



Greetings from Atlanta!

We hope that the end of the spring semester finds you well and that the summer promises a break from rigorous schedules. The Society of Biblical Literature and the American Academy of Religion look forward to spending the summer preparing for our respective Annual Meetings—held concurrently beginning this year—in San Francisco, CA November 19-22, 2011.

This email is to inform you of some exciting news about the services SBL and AAR will offer regarding matters of employment and careers. Beginning this year, there will be one jointly sponsored Employment Center onsite at the Annual Meetings. The Center will include all of the services SBL and AAR have offered independently for the past three years. Employer registration will open on the SBL and the AAR websites beginning July 1, 2011. Candidates can register now through either the SBL or the AAR Annual Meeting registration systems. *Please be advised that you will only need to complete the registration process on either the SBL or the AAR website in order for your registration to be processed.*

Beginning July 1, you will also notice changes to the online job advertisements on the SBL and the AAR websites. The listings on both sites will carry the label, "Employment Listings." Both websites will be accessible not only to members but also to the general public. Though much of the advertisement submission process will remain the same on each site, the price for submitting an advertisement on either site will be calculated based on a \$55.00 per week rate. Logos will be free. We encourage SBL and AAR members to review the listings on each site to find out which advertised positions are registered for the joint 2011 Employment Center.

These changes are being made in an effort to prepare the way for a joint Employment Services website provided by both the SBL and the AAR that will launch in the next year. We appreciate your patience as we work toward producing a robust, user-friendly system that will include the Employment Listings, Employment Center registration, and other information and services that address some of the most salient issues related to employment in the field. If you have any questions or feedback, please feel free to contact Jessica Davenport, AAR Associate Director of Member Services, at jdavenport@aarweb.org or Charles Haws, SBL Manager of Programs, at charles.haws@sbl-site.org.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Kutsko".

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