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Regional Meeting

May 2-4, 2008

**George Fox University, Newberg,
Oregon**

Hoover Building

The 2008 Regional Meeting of the Pacific Northwest AAR/SBL and ASO”R is less than two months away! We look forward to seeing you in Newberg!

Map:

http://www.georgefox.edu/maps_loca/inter_map/inter_map_old.html

Driving Instructions: Map Quest

**George Fox University – Our Host
Institution**

More than a century ago, early Quaker pioneers helped settle the rich and fruitful Chehalem Valley of Oregon. One of their first priorities, along with the founding of their church, was the education of their children.

In 1885, such Christian instruction was assured with the establishment of Friends Pacific Academy. At the same time, the founding pioneers were looking ahead with the dream of a college to provide further and more advanced education. That time came September 9, 1891, with the opening of the doors of Pacific College. Fifteen students were enrolled the first day of classes. Since its founding, there have been major changes, including the name of this place of higher education. In 1949, because of the many "Pacific" colleges, the school was re-titled

George Fox College in honor of the founder of the Friends, or Quaker, Church.

The name changed again in 1996 when Western Evangelical Seminary merged with George Fox College to create George Fox University. During the past 14 years, George Fox University has experienced rapid growth, quadrupling in size. Enrollment has surpassed 3,200 students. Programs have expanded beyond traditional undergraduate offerings to include graduate, doctoral, George Fox Evangelical Seminary, and degree-completion programs for working adults. In addition to a residential campus in Newberg, classes are now being taught in Portland, Salem, and Eugene, OR, as well as in Boise, Idaho.

Future Meetings:

2009 Pacific Lutheran University
Tacoma, WA

2010 Somewhere in Western Canada

2011 Somewhere East of the
Cascades in Washington or Oregon

**If you and your institution would be
willing to host a regional meeting, please
contact Douglas R. McGaughey,
Executive Secretary;
doug@willamette.edu. Thank you!**

Registration:

Registration will be on-line again this year.

Your gateway to registration for the meeting is:
<http://www.aarweb.org/Jump/Reg/PN>

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 midnight of April 30th. Pre-registering will allow you to purchase meal tickets for the luncheon and banquet on Saturday. You will also be able to register (by CHECK OR CASH – no credit cards) on-site at George Fox University. 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 me immediately!

If you absolutely cannot use the on-line system to register, a paper registration form is included on the very last page of this newsletter.

Please, only if you are unable to register on-line, fill it out and mail it along with your check to the recording secretary-treasurer:

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Program Highlights:

Main Venue: Hoover Building

The entire program is available on-line under "Info", "Program" at <http://www.pnw-aarsbl.org/>

Paul Anderson from George Fox University will be delivering our annual **Presidential Plenary** address on Friday evening, May 2nd. Paul's topic will be: "A Bi-Optic Hypothesis; A Theory of Interfluentiality between the Johannine and Markan Gospels." Join us after dinner to hear our esteemed president and meeting host!

The annual **ASOR Plenary** at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 3rd, will be a lecture by **Gloria London**: "Feasts and Animal Sacrifice: 1200 B.C.E. at Tall al-'Umayri, Jordan." Gloria is the Director of the Tall al-'Umayri Research Institute and the ASOR representative on our Executive Committee.

Our **Banquet Speaker** this year (Saturday evening, May 3rd) will be **Robert C. Gregg**, Teresa Hihn Moore Professor in Religious Studies, Emeritus, Stanford University. His topic is "Exegetes and Artists: Sarah and Hagar in early Judaism, Christianity, and Islam."

Housing: Housing options are to take a room in the dorm at George Fox University or housing in Newberg. The url link below will allow you to register for on-campus housing and/or linens, and it has a link to off-campus discounted housing.

<http://www.georgefox.edu/academics/undergrad/departments/religion/registration.html>

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.** For those wishing to purchase meal tickets

for other meals in advance to eat on-campus (e.g., lunch and dinner on Friday, breakfast on Saturday, and for the Region's Authors breakfast session on Sunday morning), you can obtain and pay for those tickets at the registration table.

Reservation but not payment for these additional meal tickets can be made at:

<http://www.georgefox.edu/academics/undergrad/departments/religion/registration.html>

Breakfast with Region Authors: Our region is increasingly producing significant books. This year we would like to try providing an informal forum for persons to talk with region scholars about their work. Sign-up for breakfast with a scholar by purchasing a meal ticket for Sunday breakfast! **Attention Authors:** If you would like to participate in an author forum session at breakfast on Sunday morning, please notify Doug McGaughey so that space can be arranged!

Snail Mail and Email Addresses: The region does not keep its own list of snail mail and email addresses. We obtain those 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, contact the organization to make the appropriate corrections.

Web Page Manager: We are looking for someone willing to take on the task of keeping the information on our region's web page up-to-date. This involves providing our Web Master with data to be posted on the site. If you would be interested, please contact Doug (dougmillamette.edu)!

Wabash Conference: The Wabash Center will host a pre-conference workshop on Teaching College Introductory Courses: George Fox University, Cap and Gown Room, Friday May 2, 10 am to 1:30 pm. Lunch will be served. You must register to attend. For more information and registration:

<http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/programs/article.aspx?id=12636>

This is a hands-on, interactive workshop that leads participants through a process for designing college introductory religion courses, informed by the research literature on successful teaching.

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. 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. Applicants should inform the Regional Coordinator prior to the meeting that he or she intends to apply for the award. If selected as a winner by the National Society's Regional Scholar Award Selection Committee, the winner receives \$1000 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 Alicia Batten, PNW SBL Regional Coordinator, Department of Religion, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA 98447, battenaa@plu.edu.

2008 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, 2008 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, George Fox University, Newberg, Oregon, May 2-4, 2008. Students need not be present to win.

!! Please Use This Form Only If You Cannot Register On-Line !!

**Pacific Northwest AAR/SBL and ASOR
Manual 2008 Meeting Registration Form**

Mail with payment to:

Alicia Batten, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Religion
Pacific Lutheran University
Tacoma, WA 98447

Name (as it should appear on name badge):

Institution or Location (for name badge):

Address:

Phone/Email

Membership: AAR_____ SBL_____ [SBL ID:] ASOR_____

Registration Fee:

Member/Nonmember \$35 (same Canadian) _____
Student \$15 (same Canadian) _____
Underemployed/Retired \$15 (same Canadian) _____
Spouse \$15 (same Canadian) (only if attending sessions) _____

Meals:

Saturday Luncheon \$7.50 (same Canadian) _____
 Standard_____ Vegetarian_____
Spouse \$7.50 (same Canadian) _____
 Standard_____ Vegetarian_____

Saturday Evening Banquet \$19.95US (same Canadian) _____
 Standard_____ Vegetarian_____
Spouse \$19.95 (same Canadian) _____
 Standard_____ Vegetarian_____

(Tickets for other meals, including the Authors' Table breakfast on Sunday morning, can be purchased from George Fox University at the registration table.)

Voluntary Contribution to the Student Essay Contest Fund: _____

TOTAL _____