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**Regional Meeting
Seattle University
Seattle, Washington
May 3-5, 2013**



NEW REGISTRATION FEES

The following rates are in effect beginning in 2013:

Registration: \$45.00

Late Registration: \$65.00

Students/Financial Need: Registration fee waived (please contact Ardy Bass)

FUTURE MEETINGS

2014: University of Calgary, Calgary, AB

2015: *possibly* Marylhurst University, Portland, OR

If you and your institution would be willing to host a regional meeting, please contact Ardy Bass, Executive Secretary at bassa@gonzaga.edu.

HOUSING AND REGISTRATION

Information will be available in the Spring 2013 Newsletter. You may also access this information on our website in February 2013.

Special Topics: Mormon Studies

Please note we have a new Special Topics Unit beginning this year in **Mormon Studies**. See their first Call for Papers below.

Requests for Audio-Visual Equipment at the Regional Meeting

Requests for audio-visual equipment (computers, projectors, etc.) can be costly. There is often an extra charge for this technology on campuses and, given financial concerns, **please request technology only if it is vitally important to presenting your paper.**

CALL FOR PAPERS 2013

Paper Proposals will be submitted through Oxford Abstracts (OA) again this year as AAR continues to upgrade their system. You may need to copy and paste this link into your browser:

<https://aareligionpnw.conference-services.net/authorlogin.asp?conferenceID=3409&language=en-uk>

A link to the OA site is also posted on the PNW Region's webpage (<http://pnw-aarsbl.org/>).

OA will be open for submissions October 1, 2012 and close on January 21, 2013. Acceptance letters will be sent by February 1, 2013.

THE AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH (ASOR)

Description of the goals and rationale

The Program Unit is affiliated with the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) whose mission is to initiate, encourage and support research into, and public understanding of, the peoples and cultures of the Near East from the earliest times. As such, the Unit is concerned with:

- Fostering original research, archaeological excavations, and explorations
- Encouraging scholarship in basic languages, cultural histories and traditions of the ANE
- Offering opportunities for all levels of scholarship, especially students, to share their research

Chair

Roger W. Anderson, an ASOR member, is the coordinator of the unit. He currently is an independent scholar working on the final excavation report for Early Bronze Age Tell el Hesi. He may be reached at rwander48@comcast.net. The term is 3 years and Roger is in the first term (2010-2013).

Call for Papers

The Pacific Northwest Region of the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Archaeology and Languages of the Ancient Near East invites submission of paper topics for the annual regional meeting. Papers detailing original research, archaeological excavations, and explorations in all aspects related to ancient Near Eastern archaeology and basic ancient Near Eastern languages are welcome.

Undergraduate and graduate students and independent scholars are especially welcome to present dissertation and paper research in either category.

ARTS AND RELIGION

Description of the goals and rationale

The Arts and Religion section provides a space for interdisciplinary exploration of religion through the arts (in broad contexts). We invite multiple perspectives, embodied passionate scholarship, and rich discussion of the vital role arts have played and continue to play in attempts to create meaning of the human condition, and to address the enduring questions posed by the world's religions and spiritual traditions.

Co-Chairs

Susan G. Carter (Marylhurst University and The California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS); susangailcarter@yahoo.com)

Louise M. Pare (Independent Scholar; Impare849@aol.com)

Call for Papers

The arts have always played a part in world religions and spiritual traditions through the use of image, symbol, ritual, music, percussion, dance, poetry, theatre, storytelling (myth and folklore), architecture, and geomancy. This program unit welcomes individual papers or panel proposals on any topic, from ancient to contemporary, which explore the arts and religion. Papers exploring traditional institutionalized religions as well as world spiritual traditions (including indigenous and oral traditions) are welcome. Proposals should be submitted electronically at the region's online website to Susan G. Carter, Marylhurst University and The California Institute of Integral Studies, susangailcarter@yahoo.com, and Louise M. Pare, Independent Scholar, Impare849@aol.com.

ASIAN AND COMPARATIVE STUDIES

Description of the goals and rationale

To promote scholarship in non-Western areas of religion and theology and to assess various comparative methods of investigation.

Chair

Nick Gier, University of Idaho, ngier@uidaho.edu

Call for Papers

Abstracts of papers on topics in East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, the Middle East, and Africa.

HEBREW BIBLE

Description of the goals and rationale

Since the Biblical Hebrew texts are part of the larger category of ‘biblical texts’, the rationale for the Hebrew Scriptures session falls naturally within the mandate of the SBL, the central purpose of which is “...advancing the academic study of biblical texts and their contexts as well as of the traditions and contexts of biblical interpretation.”

The primary goal of the Hebrew Scriptures session is to foster study and interaction in the field, more specifically:

- To promote academic dialogue between scholars in the Pacific Northwest Region.
- To showcase and promote research in the Hebrew Scriptures.
- To advance the quality of research and writing in the area of Hebrew Scriptures by mentoring and recommending work for publication.
- To provide mentoring and opportunities for graduate students to present their work to the Hebrew Scriptures session, thus incorporating new scholars into the greater goals of the SBL.

Co-Chairs

Elizabeth R. Hayes (erussell.hayes@gmail.com)

Anthony Finitsis (finitsak@plu.edu)

Call for Papers

We welcome papers on any topic related to Hebrew Scriptures, with priority given to papers that deal with language and linguistics, wisdom literature, and prophetic literature. Early proposals are especially welcome with the goal of organizing a panel discussion for a regional scholar's recent work and/or organizing a thematic topic session. Graduate students are required to send full copies of their papers for consideration. Proposals should be submitted electronically at the region's on-line website to the chairperson, Elizabeth Hayes, erussell.hayes@gmail.com

HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY AND NORTH AMERICAN RELIGIONS

Papers are welcome in any area of the History of Christianity and North American Religions. Proposals are especially invited on the following themes:

- 1) Papers that consider the history, theology or social impact of documents written by Christians who have been – or are – imprisoned.
- 2) Papers on historical theology for a joint session with “Theology and Philosophy of Religion.”
- 3) Papers related to the history of Christianity (any era).
- 4) Papers related to the history of North American religions.

Questions about the session can be directed to the co-chairs, Charles J. Scalise, Fuller theological Seminary, cscalise@fuller.edu, and Brenda Llewellyn Ihssen, Pacific Lutheran University, ihssenbl@plu.edu.

NEW TESTAMENT AND HELLENISTIC RELIGIONS

We welcome papers reflecting the research endeavors of New Testament and Hellenistic Religions scholars in the Pacific Northwest. All topics relevant to these fields are invited. This year we especially invite interdisciplinary topics related to the reception history of texts from the Hebrew Bible or

intertestamental literature in early Christian and Jewish literature. Proposals should be submitted electronically at the region's on-line website. We are also interested in conducting a book review panel for a book by a participant in the New Testament and Hellenistic Religions section that has been published during the year between the 2012 and 2013 regional meetings. Book suggestions may be sent directly to the chairpersons: Amy M. Donaldson, amy.m.donaldson@gmail.com, and Kent L. Yinger, kyinger@georgefox.edu.

RELIGION AND SOCIETY

Description of the goals and rationale

The Religion and Society section creates a space for the interdisciplinary analysis of religion, ethics, social science, and current events in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. Our goal is to make space for academic presentations and for significant dialogue about them.

Co-Chairs

Bruce Hiebert, University Canada West, bruce.hiebert@ucan.ca

Kevin J. O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University, obrien@plu.edu

Call for Papers

All topics related to ethics, contemporary social issues, and social scientific perspectives on religion are welcome. We encourage papers offering academic perspectives on current events and recurring themes in our session's discussions: war and violence, religion and ecology, religion and science, and religion and memory. We especially invite papers on religion and neuroscience for a special session to be held jointly with the Theology and Philosophy of Religion section. Proposals should be submitted electronically at the region's on-line website.

SPECIAL TOPICS: MORMON STUDIES

Description of the goals and rationale

This special topic of Mormon Studies promotes the exploration of a wide range of topics relating to Mormonism. This section seeks to provide scholarly inquiry into Mormon history, culture, belief and practice, theology, scripture, and the role of Mormonism in contemporary politics. This section encourages the study of Mormonism from multiple disciplines and methodologies. This section will better equip those in the academy to teach on the subject of Mormonism and actively promotes opportunities for interfaith dialogue.

Co-Chairs

Kirk Caudle (Marylhurst University; mixlom@msn.com)

Susanna Morrill (Lewis & Clark College; smorrill@lclark.edu)

Call for Papers

Papers are welcome in any area of Mormon Studies. We encourage papers from multiple disciplinary and methodological perspectives and especially invite proposals on the following themes:

- 1) Papers that consider the history and culture of Mormonism, especially those that discuss the social and religious impact of women and minorities.
- 2) Papers on the development of Mormon beliefs and practices, scripture, ethics, and theology.
- 3) Papers related to interfaith dialogue between Mormonism and other Christian (and non-Christian) faith traditions.

- 4) Papers related to Mormonism and contemporary politics.
- 5) Papers that consider the place of Mormon Studies within the academic study of religion.

STUDY OF ISLAM

Description of the goals and rationale

The Study of Islam Program Unit fosters intellectual exchange and collaboration among regional scholars working in any area of Islamic Studies. In addition to research panels, we host an annual roundtable devoted to a topic of current pedagogical concern, and we have launched an annual film series. We welcome papers from academics at any career stage.

Co-Chairs

Josie Hendrickson, University of Alberta, jnhendri@ualberta.ca
Paul Powers, Lewis & Clark College, ppowers@lclark.edu

Call for Papers

We encourage proposals for papers or full panels investigating any aspect of historical or contemporary Islam, including but not limited to Islamic texts, practices, law, history, and theology. We also seek participants for our annual pedagogy roundtable, focused this year on the use of film in teaching Islam.

Proposals should be submitted electronically. Please contact the Study of Islam co-chair Josie Hendrickson by e-mail (jnhendri@ualberta.ca) if you are interested in participating in the pedagogy roundtable; specialists as well as interested non-specialists are welcome.

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION AND THEOLOGY

Description of the goals and rationale

The Philosophy of Religion and Theology Section exists to provide a forum for scholars to critically examine politics, scriptures, ethics, history, art, literature and/or culture from explicitly philosophical and theological perspectives. We welcome diverse perspectives, and encourage the collegiality of frank and open dialogue between and among disciplinary areas.

Co-Chairs

Mari Kim, Pacific Lutheran University, kimma@plu.edu
Michael Zbaraschuk, Pacific Lutheran University, zbarasgm@plu.edu

Call for Papers

For the Spring 2013 Meeting, we welcome papers in any area of the philosophy of religion and/or theology. We especially solicit papers examining the issues of:

1. Doing non-sectarian religious studies
2. Normative Issues and Religious Pluralism
3. Religion and Politics
4. Religion and Science
5. Mysticism

Additionally the Philosophy of Religion and Theology Section welcomes papers contributing to joint sessions 1) on the on the history of theology and historical theology presented with the History of Christianity Section, and 2) on religion and neuroscience presented with the Religion and Society Section.

Potential presenters should identify in their proposals any scheduling conflicts arising from religious commitments.

WOMEN AND RELIGION

Description of the goals and rationale

This section explores the lives of women in religion from antiquity to the modern era. It is a forum for inquiry into literary and material culture of the activity and presence of women in religion and the history of interpretation.

Co-Chairs

Ardy Bass, Gonzaga University, bassa@gonzaga.edu

Valarie Ziegler, DePauw University, vziegler@depauw.edu

Call for Papers

AAR: We invite individual papers or panels on any aspect of the study of women and religion. This section especially welcomes proposals that facilitate cross-disciplinary and/or religious traditions in the study of women. Papers exploring feminist pedagogy are also welcome.

SBL: We invite proposals on women in religious literature including, but not limited to, ancient Greek and Roman, Jewish, Christian, Islamic, and Asian religions. Proposals should be submitted electronically at the region's website.

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).

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.

2013 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, 2013 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, Seattle University, May 3-5, 2013. Students need not be present to win.

Officers and Committees 2012-2013

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Jim Wellman, University of Washington (jwellman@u.washington.edu) (AAR)

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Past President: Heidi Szpek (Central Washington University; szpekh@cwu.edu) (SBL) – 1-year term; serves on Nominating Committee

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ASOR Representative: Roger Anderson, Mukilteo, Washington, (rwander48@comcast.net) – 3-year term (first term)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dennis W. Jowers (Faith Evangelical Seminary; djowers@faithseminary.edu) (Chair 2010–2013) – second term

Heidi Szpek (Central Washington University; szpekh@cwu.edu) (Past President – one year term)

Kathlyn Breazeale (Pacific Lutheran University; breazeka@plu.edu) (2010–2013) – first term

Eric Cunningham (Gonzaga University; cunningham@gonzaga.edu) (2010–2013) – first term

John Harding (University of Lethbridge; john.harding@uleth.ca) (2012–2015) – second term

Michael S. Heiser (Logos Bible Software; mshmichaelsheiser@gmail.com) (2012–2015) – first term

Brenda Llewellyn Ihssen (Pacific Lutheran University; ihssenbl@plu.edu) (2011–14) – first term

STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Robert Hauck (Gonzaga University; hauck@gonzaga.edu), Coordinator (2003-2006); (2006-2009); (2010-2013)

REGIONAL SCHOLARS COMMITTEE (SBL)

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Kent Yinger (kyinger@georgefox.edu) (Program Unit Co-Chair, NT & Hellenistic Religions)

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Roger Anderson (rwander48@comcast.net) (Archaeology of the Ancient Near East)

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