

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION
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**American Academy of Religion
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American Schools of Oriental Research**
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**Regional Meeting
Concordia University
Portland, Oregon
May 11-13, 2012**



Concordia is a private, Christian, liberal arts university open to students of any faith. Nestled in the Pacific Northwest, Concordia University is committed to the dual purpose of preparing students for life and for a living. Concordia provides a challenging, yet supportive learning environment where spirited intellectual inquiry strengthens our commitment to justice, compassion and moral integrity. We respect diversity, and integrate faith into every aspect of learning, service and life. Concordia is one of 10 universities founded by the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, and the only LCMS university in Oregon. We have been an integral part of the Pacific Northwest since 1905. Concordia is a Christian university that welcomes students from all faiths. Approximately 2,500 students attend the university. For a map with directions to Concordia, see <http://www.cu-portland.edu/aboutcu/maps.cfm>. Parking on campus is free.

REGISTRATION

Registration will take place at the Oxford Abstracts website beginning March 15, 2012. A link to the registration site at Oxford Abstracts will be available on our website by March 15 (click on the tab "Registration"). Here you may register for the conference as well as purchase tickets for the Friday night buffet (prior to the Presidential Address), Saturday lunch, and Saturday night banquet. Vegetarian options are available for all meals; please be sure to indicate this when you purchase a meal ticket. If your spouse/partner will be attending, he/she must complete a separate registration.

HOUSING

We have two options for housing this year. Both are close to Concordia University and the Portland Airport. The rate at each hotel is \$72.00 per night. **You must phone the hotel directly to make your reservation.** A map with directions from the hotels to Concordia will be posted on our website. These will also be available at the hotel when you check in. The hotels are 5.8 miles from Concordia (13 minutes). Parking on campus is free.

Option #1:

The Clarion Hotel

11518 N.E. Glenn Widing Dr.

Portland, OR 97220

Phone: (503) 252-2222

Website for amenities, directions and map: http://www.clarionhotel.com/hotel-portland-oregon-OR166?sid=x006Oi.t0s_9gpI2g.18&sarea=&sname=&sstate=&scountry=&sradius=&slat=&slon=&scha in=&exp=&scity=&sort=&type=&map=&srp=&amenity=&sstate_country=&city_code=PDX

CODE: Be sure to mention "Northwest Region AAR/SBL/ASOR" when making the reservation.

Deadline to guarantee the conference rate: April 26, 2012

Option #2:

Shilo Inn Suites Hotel

11707 N.E. Airport Way

Portland, OR 97220

Phone: (503) 252-7500

Website for amenities, directions and map: http://www.shiloinns.com/search_results.asp?PI=PASOR

CODE: Be sure to mention "NorthWest Region American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature" when making the reservation.

Deadline to guarantee the conference rate: April 27, 2012

CARPOOL AND/OR SHUTTLES

After March 15, 2012 there will be a tab (click on "Carpool") on our website. If you are interested in receiving information about transportation between the hotels and Concordia, please follow the instructions here.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

The preliminary program will be available March 15, 2012 on-line on our website. Simply click on the "Program" tab at <http://pnw-aarsbl.org/>

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

FUTURE MEETINGS

Right now we are negotiating with the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington for a possible meeting date of **May 10-12, 2013**. There are financial concerns that will be discussed at our Business Meeting in May. This is not a firm commitment, so if you and your institution would be willing to host a regional meeting, please contact Ardy Bass, Executive Secretary; bassa@gonzaga.edu as soon as possible. Thank you!

In 2014 we should meet somewhere in Canada.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

New This Year!! Food on Friday Night!

Concordia's beautiful campus is nestled in a Portland neighborhood with few dining choices close by. So this year we are offering tickets for a **Friday night buffet** prior to the Presidential Address. Everything will take place in the same building (church, actually), so please plan to come to the buffet followed by the Presidential Address and Reception. You may purchase tickets for the buffet when you register for the conference. Additionally, **the Study of Islam** program unit is offering a screening of a documentary following the Reception (see information below).

Presidential Address on Friday Evening

Please plan on joining us for the Presidential Address given by President Heidi M. Szpek, Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies at Central Washington University. The title of her talk is "The Jewish Epitaph Reconsidered: Towards Reversing a Century of Condemnation."

Saturday Evening Banquet Address

Our Banquet Address will be given by Gerardo Marti, L. Richardson King Associate Professor of Sociology at Davidson College. His latest book, *Worship across the Racial Divide: Religious Music and the Multiracial Congregation* (Oxford University Press, 2012), demonstrates how ideas of race and ethnicity affect liturgy as cultural practice, especially through religious ritual inclusion of "conspicuous color."

Saturday Morning Plenary Speaker

The Venerable Geshe Thupten Phelgye, Member of Tibetan Parliament in Exile, will deliver the plenary address on Saturday morning at 11 am. Geshe is currently Global Scholar in Residence at Gonzaga University. Please visit his website for more information: <http://www.universalcompassion.org/geshe-thupten-phelgye/>

The Study of Islam section of the PNW-AAR plans at the Spring 2012 meeting in Portland to begin a tradition of screening films on and/or by Muslims during each of our regional annual meetings. Each year, a different member of the section will choose one or two films to be shown and to lead a brief discussion. In the choice of films, special emphasis will be placed on films deemed of particular pedagogical value.

For the Spring 2012 meeting, Rick Colby of the University of Oregon will present a pair of films for viewing and discussion, one a feature film and one a documentary.

The first film to be screened at the Spring 2012 meeting, on Friday afternoon from 3:00-5:30 PM, will be a feature film entitled "The Lizard" (Marmoulak), a critically acclaimed Iranian comedy-drama directed by Kamal Tabrizi. "The Lizard" tells the story of an atheist and convicted thief from Tehran who escapes prison by wearing the garb of a religious leader and finds himself embraced as the imam of a small Iranian village.

The second, to be screened Friday evening from 9:30-11:00 PM, is a 52-minute documentary called "Me and the Mosque," by Canadian filmmaker Zarqa Nawaz. It charts Nawaz's personal research into the rise of barriers and partitions that contemporary Muslim women increasingly face in public prayer spaces across North America.

All are welcome to attend and we hope that you will join us in Portland to inaugurate this new annual tradition.

CONGRATULATIONS to
Andrew Davis, Seattle University
SBL Regional Scholar 2012:

Mixed Blessings in the Book of Ruth

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.

American Academy of Religion REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Have you considered applying for a 2012–2013 [Regional Development Grant](#)? Regional Development Grants provide funds for special projects within the regions that promise to benefit the scholarly and professional life of AAR members and do the work of the AAR in the regions. Workshops, special programs, training events, and other innovative regional projects may be funded through this source. Where possible, projects are designed so that they may be duplicated or transported to other regions.

Applications should include a narrative description of the project detailing how the project promises to benefit the scholarly and professional life of AAR members and the work of the region. Please include comments on how these projects or activities may be adapted to other regional groups. The application should state the time period covered by the project and provide a detailed budget (office expenses, travel expenses, honoraria, stipend, and other expenses). Institutional overhead costs should not be included in this budget. No grant will exceed \$4,000.

Successful grants from prior years can be [found here](#). Application deadline is **August 1**.

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 Ph.D.

Applicants should inform Ardy Bass, SBL 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).

2012 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 25, 2012 to:

Dr. Robert Hauck
Religious Studies Department, AD 57
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, Concordia University, May 11-13, 2012. Students need not be present to win.

PNW REGIONAL OFFICERS 2011-2012

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Heidi Szpek (Central Washington University; szpek@cwu.edu) (SBL) – 1-year term
Vice-President: Jim Wellman (University of Washington, jwellman@u.washington.edu) (AAR)
Past President: Norm Metzler (Concordia College, nmetzler@cu-portland.edu) (AAR) – 1-year term; serves on Nominating Committee
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Secretary-Treasurer: Eric Cunningham (Gonzaga University, cunningham@gonzaga.edu) (AAR) - 3-year term; one term renewal (first term)
ASOR Representative: Roger Anderson, Mukilteo, Washington, (rwander48@comcast.net) – 3-year term (first term)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dennis Jowers (Faith Evangelical Seminary; djowers@faithseminary.edu) (Chair, 2010-2013; (2009-2012) - second term
Norm Metzler (Concordia University, Portland, nmetzler@cu-portland.edu) – 1 year term past-President
Ron Clark (Metro Church of Christ, Portland, OR; rclark@agapecoc.com) (2006-2009) (2009-2012) - second term
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Brenda Llewellyn Ihssen (Pacific Lutheran University, ihssenbl@plu.edu) (2011-2014) - first term
Eric Cunningham (Gonzaga University, cunningham@gonzaga.edu) (2010-2013) – first term
Kathlyn Breazeale (Pacific Lutheran University, breazeka@plu.edu) (2010-213) – first term

STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Robert Hauck (Gonzaga University; hauck@gonzaga.edu), Coordinator (2003-2006); (2006-2009); (2010-213)

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Amy Donaldson (Notre Dame; amy.m.donaldson@gmail.com) (Program Unit Co-Chair, NT & Hellenistic Religions)
Elizabeth R. Hayes (erussell.hayes@gmail.com) (Program Unit Chair, Hebrew Bible)
Roger Anderson, Mukilteo, Washington, (rwander48@comcast.net) (Archaeology of the Ancient Near East)

PROGRAM UNIT CHAIRS

Archaeology of the Ancient Near East

Roger Anderson (Independent Scholar; rwander48@comcast.net) (first term: 2010-2013)

Arts and Religion

Susan G. Carter (Marylhurst College and The California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS); susangailcarter@yahoo.com) and Louise M. Pare (Independent Scholar; lpmpare849@aol.com) (first term; 2010-2013)

Asian and Comparative Studies

Nick Gier (University of Idaho; ngier@uidaho.edu) (third term; 2008-2011)

Hebrew Bible

Elizabeth R. Hayes (erussell.hayes@gmail.com) (first term; 2009-2012)

History of Christianity/North American Religions

Brenda Llewellyn Ihssen (Pacific Lutheran University; ihssenbl@plu.edu) and Charlie Scalise (Fuller Theological Seminary NW; cscalise@fuller.edu), co-chairs (first term; 2009-2012)

New Testament and Hellenistic Religions

Kent Yinger (George Fox University; kyinger@georgefox.edu) and Amy Donaldson (Baker Publishing Group; amy.m.donaldson@gmail.com) (first term; 2009-2012)

Religion and Society

Kevin O'Brien (Pacific Lutheran University; obrien@plu.edu) (second term; 2011-2014) and Bruce Hiebert (brucehiebert@shaw.ca) (first term; 2011-2014)

Theology and Philosophy of Religion

Mari Kim (Pacific Lutheran University; marikim@me.com), co-chairs (second term; 2009-2012) and Michael Zbaraschuk (Pacific Lutheran University; zbarasgm@plu.edu) (first term; 2009-2012)

Women and Religion

Ardy Bass (Gonzaga University; bassa@gonzaga.edu) (third term; 2009-2012); Valarie H. Ziegler (vziegler@depauw.edu) (first term; 2009-2012)

Special Topics: Islam

Jocelyn Hendrickson (josiehn@yahoo.com) (third year as Special Topics)

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