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What Do Biblical Scholars Do?

How do you, as a member, describe “biblical studies”? Less than a century ago, it might have been easier to define the field. Even then, however, it was a vibrant discipline—of history, interpretation, and theology. Biblical scholarship requires skills in languages and linguistics, textual studies, interpretive methods and theory, cultural studies, historiography, and history. In a field so large and diverse, it is necessary to form subdisciplinary networks. For that reason, it is a useful exercise to step back and see the wide spectrum of fields practiced by your colleagues—your fellow members. The tables on pages 3 and 4 below give you that picture.

One question before you look at those tables. Why is this broad perspective—this appreciation of the breadth of your field—important? When you see these tables, you should be reminded and encouraged by the unique place the scholarly discipline occupies in the humanities, higher education, and culture. Members practice their work in many ways, in many professions, and in many institutional departments. Members practice a staggering array of subdisciplines and specializations. Occasionally, when you are trying to navigate your way through the Annual Meeting convention center or a hotel to find the room for your particular program session, you may find that an obstacle. However, as scholarship increasingly values interdisciplinarity and collaboration, and when the humanities also face increased pressure in higher education, you should think of this diversity as your field’s greatest strength and opportunity.

You and your colleagues represent—together—a diverse scholarly discipline that hangs together through a broad set of texts that have a unique and fundamental cultural literacy. The many areas of study and contexts in which you work make a powerful case for what you do for culture and across the globe.

Sincerely,

John F. Kutsko
SBL 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

What Do Biblical Scholars Do?

Table 1

Career Tracks and Occupations of SBL Members

Administrator of an Educational Institution
Faculty
Independent Scholar
Journalism
Librarian/Archivist
Museum Curator/Employee
Non-profit Employee
Publishing Employee, Editor
Religious Leader
Student
Teacher (Primary or Secondary School)

Table 2

Department and Academic Unit in which
SBL Members Study and Teach

Biblical Studies
English
History
Humanities
Jewish and Judaic Studies
Joint Department or Appointment
Middle or Near Eastern Studies
Ministry, Pastoral Care, and Preaching
Philosophy
Philosophy and Religion
Religion or Religious Studies
Social Sciences (Anthropology, Archaeology, Sociology, etc.)
South and East Asian Studies
Theological Studies

Table 3

Range of Texts Studied by Members of SBL

Biblical Literature
 Hebrew Bible / Old Testament / Greek OT (Septuagint)
 Deuterocanonical Works
 New Testament
Early Christian Literature
 Apocrypha
 Apostolic Fathers
 Gnostic Literature
 Coptic Literature
Early Jewish Literature
 Jewish Pseudepigrapha
 Apocalyptic Literature and Related Works
 Dead Sea Scrolls
 Josephus
 Philo
 Rabbinic Literature
Classical Literature
 Greece/Greek
 Rome/Latin
Ancient Near Eastern Literature
 Sumerian
 Assyrian Akkadian
 Babylonian Akkadian
 Elamite
 Old Persian
 Egyptian
 Anatolian (Hittite, Luwian, Hurrian)
 Northwest Semitic
Qur'an

Table 4

Range of Methods and Approaches Applied to Texts
and Material Cultures by Members of SBL

Interpretive Approaches
 African and African-American Criticism
 Asian and Asian-American Criticism
 Autobiographical Criticism
 Classical Studies
 Comparative Approaches
 Constructions of Ethnicity
 Cultural Criticism
 Deconstruction
 Disability Studies
 Ethical Approaches
 Form Criticism
 Gender and Sexuality Criticism (incl. Feminist,
 Womanist, Masculinity Studies, Queer Theory)
 Genre Criticism
 Global Perspectives
 Historical Criticism
 History of Interpretation
 Ideological Criticism
 Imperial-critical (empire studies)
 Intersectional analysis
 Intertextuality
 Islander Criticism
 Latina/Latino Criticism
 Liberation Approaches
 Literary Criticism (incl. poetics, new criticism,
 formalism, close reading, narratology)
 Marxist Criticism

What Do Biblical Scholars Do?, *continued*

Table 4, continued.
Range of Methods and Approaches
Applied to Texts and Material Cultures
by Members of SBL

Minoritized Criticism	Law and Politics
Narrative Criticism	Popular Culture
Performance Criticism	Oral Traditions
Postcolonial Criticism	Text and Translation
Postmodern Literary Criticism	Translation and Translation Theory
Orality Studies	Commentary
Poststructuralist Criticism	Lexicography
Psychoanalytic Criticism	Ideology and Theology
Reader-Response Criticism	Hebrew Bible
Redaction Criticism	Old Testament
Religio-Historical Approaches	New Testament
Rhetorical Criticism	Christian
Social-Scientific Approaches (Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology)	Jewish
Source Criticism	Ethics
Structuralist Criticism	Apologetics
Text Criticism	Pastoral Theology
Theological Interpretation	Homiletics
Tradition History/Tradition Criticism	Comparative Religion / History of Religion
Other (ecological, etc.)	Domestic Religion
Philology / Linguistics (incl. Semiotics)	Law
Akkadian	Ritual and Sacrifice
Arabic	State Religion
Aramaic	History and Culture
Coptic	Ancient Near East
Egyptian	Early Israel
Ethiopic	Persian Period
Greek	Greece and Hellenism
Hebrew (classical)	Roman Empire
Hittite	Archaeology and Iconography
Latin	Archaeological Method
Luwian	Archaeology of Empire
Northwest Semitic (Phoenician, Punic, Moabite, Ammonite)	Archaeology of Gender
Sumerian	Archaeology of Religion
Syriac	Archaeology of the Ancient Near East
Ugaritic	Architecture
Epigraphy and Paleography	Art History
Alphabet	Biblical Archaeology
Inscriptions	Burial Practices
Papyrology	Cultural Heritage Management
Scripts	Daily Life
Scribes	History of Archaeology
History of Interpretation / Reception History / Reception Criticism	Landscape Archaeology
Religious Traditions and Scriptures	Maritime Archaeology
Art, Film, Music, and Literature	Material Culture
	Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls
	Theoretical Approaches
	Church History and Ecclesiology

Jobs Report for 2013 Society Report

Advertisements vs. Discrete Positions												
	'01	'02	'03	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12
Advertisements	511	603	553	558	638	607	592	733	397	494	553	534
Positions	476	554	525	522	592	588	575	672	385	479	540	536
Difference (Pct)	-6.8	-8.1	-5.1	-6.5	-7.2	-3.1	-2.9	-8.3	-3.0	-3.0	-2.4	0.4

Since the release of the Society's first jobs report, published October 2012 for job advertisements from 2001-2010, we have attempted to refine the annual report in two major ways. First, we have identified the number of discrete positions represented by the advertisements posted with SBL and AAR—in other words, the actual number of job openings. As explained in the report, the data reported reflected advertisements about job openings that institutions placed with the organizations, not necessarily the total number of job openings in the academic fields that the organizations represent. At least two factors account for the differences between the number of advertisements and positions: first, some advertisements were posted multiple times (for much of 2007 into 2013 when the AAR and SBL continued advertisement services separately, hiring institutions posted the same advertisement with both organizations; for other years, the reasons for this fact are unclear); second, multiple advertisements were posted for a single position, whether the advertisement was extended (i.e. first posted, e.g., from March 2004 through April 2004 and then reposted from May 2004 through June 2004) or a search was resumed after the original post had expired and a new advertisement for the same position was posted.

Second, we have assessed the possibility of including standardized data for institutions outside the United States. Institutions located in twenty-eight countries posted ads with the organizations from 2001-2012. Yet, only five countries (U.S., Canada, United Kingdom, New Zealand, and The Netherlands) posted at least twenty ads from 2001 through 2010 and only four countries did so from 2011 through 2012 (U.S., Canada, Israel, United Kingdom). While it would surely prove fruitful to evaluate all jobs data in the same way, we have only been able to find or access standardized institutional data for the U.S. through federal sources. From the outset, it was certain that the diversity of education systems throughout the world and differences in definitions and data collection methods would present a challenge to meaningful comparisons across countries and continents. Having evaluated a number of possibilities, it is clear that finding translatable fields of comparison would continue to be difficult, if not impossible. Organizations such as Eurostat, the European Association of Institutions in Higher Education (EURASHE), and the Higher Education Development Association (HEDDA) do not have comparable data for institutions across Europe. Statistics Canada can provide some comparable data for a fee. Some level of

comparable data was found for the United Kingdom, but the data were limited to three factors unrelated to the data available for U.S. institutions.

Key Findings

- After a drastic drop in the number of positions between 2008 and 2009, the number of positions rose in 2010 and 2011 and sits about 4.6% lower than the five years prior to this drop (2003-2007).
- Level of Institution: No Associate-level institutions posted positions with the organizations in 2011 or 2012. Doctorate-granting institutions predominate in the 2011-2012 dataset to an even greater extent than they did in the 2001-2010 dataset, accounting for almost half of the positions posted by U.S. institutions (46.8% compared to 39.9% in 2001-2010). The representation of Baccalaureate and Master's institutions decreased from 24.1% to 18.0% and 19.2% to 17.7% respectively, while the representation of Special Focus institutions increased from 16.3% to 17.5%. (Special Focus institutions are those awarding baccalaureate or higher-level degrees where a high concentration of degrees [above 75%] is in a single field or set of related fields such as theological seminaries, Bible colleges, and other faith-related institutions.) Consistent with data from 2001 through 2010, data from 2011 through 2012 show that positions at private not-for-profit institutions were widely distributed across institutional levels, including Baccalaureate, Master's, Doctorate-granting, and Special Focus. At public institutions, however, jobs were concentrated at the Doctorate-granting level, accounting for 82.9% of such positions.
- Pending Approval: For positions advertised since 2001, we have identified how many included some sort of stipulation about final approval, whether that approval was dependent on budgetary, departmental, and/or other considerations. Averaging 2.1% over the twelve-year period, positions pending approval peaked in 2011 at 3.9% only to decline slightly in 2012 to 3.2%. This peak represents a significant increase from 2010's 0.8%, which was the lowest percentage in the period.
- Candidate Skills: A majority of institutions required (51.6%) or desired (13.4%) candidates to hold a Ph.D. Almost half of hiring institutions required (22.0%) or desired (23.3%) prior teaching experience, while almost one quarter required (6.0%) or desired (18.7%) interdisciplinary teaching or research abilities. Only

Bible Odyssey Website to Launch in 2014

Bible Odyssey Website has been a truly collaborative project that represents the full range of our members' interests, insights, and achievements. We are poised to launch the site in April of 2014, when readers (and viewers) can sample over three hundred uniquely commissioned articles, take a quiz, explore maps, scroll through multimedia timelines, or watch short Q&A videos with leaders in the field. Or they can search the entire text of several Bible translations, including the NRSV, the KJV, and the CEV (and view side-by-side results).

SBL received high marks from our National Endowment for the Humanities' grant officer when he previewed the site. He commented that "Bible Odyssey could be a model for other academic organizations" and touted its appeal to general audiences, the design, the use of thought-provoking questions, and the theologically neutral tone.

We encourage SBL members who believe Bible Odyssey can be a game-changer in the public understanding of the Bible to make a targeted donation to sustain and grow this important website.



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doctorate-granting institutions indicated that they required or desired candidates to have published journal articles, books, and/or monographs, but the rate was extremely low. These institutions desired publications at a rate of 0.5% and required them at 0.3%, while they desired online course instruction at 0.3% and did not require it in any case.

- **Course Load:** Percentages of positions at public institutions requiring five or more courses increased only slightly (54.6% to 57.1%). Private not-for-profits showed nearly opposite changes with percentages requiring five or more courses showed a drop of 10.2% (68.7% to 58.5%) at private not-for-profits, raising the percentage of those requiring less than five courses from 31.4% in 2001-2010 to 41.4% in 2011-2012. When we cross tabulate course load data with appointment types, we find that contingent faculty—particularly contingent faculty at private not-

for-profits—are carrying the heaviest course loads. Averaging 5.8 courses per annum, 72% of contingent faculty teach five or more courses. Tenured/tenure-track faculty average 5.6 courses per annum, 68.1% carrying five or more courses.

More information on the positions posted with the organizations, including position benefits, hiring policies, fields of study, and tenure-related data, is available in the report, which will be posted on the SBL website. We hope that the report serves as a useful resource about the job market in biblical, religious, and theological studies with meaningful indications of hiring trends and characteristics of hiring institutions. There are, to be sure, implications in this report about advocacy for the field as well as graduate enrollment. Member questions and feedback about the report are always welcome.

Tribute to Ehud Ben Zvi

The SBL International Cooperation Initiative (ICI) is seven years old this year. We celebrate and extend gratitude to Professor Ehud Ben Zvi for his remarkable service to the Society as chair of what began as the ICI Task Force and has now become the ICI Executive Board.

Ehud's article, "The Future of the Society," published in the SBL Forum in 2005 served as the impetus for conversation that helped to define the mission and goals of the ICI. In 2007 at the SBL International Meeting in Vienna, Ehud chaired a session attended by scholars from South Africa, Indonesia, the Philippines, Europe, and the United States to discuss the formation of a task force within the SBL to "facilitate mutual cooperation among colleagues" around the globe—and here the name "International Cooperation Initiative" was born.

Ehud has served tirelessly as the Chair of ICI for the six years since the Vienna meeting. Virtually all of the programs of ICI were originally conceived by Ehud (Online Books, Teaching Collaboration and Mentorship, Liaison Network, reduced membership and subscription rates for those in ICI countries, Open-Access publishing through ANEM and IVBS) and he has constantly been alert to ways to enhance the program and engage students and scholars as participants. One of the most recent innovations is the live streaming of Annual Meeting sessions to groups of scholars and students in ICI countries, a project that began as an experiment in 2012 and has expanded to include ICI participants from four continents in 2013.

Ehud initiated and has maintained an ICI listserv that is used to distribute the monthly newsletter he writes. He collaborated with colleagues in Argentina to launch a new online, open-access series, Ancient Near East Monographs (ANEM). The series has acquired scholarship of such high quality that the books have been produced in print to satisfy the requests of librarians and members. Such noteworthy scholars as Israel Finkelstein, Martti Nissinen, and Lester Grabbe have chosen to publish in this series. Ehud has also been involved with the recruitment of publishing partners for the Online Books program.

Roxana Flammini, Ehud's ANEM co-editor, writes,

"Ehud's commitment to the ICI, manifested in his consideration towards researchers residing all over the world is simply remarkable. Just to mention one of many great initiatives, free access to books through the ICI has made substantial improvements in our academic life, not to mention our joint editorial project, the ANEM/MACO Series. Thank you Ehud for your willingness, interest and perseverance. We shall always be grateful to you."

This marks the last year of Ehud's tenure as ICI Chair. His successor will be Louis C. Jonker, who was present at the Vienna meeting and has been involved with ICI since its beginning. When asked to describe his experiences with Ehud over the years, Louis wrote this fitting tribute:

"Ehud ben Zvi embodied the ICI in the past years. His passion for global biblical scholarship, combined with his own expertise in the field, made him the ideal person to lead this initiative. It can be said without fear of contradiction that the ICI changed the face of the SBL in non-traditional scholarly environments tremendously in the past years. Ehud should be given a major share of the credit for this. He has shown how an individual contribution, born from commitment to a worthy cause, can change the face of a huge organization. Ehud is somebody who always sees solutions to problems that others would have despaired about long ago. Combined with his savvy in open access and digital communication media, this made him a remarkable contributor to a more open world of biblical scholarship. We honour and thank him for his contributions, which will be valued for many years to come!"

Reflecting on the work of ICI for the last six years, Ehud states that the main job of the first leader of ICI was to create a foundation for the future work of the Society. "We started with ideas and a questionnaire, and created a very large structure . . . we have done an incredible amount in six to seven years." This is indeed true, and SBL is grateful to Ehud Ben Zvi and his work in laying the strong foundation on which ICI can continue to grow in the coming years.

SBL salutes Ehud Ben Zvi as an innovator, educator, scholar, researcher, and friend.



2012 Ithaka S+R Faculty Survey: A Summary of Important Findings for SBL Members

Since 2000, Ithaka S+R, a research and consulting service, has examined the attitudes and behaviors of scholars at four-year colleges and universities across the United States on a triennial basis. The fifth iteration of the survey, released April 8, 2013, covered a wealth of information for a multitude of faculty. Topics include materials used for research and teaching, discovery of research resources, access to research materials, selection of research topics, tools used to conduct research, use of and support for technology-enabled pedagogies, the evolving nature of scholarly communication and its impact on the dissemination of scholarship, the role of the library, and the role of the scholarly society.

We think you will find this survey timely and reflective of important trends you may see around you. Moreover, SBL supports scholarly communication, conferencing, professional development, and publishing, and the results of this survey will inform work ahead. We would note that staff will, in particular, attempt to broaden this report by asking SBL members outside the U.S. to reflect on it—to compare and contrast their experiences so our work foregrounds the global dimensions of our membership.

Key Findings

- The role of internet search engines in facilitating discovery of scholarly resources has continued to increase. The perceived decline in the role of the library catalog noted in previous cycles of this survey has been arrested and even modestly reversed, driven perhaps to some degree by significant strategic shifts in library discovery tools and services.
- Respondents are generally satisfied with their ability to access the scholarly literature, not least because freely available materials have come to play a significant role in meeting their needs.
- While respondents continued to trend overall towards greater acceptance of a print to electronic transition for scholarly journals, they grew modestly less comfortable with replacing print subscriptions with electronic access. Monographs, although widely used in electronic form, present a mixed picture for any possible format transition. While some monograph use cases are quite strong for electronic versions, others—especially long-form reading—are seen to favor print by a decisive share. Even so, a growing share of respondents expects substantial change in library collecting practices for monographs in the next five years.
- In the humanities, peer-reviewed journals and journal articles and scholarly monographs or edited volumes are the most important resources for scholars, with around 90% of respondents identifying them as very important in their research. Almost 80% of respondents assign lower division undergraduate students scholarly articles often or occasionally, while nearly 95% assign them in upper division undergraduate courses. Monographs are assigned by 60% of respondents in lower division undergraduate courses and by over 80% in upper division undergraduate courses.
- Respondents' personal interests are the primary factor in selecting research topics, but junior faculty members report that tenure considerations play an important role as well. Collaboration models vary significantly across scholarly fields. While humanists are less likely than scientists or social scientists to conduct quantitative analyses, nevertheless some 25% of humanists report gathering their own data for this purpose.
- Small but non-trivial shares of respondents use technology in their undergraduate teaching. But while most recognize the availability of resources to help them do so, many respondents do not draw upon resources beyond their own ideas or feel strongly motivated to seek out opportunities to use more technology in their teaching. Nearly 30% of respondents rely heavily on scholarly society conference programs, newsletters, and other materials as possible sources of instructional support when introducing new pedagogies or approaches that take advantage of the opportunities offered by digital technologies. Respondents indicated a greater reliance on their own ideas and fellow scholars, but they rely on scholarly societies more heavily than their own colleges or universities, libraries, IT offices, teaching centers, and online resources.
- Respondents tend to value established scholarly dissemination methods, prioritizing audiences in their sub-discipline and discipline, and those

of lay professionals, more so than undergraduates or the general public. Similarly, they continue to select journals in which to publish based on characteristics such as topical coverage, readership, and impact factor. Finally, respondents tend to value existing publisher services, such as peer review, branding, and copy editing, while expressing less widespread agreement about the value of newer dissemination support services offered by libraries that are intended to maximize access and impact.

- Respondents perceive less value from many functions of the academic library than they did in the last cycle of this survey. One notable exception is the gateway function, which experienced a modest resurgence in perceived value. A minority of respondents sees the library as primarily responsible for teaching research skills to undergraduates. And, though still a clear minority, the share of respondents who wish to see substantial change to library staff and buildings

has increased. There are large differences in perceptions between disciplinary groups: a smaller share of scientists views many library roles as very important.

- Conferences remain at the heart of respondents' perceptions of the role and value of the scholarly societies in which they participate. Conferences are valued for both the formal function of discovering new scholarship and informal role of connecting scholars with peers.

Of particular interest to SBL as a scholarly society, the report concludes that, despite advances in online communication and other ways for scholars to engage with each other, scholars primarily value the role of their scholarly societies as a convener of conferences. When asked about the importance of the various roles that the primary society in their field plays, almost all respondents indicated that organizing conferences (~88%) and publishing peer-reviewed scholarly journals (~83%) were very important. We encourage you to read the report accessible via

Fonts and Texts

Fonts

The Society of Biblical Literature remains committed to providing and promoting fonts that assist biblical scholars in their work. In 2013, SBL Fonts has seen the release of the third font in the SBL Font series, SBL BibLit, which marks the completion of the SBL Font initiative. This font combines Greek, Hebrew, and Latin characters into a single font. When used with the transliteration keyboards, also available from SBL, it is suitable for use as a general font for biblical scholarship. SBL Greek and SBL Hebrew are also still offered for download on the SBL website. All SBL fonts are available without cost for members to use in personal scholarship and in noncommercial applications. SBL also offers licenses for those interested in using the fonts for commercial purposes. The Font Foundation has continued to support the development of these fonts, and its members include many of the top publishers and software developers in biblical studies.

Texts

Texts lie at the heart of biblical studies and the related fields its members research and teach. SBL's own commitment to this critical aspect of the field was showcased in the release of the SBL Greek New Testament in 2010, which remains freely accessible in the SBL website. Perhaps no organization, though, has been more committed than 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.

In partnership with the German Bible Society, the Society of Biblical Literature is making the reading text (the upper text without critical apparatus) of four editions available to its members in several formats for download and personal use when logged in to the webpage with a member login:

- 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.

SBL Font Foundation Partners

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Baylor University Press
BibleWorks
Brill Academic Publishers
Concordia Publishing House
German Bible Society
Logos Bible Software
Society of Biblical Literature
United Methodist Publishing House
Westminster John Knox

Publications Year in Review

Publications Highlights

SBL Publications continued to grow in crucial ways in order to meet the research and educational needs of both SBL members and a broader body of constituents. For example, we expect to publish thirty-nine new titles by the end of 2013, an increase of 18 percent over the previous year's output. In keeping with our commitment to excellence and diversity, this year's titles address a variety of topics, from beauty in the Bible to ancient Egyptian royal titulary, from the Dead Sea Scrolls to Nestle-Aland 28, from the Philistines and other Sea Peoples to the northern kingdom of Israel, from Philo of Alexandria to Brevard Childs, and from prophets male and female to a postcolonial perspective on the Gospel of Mark. (For a complete list of 2013 publications, see page 12.) In addition to the publication of all these volumes, several other high points from 2013 deserve special mention.

(1) Earlier this year SBL and Brill Academic Publishers ended the agreement under which Brill had published a hardcover edition of every SBL title since 2002. Thus, for the first time in eleven years, SBL simultaneously published paperback and hardcover editions of its entire frontlist. As a result of this development, SBL now offers, in addition to paperback editions priced to appeal to individual buyers, hardcover editions designed for libraries—not only for their durability but also for their budget-friendly pricing structure.

(2) According to SBL marketing consultant Karen Strauss, the addition of hardcover editions has been greeted warmly by wholesalers such as Baker & Taylor, YBP (Yankee Book Peddler), Blackwell, Ingram, Midwest Library Service, and Coutts Library Service. The number of preorders of hardcover titles, as well as total sales to these larger accounts, supports her observation. For example, one wholesaler has increased its purchases from SBL by 27 percent over last year. Of course, this is not due simply to the availability of hardcover editions. Karen has also worked hard to increase SBL's visibility within the broader wholesale and retail market. Her distribution of SBL book metadata (all of the pertinent data about a book) to wholesale buyers plus her follow-up emails, calls, and visits with those buyers deserves a great deal of the credit.

(3) The convergence of all of these factors—a larger-than-ever frontlist, the addition of hardcovers alongside our usual paperbacks, and focused marketing to wholesalers and retailers—has led to increasingly strong sales, especially during the first three months of this fiscal year (July–September). Specifically, book

sales revenue is up over 17 percent compared to the same three-month period in 2012. Over the last twelve months (October 2012–September 2013), book sales show a 5 percent increase over the preceding twelve-month period, a strong, steady, and sustainable rate of growth.

(4) Of course, any success that SBL Publications enjoys is largely due to the authors, editors, and contributors whose works we are privileged to publish. We are gratified to note that this year's authors and editors represent well the diversity that makes the SBL such a rich and dynamic community. In addition to the varied topics and methodologies mentioned above, the sixty authors and editors of 2013 hail from twelve different countries, including: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Finland, Germany, Israel, The Netherlands, South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom, and United States. Over half (32) of those sixty are from a country other than the U.S. In terms of gender representation, 20 percent of all 2013 authors and editors are female, an improvement over some years but still slightly below the representation of females among the SBL membership as a whole. Clearly, there remains room for improvement and opportunity for growth in this area, as well as in other areas of the publications program.

E-book Publications

Building on the successes and lessons of 2012, SBL expanded and refined its efforts to make as many of its books as possible available in an electronic format. Our strategy focuses on two separate markets: libraries and individual buyers. The cumulative effect is that nearly every title published during 2013 already has been or soon will be available in multiple formats through a number of outlets.

The academic library market is served by SBL's partnerships with EBSCO (formerly NetLibrary), ProQuest (formerly Ebrary), Humanities E-book, and JSTOR. These vendors offer SBL titles for sale either individually (single-user or multiple-user) or as part of larger subject collections. Each vendor receives an SBL title as a PDF file, then converts that file to its own proprietary delivery platform. Since a library may favor one platform over another, we have signed agreements with all the leading library vendors, so that our titles are available in e-form to as many academic libraries as possible. We are pleased with the results thus far, especially that a single library recently purchased 100 SBL e-books. However, we have only scratched the surface of the library e-book market, so we encourage

all SBL members and supporters to recommend specific e-book acquisitions to their own libraries. We will gladly provide you or your librarian any information needed to make the addition of SBL e-books as easy as possible.

Individual buyers likewise have a number of e-book providers from which to choose. SBL titles that do not contain Hebrew or Greek will generally be offered in Kindle, iPad, and Nook formats, available from their respective bookstores. Most SBL books, however, will be offered in a PDF-based format, in order to retain the original languages or other complex design elements. These books, which can generally be read on the primary e-readers listed above, are also perfect for laptops, desktop computers, tablets, or any other device that can display a PDF file. For the time being, the best source for PDF-based SBL titles is Google Play (<https://play.google.com/store/books>). Currently 70 SBL books are available for purchase, often at a price comparable to that offered by SBL at the Annual Meeting. We hope to have an additional 100 titles available via Google Play by the 2014 Annual Meeting, but before then individuals will also be able to purchase and download our e-books directly from the SBL website.

Journal of Biblical Literature

JBL has had much to celebrate in the past year. According to the Arts & Humanities Citation Index, *JBL* is the biblical studies journal most frequently cited in academic publications: it is cited nearly twice as often as the average biblical studies journal and 18 percent more often than its closest competitor. As further evidence of *JBL*'s flagship status, Project MUSE recently added *JBL* to its Standard Collection because of *JBL*'s high MUSE score and high-quality content. This distinction is another indication of *JBL*'s superlative value within the academy—and for the academy. That *JBL* continues to be regarded as the flagship journal of the field is further demonstrated not only by its relatively stable subscription numbers (in a challenging library market) but also by the interest it generates from outside vendors. In fact, *JBL* is available electronically via JSTOR (1890–2006), ATLA (1943–), EBSCO (1973–), and other online outlets, as well as through the Accordance and Logos software systems.

In addition to being the flagship journal for biblical studies, one that ensures that its articles receive the most extensive exposure among fellow scholars, *JBL* continues to be one of the lowest-priced journals in the field. Maintaining a society-owned journal benefits every member and the entire discipline. To that end, SBL works tirelessly to keep *JBL*'s costs down and its price for libraries low, to provide *JBL* freely as a benefit to all members around the world, and to maintain a commitment to contemporary relevance within a tradition of extraordinary high quality.

Under the skillful leadership of editor Adele Reinhartz and the forty international members of the editorial board, the scope of *JBL* is

broader than ever and constantly expanding. The transition to a new content and workflow management system that allows the editorial team to track, process, and report on submissions with maximum efficiency and minimal error was completed last year and will be regularly reviewed for improvement. 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.

The 2013 volume will see the publication of some forty-eight articles engaging a variety of topics across and beyond the biblical canon from varying ideological and methodological perspectives. With a growing diversity of articles, in terms of both subject matter and approach, *JBL* aims to reflect the range of sources, perspectives, and methodologies that are in use in the field of biblical studies at our own moment in time and to continue to change so that we remain at the forefront of academic biblical studies. 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 place as the flagship journal of the field.

Review of Biblical Literature

In the fifteen-plus years since its online debut in January 1998, the *Review of Biblical Literature* (www.bookreviews.org) has established itself as the SBL's most widely distributed publication and the premier source of biblical studies book reviews in the world. The data supporting this claim permit no other conclusion:

- After publishing 32 reviews during its first year, *RBL* has published an average of 40 reviews each *month* since then and currently offers access to over 7,100 reviews.
- Thanks to the cooperative efforts of our reviewers, editors, and staff, *RBL* published 400 reviews during the past twelve months. With an average of 3.5 pages per review, the past year's output would fill 1,400 published pages, while the 7,100+ reviews published throughout *RBL*'s history would require nearly 25,000 printed pages.
- As is well known, *RBL* announces the publication of reviews in a weekly newsletter. Less well known is the fact that the newsletter is distributed to over 9,000 subscribers, many of whom have no other connection with the Society than *RBL*.
- The weekly newsletter plays a significant role in leading scholars, students, and interested laypersons to the *RBL* website, which records approximately two million hits each year. To put it in different terms, between 5,000 and 6,000 *RBL* pages are viewed each and every day.

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But the number of reviews published and the number of visitors to the website is only part of the story. *RBL* also reviews a wide spectrum of books from publishers large and small across the entire range of biblical studies and its cognate disciplines—seventy-nine different publishers over the past year alone!

2013 SBL Publications List

- Müller, Reinhard, Juha Pakkala, and Bas ter Haar Romeny, *Evidence of Editing: Growth and Change of Texts in the Hebrew Bible* (RBS)
- Reymond, Eric D., *Qumran Hebrew: An Overview of Orthography, Phonology, and Morphology* (RBS)
- Peters, Melvin K. H., editor, *XIV Congress of the IOSCS, Helsinki, 2010* (SCS)
- Vries, Johannes de, and Martin Karrer, editors, *Textual History and the Reception of Scripture in Early Christianity: Textgeschichte und Schriftrezeption im frühen Christentum* (SCS)
- Bautch, Richard J., and Jean-François Racine, editors, *Beauty and the Bible* (SemSt)
- Claassens, L. Juliana, and Klaas Spronk, editors, *Fragile Dignity: Intercontextual Conversations on Scriptures, Family, and Violence* (SemSt)
- Boer, Roland, editor, *Postcolonialism and the Hebrew Bible: The Next Step* (SemSt)
- Leander, Hans, *Discourses of Empire: The Gospel of Mark from a Postcolonial Perspective* (SemSt)
- Burke, David G., John F. Kutsko, Philip H. Towner, editors, *The King James Version at 400: Assessing Its Genius as Bible Translation and Its Literary Influence* (BSNA)
- Seitz, Christopher R., and Kent Harold Richards, editors, *The Bible as Christian Scripture: The Work of Brevard S. Childs* (BSNA)
- Cohen, Yoram, *Wisdom from the Late Bronze Age* (WAW)
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- Miller, Jared L., *Royal Hittite Instructions and Related Administrative Texts* (WAW)
- Allen, Pauline, *John Chrysostom, Homilies on Philippians* (WGRW)
- Springer, Carl P. E., *Sedulius, The Paschal Song and Hymns* (WGRW)
- Tsouna, Voula, *Philodemus, On Property Management* (WGRW)
- Davis, Andrew R., *Tel Dan in Its Northern Cultic Context* (ABS)
- Killebrew, Ann E., and Gunnar Lehmann, editors, *The Philistines and Other "Sea Peoples" in Text and Archaeology* (ABS)
- Runia, David T., and Gregory E. Sterling, editors, *Studia Philonica Annual XXV* (2013)
- Edenburg, Cynthia, and Juha Pakkala, editors, *Is Samuel among the Deuteronomists? Current Views on the Place of Samuel in a Deuteronomistic History* (AIL)
- Hibbard, J. Todd, and Hyun Chul Paul Kim, editors, *Formation and Intertextuality in Isaiah 24–27* (AIL)
- Jacobs, Mignon R., and Raymond F. Person, Jr., editors, *Israelite Prophecy and the Deuteronomistic History: Portrait, Reality, and the Formation of a History* (AIL)
- Stökl, Jonathan, and Corrine L. Carvalho, editors, *Prophets Male and Female: Gender and Prophecy in the Hebrew Bible, the Eastern Mediterranean, and the Ancient Near East* (AIL)
- Finkelstein, Israel, *The Forgotten Kingdom: The Archaeology and History of Northern Israel* (ANEM)
- Schoors, Antoon, trans. Michael Lesley, *The Kingdoms of Israel and Judah in the Eighth and Seventh Centuries B.C.E.* (BibEnc)
- Brooke, George J. with Nathalie LaCoste, *Reading the Dead Sea Scrolls: Essays in Method* (EJL)
- Stone, Michael E., *Adam and Eve in the Armenian Traditions, Fifth through Seventeenth Centuries* (EJL)
- Avioz, Michael, Elie Assis, and Yael Shemesh, editors, *Zer Rimonim: Studies in Biblical Literature and Jewish Exegesis Presented to Professor Rimon Kasher* (IVBS)
- García Bachmann, Mercedes L., *Women at Work in the Deuteronomistic History* (IVBS)
- Fiensy, David A., and Ralph K. Hawkins, editors, *The Galilean Economy in the Time of Jesus* (ECL)
- Schellenberg, Ryan S., *Rethinking Paul's Rhetorical Education: Comparative Rhetoric and 2 Corinthians 10–13* (ECL)
- Hundley, Michael B., *Gods in Dwellings: Temples and Divine Presence in the Ancient Near East* (WAW Sup)
- Goff, Matthew, *4QInstruction* (WLAW)
- Aitken, James K., Jeremy M. S. Clines, and Cristl M. Maier, editors, *Interested Readers: Essays on the Hebrew Bible in Honor of David J. A. Clines*
- Mason, Steve, and Tom Robinson, editors, *Early Christian Reader*
- Trobisch, David, *A User's Guide to the Nestle-Aland 28 Greek New Testament*
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- Petersen, William L., *Tatian's Diatessaron: Its Creation, Dissemination, Significance, and History in Scholarship*
- Segal, Michael, *The Book of Jubilees: Rewritten Bible, Redaction, Ideology and Theology*
- Brown Judaic Studies
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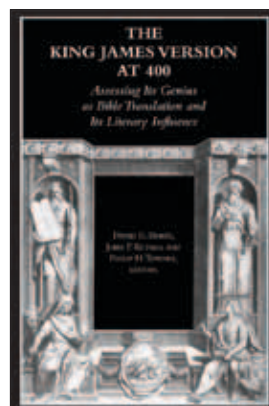
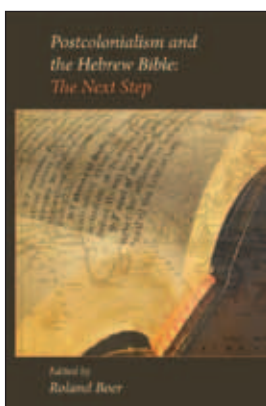
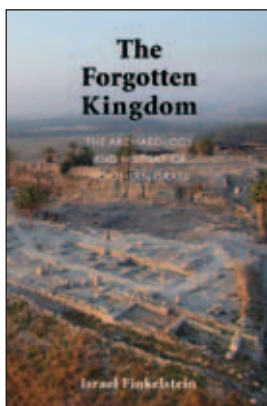
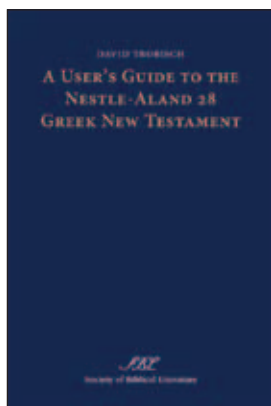
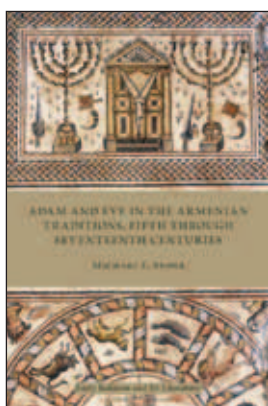
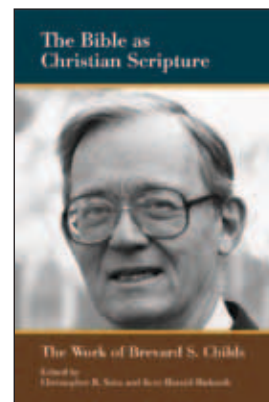
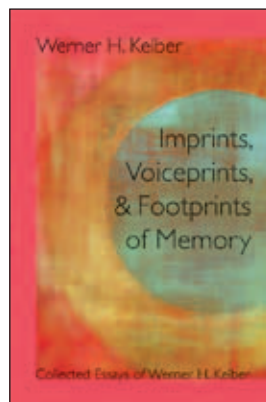
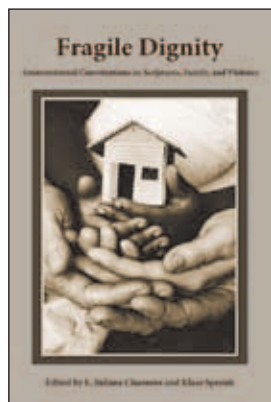
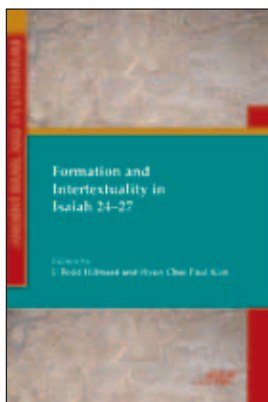
In addition, to ensure a vigorous discussion that represents various perspectives, *RBL* publishes multiple and contrasting reviews as often as possible. Further, not only does *RBL* review books written in various languages (e.g., English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Hebrew); it also invites scholars from a variety of language groups to review for *RBL*. To that end, during the past year we published reviews by scholars from thirty-two different countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji Islands, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy,

Japan, Korea, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Guinea, New Zealand, Norway, Romania, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom, and United States. In fact, slightly more *RBL* reviews were authored by scholars outside the U.S. (51 percent) than by scholars within the U.S. (49 percent)—a clear sign of SBL's international focus. Taking all of the evidence into account, it is no stretch to conclude that *RBL* is the world's leading provider of reviews of biblical studies publications.

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Congresses Year in Review

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

Chicago 2012

Participation levels among registrants and members remained fairly steady for the 2012 Annual Meeting, but a higher percentage of registrants than usual has accounted for participants, indicating that persons are finding it less viable to attend the AM if they are not participating in the program. In part to address this issue, the Society has implemented policies that limit individuals to two presentations at the meeting, which provides greater opportunity to a higher number of persons to participate. The sessions organized at the meeting continue to advance the mission to foster biblical scholarship alongside broader humanities scholarship.

- Persons involved with the Critical Editions of the German Bible Society: Nestle-Aland 28th edition project organized a session. The session included discussion about the revision of the critical apparatus of the entire edition, the revision of the Catholic Epistles according to the Editio Critica Maior, and the digital Nestle-Aland.
- A number of program units from SBL and AAR organized a session entitled "Transfigurations: Transgressing Gender in the Bible." This hybrid performance and panel session provided scholars from a range of specializations and interests the opportunity to take in a recent piece by theatrical performance artist/activist Peterson Toscano and then to engage in a unique, cross-disciplinary, and cross-association scholarly conversation about the work's aspects and impacts. The performance component will be a productive spark



for critical analysis and interactive response and dialogue among various scholarly and popular constituencies.

The Qur'an and Biblical Literature Section organized several sessions, including one in which panelists who have experienced reading and analyzing parallel biblical and Qur'anic texts with students and lay adults of various religious affiliations reflected on the pedagogical, cultural,



religious and interpretive issues such undertakings evoke. It is clear from the number and attendance at sessions of this unit that there is keen interest in the Qur'an exists at the Annual Meeting.

- Various sessions explored issues of maximizing teaching effectiveness and online lectures.

Baltimore 2013

“Foster biblical scholarship” when done with excellence incorporates vast comparative and historical elements not constrained to the history and literature of the Bible. Indeed, our members are those in archaeology, classics, comparative studies, ethics, history of interpretation, theology, and a series of other areas. Eager to ensure that this breadth does not result in fragmentation, the Program Committees of SBL and the American Academy of Religion issued a joint letter in October 2013 encouraging collaboration among program units of the AAR and SBL. Not wishing to try to solve any such concerns by imposing a rubric or forcing the clustering of groups, the Program Committees wish rather to encourage deeper collaboration among those who want it, especially across AAR and SBL program units. The committees want to facilitate this collaboration with the end goal of fostering coherent conversations and imaginative intersections. Collaboration can occur on many axes. For example, groups might collaborate because of 1) proximate materials (e.g., a program unit focusing on a given text or geographical region in AAR meets with a similar group in SBL); 2) proximate topics or methods (e.g., two groups that might not usually collaborate might join to discuss material culture); 3) proximate professional concerns (e.g., a digital humanities collaboration between program units usually considered topically distant, but both interested in language-drive databases); or 4) creative sparks between



2014 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, go to: <http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/regionalMeetings.aspx>.

Central States	March 16–17	St. Louis Marriott West	St. Louis, Missouri
Eastern Great Lakes	TBA	TBA	TBA
Mid Atlantic	TBA	TBA	TBA
Midwest	February 7–9	Olivet Nazarene University	Bourbonnais, Illinois
New England	TBA	TBA	TBA
Pacific Coast	March 29–31	Hope International University	Fullerton, California
Pacific Northwest	May 9–11	University of Calgary	Calgary, Alberta
Rocky Mt - Great Plains	March 29–30	University of Denver	Denver, Colorado
Southeastern	March 7–9	Marriott Century Center	Atlanta, Georgia
Southwestern	March 7–9	Marriott Hotel, DFW North	Irving, Texas
Upper Midwest	April 4–5	Luther Seminary	St. Paul, Minnesota

usually distant program units (e.g., pursuing themes like sacrifice or urbanization).

SBL is organizing several notable special sessions and workshops.

- Israel Finkelstein is leading a session stemming from a project funded by the European Research Council that involves a variety of topics related to Ancient Israel, such as radio-carbon dating, ancient DNA, paleoclimate, residue analysis, math and Hebrew epigraphy etc.
- Monday morning features a session on the way sacred texts, and especially the Bible, play a role in and intersect with public policies. It hopes to highlight the broad relevance of biblical scholarship as the series brings people and institutions together to unravel the past relationships of sacred texts and public policies, and envision new ways to shape this lively intersection.
- The SBL Status of Women in the Profession Committee has organized a networking session. Student women members of all levels are invited to participate in an hour of networking and to share experiences, questions, and advice. This year students will have the opportunity to sit with junior and senior women scholars in the field and discuss their pedagogical philosophies, approaches, and strategies for creating a syllabus.
- Reinventing “Biblical Studies”: Navigating Possibilities and Problems is designed to assist graduate students as they navigate the contours of the field, while also critically reflecting on the boundaries and foundations of what we call “biblical studies.”



International Meeting

The SBL International Meeting in St. Andrews is now the third largest meeting by attendance. Typically, a meeting in a smaller city without direct air connections will have a registration of approximately 500. St. Andrews registrations reached 849, only a 5% decrease from Amsterdam (2012). There were 37 different countries represented at the meeting with 25% from the United States and 20% from the United Kingdom; 49% of attendees were from Europe. The number of sessions and participants was down slightly more with a total of 154 sessions (-16%) and 573 participants (-22 %). The top three reasons members attend continue to be (1) to give a paper, (2) keep up to date with developments in scholarship, and (3) networking/connecting with colleagues. Program units treating the Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near East, Paul and Pauline Literature, and the Gospels and Acts were some of the most popular venues for member participation.



The Society will partner with the European Association for Biblical Studies (EABS) again for the 2014 International Meeting in Vienna, Austria Sunday, July 6 through Thursday, July 10. The call for papers for that meeting will open in mid-October and close at the end of January.

In 2011, the Faculty of Theology of the Catholic University of Argentina (UCA) and the University Institute ISEDET invited SBL to hold the International Meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina. We are happy to announce that the Society will hold its first meeting in Latin America in 2015. The meeting will start on Monday, July 20 and continue through Friday, July 24 with sessions in English and Spanish. The Society's International Meeting will return to Asia in 2016 in Seoul, South Korea.

Future Annual Meetings

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

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		<i>Contextual Biblical Interpretation Group</i> Nicole Duran

<i>Contextualizing North African Christianity Consultation</i>	<i>Exile (Forced Migrations) in Biblical Literature</i>	<i>Hellenistic Judaism Section</i>
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David Wilhite		
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Megan Moore	Nyasha Junior	Alyssa Gray
	Richard Weis	Carol Bakhos
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Mark Weedman	Mikael Winnige	J. Dwayne Howell
Christopher Beeley	Patricia Walters	<i>Ideological Criticism Section</i>
		Randall Reed
<i>Digital Humanities in Biblical, Early Jewish, and Christian Studies Consultation</i>	<i>Function of Apocryphal and Pseudepigraphal Writings in Early Judaism and Early Christianity Section</i>	<i>Ideology, Culture, and Translation Group</i>
Claire Clivaz	David deSilva	Christina Petterson
David Hamidovic	Loren Johns	<i>Intertextuality in the New Testament Section</i>
		B. J. Oropeza
<i>Disputed Paulines Section</i>	<i>Gender, Sexuality, and the Bible Section</i>	Erik Waaler
Christopher Hutson	Joseph Marchal	
		<i>Inventing Christianity Consultation</i>
<i>Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy Section</i>	<i>Genesis Consultation</i>	David Eastman
John Fitzgerald	John Anderson	Candida Moss
Fika van Rensburg	Christopher Heard	
		<i>Islands, Islanders, and Scriptures Section</i>
<i>Early Jewish Christian Relations Section</i>	<i>Gospel of Luke Section</i>	Jione Havea
Judy Siker	Mark Matson	Althea Spencer Miller
Christine Shepardson	John Carroll	
		<i>Israelite Prophetic Literature Section</i>
<i>Ecological Hermeneutics Section</i>	<i>Greco-Roman Religions Section</i>	Mignon Jacobs
Barbara Rossing	James Hanges	Steed Davidson
Peter Trudinger		
	<i>Greek Bible Section</i>	<i>Israelite Religion in its West Asian Environment Section</i>
<i>Economics in the Biblical World Consultation</i>	Cameron Boyd-Taylor	Simeon Chavel
Samuel Adams		
	<i>Healthcare and Disability in the Ancient World Section</i>	<i>Jesus Traditions, Gospels, and Negotiating the Roman Imperial World Section</i>
<i>Egyptology and Ancient Israel Section</i>	Joel Baden	Colleen Conway
John Gee	Nicole Kelley	Warren Carter
<i>Esotericism and Mysticism in Antiquity Section</i>	<i>Hebrew Bible and Political Theory Section</i>	<i>Jewish Christianity / Christian Judaism Section</i>
Rebecca Lesses	Francis Borhardt	Petri Luomanen
Kelley Coblentz Bautch		F. Stanley Jones
	<i>Hebrew Bible, History, and Archaeology Section</i>	
<i>Ethics and Biblical Interpretation Section</i>	Jeremy Smoak	<i>Jewish-Christian Dialogue and Sacred Texts Consultation</i>
Jacqueline Lapsley	Matthew Suriano	Leonard Greenspoon
Mark Douglas		Joel Lohr
	<i>Hebrew Scriptures and Cognate Literature Section</i>	
<i>Ethiopic Bible and Literature Section</i>	Daniel Fleming	<i>Johannine Literature Section</i>
Stephen Delamarter		Kasper Larsen
Ralph Lee	<i>Hebrews Group</i>	Jo-Ann Brant
	Gabriella Gelardini	
	Harold Attridge	

<i>John's Apocalypse and Cultural Contexts Ancient and Modern Section</i>	<i>Meals in the Greco-Roman World Seminar</i>	<i>Pauline Epistles Section</i>
Lynn Huber	Dennis Smith	Emma Wasserman
Jean-Pierre Ruiz	Hal Taussig	Caroline Johnson Hodge
<i>John, Jesus, and History Seminar</i>	<i>Meals in the HB/OT and its World Consultation</i>	<i>Pauline Soteriology Seminar</i>
Jaime Clark-Soles	Peter Altmann	Ann Jervis
Craig Koester	Nathan MacDonald	Douglas Campbell
<i>Josephus Seminar</i>	<i>Megilloth Consultation</i>	<i>Pentateuch Section</i>
Jan van Henten	Bradley Embry	Thomas Römer
Paul Spilsbury	Amy Erickson	Sarah Shectman
<i>Joshua-Judges Section</i>	<i>Metacriticism of Biblical Scholarship Consultation</i>	<i>Performance Criticism of Biblical and Other Ancient Texts Section</i>
Ed Noort	James Linville	Jin Han
Ralph Hawkins	Rebecca Raphael	<i>Philo of Alexandria Group</i>
<i>Latino/a and Latin American Biblical Interpretation Section</i>	<i>Metaphor Theory and the Hebrew Bible Section</i>	Sarah Pearce
Fernando Segovia	Hanne Levinson	Ellen Birnbaum
Francisco Lozada	<i>Midrash Section</i>	Ronald Cox
<i>Latter-day Saints and the Bible Section</i>	W. David Nelson	<i>Philology in Hebrew Studies Consultation</i>
Gaye Strathearn	Rivka Ulmer	Christopher Rollston
<i>Letters of James, Peter, and Jude Section</i>	<i>Mind, Society, and Religion in the Biblical World Section</i>	Jo Ann Hackett
Peter Davids	Istvan Czachesz	<i>Polis and Ekklesia: Investigations of Urban Christianity Consultation</i>
Duane Watson	Risto Uro	Laurence Welborn
<i>Levites and Priests in History and Tradition Section</i>	<i>Minoritized Criticism and Biblical Interpretation Seminar</i>	James Harrison
Mark Leuchter	Fernando Segovia	<i>Postcolonial Studies and Biblical Studies Section</i>
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<i>LGBT/Queer Hermeneutics Section</i>	<i>Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section</i>	Yak-Hwee Tan
David Stewart	April DeConick	<i>Poverty in the Biblical World Consultation</i>
Lynn Huber	Dylan Burns	Kari Latvus
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W. Randall Garr	Jennifer Knust	Glenna Jackson
<i>Literature and History of the Persian Period Section</i>	<i>Orality, Textuality, and the Formation of the Hebrew Bible Section</i>	<i>Prophetic Texts and Their Ancient Contexts Group</i>
Mark Leuchter	Elsie Stern	Esther Hamori
Anselm Hagedorn	Raymond F. Person Jr.	Jonathan Stökl
<i>Manuscripts from Eastern Christian Traditions Workshop</i>	<i>Papyrology and Early Christian Backgrounds Section</i>	<i>Pseudepigrapha Section</i>
Adam McCollum	Malcolm Choat	Liv Ingeborg Lied
<i>Mark Seminar</i>	<i>Paul and Judaism Consultation</i>	Matthias Henze
Rikki Watts	Magnus Zetterholm	<i>Psychology and Biblical Studies Section</i>
<i>Markan Literary Sources Seminar</i>	Mark Nanos	D. Andrew Kille
Adam Winn	<i>Paul and Politics Seminar</i>	<i>Q Section</i>
David Peabody	Neil Elliott	Christoph Heil
<i>Matthew Section</i>		Daniel Smith
Daniel Gurtner		<i>Qumran Section</i>
		Charlotte Hempel
		Eibert Tigchelaar

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<i>Reading, Theory, and the Bible Section</i> Jennifer Koosed	<i>Semiotics and Exegesis Section</i> Richard Walsh	<i>Textual Growth: What Variant Editions Tell Us About Scribal Activity Seminar</i> Juha Pakkala
<i>Recovering Female Interpreters of the Bible Section</i> Joy Schroeder Marion Taylor	<i>Senses and Culture in the Biblical World Section</i> Greg Goering	<i>Theological Interpretation of Scripture Seminar</i> Michael Gorman
<i>Redescribing Early Christianity Seminar</i> William Arnal Erin Roberts	<i>Service-Learning and Biblical Studies Workshop</i> Amy Merrill Willis	<i>Theological Perspectives on the Book of Ezekiel Section</i> Dalit Rom-Shiloni Madhavi Nevader
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Law Section

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Professions Year in Review

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION INITIATIVE

One of the most exciting developments in ICI for 2013 is the extended ability to broadcast sessions from the Annual Meeting to students and scholars in ICI countries. In 2012, ICI experimented with transmitting two sessions from the Annual Meeting to locations in China and Poland. The endeavor proved to be successful, with stimulating exchanges between the participants. With improved technology and better Internet connections, SBL has the potential of reaching thirty groups this year. We will be broadcasting six sessions from Baltimore to ICI countries that include Bolivia, Brazil, Central Africa Republic, Egypt, Ghana, India, Nigeria, Peru, Poland, South Africa, and Ukraine.

The ICI Liaison Network has been extremely useful in conveying information between students and scholars in ICI countries and SBL staff. It served as the tool by which SBL identified groups of scholars and students in ICI countries to whom Annual Meeting sessions will be transmitted as live videoconferences. In order to facilitate effective communications within the ICI Liaison Network, SBL developed and distributed a Liaison Handbook. This document aides the liaisons who are working within their countries and regions to build relationships and stimulate dialogue.

The ICI Forum at the Annual Meeting is open for any ICI liaisons who can make the trip to Baltimore as well as any SBL members who are interested in the work of the ICI. These annual sessions provide opportunities for reviewing the work of ICI in the past year as well as hearing suggestions for improving current initiatives or for beginning new ones. In addition, the ICI Executive Board will meet to discuss the “nuts and bolts” of the program. Ehud Ben Zvi (University of Alberta) has chaired the ICI since its inception, and has been the major impetus for the program. After six years in the position, he is stepping down at the end of 2013 and will be succeeded by Louis Jonker (Stellenbosch). Louis has also been a part of the ICI from the beginning as he attended the formative meeting held in Vienna in 2007. He is an excellent administrator, scholar, and advocate who will continue to move ICI forward.

The online book depository continues to grow each month. SBL has now posted over 380 books for free download in ICI countries including titles from our partners: Baylor University Press, Brown Judaic Studies, Catholic Biblical Association, Fortress Press,

Gorgias Press, Sheffield Phoenix Press, Westminster John Knox Press, and Wiley-Blackwell. We continue to receive praise for this program as more scholars in ICI countries become aware of the valuable resources available.

Two online, open-access book series operate under the auspices of ICI and the SBL Publications program. Ancient Near East Monographs (ANEM) and International Voices in Biblical Studies (IVBS) both have new publications this fall. Israel Finkelstein’s *The Forgotten Kingdom: The Archaeology and History of Northern Israel* was originally published in French, and SBL is pleased to offer the English translation through ANEM in open-access, print, and e-book formats. *Zer Rimonim: Studies in Biblical Literature and Jewish Exegesis Presented to Prof. Rimon Kasher*, published by SBL in Hebrew, is the first non-English title in IVBS. In addition, *Women at Work in the Deuteronomistic History* by Mercedes L. García Bachmann was released in April in IVBS. We have been gratified to see the success of the ANEM and IVBS volumes in the print-on-demand program. This has been an unexpected bonus for SBL; the series were approved under the open-access model but requests for print editions of the volumes further attest to the quality of the scholarship that has been acquired for the two series.

As of the end of August, SBL had 265 members from ICI countries who had either paid the ICI rate or received complimentary memberships. There are an additional 136 members from ICI countries who have paid the full membership rate, and we are grateful to those who continue to support SBL and ICI in this manner when they have funds available. Our goal is to have 450 or more members from ICI countries in 2014.

BIBLE ODYSSEY WEBSITE 2013

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 four hundred 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 April 2014.

Travel Grants

Welcome, 2013 Travel Grant Recipients, to the Annual Meeting in Baltimore.

Shira Leibowitz Schmidt, whose formal degrees are in engineering and city planning, combined her interest in science, biblical studies, and creative writing in a book she co-authored with Roald Hoffmann, Nobel laureate in chemistry. In their book, *Old Wine, New Flasks: Reflections on Science and Jewish Tradition* (Freeman, 1997), they tackle biblical issues relating to the characteristics of Tabernacles (Lev. 23), right and left in Scripture (Deut. 17), refining impurities (Jer. 6), the *tekhelet* blue dye (Num. 15), and the concept of nature (absent from the Hebrew Bible). More recently, she has specialized in translating into English memoirs written in Hebrew by rabbis who survived the Holocaust (*Out of the Depths* by Israel Meir Lau; Sterling, 2011; *The Forgotten Memoirs*, ed. Esther Farbstein; Artscroll, 2011). These Hebrew memoirs have a large component of biblical material that needs to be conveyed to English readers. Similarly challenging to translate are the multiple biblical references in the prose works of Israeli writer Haim Sabato. Shira will present two papers at the Annual Meeting in Baltimore: “Translating Biblical Language in Rabbinic Holocaust Memoirs” and “Jacob, Rachel, and Joseph Conveying Ideology via Translation.”

Nicholas Al-Jeloo is an Australian-born Iraqi Assyrian and a native speaker of Aramaic. He holds a Ph.D. in Syriac Studies and a B.A. in Classical Hebrew from the University of Sydney, as well as an M.A. in Eastern Christianity from the University of Leiden. Moreover, he has conducted on-the-ground research during numerous field trips in Iraq, Iran, Syria, Turkey, Jordan, and Lebanon between 2002 and 2010. Dr. Al-Jeloo has co-authored books, such as the *Modern Aramaic (Assyrian/Syriac) Phrasebook and Dictionary* (2007) and *Persistence and Existence* (2010), as well as writing numerous journal articles, conference papers, and chapters in peer-reviewed publications. He is also an artist and amateur photographer, and his exhibition about

Christian Assyrian life in the Middle East, “Persistence and Existence,” showed at mainstream art galleries and public libraries in both Sydney and Melbourne between 2010 and 2012. Dr. Al-Jeloo will present a paper at the 2013 Annual Meeting entitled, “Beasts Building Churches: An Untreated Syriac Recension of the Vita of St. Mammias.”

Fatima Tofighi is a Ph.D. candidate in Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Glasgow. In her thesis, she is exploring the interactions between modern thought and the reception of Pauline letters, from a post-structuralist perspective. Before starting her Ph.D. in the UK, she was awarded a B.A. in English Literature (University of Qom, Iran) and M.A. in English Literature (Shahid Beheshti University of Tehran, Iran). Previously, she studied Islamic Studies at the Shi’ite Seminary of Qom (Hawzah). Her main areas of interest include inter-religious polemic (especially with regards to the Bible and the Qur’an), as well as literary approaches to the Scriptures. Fatima has published articles and translations, including the first complete translation of the Book of Mormon (Qom: University of Religions Press, 2007).

Ivor Poobalan, B.A. (Hons.), Th.M., Ph.D. (candidate), has been serving as the Principal of Colombo Theological Seminary (CTS), Sri Lanka, since 1998. CTS is an interdenominational and multilingual seminary, which currently provides training via nine Study Centres located around Sri Lanka, and produces written resources for the church. It has an annual student enrollment of over seven hundred, and has published over sixty books and journals. Ivor graduated with a B.A. (Hons) in Theology from the London School of Theology (UK), and a Th.M. in Old Testament and Semitic Languages from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Deerfield (USA). He is currently working on a Ph.D. in New Testament Studies from the University of Cape Town (South Africa). He is the author of *Everything Has Become New! Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians*, as well as a commentary on Amos in Langham Partnership International’s forthcoming South Asian Bible Commentary. Prior to his work at CTS, Ivor worked as a youth pastor within the Methodist denomination, with an emphasis on peace, justice, and social transformation.

The 2014 call for applications is now open. Applications are due by March 1, 2014 and will be submitted to the Travel Grant Committee for evaluation by April 5, 2014.



Shira Leibowitz Schmidt



Fatima Tofighi



Ivor Poobalan



Nicholas Al-Jeloo

Paul J. Achtemeier Award for New Testament Scholarship

Joshua W. Jipp, Assistant Professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, is the 2013 recipient of the Paul J. Achtemeier Award for New Testament Scholarship. Joshua, a member of SBL since 2006, received his Ph.D. from Emory University in 2012. He will deliver his award paper entitled, “Christ the King as Living Law: Paul’s the ‘Law of Christ’ and Ancient Kingship Discourse” at the SBL Annual Meeting in Baltimore.

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

Jeremy M. Hutton is the 2013 recipient of the David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship. He is an Assistant Professor of Classical Hebrew Language and Biblical Literature at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Jeremy has been a SBL member since 1998 and currently serves as an Annual Meeting Program Unit Chair and Steering Committee member. In 2009, he received the SBL Regional Scholar award. Jeremy has published numerous articles and received several prestigious academic awards. He will attend the 2013 Annual Meeting in Baltimore and present his award paper entitled, “Upon the Roof of the Temple: Reconstructing Ancient Levantine Small-Scale Alter Usage.”



Joshua W. Jipp



Jeremy M. Hutton

Regional Scholar Awards

The Regional Scholars’ Program has been developed by the Society of Biblical Literature’s Council of Regional Coordinators to recognize promising younger scholars in the field of biblical studies. Its objective is to encourage their intellectual development through a mentoring program and to provide practical assistance in securing a place to

present their work at the Society’s Annual Meeting.

Information on the application process is available from the Regional Coordinator of each region. For more information about regions, including a list of Regional Coordinators and the Regional Scholar Award program policy, visit the SBL website at <http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/regionalMeetings.aspx>.

Daniel Frayer-Griggs is an adjunct lecturer at Carlow University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He earned his Ph.D. at Durham University (January 2013) and is currently at work revising his doctoral thesis, *Saved as through Fire: The Fiery Ordeal in New Testament Eschatology*, which he intends to submit for publication in the coming year. Prior to studying at Durham, he completed an M.A. at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. A contributor to the *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, he also has articles published or forthcoming in the *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus*, the *Journal of Biblical Literature*, *New Testament Studies*, and *Harvard Theological Review*. His teaching and research interests include the canonical and non-canonical gospels, the historical Jesus, 1 Corinthians, and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Julie Faith Parker is Visiting Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible at Andover Newton Theological School. She is also an Adjunct Professor at New York Theological Seminary teaching inmates at Sing Sing Prison. She earned her doctorate at Yale University and holds degrees from Hamilton College (B.A.), Union Theological Seminary (New York; M.Div.), and Yale Divinity School (S.T.M.). A pioneer in childist biblical interpretation, she founded SBL’s Children in the Biblical World section, which she has chaired for the past six years. She has recently published *Valuable and Vulnerable: Children in the Hebrew Bible, Especially the Elisha Cycle* in the Brown Judaic Studies Series. Her further research interests include ancient Near Eastern cultures and feminist interpretation. She has published in *Ugarit-Forschungen* and has a forthcoming article in *JBL*, along with multiple contributions to edited volumes. Dr. Parker is also an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church and has published four educational books on the topics of clergywomen, homelessness, teen ethics, and leadership.

Trevor W. Thompson is an Instructor at Abilene Christian University. He is a Ph.D. candidate at The University of Chicago, with the dissertation title, “The Pauline Fake: Second Thessalonians and the Rhetoric of Authenticity.” Trevor is the recipient of a Mellon Graduate Achievement Fellowship. In 2011, he partnered with a colleague to produce the first

English translation of Galen's *De Indolentia*, discovered in 2005. Trevor is co-editor of *Christian Body, Christian Self: Concepts of Early Christian Personhood* (Mohr Siebeck 2011) and co-editor of two forthcoming volumes, *Galen, De Indolentia: Select Essays* and *Ephesus as a Religious Center under the Principate*.

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Membership and Subscriptions

Membership

The Society membership remains strong. We currently have 8301 members from around the world. This number will increase as we approach the end of November 2013 and the Annual Meeting. Subscriptions to the SBL's scholarly journals, the *Journal of Biblical Literature* and the *Review of Biblical Literature* remain relatively stable.

The majority of our members, 5,408, enjoy full membership in the Society. Our public members have grown to number 759. The society continues to nurture student biblical scholars. Our student membership now numbers 2,134. The percentage of each member type has remained relatively consistent from year to year. However this year has seen some change. The public membership category has increased by 12% over last year, while the number of full members and student members have dropped by 5% and 8% respectively.

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% of our total membership and today it is at 31%. Women now make up 24% of our membership, which is a rise of 1% from last year. Of our members who identify ethnicity, 18% identify themselves as Asian, Hispanic, Black, Native American, or Pacific Islander. This percentage has increased by 2% in the last two years.

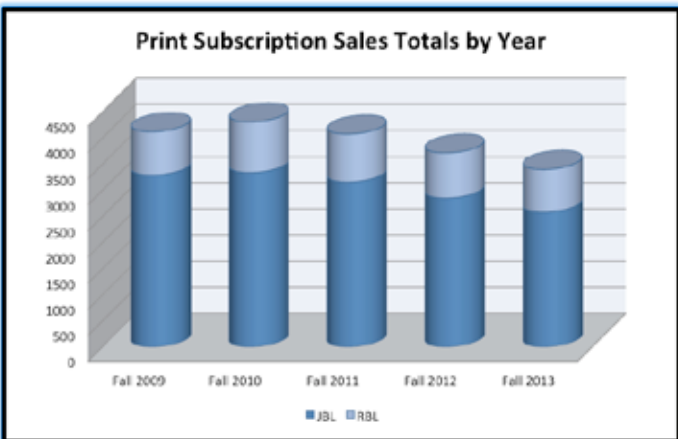
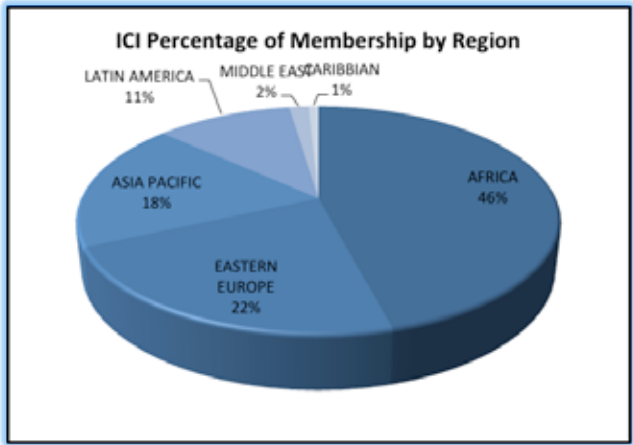
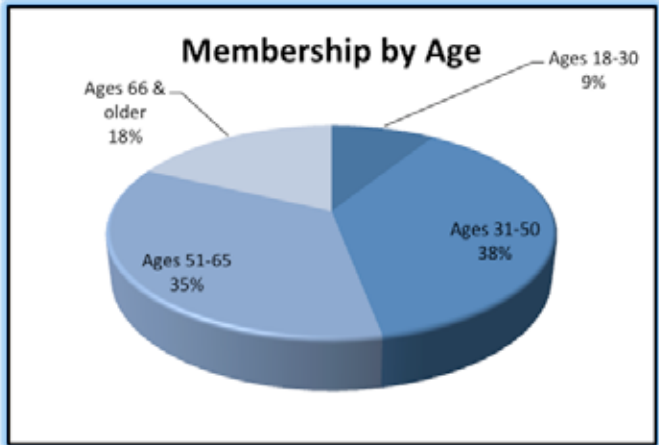
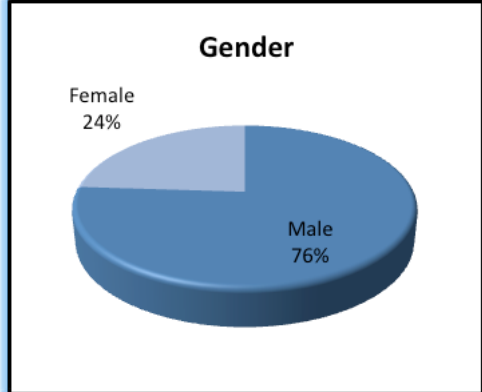
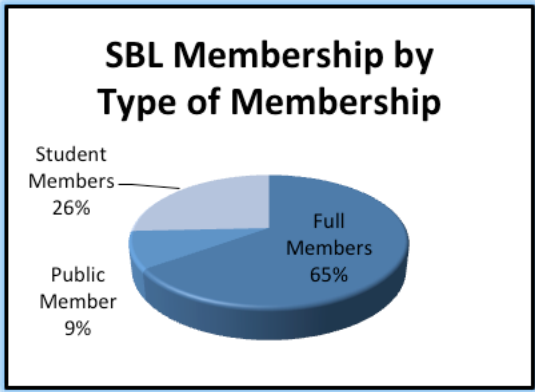
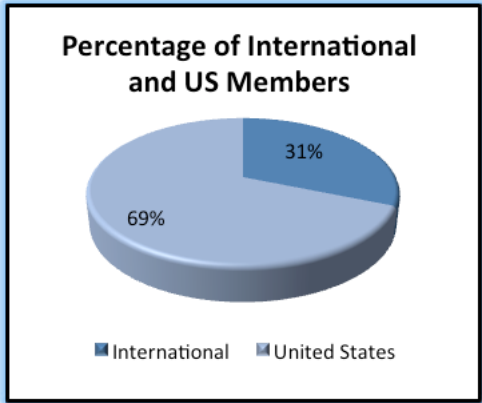
The majority of our members (38%) fall in the age range of 31–59 years of age closely followed by the group between the ages of 51–65 (35%). This has not changed from last year's demographic figures. The remaining members are divided: 18% of our membership is above the age of 65 while 9% is below the age of 30.

Our International Cooperative Initiative (ICI) continues to grow. Our ICI members have increased by more than 4% over last year's demographic. We currently have 272 active members distributed all over the world. The vast majority of our ICI members, 46%, come from Africa, mostly from the countries of South Africa and Nigeria. The next largest group of ICI members, 22%, lives in Eastern European Countries. The remaining members reside in Asia/Pacific (18%), Latin America (11%), the Middle East (2%), and Caribbean (1%). We are continue to build a network of ICI Liaisons; so far over seventy people have volunteered. We also have over fifty members who have volunteered as ICI Scholars.

Subscriptions

The *Journal of Biblical Literature* and the *Review of Biblical Literature* are healthy and thriving concerns. *JBL* continues to be the flagship journal of biblical studies. The *RBL* newsletter is emailed to over 9,000 people each week. All members have access to both journals on our website, and many members are making exclusive use of these online options. *The Journal of Biblical Literature* is also available to many organizations and libraries through Project MUSE (a leading provider of digital humanities and social science content for the scholarly community) and other such organizations. Sales of print and online subscriptions continued strong in the last year although they have declined overall.





New SBL Member Profile Information: We Need You!

This year, the Society of Biblical Literature 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, other learned societies and peer organizations, publishing, libraries, journalism, religious communities, museums, and foundations.

Please fill out your member profile and to keep it up to date annually when you renew membership.

Learned societies and professional organizations are founded to serve their members' needs. The more your Society knows about its 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, scholarships and awards, fund raising, and professional resources.

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

If this data is provided regularly, we will annually compile reports on member demographics and career contexts. We will compare and extrapolate issues involving tenure and the rise of contingent faculty, time to degree, and trends in the many disciplines practiced by SBL members. Finally, with this data we will identify the schools and departments in which members teach. We will then survey departments to map further the state of the field, the dimensions of the job market, size of faculty, types of faculty, etc.

Every calendar year will represent a snapshot of our membership profile, and we will report this snapshot to members at the beginning of each year. We will accumulate these snapshots into a running report—a dashboard to highlight trends and developments.

Please to take a minute to go online and fill the profile out. Every member who fully completes the questions by December 31 will be entered into a drawing to win one of two iPads.

You can access the SBL member profile by logging in to the SBL website, www.sbl-site.org, with your SBLID number. Once you have logged in to the website, click on “my profile” in the Login Box. On the next screen, click on the “Edit Button” under Member Profile.

SBL MEMBER PROFILE

Updating Your Profile Information

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If you have questions about your membership, please contact us at sblservices@sbl-site.org.

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The work of the Society is guided by its Council and is administered through SBL's professional staff and volunteers who serve on various committees.

*The **Council** consists of fourteen members of the Society and the Executive Director. This board approves general policies.*

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*The **Annual Meeting Program Committee** approves program units and program unit chairs, evaluates the Annual Meeting program, and recommends strategic directions for the growth and improvement of the program.*

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*The **International Meeting Program Committee** approves program units and program unit chairs, evaluates the International Meeting program, and recommends strategic directions for the growth and improvement of the program.*

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*The **Nominating Committee** nominates the President, Vice-President, and Council members for election by the Society, and members of standing committees and other representatives for election by Council.*

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by women and calling attention to the ways in which the Society speaks to and about women through its various activities.

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John T. Strong, Chair of Council

Your support to the Society reinforces our mission to advance the academic study of biblical texts; develop resources for diverse audiences, facilitate broad and open discussions; and promote cooperation across global boundaries. Again, thank you for your commitment to the Society of Biblical Literature.



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2013 AND 2012

	<u>FY 2013</u>	<u>FY 2012</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,403,688	\$ 1,483,829
Marketable securities	1,614,460	1,307,143
Accounts receivable	213,596	195,659
Pledges receivable, net	6,700	8,000
Prepaid expenses and other assets	22,230	43,096
Book inventories, net of valuation reserve	42,963	45,455
Furniture and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	75,786	28,646
Net share of Luce Center assets	<u>1,942,471</u>	<u>1,983,221</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 5,321,894</u>	<u>\$ 5,095,049</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 246,072	\$ 237,276
Deferred revenue		
Memberships and subscriptions	504,978	466,866
Annual meetings	691,617	767,150
International meeting	106,239	120,834
Other	<u>62,833</u>	<u>79,139</u>
	1,365,667	1,433,989
Total Liabilities	1,611,739	1,671,265
Net Assets		
Unrestricted net assets	3,141,268	2,929,457
Temporarily restricted net assets	274,257	199,947
Permanently restricted net assets	<u>294,630</u>	<u>294,380</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>3,710,115</u>	<u>3,423,784</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 5,321,894</u>	<u>\$ 5,095,049</u>

Three major accomplishments:

1) SBL's Statement of Financial Position has had been steadily climbing for the past four years. This can be seen on the SBL's Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets which shows an increase in net assets of \$286,371.

2) SBL transferred a Net Operating Reserve (NOR) of \$180,000 from a savings account over to its general investments in April 2013 realizing

one of SBL's Executive Director's goals to start growing investments and providing a Net Operating Reserve for the Society.

3) SBL's Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 shows a positive result of \$121,677. These funds will be used to fund technology projects that will be determined during the year after careful analysis, review, and prioritization.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Revenues and gains		
Congresses	\$ 1,367,448	\$ 1,289,779
Membership		
Membership fees	587,321	593,953
Marketing	48,776	37,352
Regions	11,787	42,637
Professions		
Employment Center	110,710	116,382
Fonts	1,550	0
Grant Revenue	96,459	111,468
Publications		
Book Sales	463,634	473,801
Subscriptions	290,493	311,960
Royalties	163,667	150,267
Marketing	34,525	34,625
Other	16,680	1,333
Development and fundraising	48,503	61,308
Investment income (loss), net	217,483	30,555
Rental income (loss), net	<u>22,069</u>	<u>5,696</u>
Total Revenues and Gains	\$ 3,481,105	\$ 3,261,116
Expenses		
Program expenses		
Congresses	\$ 1,111,705	\$ 1,033,278
Membership	210,293	134,955
Professions	301,940	283,851
Publications	1,034,460	1,004,662
Regions	128,822	116,420
Research and technology	<u>162,276</u>	<u>115,527</u>
Total Program Expenses	2,949,496	2,688,693
Development and fundraising	85,484	98,890
General and administration	<u>159,754</u>	<u>117,640</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 3,194,734	\$ 2,965,223
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	286,371	295,893
Net Assets at Beginning of the Year	<u>3,423,784</u>	<u>3,127,891</u>
Net Assets at End of the Year	\$ 3,710,155	\$ 3,423,784

BUDGET 2013–2014

Revenues	
Administration	66,500
Congresses	1,369,400
Development	65,000
Membership	736,500
Professions	100,000
Publications	1,087,650
Regions	
Total Revenue	\$ 3,425,050
Expenses	
Administration	87,325
Congresses	1,219,814
Development	123,397
Membership	233,897
Professions	253,929
Publications	1,159,795
Regions	99,895
Technology	125,399
Total Expense	\$ 3,303,373
Increase (Decrease) in	
Net Assets	\$ 121,677

The financial information summarized here was derived from the Society's audited financial statements. The independent auditor's report by Smith & Howard PC, dated 2 October 2013, states that the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Society and when presenting the audited financials to the finance committee praised the integrity of the data that enabled for such a clean audit. For SBL's full audit report, please visit SBL's website.

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- provides resources for the development of curriculum for teachers and school districts that are teaching the Bible in public schools.
- helps develop fonts and various research tools for all who are interested in the study of antiquity.

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