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**Regional Meeting
Marylhurst University
Portland, Oregon
March 27-29, 2015**

The PNW Region AAR/SBL & ASOR Annual Meeting will be held on the campus of Marylhurst University in Portland, Oregon. We hope you are making plans to participate. Sessions will begin on Friday, March 27 at 2:00 pm and conclude by noon on Sunday, March 29.

The Preliminary Program will be posted on our website by January 8, 2015.

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration rates are:

Fully Employed: \$75.00

Partially/Under Employed: \$50.00

Student (with valid ID): \$25.00

Late Registration: additional \$10.00 (after February 26, 2015)

REGISTRATION & MEALS

Registration for the meeting will take place on Oxford Abstracts again this year. A link to registration will be posted on our website on **January 8, 2015**.

You may also purchase meal tickets at the same time that you register for the meeting: Three meal tickets are being sold: Friday evening before the Presidential Address (\$18), the Saturday lunch/Business Meeting (\$12) and the Saturday evening Banquet (\$20). When you purchase the tickets on Oxford Abstracts, you can include any dietary restrictions. **Meal tickets will NOT be sold on site.**

HOUSING

Housing is available at the **Crowne Plaza Portland/Lake Oswego**, 14811 Kruse Oaks Boulevard Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035. Hotel Front Desk:1-503-6248400 Hotel Fax:1-503-6848324

ROOM RATES

The conference group rate is **\$104/night plus 13% tax**. Conference rates are available until February 26, 2015 or until the room block has been filled.

RESERVATIONS

Reservations can be made online or by phone. There are a limited number of rooms available, so book early for the best rate.

Here is the link for reservations online:

<https://aws.passkey.com/g/34821130>

Individuals can also call the hotel at [866-565-4062](tel:866-565-4062) and ask for "Pacific Northwest Region AARSBL Conference" group block.

CUT-OFF DATE

Reservation deadline is February 26, 2015.

Group Block Name

Pacific Northwest Region AARSBL Conference

Check In/ Check out

Check-in time for all guests is 3:00 PM.

Checkout time is 12:00 PM.

PARKING

Free parking.

HOTEL RESTAURANTS

Basil's Kitchen

Location: Main Lobby

Serves: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hours: 6:30 AM-10:00 PM

Phone: 1-503-6248400

Enjoy Mediterranean cuisine featuring fresh, local Northwest ingredients including two of our favorites... Vodka Ravioli and Capellini Bianchini they are sure to be your favorites as well.

Hotel Bars & Lounges: *BC Lounge*

Location: 14811 Kruse Oaks Drive

Hours: 4:00 PM - 10:30 PM

Phone: 1-503-6248400(6116)

BC Lounge is a casual atmosphere with high definition digital flat screen TV for catching your favorite sports action or try your luck at golf, tennis, or bowling on our Nintendo Wii. We serve an amazing Happy Hour menu from 4pm to 6pm Monday thru Friday starting with our \$2.95 food menu.

Amenities at the Crowne Plaza

Internet Access

- Standard wired Internet service is free for all IHG® Rewards Club members
- Wireless Internet Available in Rooms, Suites, Business Center and Public Areas.
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Facilities

- 6 Floors
- 161 Guest Rooms & Suites
 - 12 Suites
 - 161 Non-Smoking Rooms
- FEMA Property Number: OR0222

Accessibility

- Accessible Self-Parking Available
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- Hotel Entrance
- All Entrances/Doorways
- Registration Desk
- Wheel Chair Accessible rooms are located on all guest floors near the elevators. All rooms comply with Accessibility laws. We have rooms with Roll in showers and with tubs. All showers have a built in seat.

Credit Cards

- American Express
- Visa
- MasterCard
- Diner's Club
- Carte Blanche
- Discover

In-Room Dining

- Hours:: 6:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Driving Directions to the Crowne Plaza from Portland International Airport

Take Airport Way East for 2 miles and get onto Interstate 205 going south towards Portland. You will go 2 miles on 205 and take the Interstate 84 exit towards Portland. You will go 7 miles on Interstate 84 and then you will take Interstate 5 going South towards Salem. You will be on Interstate 5 for 7 miles and you

will then take exit 292 which is the Kruse Way exit. You will want to take a left at the off ramp light and then take a right at the second light (Kruse Oaks Drive). Our driveway will be on the right hand side.

TRANSPORTATION TO MARYLHURST UNIVERSITY

Located on a beautiful campus just south of Lake Oswego, Oregon, on Highway 43, **Marylhurst University** is easy to reach from any direction. Parking on our campus is free.

Public Transportation

- Tri-Met bus number 35 serves Marylhurst University. Visit Tri-Met's site for current bus route, schedule and fare information (<http://www.trimet.org/schedule/r035.htm>)
- Driving: Use Mapquest to get directions from an exact location.

From Portland International Airport: (PDX)

- Leave the airport on NE Airport Way
- Take Interstate 205 SOUTH (toward Salem) and drive about 16 miles
- Take EXIT 8 (West Linn-Lake Oswego)
- Turn RIGHT onto Highway 43 (toward Lake Oswego)
- The campus is approximately 3 miles down Highway 43, on the right side of the road

From Downtown Portland:

- Go SOUTH on Macadam Avenue (Hwy 43)
- Continue through Lake Oswego on State Street (Hwy 43)
- Veer LEFT after crossing over Oswego Creek, continuing on Highway 43
- The campus is approximately 1 mile south of downtown Lake Oswego on the left side of the road

From Salem and other points south:

- Take I-5 NORTH
- Take I-205 NORTH
- Take EXIT 8 (West Linn-Lake Oswego)
- Turn LEFT onto Highway 43 (toward Lake Oswego)
- The campus is approximately 3 miles down Highway 43, on the right side of the road

From Vancouver and other points north:

- Take I-5 SOUTH
- Take EXIT 299A (Lake Oswego - Hwy 43)
- Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto Highway 43
- Continue through Lake Oswego on State Street (Hwy 43)
- Veer LEFT after crossing over Oswego Creek, continuing on Highway 43
- The campus is approximately 1 mile south on the left side of the road

From Beaverton and other points west:

- Take Highway 217 SOUTH
- Continue on Kruse Way (Hwy 217) until it ends at Boones Ferry Road
- Turn LEFT on Boones Ferry
- Turn RIGHT onto Country Club Road (toward downtown Lake Oswego)
- Continue STRAIGHT on Country Club Road as it becomes A Avenue
- Continue on A Avenue until it ends at State Street
- Turn RIGHT on State Street (Hwy 43)
- Veer LEFT after crossing over Oswego Creek, continuing on Highway 43
- The campus is approximately 1 mile south of downtown Lake Oswego on the left side of the road

FUTURE MEETINGS

2016: University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho

2017: St. Mary's University, Calgary, Alberta

2018: Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington

Visit our Facebook Page and LinkedIn Group!!

There are now more ways to connect with members in our Region. Feel free to post comments, ask questions, announce special panels, seminars, etc. on any of these social media sites.

Here is the link to our Facebook page. Right now we have 21 members; once we have 25 members Facebook will assign a web address for us, so please click away! (Copy and paste address into browser):

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/edit/?id=106370882810766&tab=public§ion=address&view#!/pages/Pacific-Northwest-Region-of-the-AAR-SBL-ASOR/106370882810766>

We have 46 members in our Group on LinkedIn. The link for our group is:

http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Pacific-Northwest-Region-AAR-SBL-5112328?trk=my_groups-b-grp-v

There is also a Facebook page for graduate students in the Region, set up by the Region's AAR Student Director, Raj Balkaran: Student Members of the AAR Pacific Northwest Region

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Student-Members-of-the-AAR-Pacific-Northwest-Region/147895852040469?ref=stream>

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).

**2015 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:

- two (2) \$100 awards for winning graduate papers
- two (2) \$100 awards (1st Place) and two (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 electronically by **January 15, 2015** to:

Timothy Hyun, Faith Evangelical Seminary (thyun@faithseminary.edu)

Awards will be announced at the Pacific Northwest AAR/SBL and ASOR Regional Meeting in 2015 at Marylhurst University. Students need not be present to win.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2014–2015

President: Susan Carter, Marylhurst University (scarter@marylhurst.edu) (AAR)
Vice-President: Charlie Scalise, Fuller Theological Seminary NW (cscalise@fuller.edu) (SBL)
Past President: Jack Levison, Seattle Pacific University (jlevison@spu.edu) (SBL) – 1-year term; serves on Nominating Committee
Executive Secretary/Regionally Elected Director: Ardy Bass, Gonzaga University (bassa@gonzaga.edu) (SBL) – 3-year term; one-term renewal (second term)
Secretary-Treasurer: Amy Donaldson, Portland, Oregon (amy.m.donaldson@gmail.com) (AAR) – 3-year term; one-term renewal (first term)
ASOR Representative: Roger Anderson, Mukilteo, Washington (rwander48@comcast.net) – 3-year term (first term)
AAR Regional Student Director (RSD): Rupa Pillai, University of Oregon (rpillai@uoregon.edu) (first term 2014)
SBL Regional Student Representative: Joshua Matson, Trinity Western University (Joshua.matson@mytwu.ca) (first term 2015)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair: Brenda Llewellyn Ihssen, Pacific Lutheran University (ihssenbl@plu.edu) (2011–14) – first term
Eric Cunningham, Gonzaga University (cunningham@gonzaga.edu) (2013–2016) – second term
John Harding, University of Lethbridge (john.harding@uleth.ca) (2012–2015) – second term
Michael S. Heiser, Logos Bible Software (mheiser@logos.com) (2012–2015) – first term
Antonios Finitis, Pacific Lutheran University (finitisak@plu.edu) (2013–2016) – first term
Gloria London, Tall al-‘Umayri Teachers’ Institute (glondon@earthlink.net) (2013–2016) – first term
Jim Wellman, University of Washington (jwellman@u.washington.edu) (past President serves one year)

STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Coordinator: Timothy Hyun, Faith Evangelical Seminary (thyun@faithseminary.edu)

REGIONAL SCHOLARS COMMITTEE (SBL)

Chair: Ardy Bass, Gonzaga University (bassa@gonzaga.edu) (SBL, Executive Officer)
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Elizabeth R. Hayes, Fuller Theological Seminary (erussell.hayes@gmail.com) (Hebrew Bible)
Roger Anderson, Mukilteo, Washington (rwander48@comcast.net) (Archaeology of the Ancient Near East)
Antonios Finitis, Pacific Lutheran University (finitisak@plu.edu) (Hebrew Bible)