

# 2012 Southeast Regional Meeting

March 2–4, 2012 Atlanta Marriott Century Center Atlanta, Georgia, USA

# **Call for Papers**

The deadline for the Call for Papers for this Region has passed. Please visit the <u>Region's</u> for

more information about the regional meeting and preregistration instructions.

# **Hotel Information**

The meeting will be held at the <u>Atlanta Marriott Century Center</u>, 2000 Century Boulevard NE, Atlanta, GA 30345. We were able to obtain remarkable room rates of \$89 per night! To get these rates, reservations must be made before

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and should be made directly with the hotel by calling 1-800-228-9290. Be sure to mention you are reserving for the SECSOR meeting.

## **Program Announcements for 2012**

- Given the heightened interest in speculation over the end of the world in 2012, several sessions will feature considerations of apocalyptic elements in religion.

- Please note we have a new AAR/SBL joint section specifically for MA/MDiv students as an effort to encourage graduate students in a divinity school or seminary to share the results of their research.

- In conjunction with the AAR, we are hosting a new Consultation on "Teaching Religious Studies at Two-Year Colleges" for the 2012 meeting.

# **Once and Future Meetings**

The 2011 regional meeting was held at the Galt House in downtown Louisville, Kentucky, from March 4–6. We had 248 total registrants and some excellent discussions within program sessions.

At Louisville, the SECSOR Executive Committee accepted an invitation from Furman University to hold the 2013 meeting in Greenville, South Carolina. Plans are underway for Greenville and additional information will be available on the <u>SECSOR website</u>.

## **Officer Nominations**

AAR/SE is seeking nominations for the 2012–2013 Vice President Elect. Nominations may be directed to Sally Holt, Belmont University, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it

SBL/SE is seeking nominations for the 2012–2013 Vice President Elect. Nominations may be directed to Theodore Burgh, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it , or Vicki Phillips, West Virginia Wesleyan College, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

# **Session for Undergraduate Students**

Undergraduate students at institutions in the Southeast Region are invited to submit papers for the undergraduate session sponsored by SECSOR. Open to all topics, the session will be composed of the papers considered to be the best submissions by an interdisciplinary committee. Students should submit completed papers that reflect original student research of an appropriate length for presentation (approximately twelve double-spaced pages). No paper over fifteen double-spaced pages will be considered. One submission per student. Please include on a cover page contact information for the student and a faculty sponsor who has reviewed the submission. Electronic submissions preferred. Send submissions by **December 15, 2011**, to Anne Blue Wills, Davidson College, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it . Note: Undergraduates may submit proposals to other sections as well.

# **Student Awards**

(AAR) The winner of the 2011 Graduate Student Award was Matthew Puffer, University of Virginia, for his paper "Revisiting Barth on War: Taking Exception to Grenzfall's Reception."

(SBL) The winner of the 2011 Kenneth Clark Graduate Student Award was Amanda Davis, Emory University, for her paper "The Identity of the Mad King of Daniel 4 in Light of Ancient Near Eastern Sources."

(SECSOR) The winner of the 2011 Undergraduate Student Award was Kiva Nice-Webb, Elon University, for her paper "Reconsidering the Goddess in the Saint: Reading Brigit Through a Postcolonial Lens."

A cash prize of \$100 is awarded to the undergraduate paper deemed the best presentation reflecting original research, demonstrating cogent analysis, and exemplifying clarity and creativity. Papers submitted to the Undergraduate Session(s) are automatically considered for the prize. Undergraduates whose proposals have been accepted by other program sections who wish to be considered for the prize must submit completed papers with a cover letter to Anne Blue Wills by **December 15, 2011**.

(ASOR) The winner of the 2011 Callaway Prize was Adam Bean, Emmanuel School of Religion, for his paper "The Topography of Divinity: Local Manifestations of Deities in the Ancient Near East."

# Sections at the Regional Annual Meeting

- (SBL/ASOR) Archaeology and the Ancient World
- (AAR/SBL) Bible and Modern Culture
- (AAR) Black Cultures and the Study of Religion
- (AAR) Constructive Theologies
- (AAR) Ethics, Religion, and Society
- (SBL) Hebrew Scriptures/Old Testament
- (AAR) History of Christianity
- (AAR) History of Judaism
- (AAR) Islam
- (AAR/SBL) MA/MDiv
- (AAR) Method and Theory of Religion
- (SBL) New Testament
- (AAR) Philosophy of Religion
- (AAR) Religion and Ecology
- (AAR) Religion, Culture, and the Arts
- (AAR) Religions in America

- (AAR) Religions of Asia
- (AAR) Teaching Religions
- (AAR) Two-Year College Professors of Religion
- (AAR) Women, Gender, and Religion
- (SECSOR) Undergraduate Research

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