The New England/Eastern Canada Region of the Society of Biblical Literature
2021 Annual Meeting, March 5-6, 2021

Friday, March 5

Session 1 - 8-10:05am - Early Judaism/Early Christianity, Paul Robertson presiding

Jason Yuh, University of Toronto, “The Didache’s Eucharist as Ritual Change”
Robert Williams, B.H. Carroll Theological Institute, “Journeying in Philostratus’s The Life of Apollonius of Tyana and Paul’s Travels in Acts”
Sara Boston, Boston University, “Reimagining Ancient Judaism: Diversity and Locality in Early Amulets”
Joe Currie, Harvard University, “Torture and Sacrilege in the Seleucid Empire: BM 34062 and Maccabean Crisis Literature”

Session 2 - 10:15-11:30 - Panel - Teaching the Bible in the North American Classroom Today, Sari Fein presiding

Lunch Break - 11:30-12:00

Session 3 - 12:00-2:05 - Early Judaism, Matthew Monnig presiding

Miriam-Simma Walfish, Harvard University, “Rabbinic Mothers? Maternal Transmissions of Culture in the Babylonian Talmud”
Christopher Atkins, Yale University, “A Jewish Philosophical Treatise on the Nature of Humanity: Redescribing the “Treatise on the Two Spirits” (1QS 3:13-4:26)
Shih-En Kuo, Wycliffe College, University of Toronto, “Reading the Treatise on the Two Spirits in Light of 4QSongs of the Sage: Dualism and Spirit Collocations”
David Malamud, Boston University, “(Un)holy Excrement: Excrement as Profane at Qumran”

Session 4 - 2:15-3:45 - Presidential Panel - Recent Research in the Region, Angela Kim Harkins

Lawrence Wills, Stonehill College, “The Passive and/or Feminized Protagonist in Second Temple Judaism”
Darlene L. Brooks Hedstrom, Brandeis University, “The Desert Fathers and the Danger of Things: Archaeology and Early Egyptian Monasticism”
Yii-Jan Lin, Yale Divinity School, “The ‘New World’ and the New Jerusalem”

Session 5 - 4:00-6:05 - Hebrew Bible I, Mahri Leonard-Fleckman presiding

Nazeer Bacchus, New York University, “Cosmological Poetics: The Prosody of the World-Stage in Qohelet”
Jacob Beebe, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto, “Formalized Speech and the Semantic Value of Isa 65-66”
Allison Hurst, Harvard University, “Reading Moses in Light of Ishmael: Exod 2:1-10 as an Inverted Allusion to Gen 21:8-21”
Augustin Some, Boston College, School of Theology and Ministry, “From the House of Feasting to the House of Mourning: Lamenting the Destroyed House in Qoh 12:1-7”
Saturday, March 6

Session 6 - 9:00-11:05 - Hebrew Bible II, Eric Jarrard presiding

Daniel Sarlo, Independent Scholar, “The Journey of the Sun as Depicted on a Silver Goblet from 'Ain Samiya”
Jesse Scheumann, Sattler College, “A Critical Appraisal of the Explicative Use of Waw”
Tianruo Jiang, Yale Divinity School, “Visualizing the Apocalypse: Ekphrasis in the Visions of Daniel 7-8”

Lunch - 11:05-12:00

Session 7 – 12:00-2:40 - New Testament, Yii-Jan Lin presiding

Martin Sanfridson, McMaster University, “Are Circumcision and Foreskin Really Nothing? Re-Reading 1 Cor 7:19, Gal 5:6, and 6:15
Joseph Kimmel, Harvard University, “Names as Agents: A Posthumanist Reading of Mark 5:1-13”
Joseph Lee, Yale University, “Secrecy Revisited in Mark 7:31-37: An Asian-American & Disability Reading”

Session 8 - 2:45-3:45 - Business Meeting, Kevin McGinnis presiding

Session 9 - 4:00-5:00 - Presidential Address – Angela Kim Harkins, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry with an introduction from Lawrence Wills