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**Regional Meeting
May 13-15, 2011
Gonzaga University**

Spokane, Washington USA

The 2011 Regional Meeting of the Pacific Northwest AAR/SBL and ASOR is a bit more than two months away! In this newsletter you will find important information about the meeting. We look forward to seeing you in Spokane!

**Gonzaga University
Spokane, WA – Our Host Institution**

Welcome from Gonzaga's Religious Studies Department

Gonzaga's Religious Studies Department extends a warm welcome to the PNW Region AAR/SBL and ASOR as hosts to their 2011 Annual Regional Meeting. Gonzaga University is a private, four-year comprehensive university. Gonzaga's educational philosophy is based on the 450-year Ignatian model that aims to educate the whole person -- mind, body and spirit -- an integration of science and art, faith and reason, action and contemplation. At Gonzaga, *cura personalis*, or "care for the individual," is our guiding theme. Gonzaga was founded in 1887 and enrolls about 5,400 students in 92 undergraduate and 21 graduate programs. Gonzaga is named after a young 16th century Italian Jesuit, Aloysius Gonzaga, who died in Rome trying to save young people from the plague. He was later named the patron saint of youth.

Gonzaga's campus is situated on 108 acres along the beautiful Spokane River within a 10-minute walk of downtown Spokane. Spokane enjoys a population of 205,500 within city limits, and more than 465,000 in the greater Spokane area. We sincerely hope that your stay with us is both enjoyable and intellectually rewarding. We are looking forward to having you with us this May!

Future Meetings:

2012 According to our nomadic system, we should meet west of the Cascades in Oregon or Washington

We have no invitation for a meeting to be held in the States as of this publication

If you and your institution would be willing to host a regional meeting, please contact Doug McGaughey, Executive Secretary: dougmc@willamette.edu. Thank you!

Registration:

Deadline: Monday, May 2, 2011, at 12:00 noon

Registration will be on-line again this year. Your gateway to registration for the meeting is: <http://www.aarweb.org/Jump/Reg/PN>

You may have to copy and paste this url into your web browser.

While the host for this system is the American Academy of Religion in Atlanta, all participants (AAR, SBL, ASOR members and nonmembers) can use the system. On-line registration is now available and will be operative until noon on May 2nd. Pre-registering will allow you to purchase meal tickets for the luncheon and banquet on Saturday. You will also be able to register on-site at Gonzaga. **However, there will be no meal tickets for the luncheon and banquet available on site – only by pre-registration.**

Important Note: Once you have registered, you should receive confirmation of your registration by email. If you register and do **NOT** receive a confirmation email, please notify Doug immediately!

Please use the on-line registration system if at all possible! If you are not able to use the on-line system to register, please contact Doug: (doug@willamette.edu).

Program:

The preliminary program will be available shortly on-line under the "Program" tab at:

<http://pnw-aarsbl.org/program/>

You may have to copy and paste this url into your web browser.

Program Highlights:

Norm Metzler from Concordia University will be delivering our annual **Presidential Plenary** address on Friday evening, May 13th. Join us after dinner to hear our esteemed president and meeting host!

Our **Banquet Speaker** this year (Saturday evening, May 14th) will be **Michael Fox** from the University of Wisconsin.

ASOR AND AAR PLENARY SESSIONS

Between the Saturday morning unit sessions and the Regional Lunch/Business Meeting, we will have two plenary sessions. An **ASOR Plenary** will host an address by **Martha Joukowsky**, Emeritus Professor at Brown University, and, following the ASOR Plenary, an **AAR Plenary** will host an address by **Wendy Farley** from Emory University.

Housing:

You are advised to book your hotel before April 13th when the block of rooms reserved for our conference will be released. Here is the information about housing.

Red Lion River Inn
700 Division Street
Spokane, WA 99202

To place a reservation:

1. Call 1-800-RED-LION
2. Ask for the "Gonzaga University Religious Studies" Group Rate

(NOTE: THERE ARE A COUPLE OF RED LION HOTELS IN SPOKANE, SO BE SURE THAT YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATION AT THIS ONE IF YOU WISH TO BE WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF OUR CONFERENCE VENUE.)

Meals: Reservations for Saturday lunch (the annual business meeting) and Saturday banquet are to be made and paid for on the pre-registration site for the meeting. **No meal tickets for these two meals will be available on site.**

REGION'S AUTHORS' BOOK DISPLAY TABLE

We will have a table reserved in the Book Display area for the region's authors to place their works on display. Encourage your publisher to rent a table, as well.

Any suggestions for publishers who might welcome an invitation to display at our meeting are warmly received. Contact: Ardy Bass (bassa@gonzaga.edu)

BREAKFAST WITH REGION AUTHORS

Once again, we hope to have tables at breakfast Sunday morning for authors of recent books in the region to be available to discuss their work with interested persons. Tables will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis. Further information will be available at the on-site registration table.

Authors should provide the following to Doug (doug@willamette.edu) ASAP: Name of author, book title, publisher, and a one-paragraph abstract of the book that one proposes to be discussed.

Snail Mail and Email Addresses: The region does not keep its own list of snail mail and email addresses. We obtain them from our respective national offices. If you or someone

you know is a member of AAR, SBL, and/or ASOR but do/does not receive notices by snail mail or email from the region that is because your/her/his addresses are not up-to-date in the respective national office. Please, forward this email on to them and have them contact the organization to make the appropriate corrections.

SBL REGIONAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

SBL members presenting a paper at the meeting may wish to be considered for the Regional Scholars Program. To qualify as a candidate for this award, the applicant must be either ABD or no more than 4 years past receipt of the PhD. Applicants should inform Ardy Bass, the Regional Coordinator, at least two weeks prior to

the meeting that he or she intends to apply for the award. The applicant must present a paper at the SBL regional meeting, and then submit the paper and a complete CV (both in electronic and hard copy) to the Regional Coordinator after the meeting. If selected as a winner by the National Society's Regional Scholar Award Selection Committee, the winner receives \$1,000 in support of attendance at the Annual SBL Meeting, and will be honored at the Regional Scholars Dinner at the Annual Meeting. The winner is also strongly encouraged to submit a proposal to the Annual Meeting in the year following his or her selection. For more information, contact Ardy Bass (bassa@gonzaga.edu).

2011 STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION
THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION
AAR/SBL AND ASOR

Awards for Outstanding Student Papers in the Fields of Biblical Studies and Religious Studies:

- (2) \$100 awards for winning graduate papers
- (2) \$100 awards (1st Place) and (2) \$50 awards (2nd place) for winning undergraduate papers

Submissions must meet the following criteria to be considered:

- no more than 5,000 words (including footnotes) for undergraduate papers
- no more than 7,000 words (including footnotes) for graduate papers
- in 12 point font and double spaced
- formatted according to either JAAR or JBL guidelines
- free of clerical or grammatical errors

Submissions should include:

- one paper copy
- one electronic version in standard word processing format, without author information. Submit author information in a separate file.
- a brief letter of support from a Pacific Northwest Region AAR, SBL, or ASOR faculty member;
- name, home mailing address, social security number/social insurance number, educational institution, graduate or undergraduate status

Submit by March 15, 2011 to:

Dr. Robert Hauck
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Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA 99258-0057
E-mail: hauck@gonzaga.edu

Awards will be announced at the Pacific Northwest AAR/SBL and ASOR Regional Meeting, Gonzaga University, May 13-15, 2011. Students need not be present to win.