



2011 Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting
May 13–15, 2011
Gonzaga University
Spokane, Washington, USA

Please note that the system for electronic submission of paper proposals is January 24, 2011.

Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (ASOR)

The Pacific Northwest Region of the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) invites submission of paper topics for the annual regional meeting. Papers detailing original research in all aspects related to ancient Near Eastern archaeology are welcome. In addition, ASOR is participating in a poster session at the meeting. Topics in aspects related to ancient Near Eastern archaeology are welcome. Students are especially welcome to present dissertation and paper research in either category. Proposals should be submitted electronically at the region's online website to Roger Anderson, Mukilteo, Washington, . This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

Arts and Religion

The arts have always played a part in world religions and spiritual traditions through the use of image, symbol, ritual, music, percussion, dance, poetry, theater, storytelling (myth and folklore), architecture, and geomancy. This session welcomes individual paper or panel proposals on any topic, from ancient to contemporary, which explores the arts and religion. Papers exploring traditional institutionalized religions as well as world spiritual traditions (including indigenous and oral traditions) are welcome. Proposals should be submitted electronically at the region's online website to Susan G. Carter, Marylhurst University and California Institute of Integral Studies,

This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it , and Louise M. Pare, Ashland, Oregon, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

Arts and Religion, ASOR, and Women and Religion Joint Session

The Arts and Religion Section is also pleased to cohost a poster session with the Women and Religion Section and ASOR. Please refer to the Women and Religion Section's call for papers for more details.

Asian and Comparative Studies

Proposals should be submitted electronically at the region's online website to Nicholas F. Gier, University of Idaho, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

Hebrew Scriptures

Papers are welcome in any topic related to Hebrew Scriptures. Early proposals are especially welcome with the goal of organizing a panel discussion for a regional scholar's recent work and/or organizing a Special Topic Session. Graduate students are encouraged to send full copies of papers for consideration. Proposals should be submitted electronically at the region's online website to Elizabeth R. Hayes, Wolfson College, erhayes@wolfson.ox.ac.uk. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it

History of Christianity and North American Religions

Papers are welcome in any area of the history of Christianity and North American religions. Proposals are especially invited on the following themes: 1) Papers that consider the role of religion in the lives of Americans in the latter half of the twentieth century, with a special interest in postwar American Christianity; 2) Papers on historical theology for a joint session with the Theology and Philosophy of Religion Section; and 3) Papers related to the history of early Christianity (first to seventh century). Proposals should be submitted electronically at the region's online website. Questions about the session can be directed to the co-Chairs, Charles J. Scalise, Fuller Theological Seminary, scalise@fuller.edu. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it, and Brenda Llewellyn Ihssen, Pacific Lutheran University, ihssen@plu.edu. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.

New Testament and Hellenistic Religions

We welcome papers reflecting the research endeavors of New Testament and Hellenistic

Religions scholars in the Pacific Northwest. All topics relevant to these fields are invited. Proposals should be submitted electronically at the region's online website to Amy M. Donaldson, University of Notre Dame, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](mailto:amy.donaldson@nd.edu), and Kent L. Yinger, George Fox University, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](mailto:kent.yinger@fox.edu).

Religion and Society

All topics related to ethics, contemporary social issues, and social scientific perspectives on religion are welcome. This year, we especially invite papers offering academic perspectives on current events, war and violence, and religion and ecology. One session will be devoted to religion and memory in social theory and ethics, with more information [available here](#). Proposals should be submitted electronically at the region's online website to Kevin O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](mailto:kevin.obrien@plu.edu).

Theology and Philosophy of Religion

This Section welcomes proposals for papers or panels concerning any aspect of theology and/or the philosophy of religion. Proposals that address one or more of the following topics are especially encouraged: 1) Reflections on the work of North American theologian Wendy Farley; 2) Radical orthodoxy; 3) Religion and science; 4) Interreligious dialogue and/or religious pluralism, especially as these issues intersect with contemporary political discourse; 5) Pedagogy and teaching religion; and 6) Historical theology. The Theology and Philosophy of Religion Section will coordinate with the History of Christianity Section in jointly presenting a

session of historical theology papers if there are enough submissions. Proposals should be submitted electronically at the region's online website to Mari Kim, Toronto, Ontario, mari.kim@utoronto.ca. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it , and Michael Zbaraschuk, Pacific Lutheran University, mzbaraschuk@plu.edu. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it . If the presenter would prefer to avoid a particular time due to religious observance (e.g., Friday night or Sunday morning) please include this information in the proposal and we will do our best to accommodate all requests.

Women and Religion

The Women and Religion Section is seeking papers in these general areas:

(AAR) We invite individual papers or panels on any aspect of the study of women and religion. This Section especially welcomes proposals that facilitate cross-disciplinary and/or religious traditions in the study of women. Papers exploring feminist pedagogy are also welcome.

(SBL) We invite proposals on topics that explore the intersections between religious ideas and constructions of gender and/or sexuality. Exegetical studies on the role of women in ancient religion are also welcome.

Please visit our [newsletter/blog online](#) for more information.

Proposals should be submitted electronically at the region's online website. If you have any questions, please contact the co-chairs, Ardy Bass, Gonzaga University, ardybass@gonzaga.edu. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it , and Valarie H. Ziegler, DePauw University, valarie.ziegler@depauw.edu. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

SAMR Call for Papers: The Religious Roles of Women in the Ancient Mediterranean World

This year, the Women and Religion Section is happy to present a special session hosted by the Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions (SAMR). If you would like more information about SAMR or would like to join, please [visit their website](http://www.samr.org) .

Recent work on women in ancient Mediterranean religions — such as Joan Connolly's *Portrait of a Priestess: Women and Ritual in Ancient Greece* (Princeton University Press, 2007) and Celia Schultz's *Women's Religious Activity in the Roman Republic* (University of North Carolina Press, 2006) — has shown that women had a far greater role in these religions than had previously been assumed. Women of the ancient Mediterranean had not only an important role in private religious rituals, such as rites of passage, but also had a significant part to play in public rituals; serving, for example, in leadership roles as priestesses and prophetesses, as well as participating in a number of important public religious festivals. This session seeks to explore the wide variety of women's religious roles in ancient Mediterranean religions, including Greek, Roman, Egyptian, and ancient Near Eastern religion, as well as early Judaism and Christianity. Papers that seek to compare women's religious roles in different cultures are particularly sought for the session.

Women and Religion, Arts and Religion, and ASOR Joint Session
NEW!!! Posters are coming to the Regional Meeting!!

The Women and Religion Section is also pleased to cohost a poster session with the Arts and Religion Section and ASOR. We welcome proposals in any area related to these program units (see separate call for papers for each). Conventional posters as well as short video presentations are acceptable. Students are especially encouraged to submit proposals. Please consider this venue for presenting your research.

The session will be held on Saturday afternoon. Each participant will be given a 4' x 8' space for their presentation. They must be present during the entire session. Depending on the number of proposals, non-monetary awards will be given (details to follow).

If you are interested in learning more about a poster session, please consult Fraser D. Neiman, "[A Poster Primer: A Few Tips for Planning Your Poster Session](#)," SAA Bulletin 12.1:13–4, which is available for [download in PDF format](#)

More specific information will be available after November 30, 2010. Until then, if you have questions, please contact Ardy Bass, Gonzaga University, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#).

Special Topics: Islam

Proposals for papers or full panels are welcome for our second year of Special Topics Sessions in the study of Islam. We encourage proposals investigating any aspect of historical or contemporary Islam, including but not limited to Islamic texts, practices, law, history, and theology. This year, we especially invite paper proposals related to Islamic law and society. We also seek participants for a pedagogy roundtable on “Introducing Islam” — both specialists and nonspecialists teaching introductory courses or shorter units on Islam within broader courses are welcome. Paper and panel proposals should be submitted electronically at the region’s online website to Jocelyn Hendrickson, Whitman College, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#) . Please contact Hendrickson by e-mail if you are interested in participating in the pedagogy roundtable.