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Labor of Love

I try on Fridays to call a member—a cold call without having first emailed a request to chat. If I email ahead of time, the caller wants to know what the call is about, and the answers are more prepared and less visceral. I have thought about asking the same questions every call, in order to give the conversation a more intentional agenda and direction, and perhaps even to record answers on a grid to evaluate qualitatively. Instead, I try to listen intentionally and let the call go wherever it naturally goes. However, eventually I usually ask two questions: (1) How is your work going? and (2) What can SBL do better for you?

Like most questions, we hear different things based on our present circumstances and personal interests. So a vaguer question elicits a variety of responses. Sometimes I hear about the current challenges in higher education, the poor job market, budget cuts, increased committee work, the “administration.” Sometimes I hear about a member’s frustration that research and writing always seem to take a back seat to other, more pressing responsibilities. What I almost always hear is that, while the profession is so time-consuming, all-encompassing, and uncertain, they love it—the teaching, the students, the intellectual freedom, the intellectual stimulation, and the creativity. It is a labor of love, and teaching especially ranks high in personal satisfaction.

When I ask what SBL can do better, I also get a range of answers. Sometimes they are programs or resources we have, but ones that are not easily found on our website. Sometimes they are opportunities they want to take, but don’t know how to begin. Almost always, though, is some program or idea associated with the larger discipline and its place in education and society that SBL might do if we had more knowledge of the many professional contexts in which our members work.

It seems these suggestions, too, come from the love of the labor—the love of an academic field that is arguably one of the most important humanities’ disciplines in a world filled with cultural illiteracy and religious intolerance. SBL members know they study and teach core texts of civilization—past and present—and care deeply about these texts’ continuing relevance to society.

You will find on p. 3 the beginning of an initiative to understand the needs of our members and their professional contexts better. We will also look at the employment picture and begin to report on that annually. And we will share more information through facts and figures that will help our members see the growth and direction of the organization they own.

If you get a call on a Friday, it is no holds barred—and you can vent about, or celebrate, the field and your organization. But you don’t have to wait for a call. You can call or email me any time.

Sincerely,
John F. Kutsko
Executive Director

The Society of Biblical Literature

Fostering Biblical Scholarship since 1880

The Society of Biblical Literature is the oldest international scholarly membership organization in biblical, theological, and religious studies. Founded in 1880, the Society has experienced a history of growth, keeping pace with the changing needs of its membership, which has grown to over 8,600 scholars, teachers, students, religious leaders, and individuals from around the world, all of whom share a mutual commitment to dialog in the critical investigation of the Bible.

The Society's mission, to foster biblical scholarship, is a simple, comprehensive statement that encompasses the Society's aspirations. Our vision is to offer members opportunities for mutual support, intellectual growth, and professional development as teachers and scholars.

Opportunity

The Society makes available to its members essential electronic resources that promote research and teaching. Our digital collaboration with several partners makes numerous resources available to our members. The SBL Font Foundation is developing specialized fonts for biblical studies that are available to individuals at no cost. The Society supports women and under-represented racial and ethnic minorities in the profession with mentoring and recruiting programs. Special tools and sessions are provided for students and those outside the academy. The Society also fosters biblical scholarship through a variety of publishing partnerships.

Community

SBL's congresses promote the exchange of ideas both within and outside the academy and on an international scale. The meetings are designed as forums that encompass the diverse needs of our members, from the intimate regional meetings, to the diverse and growing International Meeting, and to the energized Annual Meeting. As they have for well over a century, SBL's meetings keep scholarship active and up-to-date, introduce scholars to the latest tools and resources, and connect scholars from down the street to those across the ocean.

Scholarship

The Society publishes a rich selection of resources from study bibles and reference works to classroom textbooks and highly specialized monographs. The *Journal of Biblical Literature*, published since 1880, is the flagship journal in the field of biblical studies and remains on the cutting edge by publishing articles on newer and traditional methodologies. The *Review of Biblical Literature* provides the most comprehensive, international, and timely review of books in the field of biblical studies.

Membership offers many benefits including:

Opportunity to

- Gather for the exchange of ideas at regional, national, and international meetings
- Publish books and articles
- Review books for *Review of Biblical Literature*
- Participate in the governance of the society
- Participate in professional development

Free access to

- *Journal of Biblical Literature* online from 1880–2010
- Jobs online
- SBL's Member Directory
- Specialized fonts and rare documents
- *The SBL Handbook of Style*

Eligibility for SBL Awards, including

- Paul J. Achtemeier Award for New Testament Scholarship
- David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Biblical Scholarship
- Regional Scholar Awards

Substantial discounts on

- Print versions of *JBL* and *RBL*
- Registration for congresses
- Non-SBL journals
- All SBL books through semi-annual sales

Informational publications, including

- Annual Meeting Session Guide
- Annual Meeting Abstracts Online
- SBL New and Recent Titles Catalog
- SBL and SBL Publications Newsletters

Minding (and Mining) the Data

The more we know the more we can do. The more SBL members know the more they can help lead and advise SBL to serve its entire membership better and to respond more proactively to the changes in biblical scholarship and higher education. In 2012, SBL took steps to collect, organize, evaluate, and provide data to understand better the contexts and needs of its members.

Member Information

The SBL staff developed a new set of member profile questions, in collaboration and consultation with many stakeholders in our academic ecosystem, including those in higher education and graduate schools, publishing, libraries, journalism, religious communities, museums, and foundations. The questions in the new member profile were crafted on those of peer organizations in further consultation with related interest groups.

Learned societies and professional organizations are founded to serve their members' needs. The more your Society knows about its general membership, the more effective it will be in each and every area of its mission to support the field: advocacy, meetings, programs, publishing, grant writing, fund raising, and professional resources.

Members will benefit directly by filling out their profile. With this aggregated information, we can assist departments and institutions in creating new positions or making the case for keeping faculty positions open. With this data we can approach funding agencies to develop programs and services that strengthen the field, support students, and give new opportunities to biblical scholars. With this information, we can better see trends, respond to them, and more effectively allocate SBL resources—member resources.

If this data is provided regularly, we can annually compile reports on our member demographics, career contexts and related issues of tenure and the rise of contingent faculty, student participation, job openings, and trends in the many disciplines practiced by SBL members. Finally, with this data we will identify the schools and departments in which our members teach. We will then survey those departments to map the state of the field, the health of the

job market, and new career opportunities.

This data will allow SBL staff, committees, boards, task forces, and Council do the work of advocacy, support, and programming, and will provide opportunities for solid, consistent, diachronic analysis to identify needs and opportunities.

Beginning in 2013, we are asking members to fill out their member profile and to keep it up to date. Every member who fully completes the profile by March 1 will be entered into a drawing to win one of two iPads—each year!

Academic Jobs Data and Report

In October SBL announce the release of a jobs report, tracking employment listing data in biblical, religious, and theological studies from 2001 through 2010. This report, which you can view and download from <http://www.sbl-site.org/assets/pdfs/OpeningsReport2001-2010.pdf>, is historic in two regards. First, it reports on the past decade with an eye toward identifying key and important trends. Second, it is our first baseline collection and evaluation of a set of data that will facilitate annual updating and long-term analysis. Most importantly, while the findings may not be predictive, we believe they are instructive, and this report will provide a clear reality, to which we must find ways to respond.

The following is a summary and the key findings of the "Job Advertisement Data 2001–2010."

Summary

Data collected by the Society of Biblical Literature and American Academy of Religion reveal various characteristics of note about the job market in biblical, religious, and theological studies. Most striking are the relatively steady hiring trends in the early 2000s contrasted with significant changes to the market starting in 2008. In 2008 81.6 percent of positions listed were tenure track, but in 2009 51.1 percent were listed as tenure track and in 2010 61.0 percent were listed as tenure track. The lowest percentage of tenure-track positions from 2001 through 2008 was in 2003 (73.7%). These findings may indicate that the job market for the 2009 academic year fundamentally changed, not only shrinking but reconfiguring with a greater emphasis on non-tenure-track employment. Hiring at the end of 2010 indicates an upward trend, but it is significantly

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International Qur'anic Studies Association

In spring 2012, the Society of Biblical Literature was awarded a \$140,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation to support a three-year consultation to explore forming an independent learned society for scholars of the Qur'an.

The purpose of such a new learned society will be to help the growing number of Qur'anic scholars meet across international boundaries to share their work, to appreciate the work of others, to collaborate, to provide more mutual, professional support, and to help the discipline grow through advocacy and education.

SBL made the announcement on May 29, 2012, which received positive interest and support, including articles in the following news outlets: *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Inside Higher Education*, *New York Times*, and the *Washington Post*.

In September, the initiative's codirectors, Gabriel Said Reynolds (Tisch Family Associate Professor of Islamic Studies and Theology at the University of Notre Dame) and Emran El-Badawi (Assistant Professor of Arab Studies at the University of Houston) were invited to write an op-ed for the *Christian Science Monitor*, which appeared in both the newspaper's digital and print editions.

The initiative has quickly gained support and drawn interest from scholars around the world. The network of scholars has adopted the name International Qur'anic Studies Association (IQSA). The steering committee has formed, and it has begun to meet and discuss its mission and structure, publishing, conferencing, programming, and other professional services, in order to create a forum and community of scholars and students of the Qur'an.

In October, IQSA launched a website: www.iqsaweb.org. Scholars interested in becoming involved, supporting the efforts, or staying informed of developments are encouraged to sign up for the regular updates and join the e-mail list. You can also follow IQSA on Twitter and Facebook.

IQSA Steering Committee

Emran El-Badawi, *University of Houston* (codirector)
Gabriel Reynolds, *University of Notre Dame* (codirector)
Mehdi Azaiez, *Université Paris*
Fred Donner, *University of Chicago*
Asma Hilali, *Institute of Ismaili Studies*
Ebrahim Moosa, *Duke University*
Andrew Rippin, *University of Victoria*
Michael Pregill, *Elon University*
Devin Stewart, *Emory University*
Shawkat Toorawa, *Cornell University*
John Kutsko, *Society of Biblical Literature* (ex officio, administrator)

An Open Letter to SBL Members

Since its press release in May 29, 2012, the International Qur'anic Studies Association (IQSA) has received the support of the academy as well as the public. In the months following, the media took much interest in IQSA, as well as SBL's instrumental role in supporting this Qur'anic Studies initiative. Thanks to this widespread recognition, university professors, graduate students, and academic institutions around the world continue to reach out to us and form valuable partnerships with IQSA. As co-directors of this initiative, we understand that forming meaningful relationships with sister organizations will be key to the success and growth of IQSA in the long term. We would like to take this opportunity to reach out to the members of SBL especially, and inform them about the vision of this initiative and their role within it.

On November 18–19, 2012, IQSA will hold its first organizational meeting in Chicago. Its co-directors and steering committee will discuss several important matters, including governance, publishing, relationship building, fund raising, and planning our first meeting in 2013, alongside SBL's Annual Meeting. Our provisional plan is for our annual meetings to alternate between North America (alongside SBL) and a site in the Islamic world. We also plan on establishing a journal, a newsletter, and a monograph series that will publish in English as well as Arabic. We want IQSA to be "the place" where Qur'anic studies scholars from around the world, especially those in Western and Islamic countries, talk to one another, share cutting edge research, collaborate and publish their work. The collegial environment we will work towards will also make IQSA a center that fosters respect and mutual understanding through scholarship.

One of the program units to be housed at IQSA conferences will explore the Qur'an's dialogue with Biblical literature; another will likely study the text in light of Semitic linguistics. These areas of scholarship will prove to be a "bridge" between members of IQSA and those of SBL. Scholars of biblical studies will have the opportunity to learn how biblical traditions were adapted within the Qur'anic milieu. And scholars of Qur'anic Studies can learn how the text belongs to "the world of the Bible." You are invited to visit the initiative's blog (<http://iqsaweb.org>), subscribe to IQSA's e-mail list, and keep up to date with our news and posts. We thank SBL for its support and look forward to working with its members.

Sincerely,
Emran El-Badawi
Gabriel Said Reynolds

Partnership to Provide Primary Texts

Texts lie at the heart of biblical studies and the related fields its members research and teach. SBL members are deeply indebted to the work of text-critical scholars, whether it is Desiderius Erasmus' *Novem Instrumentum* or the resources made available through the decades-long commitment of the Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft (<http://www.dbg.de/en>). The work of the German Bible Society, in particular, has produced the staples that have nourished generations of biblical scholars and translators. The booklet *Textual Research on the Bible*, available on the SBL website, highlights this contribution.

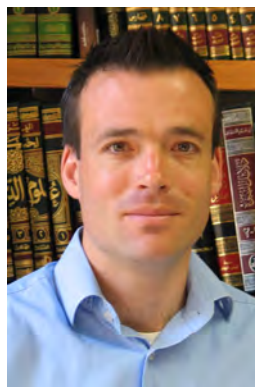
It is thus with great delight that the Society of Biblical Literature announces a partnership with the German Bible Society to make the reading text (the upper text without critical apparatus) of four editions available to its members in several formats for download and personal use.

The webpage, which requires member logon, will go live at the beginning of the year and will include the following texts (without critical apparatus):

- Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia, 5th revised edition
- Septuaginta, edited by Alfred Rahlfs, 2nd revised edition
- Biblical Sacra Iuxta Vulgatam Versionem, 5th revised edition
- Greek New Testament, 4th revised edition

Initially, these texts will be available as downloadable PDFs. We plan to add other formats of use to our members.

SBL members can be grateful to the collaborative efforts of Felix Breidenstein (GBS's Former Executive Director) and Florian Voss (GBS's Senior Editor/International Rights Director) for making this partnership a reality and for providing a significant service to SBL members. We hope those who use these texts will likewise express their appreciation to GBS.



IQSA codirectors Gabriel Reynolds (left) and Emran El-Badawi (right).



(Minding the Data, continued from p. 3)

down from historic highs. Hires for new positions accounted for 37.9 percent of positions from 2001 through 2007, but without sufficient data for 2008 through 2010 it is not possible to know whether new positions continue to constitute a significant percentage of the hiring landscape. Many of these changes are likely due to global economic factors; continued attention to the data may reveal whether they are temporary or permanent.

It is clear from the data, nonetheless, that candidates should focus on acquiring a Ph.D., obtaining teaching experience, and ensuring that interdisciplinary teaching or research is part of their repertoire. The data do not reflect whether or not publishing of journal articles, books, and/or monographs was desired or required. The overwhelming majority of positions, averaging 66.9 percent from 2001 through 2007, requires—not simply desires—a Ph.D. and 69.2 percent of positions either require or desire prior teaching experience. While only 9.7 percent of positions require interdisciplinary teaching or research, 25.2 percent desired evidence of the skill or experience.

Key Findings

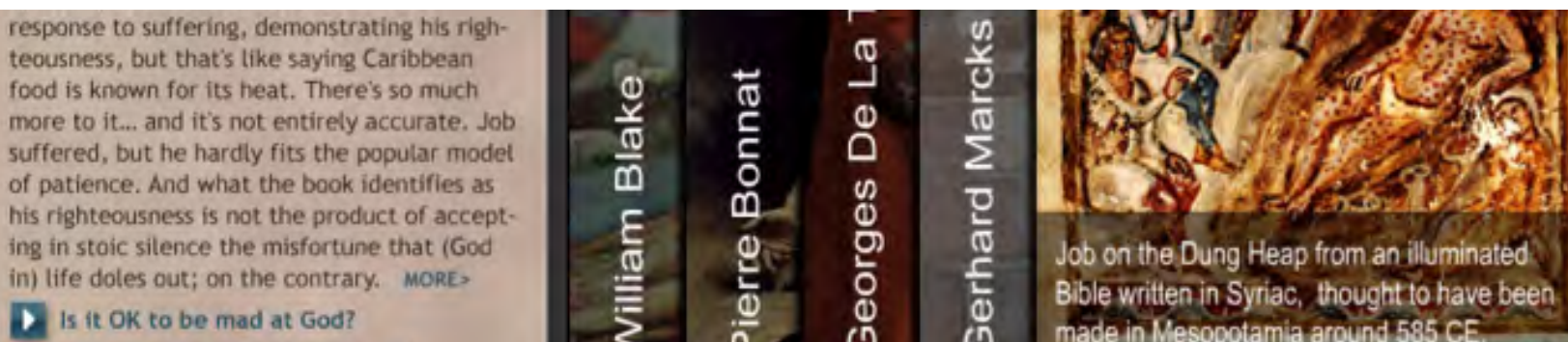
1. The decade under consideration experienced significant fluctuation in the number of job advertisements. Sharp decline marked 2008 to 2009 (-45.8%) and ad numbers in 2010 were just below ad levels for 2001 (494 and 511 respectively).
2. In 2008 81.6 percent of positions listed were tenure track, but this figure decreased to 51.1 percent in 2009 and 61.0 percent in 2010. These findings may indicate that the job market for the 2009 academic year fundamentally changed, not only shrinking but apparently reconfiguring with a greater emphasis on non-tenure-track employment.
3. Hiring for new positions and vacancies accounted for 85.1 percent of position listings.
4. For ads posted with SBL and AAR from 2001 through 2010, the three most important skills or experiences desired or required by employers were (in order) holding a Ph.D., prior teaching experience, and interdisciplinary teaching or research.
5. Data may suggest that demand for Ph.D. and M.A. instruction has increased with little correlative effect on the demand for B.A. and Th.D., D.Min. instruction.
6. Jobs posted with the organizations were almost exclusively full-time rather than part-time.
7. Fields of study for positions themselves were diverse but populated three major categories. Positions dealing with modern religions and their histories, including comparative and world religions, accounted for 31.6% of ads. Positions in biblical studies and related disciplines—including Ancient Near Eastern languages and literatures, Second Temple Judaism, and early Christianity—accounted for 29 percent of ads. Positions in theology, philosophy, philosophy of religion, and ethics accounted for 21.9 percent of ads.
8. Positions in Islam were the major driver for the growth of positions dealing with modern religions and their histories between 2008 and 2009, increasing four-fold and accounting for 32.9 percent of such positions in that period.
9. New Testament and early Christianity positions focused on biblical studies, accounting for 39.5 percent of such positions in 2010.
10. Positions in theology have led growth among positions in theology, philosophy, philosophy of religion, and ethics, doubling from 2008 to 2010 and accounting for 61 percent of such positions in that period.
11. Not-for-profit, as opposed to public, institutions prevail in terms of the total number of positions.
12. Most jobs at public institutions represent institutions with Master's and Doctorate programs. Similarly, most jobs at public institutions represent institutions with student enrollment figures of at least 10,000.
13. A majority of positions (64.3%) indicated that hires would teach undergraduate students, while 43.5 percent of positions indicated that hires would teach Master's

students and 27 percent of positions indicated that hires would teach doctoral students.

14. Positions at Special Focus institutions and Doctorate-granting institutions report the lowest course load at 5.0 and 5.1 courses per annum. Associate institutions report 5.4 courses per annum, while Baccalaureate institutions report 5.9 courses per annum. Master's institutions reported the highest course load at 6.7 courses per annum.
15. Most hires would teach three to six courses per annum: 77.6 percent of not-for-profit institution ads and 77.2 percent of public institution ads indicated that hires would teach three to six courses per annum. Not-for-profit institutions, however, more frequently indicated a higher course load: 66.5 percent of not-for-profit institution ads indicated that hires would teach five to eight courses per annum, which compares with 51.8 percent of public institutions ads.
16. Institutions located in twenty-eight countries posted ads with the organizations from 2001 through 2010, representing six of the seven continents. The overwhelming majority of institutions posting job ads with the organizations are located within the United States (90.2%). Five countries posted at least twenty ads from 2001 through 2010: United States, Canada, United Kingdom, New Zealand, and The Netherlands.

In June SBL announced the results of the "Fall 2010 Survey of Contingent Faculty Members, Instructors and Researchers," conducted by The Coalition on the Academic Workforce (CAW). SBL participated in and provided staff support for that project. The survey inquired about course assignments, salaries, benefits, and general working conditions as members of the contingent academic workforce experience them at the institutional level. Such data are critical to our work in SBL, the future of our Society, and the Society's context within higher education. This report provides critical data to the higher education field, disciplinary associations, advocacy groups, contingent faculty members, instructors, and researchers. It is available on both the CAW and SBL websites.

The SBL Council will continue working in concert with other bodies such as the American Council of Learned Societies, the American Association of University Professors, the Coalition on the Academic Workforce, and the New Faculty Majority. The SBL, in collaboration with the AAR, will also continue to mine the combined disciplinary data, in order to understand the most direct impact these changes have on its own members. We will continue to address these issues through our programming and resources, and will work with membership and professional organizations to advocate for higher education and the importance of scholarship in society.



Bible Odyssey Website

Bible Odyssey, the NEH-funded website that will share biblical scholarship with general audiences has over three hundred original articles commissioned from our members and other colleagues. Undergraduates, journalists, clergy, and other interested readers will be able to explore current research, insights, and debates about the biblical world and its contexts after site launch in November 2013.

Our sincere thanks go to the stellar scholars who comprise our editorial board, all of whom have spent numerous hours on author-prospecting phone calls and

have peer reviewed every single article that has already arrived. A special thanks to our general editors, Mark Allan Powell and Rhonda Burnette-Bletsch, who thought of consistently interesting and audience-friendly topics for the site to address.

If you enjoy writing for general audiences and would like to make your contribution to public scholarship, please get in touch with the Bible Odyssey Managing Editor, Moira Bucciarelli at: m.bucciarelli@sbl-site.org

Publications Year in Review

After publishing one of our largest lineups ever in 2011, SBL Publications is on target to increase its output by the end of 2012, with thirty-six new titles on a wide range of topics, including reading Paul's Letter to the Romans, the archaeology of Judah in the Neo-Babylonian period, the Hodayot of the Qumran community, the Samaritan Pentateuch, and two early sources of the canonical Gospels, to name just a few. (For a complete list of 2012 publications, see page 10.) In addition to the publication of all these volumes, several other high points from 2012 deserve special mention.

(1) One result of this increased productivity is evident in the steadily growing sales that we enjoy. While most academic and university presses struggled to limit their revenue losses, the SBL increased its book sales revenue during the last fiscal year (July 2011–June 2012) by over 8 percent over the previous year. In fact, SBL's net sales revenue of over \$455,000 is the highest total in our history. Thanks to the efforts of our authors and editors, as well as the support of SBL members who both buy SBL books and assign them as classroom resources, we expect this positive trend to continue through the current fiscal year and beyond.

(2) To encourage and continue this positive trend, the SBL has enlisted the services of publishing consultant Karen Strauss (see <http://www.straussconsultants.com/about>). In addition to serving with Bantam Books, The Free Press division of Macmillan, and Crown Publishing, Karen has also worked with leading biblical studies presses such as Abingdon and Eerdmans. Her goal with SBL Publications will be to broaden and deepen our sales presence in a number of key markets, the most important of which are academic libraries in North America and especially Europe. Karen will also draw on her extensive industry experience and contacts to improve our marketing processes, to help us gain deeper entry into several online sales outlets, and to represent us as possible with buyers for key wholesalers and retailers.

(3) Several years ago the Society's Research and Publications Committee approved the creation of a new book series proposed by Leo G. Perdue: Wisdom Literature of the Ancient World. This

series is designed to provide original texts and translations of and commentaries on key wisdom writings from the ancient world, whether written in Sumerian, Akkadian, Egyptian, Ugaritic, Hebrew, Aramaic, or Greek. We are pleased to note that the first volume in the WLAW series was published in 2012: Walter T. Wilson's *The Sentences of Sextus*. Described by Origen as a writing that "even the masses of believers have read," the *Sentences* of Sextus offers unique insights into popular Christian thought during the late second century C.E. This volume provides a critical edition including evidence from the Greek, Latin, Syriac, and Coptic versions; a new translation; and the first commentary for the *Sentences*, an important document for investigating the history of early Christian wisdom, asceticism, and ethics. Look for another WLAW volume in early 2013: Matthew Goff on 4QInstruction.

E-book Publications

SBL continued its development of e-book offerings throughout 2012. After exploring various options and considering a number of complicating factors, Publications staff decided to pursue a two-track e-book strategy.

First, because most popular e-readers do not support a full range of Greek characters (e.g., accents, iota subscripts) or Unicode (right-to-left) Hebrew, SBL books that contain those scripts (or other complex design elements) will be offered as PDF-based e-books. All these books will be easily readable on the standard e-readers, and readers will see pages exactly as they appear in the print editions.

Second, books that do not have special language or design complications will be offered in the standard tagged formats used by Kindle, iPad, Nook, and other popular e-readers. All of the books in this category will be "reflowable," that is, automatically wrapping words from line to line and page to page, depending on the size at which text is being displayed. By following this two-track strategy, SBL Publications will achieve its goal of making available the best of biblical studies scholarship in the widest variety of formats.

To assist us in developing our e-book lineup,

SBL Facts and Figures

<http://sbl-site.org/SBLDashboard.aspx>

Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Membership											
Total Members	6015	6203	6222	6636	7121	7780	8526	9058	8436	8703	8756
Gender											
Male	n/a	n/a	n/a	5176	5554	6068	6650	7065	6580	6701	6742
Female	n/a	n/a	n/a	1460	1567	1712	1876	1993	1856	2002	2014
Region											
US Members	4652	4630	4766	5053	5322	5768	6196	6459	6002	6125	5994
Non-US Members	1363	1573	1456	1583	1799	2012	2330	2599	2434	2578	2762
Type											
Full Member	n/a	n/a	n/a	4844	4208	4756	5253	5298	5079	5329	5712
Student Member	n/a	n/a	n/a	1437	1375	1837	2334	2498	2337	2459	2368
Associate Member	n/a	n/a	n/a	38	47	430	365	407	292	315	350
Volunteers	134	169	210	242	329	486	613	759	813	870	921
Meetings											
Annual Meeting Program Units	92	96	100	101	122	134	136	150	155	162	170
Annual Meeting Attendees	3733	4270	3668	4338	4600	4492	5498	4330	4330	4795	4503
International Meeting Program Units	17	33	18	32	36	29	30	41	47	55	61
International Meeting Attendees	410	430	495	468	297	571	812	475	737	448	972
Publications											
Books Published	n/a	29	31	19	25	22	21	20	26	25	35

SBL has enlisted the services of BiblioVault, a branch of the Chicago Distribution Center (University of Chicago Press) that provides more than ninety scholarly presses with digital development and storage. For SBL, BiblioVault converts the SBL-provided printer file into a fully tagged text ready for reading on iPad, Nook, Kindle, and other

e-readers, then makes each text format available for purchase from the Apple iBookstore, Barnes & Noble, Amazon, and BiblioVault itself. The following SBL titles are available now at these bookstores, with more soon to follow:

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Editorial Boards

Ancient Israel and Its Literature
 Suzanne Boorer, Victor H. Matthews, Steven L. McKenzie, editor, Thomas C. Römer, Benjamin D. Sommer, Nili Wazana

Ancient Near East Monographs
 Ehud Ben Zvi, coeditor, Roxana Flammini, coeditor, José Galan, Erhard S. Gerstenberger, Esther J. Hamori, Steven W. Holloway, Alan Lenzi, Santiago Rostom Maderna, Martti Nissinen, Graciela Gestoso Singer, Juan Manuel Tebes

Archaeology and Biblical Studies
 Tammi J. Schneider, editor

Biblical Encyclopedia
 Leo G. Perdue, editor

Commentary on the Septuagint
 Robert Hiebert, coeditor, Benjamin G. Wright, III, coeditor

Early Christianity and Its Literature
 Warren Carter, Beverly Roberts Gaventa, Judith M. Lieu, Gail R. O'Day, editor, Joseph Verheyden, Sze-kar Wan

Early Judaism and Its Literature
 Mark J. Boda, George J. Brooke, Esther Glickler Chazon, Steven D. Fraade, Martha Himmelfarb, James S. McLaren, Jacques van Ruiten, Rodney A. Werline, editor

History of Biblical Studies
 Leo G. Perdue, coeditor, Laurence L. Welborn, coeditor

International Voices in Biblical Studies
 Eric Bortey Anum, Ida Fröhlich, Jione Havea, Louis C. Jonker, co-general editor, Hisako Kinukawa,

Sam P. Mathew, Monica J. Melanchthon, co-general editor, Nestor Miguez, Nancy Nam Hoon Tan

New Testament in the Greek Fathers
 Roderic L. Mullen

Resources for Biblical Study
 Tom Thatcher, coeditor, Susan Ackerman, coeditor

Semeia Studies
 Fiona Black, Gay L. Byron, Jione Havea, Avaren E. Ipsen, Jennifer L. Koosed, Jeremy Punt, Ken Stone, Caroline Vander Stichele, Yak-Hwee Tan, Gerald O. West, editor

Septuagint and Cognate Studies
 Karen H. Jobes, Wolfgang Kraus, editor, Arie van der Kooij, Siegfried Kreuzer

Studia Philonica Annual
 David T. Runia, coeditor, Gregory E. Sterling, coeditor

Text-Critical Studies
 Sidnie White Crawford

Writings from the Ancient World
 Billie Jean Collins, Daniel Fleming, Amélie Kuhrt, editor WAWSup, Theodore J. Lewis, editor, Martti Nissinen, William M. Schniedewind, Mark S. Smith, Emily Teeter, Terry Wilfong

Writings from the Greco-Roman World

Brian E. Daley, Eric Gruen, Ronald F. Hock, editor, WGRWSup, David Konstan, coeditor, Wendy Mayer, Margaret M. Mitchell, Teresa Morgan, Ilaria L. E. Ramelli, Michael J. Roberts, Karin Schlapbach, Johan C. Thom, coeditor, James C. VanderKam

Journal of Biblical Literature
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- Oded Borowski, *Daily Life in Biblical Times*
- Billie Jean Collins, *The Hittites and Their World*
- Ann E. Killebrew *Biblical Peoples and Ethnicity: An Archaeological Study of Egyptians, Canaanites, Philistines, and Early Israel, 1300-1100 B.C.E.*
- Henning Graf Reventlow, *History of Biblical Interpretation, Volume 1: From the Old Testament to Origen*
- Henning Graf Reventlow, *History of Biblical Interpretation, Volume 2: From Late Antiquity to the End of the Middle Ages*
- Henning Graf Reventlow, *History of Biblical Interpretation, Volume 3: Renaissance, Reformation, Humanism*
- Henning Graf Reventlow, *History of Biblical Interpretation, Volume 4: From the Enlightenment to the End of the Twentieth Century*
- David G. Rice and John E. Stambaugh, *Sources for the Study of Greek Religion: Corrected Edition*

Journal of Biblical Literature

Thanks to the skillful leadership of outgoing editor James C. VanderKam and of incoming editor Adele Reinhartz, we are able to report several exciting developments with regard to *JBL*. First, as outlined in Reinhartz's letter to all SBL members, the scope of *JBL* is broader than ever and constantly expanding. Indeed, more articles on noncanonical literatures and topics, as well as methods other than historical criticism and philology, have found a home in *JBL* in recent years, a development that we will continue to encourage. Second, the excellent quality of the journal, already widely recognized by scholars and libraries around the world, secured for *JBL* a new honor in 2012: Project MUSE chose *JBL* as one of only four journals to be added to the Standard Collection on account of its high MUSE score and high-quality content. This is a remarkable distinction. Finally, with the transition to a new editorship has come a shift to managing the peer-review process electronically. A new content and workflow management system has been put into place that allows the editorial team to track, process, and report on submissions with maximum efficiency and minimal error. Submissions are now received electronically in the SBL office, entered into the system automatically, and distributed to members of the editorial board for double-blind peer review.

All these developments were on full display in the four issues published since the last Society Report. The forty-one articles published dealt with a wide range of topics, from canonical works to deuterocanonical literature to noncanonical writings, from the emergence of book

religion in ancient Israel to Achaemenid iconography to early Christianity as a sectarian group. An equally broad range of methods were brought to bear on these topics, from traditional historical criticism to lexicography to comparative literature to oral performance theory to reception history to postcolonialism, to name just a few. By publishing 800+ pages of biblical studies scholarship each year that covers all aspects and contexts of the biblical literature from a variety of social locations and ideological perspectives, *JBL* will continue to hold, and build upon, its places as the flagship journal of the field.

Review of Biblical Literature

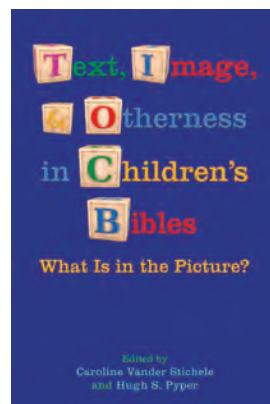
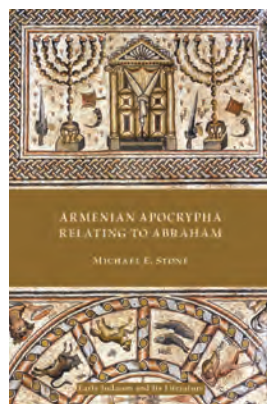
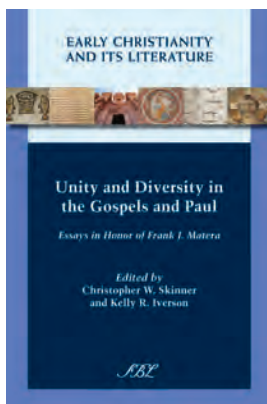
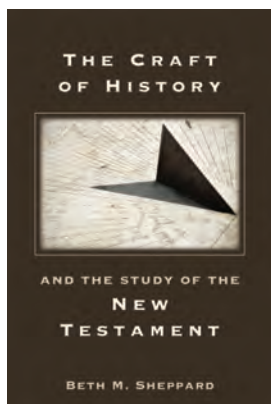
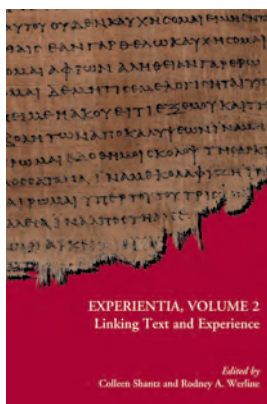
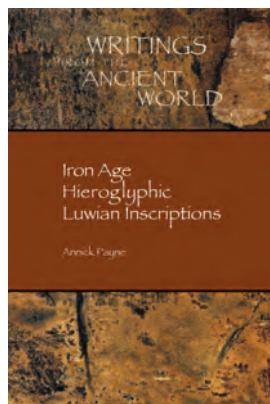
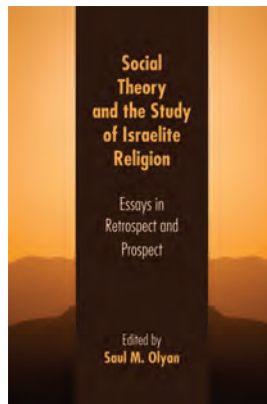
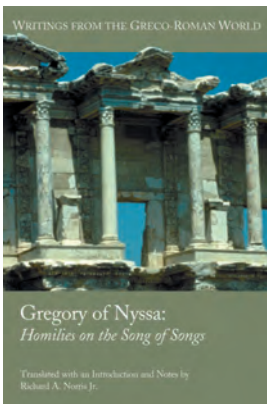
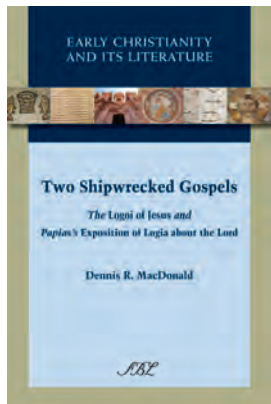
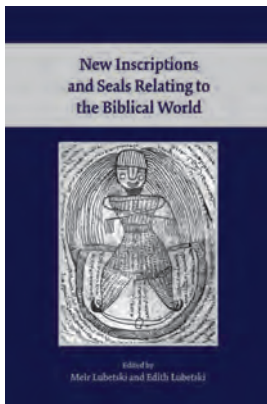
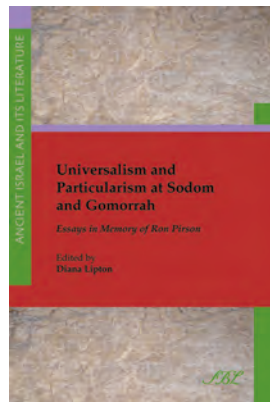
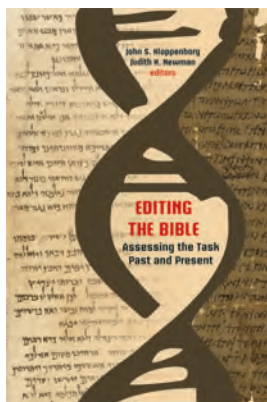
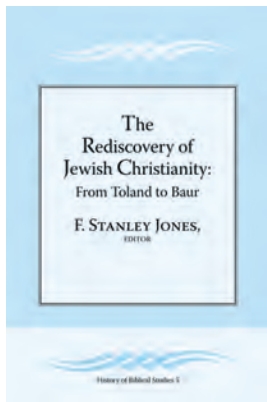
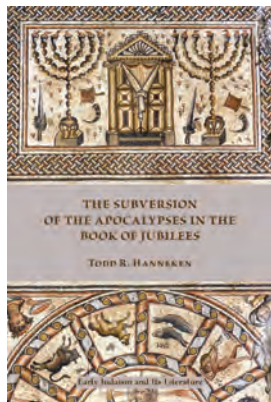
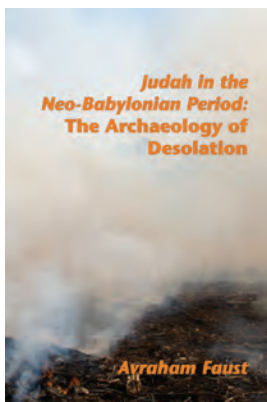
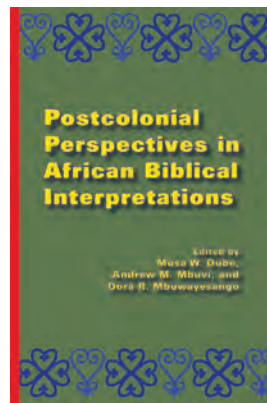
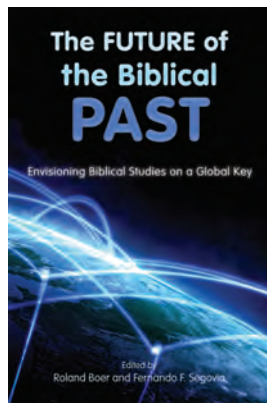
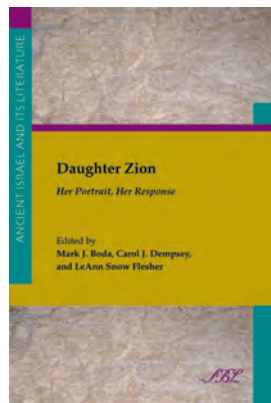
RBL continues to be one of the Society's most visible outlets, as we send weekly newsletters announcing reviews published to over 9,000 members and nonmembers. The *RBL* newsletter plays a significant role in leading scholars, students, and interested laypersons to the *RBL* website (www.bookreviews.org), where they can read the latest reviews or search among the over 6,700 reviews published since *RBL*'s creation thirteen years ago. Obviously, many interested readers take advantage of this access, since the *RBL* website records over two million visits each year.

But there is even more to the story than the number of reviews published and the number of visitors to the website. *RBL* also leads the way in building bridges between biblical scholars from every region of the world. Not only do we provide free access to scholarly reviews to anyone with access to the Internet, but over the last twelve months we have published reviews by scholars from *thirty* different countries, which underscores our international scope. These countries include: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Romania, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Somewhat surprisingly, more *RBL* reviews were authored by scholars outside the U.S. than by scholars within the U.S.: 54 percent non-U.S. versus 46 percent U.S. Taking all these data into account, it is no stretch to conclude that *RBL* truly is the world's leading provider of reviews of biblical studies publications.



2012 SBL Publications List

- Anderson, Robert T., and Terry Giles, eds. *The Samaritan Pentateuch: An Introduction to Its Origin, History, and Significance for Biblical Studies* (RBS)
- Boda, Mark J., Carol J. Dempsey, and LeAnn Snow Flesher, eds. *Daughter Zion: Her Portrait, Her Response* (AIL)
- Boer, Roland, and Fernando F. Segovia, eds. *The Future of the Biblical Past: Envisioning Biblical Studies on a Global Key* (SemSt)
- Dube, Musa W., Andrew Mbuvi, and Dora Mbuwayesango, eds. *Postcolonial Perspectives in African Biblical Interpretations* (GPBS)
- Elliott, Scott S., and Roland Boer, eds. *Ideology, Culture, and Translation* (SemSt)
- Faust, Avraham. *Judah in the Neo-Babylonian Period: The Archaeology of Desolation* (ABS)
- Gericke, Jaco. *The Hebrew Bible and Philosophy of Religion* (RBS)
- Hanneken, Todd R. *The Subversion of the Apocalypses in the Book of Jubilees* (EJL)
- Hock, Ronald F. *The Chreia and Ancient Rhetoric: Commentaries on Aphthonius's Progymnasmata* (WGRW)
- Jones, F. Stanley, ed. *The Rediscovery of Jewish Christianity: From Toland to Baur* (HBS)
- Killebrew, Ann E., and Gunnar Lehmann, eds. *The Philistines and Other "Sea Peoples" in Text and Archaeology* (ABS)
- Kloppenborg, John S., and Judith H. Newman, eds. *Editing the Bible: Assessing the Task Past and Present* (RBS)
- Lamberton, Robert. *Proclus the Successor on Poetics and the Homeric Poems: Essays 5 and 6 of His Commentary on the Republic of Plato* (WGRW)
- Lipton, Diana, ed. *Universalism and Particularism at Sodom and Gomorrah: Essays in Memory of Ron Pirson* (AIL)
- Lombaard, Christo. *The Old Testament and Christian Spirituality: Theoretical and Practical Essays from a South African Perspective* (IVBS)
- Lubetski, Meir, and Edith Lubetski, eds. *New Inscriptions and Seals Relating to the Biblical World* (ABS)
- MacDonald, Dennis R. *Two Shipwrecked Gospels: The Logoi of Jesus and Papias's Exposition of Logia about the Lord* (ECL)
- Norris, Richard A., Jr. *Gregory of Nyssa: Homilies on the Song of Songs* (WGRW)
- Olyan, Saul M. ed. *Social Theory and the Study of Israelite Religion: Essays in Retrospect and Prospect* (RBS)
- Payne, Annick. *Iron Age Hieroglyphic Luwian Inscriptions* (WAW)
- Peters, Melvin K. H., ed., *XIV Congress of the IOSCS: Helsinki, 2010* (SCS)
- Runia, David T., and Gregory E. Sterling, eds. *Studia Philonica Annual XXIV, 2012* (StPhA)
- Schoors, Antoon; Michael Lesley, trans. *The Kingdoms of Israel and Judah in the Eighth and Seventh Centuries B.C.E.* (BibEnc)
- Schuller, Eileen M., and Carol A. Newsom. *The Hodayot (Thanksgiving Psalms): A Study Edition of 1QH^a* (EJL)
- Shantz, Colleen, and Rodney A. Werline, eds., *Experientia, Volume 2: Linking Text and Experience* (EJL)
- Sheppard, Beth M. *The Craft of History and the Study of the New Testament* (RBS)
- Skinner, Christopher W., and Kelly R. Iverson, eds. *Unity and Diversity in the Gospels and Paul: Essays in Honor of Frank J. Matera* (ECL)
- Sneed, Mark R. *The Politics of Pessimism in Ecclesiastes: A Social-Science Perspective* (AIL)
- Stanley, Christopher D., ed. *Paul and Scripture: Extending the Conversation* (ECL)
- Stone, Michael E. *Armenian Apocrypha Relating to Abraham* (EJL)
- Sumney, Jerry L., ed. *Reading Paul's Letter to the Romans* (RBS)
- Svebakken, Hans. *Philo of Alexandria's Exposition of the Tenth Commandment* (StPhM)
- Tsouna, Voula. *Philodemus, On Property Management* (WGRW)
- Vander Stichele, Caroline, and Hugh S. Pyper, eds. *Text, Image, and Otherness in Children's Bibles: What Is in the Picture?* (SemSt)
- Watson, Duane F. ed., *Miracle Discourse in the New Testament*
- Wilson, Walter T. *The Sentences of Sextus* (WLAW)
- Segal, Michael. *The Book of Jubilees: Rewritten Bible, Redaction, Ideology and Theology* (JSJSup, Brill reprint)
- Wilson, Walter T. *Philo of Alexandria, On Virtues* (PACS, Brill reprint)



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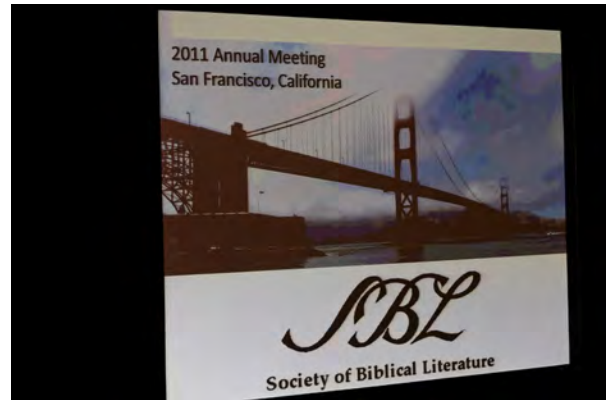
The Society's meetings showcase the latest in biblical and related research, cultivate professional contacts, advance research in the field, and focus on issues of the profession. The sessions that populate the Annual and International Meetings programs year to year highlight the breadth, diversity, and strength of the meetings, demonstrating how central the role of these meetings are in driving scholarship forward in the field of biblical studies and a host of related disciplines. Here are highlights of our most recent Annual and International Meetings, as well as information about upcoming Regional Meetings.

Annual Meeting

The Society's Annual Meeting 2011, held in San Francisco, marked a historic reunion between the Society of Biblical Literature and the American Academy of Religion. Total registrations for the meeting were 10,506 and 4803 of that total was SBL members. The last time SBL and AAR met together was in 2007 in San Diego and total registrations were 10,193.

One focal point of the Annual Meeting is the exhibit hall. Last year we had 128 publishers and software companies showcasing their books and digital resources. We also debuted two publisher search kiosks that enabled an attendee to search for a book through Google Books and it told them the publisher and booth location.

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Meeting is in driving scholarship forward in the field of biblical studies and a host of related disciplines. In 2011, Carol Newsom's presidential address headlined the program. Prof. Newsom—a notable scholar of the Dead Sea Scrolls, wisdom literature, and women in the Bible—addressed SBL members on the topic of "Models of the Moral Self: Hebrew Bible and Second Temple Judaism." A video of the address is available on the SBL website. Other sessions covered topics such as the relationship of scholarship to faith, the mutual influence and interrelation of modern biblical



Future Annual Meetings

2013	Baltimore, MD	Nov. 23–26
2014	San Diego, CA	Nov. 22–25
2015	Atlanta, GA	Nov. 21–24
2016	San Antonio, TX	Nov. 19–22
2017	Boston, MA	Nov. 18–21
2018	Denver, CO	Nov. 17–20
2019	San Diego, CA	Nov. 23–26
2020	Boston, MA	Nov. 21–24
2021	San Antonio, TX	Nov. 20–23

studies and the academic study of “religion,” and the role of social networking in the Academy. Program units treating the Pauline Epistles, Synoptic Gospels, scriptures in early Judaism and early Christianity, and Qumran were some of the most popular venues for member participation.

The 2012 Annual Meeting in Chicago builds on the success of last year’s meeting with anticipated total registrations of over 11,000 and 137 companies exhibiting.

The technological initiatives we began in San Francisco will continue this year. We have added an additional publisher-search kiosk in the exhibit hall and a mobile device charging station in the Cyber Café. Wireless internet access will also be complimentary throughout the McCormick Place convention center. After last year’s successful launch, we will again provide a Mobile Meeting Guide powered by EventPilot Plus. This mobile app provides members with a technically reliable, intuitive, and functional solution.

At no cost, this mobile app provides attendees with:

- The entire event program, including AAR, SBL, and Additional Meetings sessions
- Exhibitor information, including an interactive Exhibit Hall map
- Maps of the Annual Meetings hotels and Convention Center
- Find-a-Friend functionality to allow you to locate your colleagues
- Information about Chicago restaurants, attractions, and nightlife
- Ability to add sessions and personal events to your Annual Meetings Calendar
- And more!

Speaking on “A Vision of Divine Justice: The Resurrection of Jesus in Eastern Christian Iconography,” John Dominic Crossan will deliver the 2012 presidential address. Prof. Crossan is Professor Emeritus at DePaul University, was Co-Chair of the Jesus Seminar from 1985 to 1996, and has authored numerous books on the subjects of the historical Jesus, the apostle Paul, and earliest Christianity. In addition, sessions on a range of topics populate the 2012 Annual Meeting program, including the translation of ancient texts, pedagogical and hermeneutical Issues between the Bible and Qur’an, the scholarly use of unprovenanced archaeological artifacts, and art and spirituality. Several sessions will also involve the internationally acclaimed The Rose Ensemble as artists in residence at the 2012 meeting. Members who have preregistered for them can take advantage of workshops on designing courses for significant learning, the ins and outs of academic publishing, understanding and managing the hiring process, and teaching philosophy and syllabi preparation.

SBL thanks the following sponsors of the 2012 Annual Meetings: Nida Institute for Biblical Scholarship, Baker Academic and Brazos Press, Wipf and Stock Publishers, Gregorian and Biblical Press, and BibleMesh.

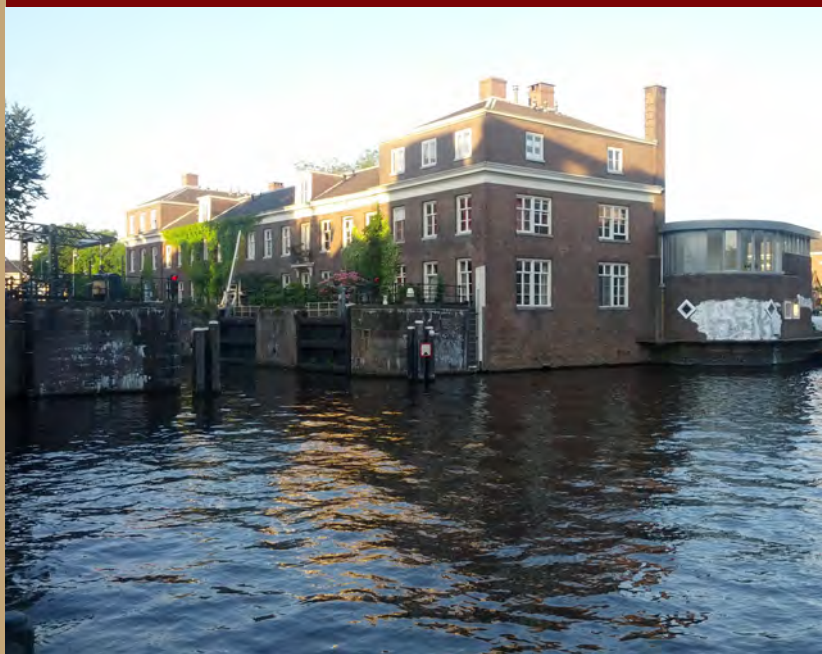
International Meeting

The 2012 SBL International Meeting was held at the Universiteit van Amsterdam in conjunction with the European Association of Biblical Studies, Oudtestamentisch Werkgezelschap in Nederland en België and the Society for Old Testament Study. Total registrations were 892, about 80 less than we had in 2011 in London. Amsterdam was a very popular location for attendees with 31 percent indicating the location had a significant influence on their decision to attend the IM and 55 percent giving it an excellent rating as a destination for the IM. An impressive 76 percent of respondents visited the book exhibit which had twenty-eight publishers.

Sessions at the 2012 International Meeting featured film, reception history, the Dead Sea Scrolls, Bible translation, and the history of Judaism. Attendees had the opportunity to discuss the hermeneutics of gender in the Gospels while viewing a silent film that diverged from established cinematic traditions and contested their understanding of the Christ narrative. They could debate how “Oral Torah” came to be committed to writing, a major concern of the academic study of Rabbinic Literature in general and Midrashic Literature in particular. Sessions also focused on the Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception (EBR), which represents the state of the art on the reception of the Bible in Judaism and Christianity as well as other religious traditions, and the impact of Romantic nineteenth-century ideologies on Bible translation.

SBL thanks the following sponsors of the 2012 International Meeting: Peeters Publishers and Nida Institute for Biblical Scholarship.





Future International Meetings

2013
St. Andrews, Scotland

2014
Vienna, Austria

2015
Buenos Aires, Argentina

2016
Seoul, South Korea

Work has already begun on the 2013 International Meeting program and registration should open by the end of the year. The meeting will take place at the University of St. Andrews, the oldest university in Scotland, with international renown for both research and education of undergraduates and postgraduates. We're excited to be able to offer university housing for this meeting. Rooms will include breakfast and cost £59 per night, making it very affordable for the attendees.

At the 2013 International Meeting, we anticipate great interest in a program full of unique sessions. Numerous plans are already underway, including sessions on pseudepigraphal texts, the intersection between biblical studies and theology, ritual innovation as found in the Hebrew Bible and Second Temple texts, and the methodologies and paradigms utilized by Ezekiel scholars as they endeavor to comprehend and (re)construct the literary history, provenance, arguments, and theologies of the book. A session on christology, creation, and eschatology aims to honor Richard J. Bauckham, while another session will celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the publication into English of the Temple Scroll.

Regional Scholars Program

The eleven regions identify exemplary new scholars for consideration and selection as the Society's Regional Scholars. A maximum of six

regional scholars are selected each year and given stipends to cover a portion of the cost of attending the Annual Meeting. For the 2012 awards, the regions made eight nominations. Five of these nominations merited the distinction of Regional Scholar.

Eric D. Barreto is Assistant Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary in Saint Paul, Minnesota. He completed doctoral work at Emory University and also holds degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary and Oklahoma Baptist University. His dissertation, *Ethnic Negotiations: The Function of Race and Ethnicity in Acts 16*, was published by Mohr Siebeck in 2010 and argues that race and ethnicity were critical components of the theology of Acts. A recipient of an ATS Lilly Faculty Fellowship in 2012–13, he has also received grants from the Hispanic Theological Initiative, the Fund for Theological Education, and the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion.

Andrew R. Davis is an assistant professor of Hebrew Bible at the Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry, where he has taught since earning his PhD in Near Eastern Studies from the Johns Hopkins University in 2010. Previously, he has studied as a Kress Fellow at the W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research and received an MTS from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology. His research interests include the religions of ancient Israel and theological interpretation of the Bible. He is currently revising his dissertation, entitled *Tel Dan in Its Northern Cultic Context*,

for publication in the SBL Archaeology and Biblical Studies series. He has also written recent articles on the Book of Ruth (forthcoming in *JBL*), the treaty texts from Mari (forthcoming in *ANES*), and the Book of Job.

Chris Keith (Ph.D., University of Edinburgh) is Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity, and Director of the Centre for the Social-Scientific Study of the Bible, at St. Mary's University College, Twickenham. He is the author of *The Pericope Adulterae, the Gospel of John, and the Literacy of Jesus* (2009), which won a 2010 John Templeton Award for Theological Promise. He is also the author of *Jesus' Literacy: Scribal Culture and the Teacher from Galilee* (2011) and co-editor of *Jesus among Friends and Enemies: A Historical and Literary Introduction to Jesus in the Gospels* (2011, with Larry W. Hurtado) and *Jesus, Criteria, and the Demise of Authenticity* (2012, with Anthony Le Donne). He has published essays in journals such as *Zeitschrift fuer die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft*, *New Testament Studies*, *Novum Testamentum*, and *Biblica* and has contributed to the *New Cambridge History of the Bible*. Dr. Keith is also a fellow of the Memoria Romana project. His forthcoming works include a volume on the controversy narratives (Baker Academic) and a co-edited reference work on media criticism and Biblical Studies (T&T Clark).

Christopher Stroup is a Ph.D. candidate in Religious Studies specializing in Ancient Christianity (Origins to Late Empire) at Boston University. His dissertation, entitled "Jewish Acts: Crafting Judean Identity in *Acts of the Apostles*," examines the way that Luke uses the Greek term *Ioudaios* (Judean) to craft and maintain a version of Jewish identity that is conducive to the integration of non-Judeans into the Jewish community through membership in the Jesus movement. His current research focuses on the negotiation of identity, ethnicity, culture, and gender in ancient Judaism and Christianity; the intersections between imperial, civic, and minority religions in the Roman world; and the interpretive interactions between ancient material culture and literature. More broadly, he is interested in religion in public discourse and religious literacy. Chris is a member of the SBL Student Advisory Board and was awarded the Rallis Memorial and Brennan Humanities Awards by Boston University's Center for Humanities.

Brittany E. Wilson is Visiting Assistant Professor of New Testament at Duke University Divinity School. She earned a B.A. from The University of Texas at Austin, a M.T.S. from Duke Divinity School, and a Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary. She has published in journals such as *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly*



2012 Regional Scholars

Top:

Christopher Stroup
Brittany E. Wilson

Bottom:

Eric D. Barreto
Andrew R. Davis
Chris Keith



and is a contributor to *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (de Gruyter, 2009-) and the *Women's Bible Commentary, Second Edition* (Westminster John Knox, forthcoming). Wilson's current project explores how key male characters in Luke-Acts intersect with ancient constructions of masculinity. Her teach-

ing and research interests include the Gospels and the Book of Acts, literary approaches to the New Testament, the role of the cross in early Christian literature, depictions of the body in biblical texts, and the intersections between sex, gender, and the body in the ancient world.

2013 Regional Meeting Schedule

The Society has eleven regional groups, which are comprised of SBL members who have come together to meet locally. Some groups are affiliated with other professional societies. Any SBL member may attend any Regional Meeting, but information is only sent automatically to members within the region. For more information, including links to regional meetings programs and participation directions, click here <<http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/regionalMeetings.aspx>>.

Central States	March 17-18	St. Louis Marriott West	St. Louis, Missouri
Eastern Great Lakes	April 4-5	Clarion Hotel Lake Erie	Erie, Pennsylvania
Mid Atlantic	March 13-15	Sheraton Baltimore City	Baltimore, Maryland
Midwest	February 8-10	Olivet Nazarene University	Bourbonnais, Illinois
New England	May 3	Andover Newton Theological School	Newton Centre, Massachusetts
Pacific Coast	March 23-25	Hope International University	Fullerton, California
Pacific Northwest	May 3-5	Seattle University	Seattle, Washington
Rocky Mt - Great Plains	April 5-6	Denver Seminary	Denver, Colorado
Southeastern	March 15-17	Furman University	Greenville, South Carolina
Southwestern	March 8-10	Marriott Hotel, DFW Airport North	Irving, Texas
Upper Midwest	April 5-6	Luther Seminary	St. Paul, Minnesota



Map of 2013 Regional Meetings

SBL Thanks the 2012 Affiliate Organizations

Academy of Homiletics
Adventist Society for Religious Studies
African Association for the Study of Religion
Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars
Bethsaida Excavations Project
Christian Theological Research Fellowship
Ethnic Chinese Biblical Colloquium
Evangelical Philosophical Society
GOCN Forum on Missional Hermeneutics
Institute for Biblical Research
Institute for Religion and Civic Values
International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies
International Syriac Language Project
Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion

Karl Barth Society of North America
Korean Biblical Colloquium
Masoretic Studies (Affiliated with IOMS)
National Association of Professors of Hebrew
Nida Institute for Biblical Scholarship at the American Bible Society
North American Association for the Study of Religion
Novum Testamentum Graecum: Editio Critica Maior
Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions
Society for Pentecostal Studies
Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies (SARTS)
Søren Kierkegaard Society
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Westar Institute

Upon authorization by its Council, the Society may affiliate or cooperate with organizations whose mission is consonant with the Society's mission to "foster biblical scholarship." The Society may authorize such organizations to contribute to the programming of the SBL as Affiliate Organizations. While the Society's Affiliates maintain and pursue their unique missions, participation of any party in the Society's meetings is held to the same expectations as SBL program sessions. By affiliating with the SBL Annual, International, or Regional Meetings, organizations agree to participate in an open academic discussion guided by a common standard of scholarly discourse that engages their subject through critical inquiry and investigation.

To be eligible, an organization should have the following characteristics.

- Support scholarly analysis and open discussion
- Act in a manner consistent with SBL's vision statement and core values
- Profess a mission consonant with the Society's mission to "foster biblical scholarship"
- Be independent, not-for-profit, formally organized, and at least three years old
- Have a national or international constituency
- Have a majority of members who are professional scholars or teachers

Benefits of affiliation with SBL extend to both Affiliate organizations themselves and the members of those organizations. They include the following.

- Prime meeting locations, meeting space, and reduced sleeping room rates
- Special registration rates for the meeting
- Free meeting space for first two sessions/events, then reduced space rates for additional sessions/events
- Access to the Exhibit Hall, the world's largest exhibit of books and digital resources for biblical studies
- Participation in a "big tent" of scholarly exchange with scholars of many fields from across the world
- Publication of Affiliate sessions and Affiliate member involvement in printed and online meeting programs
- Publicity of Affiliate organization via the high-traffic SBL website
- Complimentary SBL membership for the program coordinator for the duration of his or her term as such, including consideration as a VIP, which offers the person priority housing options in the headquarters hotel(s). Affiliate Organizations may designate one person as a program coordinator.

Such organizations may apply for formal recognition as Affiliate Organizations by September 1 of the year prior to the meeting in which the organization intends to participate. Proposals for affiliation are reviewed by the Affiliate Review Panel, and notice concerning the acceptance or non-acceptance of the proposal is sent to the proposers by November 1.

Organizations may apply to become an Affiliate of the Society by completing and submitting the application form at http://www.sbl-site.org/assets/pdfs/meetings/2012AffiliateOrganizationAgreement_Application.pdf to the Executive Director at SBLExec@sbl-site.org.

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<i>Archaeology of Religion in the Roman World Section</i> James C. Walters John R. Lanci	<i>Bible, Myth, and Myth Theory Section</i> Robert S. Kawashima	<i>Christian Theology and the Bible Section</i> Claire R. Mathews McGinnis
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<i>Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy Section</i>	<i>Gender, Sexuality, and the Bible Group</i>	<i>Ideology, Culture, and Translation Group</i>
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Joshua-Judges Section

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Francisco Lozada, Jr.

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Gaye Strathearn

Letters of James, Peter, and Jude Section

Peter H. Davids
Duane F. Watson

Levites and Priests in History and Tradition Section

Mark Leuchter
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Memory Perspectives on Early Christianity and Its Greco-Roman Context Consultation

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Papyrology and Early Christian Backgrounds Group

Malcolm Choat

Paul and Politics Group

Pamela Eisenbaum
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Pauline Epistles Section

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Pauline Soteriology Group

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Philo of Alexandria Group

Sarah Pearce
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Polis and Ekklesia: Investigations of Urban Christianity Consultation

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James R. Harrison

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Richard A. Horsley
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John Kaltner
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Jennifer L. Koosed

Recovering Female Interpreters of the Bible Section

Joy Schroeder

Redescribing Early Christianity Group
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Nathaniel Desrosiers

Religious Experience in Early Judaism and Early Christianity Section
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Angela Kim Harkins

Religious World of Late Antiquity Section
Naomi Koltun-Fromm
Shira L. Lander

Rhetoric and the New Testament Section
Greg Carey
Todd C. Penner

Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity Group
L. Gregory Bloomquist

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Russell C. D. Arnold

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Edward Allen
Aaron D. Panken

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Christian A. Eberhart
Henrietta L. Wiley

Scripture and Film Section
Jeffrey Staley
Richard G. Walsh

Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity Section
Bruce N. Fisk
Kenneth Pomykala

Second Corinthians: Pauline Theology in the Making Seminar
Reimund Bieringer
Edith M. Humphrey
Thomas Schmeller

Semiotics and Exegesis Section
David W. Odell-Scott

Sensory Perception in the Bible and Early Judaism and Christianity Consultation
Yael Avrahami

Service-Learning and Biblical Studies Workshop
Amy C. Merrill Willis

Slavery, Resistance, and Freedom Consultation
Bernadette Brooten

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Gil P. Klein
Blake Leyerle

Social Sciences and the Interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures Section
David Chalcraft

Social Scientific Criticism of the New Testament Section
Alicia J. Batten
Richard E. DeMaris

Space, Place, and Lived Experience in Antiquity Section
Christl M. Maier

Synoptic Gospels Section
Mark A. Matson

Syriac Literature and Interpretations of Sacred Texts Section
Cornelia Horn
Cynthia Villagomez

Systematic Transformation and Interweaving of Scripture in 1 Corinthians Seminar
Thomas L. Brodie

Teaching Biblical Studies in an Undergraduate Liberal Arts Context Section
Glenn S. Holland

Textual Criticism of Samuel – Kings Workshop
Anneli Aejmelaesus

Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible Section
Brent A. Strawn
Ingrid Lilly

Textual Growth: What Variant Editions Tell Us About Scribal Activity Group
Lisbeth S. Fried
Juha Pakkala

Theological Interpretation of Scripture Seminar
Michael J. Gorman

Theological Perspectives on the Book of Ezekiel Section
Dalit Rom-Shiloni
Paul M. Joyce

Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures Section
Esther J. Hamori
Julia M. O'Brien

Ugaritic Studies and Northwest Semitic Epigraphy Section
Philip C. Schmitz

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Nathan MacDonald

Use, Influence, and Impact of the Bible Section
Andrew Mein

Violence and Representations of Violence among Jews and Christians Section
Jennifer Knust
Kimberly Stratton

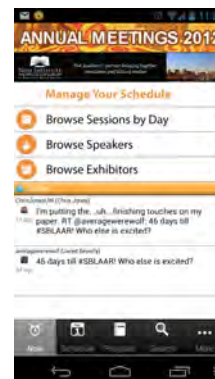
Warfare in Ancient Israel Section
Brad E. Kelle

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Karina Martin Hogan

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Knut M. Heim

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Valerie Bridgeman

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<i>Apostolic Fathers and Related Early Christian Literature Consultation</i> Paul Hartog Taras Khomych	<i>Biblical Masculinities Consultation</i> Peter Smit Ovidiu Creanga	<i>Epistle to the Hebrews Consultation</i> David Moffitt Eric Mason
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<i>Bible and the Moving Image Section</i> David Shepherd Caroline Vander Stichele	<i>Contextual Interpretation of the Bible (Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and New Testament) Consultation</i> Archie Lee Athalya Brenner	<i>Healthcare and Disability in the Ancient World Section</i> Joel Baden
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Yak-Hwee Tan

Judaica Section

Rivka Ulmer

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Insights Consultation*

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Markus Lang

Mind, Society, and Tradition Section

Risto Uro
Istvan Czachesz

Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section

Marvin Meyer
Lautaro Roig Lanzillotta

*Nonbiblical Dead Sea Scrolls: Themes
and Perspectives Consultation*

Eibert Tigchelaar
Alison Schofield

*Palestine and Babylon: Two Jewish Late
Antique Cultures and Their Interrelation
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Pastoral and Catholic Epistles Section

Felix Cortez

Paul and Pauline Literature Section

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William Campbell

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F. Rachel Magdalene

Persian Period Consultation

James Nogalski

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Karen Wenell

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Heather McKay

Prophets Section

William Tooman
Tyler Mayfield

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Themes and Texts Section

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Gene Green
Ronald Sim

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and the Future of Biblical Studies
Section*

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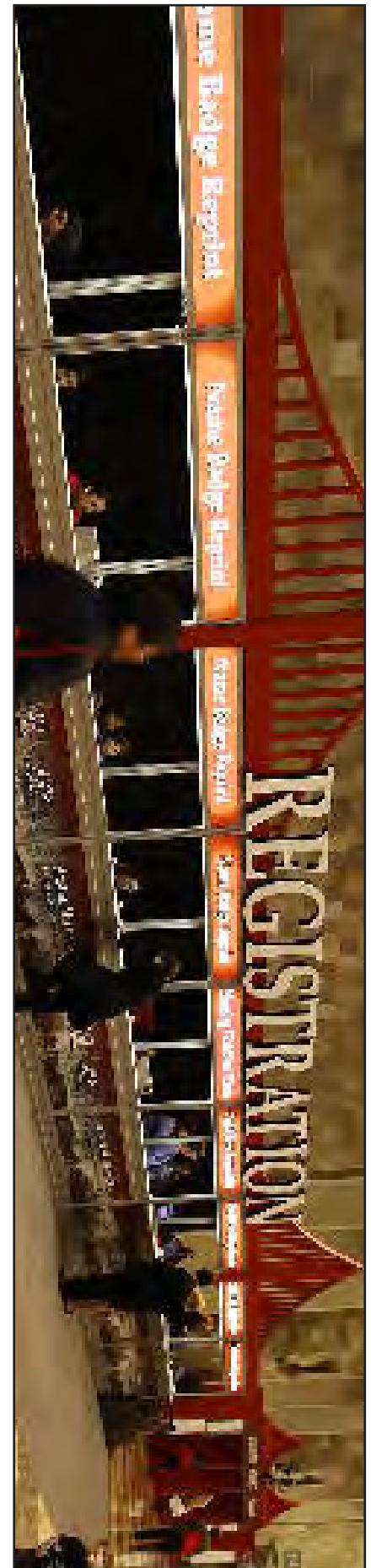
Katharine Dell

*Working with Biblical Manuscripts
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Tommy Wasserman
JLH Krans

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Donald Vance



Professions Year in Review

International Cooperation Initiative (ICI)

The continuing success of the ICI Online Books program is marked by the addition of three new publishers in our list of publishing partners. Wiley-Blackwell joined the initiative in the fall and has provided files that have been added to the depository. At the International Meeting in Amsterdam, ICI members discussed the need for introductory textbooks for Hebrew Bible and New Testament in the Online Books program. Westminster John Knox and Fortress Press have risen to this challenge and will partner with SBL by including such resources. The files should be available to persons in ICI countries by the end of the calendar year. These practical tools, in addition to the more research-oriented resources already available, will greatly benefit ICI students in the classroom. Currently more than three hundred titles are available through this depository and we are grateful to our partners for their participation: Baylor University Press, Brown Judaic Studies, Catholic Biblical Association, Fortress Press, Gorgias Press, Sheffield Phoenix Press, Westminster John Knox Press, and Wiley-Blackwell.

Thanks to our ICI Liaison Network volunteer coordinator, Tim Langille, the network is now operational. The goal of the Liaison Network is to establish open lines of communication that will promote awareness of the resources and opportunities made available through the ICI to scholars, teachers, and students and to communicate and develop an awareness of the scholarly work done in ICI countries. We have liaisons in quite a few countries and are working to build upon this base and extend the representation to even more areas. Our thanks is extended to the current Liaison Network members:

Argentina: Juan Manuel Tebes
 Bolivia: Teofilo Correa
 Brazil: Marcos Paulo Monteiro da Cruz Bailao
 Cameroon: Ernest van Eck
 Caribbean: Garnett Roper
 Central Africa Republic: Joseph Nzita Mavinga
 China: Jeremiah Meng
 Croatia: Igor Lorencin
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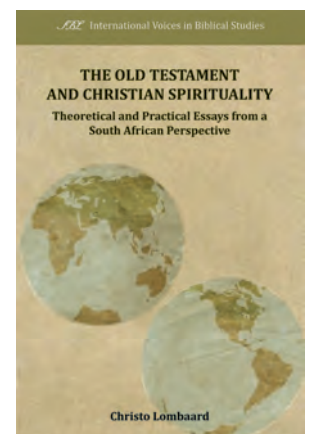
Estonia: Thomas Richard Kämmerer
 Egypt: Willem J. de Wit
 Hungary and Transylvania: Bálint Károly Zabán
 India: David Joy
 Indonesia: Martin Harun
 Malaysia: Kar-Yong Lim
 Nigeria: Berekiah Olugbemiro
 Pacific Islands: Younis Sadiq Masih
 Peru: Teofilo Correa
 Philippines: Galen Hertweck
 Poland: Lukasz Niesiolowski-Spano
 Romania: Mihai Valentin Vladimirescu
 Russia: Valeriy Alikin
 South Africa: Jaqueline (Jackie) du Toit
 Taiwan: Yak-hwee Tan
 Ukraine: Taras Khomych

SBL members are asked to contact Tim to volunteer to further ICI and its goals; there are many countries not yet represented and there are also opportunities on the local level to coordinate with the country representatives who are serving.

There are currently 260 SBL members who have joined at the special ICI rate. We would like to see this number increase substantially in 2013, and project that this will be one benefit of the Liaison Network.

In order to facilitate attendance by those in ICI countries at SBL Congresses, Samantha Spitzner has been appointed as the SBL visa officer who will advise members who need visas in order to travel to and participate in the Annual or International Meetings.

SBL published *The Old Testament and Christian Spirituality: Theoretical and Practical Essays from a South African Perspective* by Christo Lombaard in May, 2012 in the International Voices in Biblical Studies series. Prof. Lombaard has been chosen to receive the 2013 Krister Stendahl Medal in Biblical Studies by the Graduate Theological Foundation. The award letter indicates that the



award “formally recognizes Lombaard’s contribution to the deepening understanding of the relationship between the Jewish scriptures and Christian spirituality, especially as reflected” in the new book published by SBL. We are particularly pleased that Prof. Lombaard submitted his work to this new SBL series. Submissions to this series, as well as to Ancient Near East Monographs, have been on the increase and these open-access series are flourishing.

SBL has received \$9,500 in donations designated for the program since ICI began. These funds help support the programs outlined above.

Bible Odyssey Website 2012

The work on Bible Odyssey continues; we have completed the technical development of the site and are now focused on soliciting, developing, and editing original content. Our editorial team has defined over 400 article topics and has invited authors—our SBL members—for roughly three-fourths of the total content on the site. Guiding editorial principals are that the content should be engaging and accessible to readers of secular and multi-faith backgrounds. We have our sights on a target launch in November 2013.

Student Advisory Board (SAB)

The SAB, which had grown in number to twelve members, in part to represent each of the Society’s regions, has spent the past year reorganizing its governance to be more effective. The board has eliminated constituent regional representation as a criterion for board membership and all but finalized clear job descriptions for seven to nine core positions. The board will now be supported by a tiered structure that creates more opportunities for student involvement in leadership and mentoring, as well as representing constituent interests to the board, while enabling the board to focus on its most pressing issues. Immediately below the board will be a set of regional representatives (one per region) whose primary responsibilities will entail working closely with SBL Regional Coordinators to ensure that student-focused programming and opportunities are available at the regional level. These regional representatives will also coordinate the work of SAB’s network of on-campus student representatives (OSRs), receiving and representing to SAB the first-hand input of the network. Application for regional representative positions will be broadly advertised and competitive, requiring a review process that follows the principles of the Society’s Nominating Committee. Issues remain about international student

involvement and how international students might be represented on the board and in its initiatives. Past attempts to involve international students on the board have proved complicated. It is hoped that the board’s reorganization and new focus will rekindle these efforts to represent more fully student membership.

The SAB has also developed and distributed two issues of its e-newsletter (*Dialogos*) with a third newsletter on the way. The content is coordinated by the board and includes brief informational and op-ed style pieces by students and other members, as well as links to helpful professional resources. The newsletter focuses on issues of interest and relevance to student members regarding their careers and/or participation in the Society. For more information about SAB, *Dialogos*, and other student-related initiatives, go to http://www.sbl-site.org/SBLcommittees_SAB.aspx.

Career Development Committee (CDC)

The CDC has completed its efforts to identify five-year goals, has discussed them via email, and will organize them into a plan of prioritized actions. It is clear that the committee’s new focus, as well as the addition of two new members, has created new energy directed toward important ends. Committee members serve on subsidiary groups. Two members serve on the Employment Center Advisory Committee, which functions as a joint subgroup of the SBL Career Development Committee and a respective AAR committee. The committee will meet at the Annual Meeting in November and review and make recommendations regarding Employment Center activities at the Annual Meeting. Two other CDC members serve on the Excellence in Teaching Award Committee. This Committee will also include two Regional Coordinators and one program unit chair of a relevant teaching-related program unit. This committee will identify and grant two awards in recognition of expertise and innovation based on applicants’ contributions to the scholarship of pedagogy as well as its practice.

SBL Grants and Awards

Travel Grants

Congratulations to the 2012 Travel Grant Recipients. Adekunle Oyinloye Dada, Anna Kharanauli, Lalitha Jayachitra, and Antonio P. Pacudan.

The SBL Travel Grants offer opportunities to current SBL members to attend the Annual Meeting, participate in the program, enhance their professional development, and build their network with fellow scholars. These grants

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Membership and Subscriptions

The Society membership is strong and stable. We currently have close to 8,700 members from around the world and this number will increase as we approach November 2012 and the Annual Meeting.

As would be expected in the last eleven years all categories of membership have risen steadily.

The majority of our members (5,670) enjoy “Full” membership in the society. Our “Associate” members have grown to number 666. The society continues to nurture student biblical scholars. Our “Student” membership now numbers 2,322. The percentage of each member type has remained relatively consistent since last year. The Associate membership has risen by one percentage point over last year and the student membership has dropped by one percentage point.

The membership of the SBL is more diverse than ever before. The percentage of international members has been slowly increasing over the last ten years. In 2001 international members made up only 23 percent of our total membership and today it is at 31 percent. Women continue to make up 23 percent of our membership. Of our members who identify ethnicity, 18 percent identify themselves as Asian, Hispanic, Black, Native American, or Pacific Islander. This percentage has increased by 2 percent over prior year.

The majority of our members fall in the age range of 31 to 59 years, closely followed by the group between the ages of 51 and 65. This has not changed from last year’s demographic figures.

Our International Cooperative Initiative (ICI) continues to grow. Our ICI members have increased by more than 15 percent over last year’s demographic. We currently have 260 active members distributed all over the world. Of our ICI members, 60 percent come from Africa and Asia/Pacific. We are continuing with the

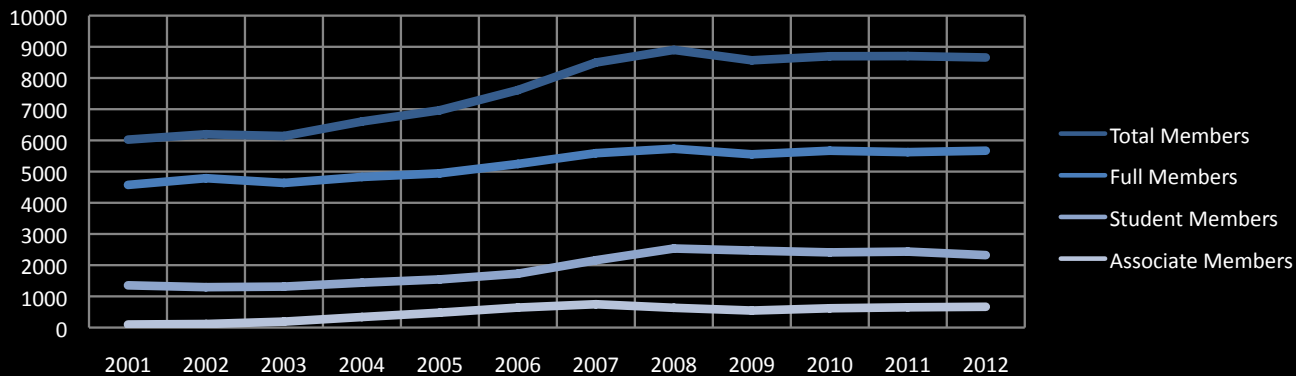
process of building a network of ICI Liaisons. We also have over fifty members who have volunteered as ICI Scholars.

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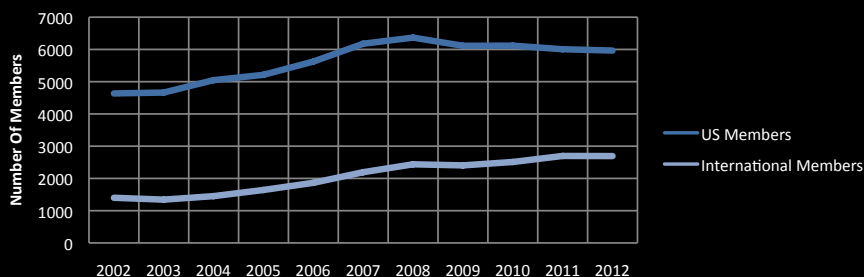
However, in spite of these pressures, which on the surface are experienced as declining subscriptions, SBL members should note with considerable satisfaction that the various pressures on subscriptions do not necessarily indicate loss of value, quality, or demand. A case in point is the recent inclusion of JBL in Project MUSE’s Standard Collection, making JBL one of four journals chosen based on its MUSE score and high-quality content. All members have access to both journals on our website, and many members are making exclusive use of online options in greater numbers. What we are seeing is considerable demand and usage of JBL, as the flagship journal for biblical studies, but an evolving business model involving digital databases.



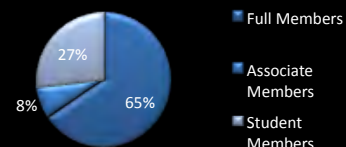
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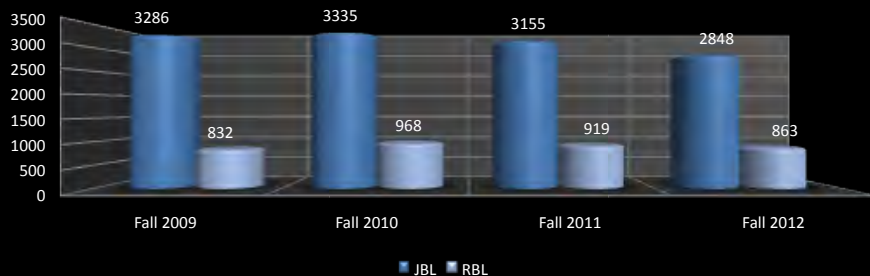
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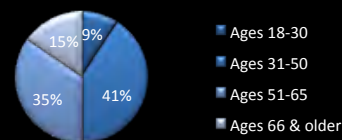
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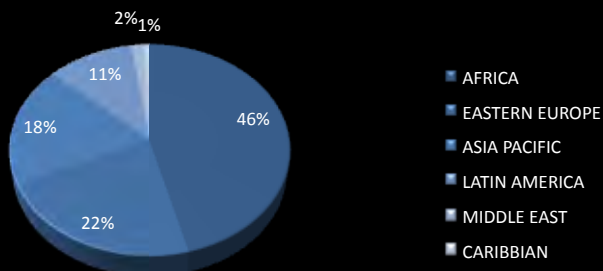
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John T. Strong, Chair of Council

The SBL Congress is an extremely important event for the researchers working in the field of biblical studies, Antiquity and Early Christianity. This year, as far as I am concerned, the issue of the Old Georgian Bible will be presented for the first time. The fact that this in itself important and profound issue for Biblical Studies was absent from the Congress could be explained by the fact that for the Universities of Eastern Christian countries the travel expenses to USA are much higher compared to Europe. Therefore, I am very happy and grateful that thanks to the SBL travel grant these challenges have been overcome in my case. I hope there will be opportunities for the Georgian Biblical scholars, especially the young ones, to participate in next meetings and interact with the international community of Biblical scholars.

Anna Kharanauli, 2012 Travel Grant Recipient

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David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship

The primary goal of the David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship is to encourage the finest scholarship in biblical studies. The 2012 recipient is Yitzhaq Feder, University of Haifa. Dr. Feder received an appointment as a W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research Fellow 2011–2012. His book, *Blood Expiation in Hittite and Biblical Ritual: Origins, Context, and Meaning*, was recently published by SBL in the Writings from the Ancient World Supplement Series. The award-winning paper, “Between Contagion and Cognition: Bodily Experience and the Conceptualization of Pollution in the Hebrew Bible,” will be discussed at the Annual Meeting on Monday, November 19, at 1:00 pm with a panel of distinguished scholars.

The Paul J. Achtemeier Award for New Testament Scholarship was not presented in 2012.

The 2013 Calls for Papers for the Freedman and Achtemeier awards are now open. The first submission date is January 10, 2013. Consult the SBL website for complete submission instructions. <http://www.sbl-site.org/membership/SBLAwards.aspx>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2012 AND 2011

	<u>FY 2012</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,483,829	\$ 1,179,218
Marketable securities	1,307,143	1,252,045
Accounts receivable	195,659	88,517
Pledges receivable, net	8,000	
Prepaid expenses and other assets	43,096	19,666
Book inventories, net of valuation reserve	45,455	48,807
Furniture and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	28,646	19,421
Net share of Luce Center assets	<u>1,983,221</u>	<u>1,991,335</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 5,095,049</u>	<u>\$ 4,599,009</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 237,276	\$ 183,186
Deferred revenue		
Memberships and subscriptions	466,866	483,909
Annual meetings	767,150	665,464
International meeting	120,834	127,900
Other	<u>79,139</u>	<u>10,659</u>
	1,433,989	1,287,932
Total Liabilities	1,671,265	1,471,118
Net Assets		
Unrestricted net assets	2,929,457	2,574,109
Temporarily restricted net assets	199,947	259,627
Permanently restricted net assets	<u>294,380</u>	<u>294,155</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>3,423,784</u>	<u>3,127,891</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 5,095,049</u>	<u>\$ 4,599,009</u>

The financial information summarized here was derived from the Society's audited financial statements. The independent auditor's report by Smith & Howard PC, dated 25 September 2012, expressed an unqualified (clean) opinion on those financial statements. For SBL's full audit report, please visit SBL's website.

SBL's Statement of Financial Position continues to show a positive increase over prior year, with an increase this year of \$496,040. This

is largely due to an increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents of approximately \$300,000. Included in this figure is an increase of approximately \$100,000 over prior year in deferred revenue from Congresses, regional funds moving onto SBL books, and an increase of cash on hand in SBL's investments, to highlight but a few. It also reflects SBL's Net Operating Reserve (NOR)—a strategic goal of planning a positive budget—currently at \$33,000.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Changes in Net Assets		
Revenues and gains		
Congresses	\$ 1,289,779	\$ 1,090,948
Membership		
Membership fees	593,953	538,013
Marketing	37,352	33,853
Regions	42,637	
Professions		
Career Center	116,382	35,030
Grant Revenue	111,468	12,939
Publications		
Book Sales	473,801	445,429
Subscriptions	311,960	339,837
Royalties	150,267	112,508
Marketing	34,625	27,875
Other	1,333	7,397
Development and fundraising	61,308	94,454
Investment income (loss), net	30,555	262,222
Rental income (loss), net	<u>5,696</u>	<u>(7,515)</u>
Total Revenues and Gains	3,261,116	2,992,990
Expenses		
Program expenses		
Congresses	1,033,278	781,893
Membership	134,955	144,966
Professions	283,851	199,177
Publications	1,004,662	964,595
Regions	116,420	97,851
Research and technology	<u>115,527</u>	<u>101,182</u>
Total Program Expenses	2,688,693	2,289,664
Development and fundraising	98,890	109,967
General and administration	<u>117,640</u>	<u>168,962</u>
Total Expenses	<u>2,965,223</u>	<u>2,568,593</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	295,893	424,397
Net Assets at Beginning of the Year	<u>3,127,891</u>	<u>2,703,494</u>
Net Assets at End of the Year	<u>\$ 3,423,784</u>	<u>\$ 3,127,891</u>

BUDGET 2012–2013

Revenues	
Administration	66,500
Congresses	1,257,814
Development	75,000
Membership	584,500
Professions	95,000
Publications	1,004,250
Regions	
Total Revenue	\$ 3,083,064
Expenses	
Administration	87,860
Congresses	1,132,547
Development	122,597
Membership	183,293
Professions	224,854
Publications	1,100,427
Regions	96,845
Technology	134,616
Total Expense	\$ 3,083,038

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets \$26

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