

2023 SSBS\* Program Draft: \*SSBS, standing for Southwest Society of Biblical Studies, is an interim designation for the March 2023 meeting, as we are prohibited by the SBL from using the name SBL-SW in regional contexts. Be alert for an announcement concerning any official name change / reorganization sometime this year. We welcome your attendance at the Saturday afternoon plenary concerning restructuring our society.

### **SATURDAY MORNING 10:00 - NOON**

#### **SSBS: Hebrew Bible 1: Honoring the Scholarship of Bill Bellinger**

*Presiding: Rebecca W. Poe Hays, Truett Seminary*

*Panelists:*

Mark Hamilton (ACU)

Jan Jaynes Quesada (TCU)

Steve Reid (Baylor)

Respondent: Bill Bellinger (Baylor)

#### **SSBS: Hebrew Bible 2: Gender and Sexuality**

*Presiding: Ericka Dunbar, Baylor University*

Joshua Jacobs, University of Arkansas. “Gendered Death in Ancient Israel.” (20 mins; 4 mins discussion)

Valerie Tonyan Hamilton, Heidelberg. “Who Rules Over Whom?: The Impact of Gen 4:7 on the Presentation of Gender Dynamics in Gen 3:16.” (20 mins; 4 mins. discussion)

Erin Beall, Brite. “A Queer, Egyptian Joseph? A Fluid Reading of the Patriarch’s Gender and Ethnicity.” (20 mins; 4 mins. discussion)

Michelle Hunt, Baylor. “Gender Issues and Isaiah’s Oracle against Moab: Gender, shame, and prophetic rhetoric in Isaiah 15–16.” (20 mins; 4 mins. discussion)

Joshua Turpin, Brite. “Women and Ethnicity.” (20 mins; 4 mins discussion)

#### **SSBS: Second Temple and Late Antique Judaism 1: Rhetoric, Ideology, and the Politics of the Holy in the Second Temple Period**

*Presiding: Joseph McDonald, Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University*

1:30 Ruthanne Brooks, University of Texas, Austin, “Folly the Femme Fatale: A Reexamination of the Significance of Prov. 9:13–18”

2:00 Adam Jones, Ouachita Baptist University, “Translation Techniques in Greek Chronicles: Some Ideological and Theological Considerations”

2:30 John Mellison, University of Texas, Austin, “Never Gonna Give You Up: Using an Old Script for New Purposes”

3:00 Donghyun Jeong, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, “Saved from What (Rom 11:26)? Israel's Crisis in Second Temple Literature”

**SSBS: New Testament and Early Christianity 1: Synoptic Gospels**

*Presiding: Eric Wickman, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor*

Vance Halfaker, Independent scholar, “Weeping in the High Priest’s Proaulion: A Spatial Approach to Mark 14:66-72” (20 min); Discussion (4 min)

Rachel Johnson, Baylor University, “The Binding of the Un-Bindable Man: Socio-Political Structures of False-Peace in Mark 5:1-20” (20 min); Discussion (4 min)

J. Seward Gelatt, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, “Divine Presence and Divine Justice in Matthew's Gospel” (20 min); Discussion (4 min)

Jill Engelhardt, Texas Christian University, “Muddling Miracles: Investigating a Man with Paralysis and De-Centering Jesus in Luke 5:17-26” (20 min); Discussion (4 min)

Andrew Waller, Ridley College, “‘Remember How He Told You’: Narrative Transportation and the Lukan Passion Predictions” (20 min); Discussion (4 min)

**SSBS: New Testament and Early Christianity 2: Book Review Panel: Jeehei Park, *All Citizens of Christ: A Cosmopolitan Reading of Unity and Diversity in Paul’s Letters* (Brill, 2022)** *Presiding, Amy Smith Carmen, Brite Divinity School*

*Panelists:*

Rodney Caruthers II, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Patricia Duncan, Texas Christian University

Karri L. Whipple, St. Mary’s University

Jeremy Williams, Brite Divinity School

*Respondent:*

Jeehei Park, Seminary of the Southwest

## **SATURDAY AFTERNOON: 12:00 – 1:30 PM**

### **SSBS Special Session: Esotericism in Antiquity Panel**

April D. DeConick (Rice University), “Third Century Christians and the Esoteric Jesus”

Abigail Crowe-Tipton (Rice University), “Esotericism in Antiquity and Cosmology of the Womb”

Rochelle Willingham (Rice University), “The Revelation of *Marsanes* (NHC X) and Authorization Through Pseudepigraphy”

Camden Roy (Rice University), “Gnosticism in Late Victorian Popular Fiction,”

## **SATURDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 – 3:30**

### **SSBS: Hebrew Bible 3: Characters and Sources**

*Presiding: Kim Bodenhamer, University of Mary Hardin Baylor*

1:30 Bruce Wells, UT Austin. “Who Wrote the Eden Story? Source Analysis of Genesis 2-3”

2:00 Henok Afewok, Evangelical Theological College. “The Remembrance of God’s Past Victory over the Seas and the Davidic Covenant during Exile: Literary and Historical Exploration of Psalm 89”

2:30 Tyler Fulcher, Baylor. “Ahijah the Shilonite in the Deuteronomist’s Account of Jeroboam’s Rise and Fall.”

3:00 Lisa Wolfe, Oklahoma City University. “Qoheleth (in) the First Person: Grammar and Economics Point to Character.”

### **SSBS: Hebrew Bible 4: Methods and Approaches**

*Presiding: Mark Sneed, Lubbock Christian University*

Michael Leff, UT Austin. “Me, Myself, and I: The First-person Independent Pronoun in Biblical Hebrew.”

Puckmaren Glass, Brite. “The Language and Rhetoric of Disability in the Book of Psalms.”

Rannfrid I. Lasine Thelle, Wichita State. “The Prophets of Duhm and Comparative Studies.”

Johnny Miles, TCU. “Wisdom a ‘Wailin’ and a ‘Steppin’ at the Street Corners of Trench Town.”

Rebecca Poe Hays, Truett Seminary. SWCRS Junior Scholar recipient report: “The Traumatized Psalter”

## **SSBS: Second Temple and Late Antique Judaism 2: The Book of Tobit: Hope in Exile, Identity in Diaspora**

*Presiding: Kelley Coblenz Bautch, St. Edward's University*

Francis Macatangay, University of St. Thomas School of Theology, "Marriage as Radical Hope against Exile in the Book of Tobit"

Timothy Sandoval, Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University, "Tobit's Hymn and Cynic Cosmopolitanism? Exploring a Hypothesis"

Matthias Henze, Rice University, Discussant

## **SSBS: New Testament and Early Christianity 3: John and Paul**

*Presiding: Rachel Johnson, Baylor University*

Christian Sanchez and Samantha Kiser, Baylor University, "A Pericope Caught in Adultery" (20 min); Discussion (4 min)

Jackson Abhau, University of Arizona, "You Know Nothing at All": Ironic Prophecy and Reversal of Meaning in John 11" (20 min); Discussion (4 min)

Caroline Collins, Southern Methodist University, "Circuits of the Past: Reading the Resurrection Appearances in John 20 through Phenomenological Literature" (20 min); Discussion (4 min)

Eric Brewer, Baylor University, "A Taxidermal Reading of ἀκοή πίστεως: Insight from Martin Luther's Comments on Galatians 3:2-5" (20 min); Discussion (4 min)

Jeremiah Bailey, Baylor University, "That Each of You Know How to Obtain His Vessel: A Proposal for a New Reading of 1 Thess 4:4" (20 min); Discussion (4 min)

## **SSBS: New Testament and Early Christianity 4: Early Christian Literature**

*Presiding: Jill Engelhardt, Texas Christian University*

Sean McGuire, Dallas Theological Seminary, "An Unexpected Relationship: Logion 26 and Luke 6:42 according to Codex Alexandrines" (25 min); Discussion (5 min)

Joshua Heavin, Houston Christian University, "Participation in Christ, and Divine and Human Righteousness: Reading Paul with the Cappadocians" (25 min); Discussion (5 min)

Kyle Rouse, Baylor University, "Maxims and Mortals: Some Literary and Rhetorical Features of Hebrews 11:1-12:2" (25 min); Discussion (5 min)

Eric Wickman, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, "The Shepherd of Hermas: Witness to a Jewish Christian Debate on the Nature of Repentance" (25 min); Discussion (5 min)

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 4:00 – 5:30**

**SSBS PLENARY: The State of the Region and Strategies for Organizing the Study of Ancient Biblical and Related Literatures as We Move Forward**

Leadership of the current society will briefly rehearse the events that led the national organization to bring to an end the formal regional meetings and will invite the entire membership into a discussion of current options for moving forward.

**SATURDAY EVENING 7:00 – 8:15 pm**

**SSBS Keynote Address**

**Adele Reinhartz**, Distinguished University Professor, Department of Classics and Religious Studies, University of Ottawa, Canada

**Holy Hollywood: What Movies Teach Us about the Bible**

**SUNDAY MORNING 7:45 – 8:45** – SSBS: Business meeting

**SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 – 10:30** – SSBS-SW Presidential Address

**Richard Wright**, Professor of New Testament, Graduate School of Theology, Abilene Christian University, Texas

**"'It is Good for a Man Not to Touch a Woman': Social Organization as Cultural Critique in Corinth."**

**SUNDAY 11:00 – 12:30 SSBS Open Plenary - Anti-Judaism and Biblical Literature**

*Presiding: Ariel Feldman, Brite Divinity School*

Rebecca Carter-Chand, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Adele Reinhartz, University of Ottawa

Serge Frolov, Southern Methodist University

Shelly Matthews, Brite Divinity School