ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS
The New England / Eastern Canada Region of the Society of Biblical Literature announces its 2021 Annual Meeting, to be held virtually on March 5-6, 2021

We welcome paper proposals in the following areas:
1. Hebrew Bible
2. Ancient Israel and Ancient West Asia
3. Early Judaism
5. Early Christianity

We especially welcome proposals from graduate students, women scholars, and scholars of color.

Email proposals, with “NE/EC SBL Paper Proposal” in the subject line, to the Regional Coordinator, Kevin McGinnis, at kevin1880@yahoo.com. Deadline: January 29, 2021 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time.

Your one-page abstract of your proposed paper should include the following information:
1. your name
2. your institutional affiliation, if any
3. your email address
4. your SBL membership status (i.e., regular or student)
5. the name of the program unit to which you are proposing
6. the name and date of your most recent SBL meeting presentation (for example, 2015 National Meeting)

If this will be your first paper for an SBL meeting, you must also include either (a) a written endorsement of your proposal from a faculty member who knows your work, or (b) the complete paper.

We will notify you whether your proposal has been accepted no later than February 10, 2021.

We will not accept more than one proposal per person for the final program.

All those selected to present at the meeting must preregister in order to be included on the program. Online preregistration will be available on the NE / EC Region’s page on the SBL website, at https://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/rm_newengland.aspx. You must pre-register as there will be no on-site registration.

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https://nesbl.wordpress.com/
https://www.facebook.com/groups/neecsbl/
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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

• “Cognitive Literary Approaches to Reading Apocalypses,” a Presidential Address by Angela Kim Harkins, Associate Professor of New Testament (Boston College School of Theology and Ministry)
• “Recent Research in the Region,” a panel discussion chaired by Angela Kim Harkins with showcases of the current work of Yii-Jan Lin (Yale Divinity School), Darlene Brooks Hedstrom (Brandeis University), and Lawrence Wills (Stonehill College)

BEST STUDENT PAPER AWARD
The NE/EC Region will give up to two awards for the best student papers delivered at the meeting, one for a paper focusing on textual/exegetical issues and one for a paper that has a more social historical focus.

If you would like your paper considered for these awards, please note the following deadlines:

January 29, 2021 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time: notify the Regional Coordinator of your intention to submit a paper
March 3, 2021 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time: email the final version of your paper to the Regional Coordinator

Eligibility

• SBL student membership
• acceptance of paper to a program unit for the 2021 NE/EC Regional Meeting

Criteria for Evaluation

• demonstrated knowledge of scholarly resources and publications related to the paper topic
• use and knowledge of the primary sources related to the topic of the paper
• clarity of written expression
• use of scholarly practices of annotation
• originality of ideas and solutions developed in the paper

REGIONAL SCHOLAR AWARD
The NE/EC Region will give a Regional Scholar Award for the best paper delivered by a junior member of the SBL at the Regional Meeting. The Regional Executive Committee may also nominate the NE / EC Regional Scholar for a national Regional Scholar award.

If you would like your paper considered for this award, please note the following deadlines:

January 29, 2021 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time: notify the Regional Coordinator of your intention to submit a paper
February 26, 2021 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time: email your current CV, the final version of your paper (which must be the same as the presentation that you will give), and all handouts, slides, etc. to the Regional Coordinator

More information about the SBL Regional Scholar Award, including eligibility and criteria for evaluation, is available at http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/regionalMeetings.aspx.