 2010 Regional Meeting was held at the Atlanta Marriot Century Center from March 5-7. We had another strong participation by regional members in Atlanta, with 339 total registrants. For 2012 plans are underway to return to the Atlanta area, and more information will be forthcoming.

Nominations

SBL/SE is seeking nominations for the 2011-12 vice president elect. Nominations may be directed to Gail Streete gstreete@rhodes.edu, Theodore Burgh burght@uncw.edu, or Vicki Phillips Phillips_v@wwwc.edu.

AAR/SE is seeking nominations for the 2011-12 vice president elect. Nominations may be directed to Brian Pennington brian.pennington@maryvillecollege.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 2012 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 2011 SBL Regional meeting. Selection is based on the quality of the paper 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 Louisville. If your paper is accepted, then you may apply for the regional scholar 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. Feb. 21, 2011 is the deadline for applications this year.

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

Session for Undergraduate Students

Undergraduate students at institutions in the Southeast Region are invited to submit papers for the Undergraduate Session, sponsored by SECSOR. Open to all topics, the session will be composed of the papers considered the best submissions by an interdisciplinary committee. Students should submit completed papers that reflect original student research of an appropriate length for presentation (approximately 12 d.s. pages). No paper over 15 d.s. pages will be considered. One submission per student. Please include on a cover page contact information for the student and a faculty sponsor who has reviewed the submission. Electronic submissions preferred. Send submissions by December 15, 2010, to Anne Blue Wills, Davidson College (anwills@davidson.edu). Note: Undergraduates may submit proposals to other sections as well.

Student Awards

(AAR) The winner of the 2010 graduate student award was Brooke Sherrard of Florida State University for her paper, "Nelson Glueck and the Zionization of American Biblical Archaeology."

A cash prize of \$250 is awarded to the graduate student member of the Academy who submits the best paper accepted for presentation at the 2011 Regional Meeting. Proposals for papers to be entered into the graduate competition must be submitted to the appropriate section chair by the call deadline, Oct. 1, 2010. Papers accepted for presentation and thus for the competition must be submitted in final form (maximum 12 pages d.s.) by January 15, 2011.

(SBL) The winner of the 2010 graduate student award was Marian Broida of Emory University for her paper, "Textualizing Divination: The Writing on the Wall."

A cash prize of \$250 is awarded to the graduate student member who submits the paper judged best among those submitted for the 2011 program. Proposals for papers to be entered in the competition should be sent to the SBL (or Joint SBL) section chair by the call deadline, Oct. 1, 2010. Completed manuscripts for presentation should be submitted to the section chair by January 15, 2011 (maximum 12 pages d.s.).

(SECSOR) The winner of the Undergraduate student award was Rachel Grossman of UNC-Asheville for her paper, "The Architecture of Jewish Identity: Change and Continuity in the Postwar Construction of Temple Beth Ha-Tephila, Asheville, North Carolina."

A cash prize of \$100 is awarded to the undergraduate paper deemed the best presentation reflecting original research, demonstrating cogent analysis, and exemplifying clarity and creativity. Papers submitted to the Undergraduate Session(s) are automatically considered for the prize. Undergraduates whose proposals have been accepted by other program sections who wish to be considered for the prize must submit completed papers with cover letter to Anne Blue Wills by Dec. 15, 2010.

(ASOR) The winner of the 2010 Callaway Prize was Jeff Hudon of Andrews University for his paper, "Judahite Expansion into Philistia during the Early Eighth Century BCE: What is the Historical and Archaeological Evidence?"

A cash prize of \$250 is awarded to the graduate student member who submits the paper judged to be the best among those submitted for the 2011 program. Proposals for papers to be considered for the competition should be sent to the ASOR (or Joint ASOR) section chair by the call deadline, Oct. 1, 2010. Completed manuscripts for presentation should be submitted to the section chair by January 15, 2011 (maximum 12 pages d.s.).

SECSOR Call for Papers 2011

MARCH 4-6, 2011 GAULT HOUSE, LOUISVILLE, KY

The following sections and program units invite members who wish to present a paper or coordinate a session to submit proposals (1-2 pages) or completed manuscripts to the appropriate section chairs by the call deadline, October 1, 2010. Each member is limited to one proposal. Please use the proposal submission form available on the SECSOR website (<http://groups.wfu.edu/secsor>). Proposals for joint sessions should be sent to all involved section chairs.

Please note that unless otherwise indicated, papers must be of such a length as can be presented and discussed within 45 minutes. Planned use of audio-visual equipment **must** be noted on the submission form. SECSOR will provide **only** a limited number of AV rooms with screen, cart, and power cords. Presenters must bring their own projection, audio, and other support equipment. It is imperative that we have all information concerning AV equipment on the proposal forms in insure presentations have the support needed. It is not possible to accommodate AV needs once meeting room assignments have been determined.

The copying of handouts is the responsibility of the presenter. All program participants **must** be pre-registered for the meetings.

(SBL/ASOR) Archaeology and the Ancient World

Four sessions (all are open): (1) A session or panel on "Towards Improving the Dialogue between Text and Spade in Biblical Studies." (2) A joint session with Women and Religion on "Examination of Women and Gender in Conjunction with Material Culture." (3) A joint session with Hebrew Bible on "Ancient Inscriptions and Their Bearing on the Reading of the Hebrew Bible." (4) Presidential Address: Ralph K. Hawkins (Kentucky Christian University). We are interested in scholarly papers. To wit: slide presentations must be accompanied by a written paper. Papers may be on, but are not restricted to, the topic of the interface between material culture and texts and textual traditions. We are also interested in papers dealing with archaeological theory and/or method, but will not exclude papers on other subjects dealing with archaeology and material culture. For all sessions, send title and abstract (150 words) or complete paper (required of first-time presenters) to Co-Chairs: Sharon Lea Mattila (sharon.mattila@uncp.edu) and Tom McCollough (tom.mccollough@centre.edu). For the joint session with Women and Religion, send the above also to Jill Peterfeso (petjm@email.unc.edu). For the joint session with Hebrew Bible, send the above also to Todd Hibbard (Todd-Hibbard@utc.edu).

(AAR/SBL) Bible and Modern Culture

Papers are requested for the following themes: (1) Text and Cultural Context. The role of the reader's culture in interpretation: how does one's culture affect one's interpretation, should one's culture affect one's interpretation, is there a place to stand outside of culture for the process of interpretation, are their reasons for abandoning one's culture for the process of interpretation? (2) The Bible and Cultural/Political Ideologies; diverse papers related to this theme are welcome. (3) Open call (4) Open call, but with a special interest in papers dealing with science, medicine, culture, and religion. Submit proposals to Brian Mooney, Johnson & Wales University (brian.mooney@jwu.edu), and Finbar S. Benjamin, Oakwood University (fbenjamin@oakwood.edu).

(AAR) Black Cultures and the Study of Religion

Themes: (1) Open Call; (2) Invited book review panel with Constructive Theologies, Willie Jennings, *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race*; and (3) A joint session with Teaching Religions, "Critical Pedagogy (e.g. hooks, *Teaching to Transgress*; Freire, *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*), Black Cultures and the Study Religion: Epistemological and Methodological Considerations. This session seeks papers that examine a broader theoretical conversation with methodological implications for the teaching of black religion as emancipatory action. Submit proposals to Ronald Neal, Wake Forest University, (nealrb@wfu.edu), and Adam L. Bond, The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University (albond@vuu.edu).

(AAR) Constructive Theologies

Themes: (1) Open Call; (2) A joint invited panel with the Black Cultures and the Study of Religion section discussing Dr. Willie Jennings book, *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race*; (3) "Texts and Textuality" exploring the central role of written texts for Christian theological reflection in honor of the 400th anniversary of the King James version of the Bible; (4) A joint session with the Women and Religion section considering, "Body as Text"; (5) "Pieties of Prohibition," in recognition of our host city and its historic connections to tobacco, horse racing, and bourbon. Submit proposals to Cameron Jorgenson, Campbell University Divinity School (jorgensonc@campbell.edu). For the "Body as Text" session, also send proposals to Jill Peterfeso (petjm@email.unc.edu).

(AAR) Ethics, Religion, and Society

Themes: Proposals on all topics will be considered, but the following topics are encouraged: (1) open call on any issue pertaining to ethics, religion, and society; (2) the ethics of food production and consumption; (3) comparative religious ethics; (4) A joint session with Islam, "Ethics, Society, Politics and Justice in Islam;" and (5) an open session for scholars to gather and discuss their current research. We are hoping that this last session can be an opportunity for junior scholars to learn from and about the research in which their senior colleagues are engaged. If you are interested in sharing your research, please send a brief description of a current project. All submissions are encouraged to consider and pay close attention to issues pertaining to the balance between theory and applied ethics. Submit a copy of your proposal to co-chairs, Darla Schumm, Hollins University, (dschumm@hollins.edu), and Sally Holt, Belmont University, (sally.holt@belmont.edu).

(SBL) Hebrew Scriptures/Old Testament

Themes: (1) an invited joint panel with the Teaching Religion section (AAR), reviewing Elisabeth Schussler-Fiorenza's book, *Democratizing Biblical Studies*; (2) an open session with Archaeology and the Ancient World (ASOR) on "Ancient Inscriptions and Their Bearing on the Reading of the Hebrew Bible;" (3) 2 or 3 open sessions. Direct all proposals (or completed papers if you have never presented) and inquiries to the section co-chairs: Bryan Bibb, Furman University (bryan.bibb@furman.edu) and Todd Hibbard, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (Todd-Hibbard@utc.edu). For the joint session with ASOR, send the above also to Sharon Lea Mattila (sharon.mattila@uncp.edu) and Tom McCollough (tom.mccollough@centre.edu).

(AAR) History of Christianity

Paper proposals are welcome in the following areas. (1) Early Church: the development of Christian universalism in the Greco-Roman world and its interaction with religious and philosophical paganism, including (e.g.) the geographical, theological, literary, social, and philosophical aspects; (2) Medieval Christianity: any aspect of the theology and spirituality of the Church in medieval European society, including the analysis of the works of individual thinkers; (3) Reformation: the significance of the King James' translation of scripture (to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the KJ version); and (4) Modern Christianity: Christian globalism in the modern world. All proposals should be sent to Dr. Michael Simmons, Auburn University (bishopmichael@centurytel.net) and Mark Nickens, Averett University (drnickens@triad.rr.com).

(AAR) History of Judaism

Themes: (1) Second Temple Judaism; (2) Open Call; (3) Joint session with Religion in America. Submit proposals (or complete papers if you have never presented) to Dr. Giya Schmidt, University of Tennessee (gschmidt@utk.edu), for joint session send proposal also to Dr. Kelly Baker, University of Tennessee (kbaker27@utk.edu).

(AAR) Islam

Themes: Proposals on all topics in Islamic Studies will be considered, but proposals for the following themes are especially invited: (1) Teaching the Qur'an: Translations, Themes, and Contexts (2) A joint session with Teaching Religion, "Teaching World Religions: Texts, Themes & Issues" (3) Muslims in the Arts and Media (4) Islam in the West (5) A joint session with Ethics, Religion and Society, "Ethics, Society, Politics and Justice in Islam." Submit proposals to Rachel Scott, Virginia Tech (rmscott@vt.edu), and Dave Damrel, University of South Carolina Upstate (ddamrel@uscupstate.edu).

(AAR/SBL) MA/MDiv Session

Members of the Southeast Region for whom the MA/MDiv is the terminal degree are invited to submit proposals for

a special session. All topics are welcome, including those directed to the conference theme, Proposals for individual papers or panel presentations should be sent to Prof. Johnny Hill, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, jhill@lpst.edu. Note: MA/MDiv students may submit proposals to other sections as well.

(AAR) Method and Theory of Religion

Themes: (1) The Issue of Compatibility between Religion and Science, with particular attention to the question of the relationship of science to the data of religion; theories and methods taken from the sciences and applied to religion; critiques of the use of scientific methods and theories in the study of religion; (2) In keeping with this year's theme, addressing the issue of texts and textual traditions using particular methods (sociological, anthropological, linguistic, reader response theory, etc); (3) Student papers that are related to method and theory in the study of religion. Papers relating to Religion and Science are particularly encouraged. Undergraduate student paper proposals must be sponsored by a faculty member who will act as mentor to the student. The faculty sponsor's name should be included in the paper proposal. Submit proposals to Randy Reed, Appalachian State University (reedrw@appstate.edu), and Laura Ammon, University of North Florida (lauraammon@gmail.com).

(SBL) New Testament

(1) Open call (2) Open call (3) Call for papers on the historical Jesus and/or Gospel relationships/trajectories (4) Call for papers on Pauline and/or Deutero-Pauline letters (5) Call for papers on the "theological interpretation" of the New Testament and/or New Testament ethics. Please send all submissions to the co-chairs of the New Testament section. The co-chairs are Margaret Aymer, Interdenominational Theological Center, revdraymer@gmail.com and Andrew Mbuvi, Shaw University Divinity School, ambuvi@shawu.edu.

(AAR) Philosophy of Religion

The Philosophy of Religion section invites proposals for papers on the following topics: 1) the work of the 19th century Danish philosopher Soren Kierkegaard, 2) the immortality of the soul, 3) and open call. Please submit paper proposals electronically by e-mail to: Dr. Mark Wells at mwells@montreat.edu. All proposals should include a working title, an abstract, the author's name, author's institution, and contact information (address, e-mail, phone number).

(AAR) Religion and Ecology Consultation

The Consultation on Religion and Ecology seeks papers or panel proposals on the following themes: methods/methodologies for "learning from others;" green initiatives in theological education; Wendell Berry (we hope to have him participate in some way); gaining understanding from other communities; collaboration as ecological practice; sustainable (or resilient) practices for teaching and learning; resilient/sustainable religious practices. Proposals on other topics also welcome. Send inquiries and proposals to Richard M. Carp, carprm@appstate.edu.

(AAR) Religion, Culture, and the Arts

Themes: (1) Mediating Trauma, Identity, and Memory through Literature and the Arts; (2) Critical Issues in the Field of Cultural Studies; (3) Religion and Print Cultures; (4) A joint session with Women in Religion titled "Women and Gender in Culture(s): Literary, Artistic, and Visual"; (5) Open Call. Submit proposals to Adam M. Ware, Florida State University (amware@fsu.edu)

(AAR) Religion in America

Themes: (1) Open Call; (2) New Religious Movements; (3) Theory and Method in gender studies and Religion in America, possible joint session with Women in Religion, submit proposals also to Jill Peterfeso (petjm@email.unc.edu) (4) Joint session with History of Judaism, submit proposals also to Dr. Gilya Schmidt (gschmidt@utk.edu) (5) Protestants and Print (in honor of the 400th anniversary of the KJV). Submit **all** (joint or single call) proposals to Kelly J. Baker (kellyjbaker@gmail.com). For joint sessions, make sure to send proposals to the other section chairs as well.

(AAR) Religions of Asia

Themes: (1) Religion and the Body / Religion, Health and Healing; (2) Asian Texts and Textual Traditions (as part of the larger conference theme), including textual practices and performances; (3) A joint session on Gender, Food and Dietary Practices with the Women, Gender and Religion Section; (4) Religious Approaches to Nature and

Ecology; (5) Open Call. The Religions of Asia Group welcomes individual papers and full panel proposals submitted as attachments to: Pamela Winfield (pwinfield@elon.edu) and Amy Allocco aallocco@elon.edu.

(AAR) Teaching Religions

Proposals on all topics in the critical theory, method and practice of teaching will be considered, but proposals on the following themes are especially invited: (1) Queer Pedagogies--theory, method, practice, praxis; (2) A joint session with Islam, "Teaching World Religions: Texts, Themes & Issues"; (3) A joint session with Black Cultures and the Study of Religion, "Black Cultures, the Study of Religion and Critical Pedagogies (e.g. hooks, Freire): Epistemological and Methodological Considerations. Teaching Religion is also sponsoring an invited panel: Engaging Schussler-Fiorenza: A Discussion of the Pedagogical Theory and Practice in *Democratizing Biblical Studies*. Proposals should be sent to Dr. M. Aymer: revdraymer@gmail.com.

(AAR) Women, Gender, and Religion

In addition to an Open call, we are accepting proposals on the following themes: (1) Gender, Food and Dietary Practices, for a possible joint session with Religions of Asia (copy Amy Allocco, aallocco@elon.edu); (2) Women and Gender in Conjunction with Material Culture, for a possible joint session with ASOR (copy Sharon L. Mattila, sharon.mattila@uncp.edu); (3) Women and Gender in Culture(s): Literary, Print, and Visual, for a possible joint session with Religion, Culture, and the Arts (copy Adam Ware, amware@gmail.com); (4) Theory and Method in gender studies and American religion, for a possible joint session with Religion in America (copy Kelly Baker, kellyjbaker@gmail.com); (5) Body as Text, for a possible joint session with Comparative Theologies (copy Cameron Jorgenson, jorgensonc@campbell.edu). Send all proposals to Jill Peterfeso, petjm@email.unc.edu, and Lisa Stephenson, lstephenson@leeuniversity.edu.

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