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MARCH 25-26, 2012

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**PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**

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**Parking (TBA)**

**Internet access (TBA)**

Note: Final Program (including room locations) will be posted in March.  
There will be no hard copy of the program.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2012**

**REGISTRATION 10:00AM-5:00PM**

**EXHIBITION 12:00-5:00PM**

**11:30AM-12:30PM (location)**

**M25-1** SBLPCR Executive Board Meeting

**12:45-2:00PM (location)**

**M25-2** SBLPCR Program Unit Chairs Lunch Meeting

**2:15-3:45 PM SESSIONS**

**☐ S25-21 Hebrew Bible I (location)**

*Theme: Women in Genesis*

Christopher Heard, Pepperdine University, *Presiding*

Jacob Rennaker, Claremont Graduate University

*The Eve of Creation: How Interpreters Viewed the Mother of All Living (30 mins)*

Craig Anderson, Azusa Pacific University

*The Rape of Dinah and the Politics of John Hyrcanus (30 mins)*

Carolyn Patterson, Claremont Graduate University

*Legitimacy and Inheritance: Bilhah, Zilpah, and the Pilegish Question (30 mins)*

**☐ S25-2 Judaism in the Greco-Roman Era (location)**

Randall D. Chesnutt, Pepperdine University, *Presiding*

Ashley Bacchi, Graduate Theological Union

*Ptolemy IV: The Straw Man Villain in III Maccabees (30 mins)*

David L. Matson, Hope International University

*Translating Ioudaios as 'Judean': The Special Case of I Thessalonians 2:14 (30 mins)*

Honora Howell Chapman, California State University, Fresno

*'Where they make a desert, they call it peace': Judean and Roman Identity in the First Century (30 mins)*

**4:00-5:30PM SESSIONS**

**☐ S25-3 NEO-ASSYRIAN INSIGHTS ON ANCIENT ISRAEL AND THE HEBREW BIBLE (location)**

*Theme: Ancient Women in Text, Archaeology, and Iconography*

*This session features a panel discussion, including audience interaction, by several scholars and archaeologists that will identify a set aspects related to the study of women in the ancient world.*

Brad E. Kelle, Point Loma Nazarene University, *Presiding*

*Panelists:*

Ronald S. Hendel, University of California, Berkeley

Laurie Pearce, University of California, Berkeley

Aaron Brody, Pacific School of Religion

Tammi J. Schneider, Claremont Graduate University

**☐ S25-4 NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLES AND APOCALYPSE (location)**

Kenneth L. Waters, Azusa Pacific University, *Presiding*

Alice Yafeh-Deigh, Azusa Pacific University

*Sin, Sex, and Marriage: Toward A Decolonizing Reassessment of Augustine's Interpretation of I Corinthians 7 (22 mins)*

Ross P. Ponder, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California

*'Caught Up to the Third Heaven...into Paradise': the Legitimizing Function of Paul's Apocalyptic Vision in Antiquity (22 mins)*

Philip Erwin, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California.

*'Synagogue of Satan' as Polemic and Identification: A Discursive Reading of Rev 2:9 and 3:9 (22 mins)*

Kenneth L. Waters, Azusa Pacific University

*Ordering Chaos: Revisiting Style and Structure in the Apocalypse of John (22 mins)*

**5:45-6:30PM**

**☐ S25-5** SBL Pacific Coast Reception (location)

**6:45-8:15PM**

**☐ S25-6 SBLPCR Plenary Session** *Theme: The Bible and Film*

Robert K. Johnston, Fuller Theological Seminary

*"Is 'Reel' Spirituality a Real Spirituality?"*

**MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2012**

**REGISTRATION 7:30AM-12:00NOON**

**EXHIBITION 8:00AM-2:00PM**

**8:00-9:30AM SESSIONS**

**□ S26-1 OPEN SESSION (location)**

Tim Finlay, Azusa Pacific University, *Presiding*

James Petitfils, University of California, Los Angeles

*Ignatian Exempla: Ignatius of Antioch on Leadership in light of the Roman Discourse of Exemplarity (30 mins)*

Ryan N. Roberts, University of California, Los Angeles

*Records of Ruin in Middle Assyrian Building Inscriptions: Propaganda or Problems in the Textual and Archaeological Record? (30 mins)*

J. R. Daniel Kirk, Fuller Theological Seminary

*Reconfiguring Divine Identity Christology (30 mins)*

**□ S26-2 QUMRAN (location)**

Hannah Harrington, Patten University, *Presiding*

Jacob Rennaker, Claremont Graduate University

*A Community of "Adams" Returning to Eden: Song 13 of the Songs of Sabbath Sacrifice (30 mins)*

Hannah Harrington, Patten University

*Body as Sanctuary in the Dead Sea Scrolls (30 mins)*

Craig Evan Anderson, Azusa Pacific University

*The Veracity of 4QJoshA within the Disputed Placement of the Covenant Ratification Ceremony in the Book of Joshua" (30 mins)*

**10:00-11:30AM SESSION**

**□ S26-3 SBLPCR Presidential Address (location)**

Gary Gilbert, Claremont McKenna College

*Labeling the Convert in Late Antique Judaism*

**11:45-1:15PM**

**□ M26-1 SBLPCR Lunch Business Meeting (location)**

Mignon R. Jacobs, Fuller Theological Seminary, *Presiding*

**1:30-3:00PM SESSIONS**

**□ S26-4 HEBREW BIBLE II (location)**

*Theme: Person and Place in the Deuteronomistic History*

Christopher Heard, Pepperdine University, *Presiding*

Hye Kyung Park, Claremont Graduate University

*Hyper-Heroization, De-Heroization, and Trans-Heroization: A Narrative Reading of Judges 9 (30 mins)*

Garrett Galvin, Franciscan School of Theology

*Jeroboam as a Fugitive and Refugee in the Hebrew Bible: The Motif of Journey (30 mins)*

Gary Arbino, Golden Gate Seminary

*What Is For You Here?: Geography and Setting in the Elijah Narratives (30 mins)*

**□ S26-5 NEW TESTAMENT TEXTS AND TRADITIONS (location)**

Rebecca Skaggs, Patten University, *Presiding*

Jeff Cate, California Baptist University

*The Greek New Testament Manuscripts in California (22 mins)*

Matthew Hauge, Azusa Pacific University

*The katabasis of Jesus in the Lukan Corpus (22 mins)*

Joseph Hyung S. Lee, Regent College

*Temple Christology in New Creation: Genesis 28:12 in John 1:51 (22 mins)*

Kathryn Smith, Azusa Pacific University

*Mary's Magnificat Through a Postcolonial Optic (22 mins)*

**3:15-4:45PM SESSION**

**□ S26-6 HEBREW BIBLE III (location)**

*Theme: Magic, Mesopotamia, and the Hebrew Bible*

Christopher Heard, Pepperdine University, *Presiding*

Duane Smith, Independent scholar

*The Divining Snake: Reading Genesis 3 in the Context of Summa Alu  
Tablets 22-26 (30 mins)*

Melissa Ramos, University of California, Los Angeles

*The Magical Background of Deuteronomy 27-28 (30 mins)*

Ryan Roberts, University of California, Los Angeles

*Reevaluating Leonine Imagery in Amos 1:2 in Light of a Neo-Assyrian  
Parallel (30 mins)*

Anderson, Craig E.  
Arbino, Gary  
Bacchi, Ashley  
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Cate, Jeff  
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Erwin, Philip  
Finlay, Tim  
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#### **Institutions Represented on the Program**

Azusa Pacific University  
California Baptist University  
California State University, Fresno  
Claremont Graduate University  
Claremont McKenna College  
Fuller Theological Seminary  
Franciscan School of Theology  
Golden Gate Seminary  
Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California.  
Hope International University  
Pacific School of Religion  
Patten University  
Pepperdine University  
Point Loma Nazarene University

Regent College  
University of California, Berkeley  
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