



**2012 Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting**  
**May 11–13, 2012**  
**Concordia University**  
**Portland, Oregon, USA**

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**American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR)**

The Pacific Northwest Region of the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) invites

submission of paper detailing original research in all aspects related to ancient Near Eastern archaeology. 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, [roger.anderson@asor.org](mailto:roger.anderson@asor.org). 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, [susan.g.carter@marylhurst.edu](mailto:susan.g.carter@marylhurst.edu).

This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it , and Louise M. Pare, Ashland, Oregon, [louise.pare@ashland.edu](mailto:louise.pare@ashland.edu). 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 Poster Session'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](mailto:nfgier@uidaho.edu).

## **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. This year we especially invite interdisciplinary topics related to the reception history of texts from the Hebrew Bible or intertestamental literature in early Christian and Jewish literature. Proposals should be submitted electronically at the region's online website to Elizabeth R. Hayes, Wolfson College, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](mailto:erhayes@wolfson.ox.ac.uk)

## **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 history, theology, or social impact of documents written by Christians who have been — or are —

imprisoned; 2) Papers on historical theology for a joint session with the Theology and Philosophy of Religion Section; 3) Papers related to the history of Christianity (any era); and 4) Papers related to the history of North American religions. 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, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](mailto:scalise@fuller.edu) , and Brenda Llewellyn Ihssen, Pacific Lutheran University, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](mailto:ihssen@plu.edu) .

### **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. This year we especially invite interdisciplinary topics related to the reception history of texts from the Hebrew Bible or intertestamental literature in early Christian and Jewish literature. Proposals should be submitted electronically at the Region's online website. We are also interested in conducting a book review panel for a book by a participant in the New Testament and Hellenistic Religions Section that has been published during the year between the 2011 and 2012 regional meetings. Book suggestions may be sent directly to the Chairpersons 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:kyinger@georgefox.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, religion and ecology, religion and science, and religion and memory. Proposals should be submitted electronically at the Region's online website.

Questions can be directed to the Chairs, Bruce Hiebert, University Canada West,      This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it      , and Kevin O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University,      This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it      .

### **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) Green theology, Green religion — ecology and the environment in theology and religion; 2) Religion, media, culture, and politics; 3) Theology of religions, religious pluralism, interreligious dialogue; 4) Pedagogy and teaching religion; 5) 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,      This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it      , and Michael Zbaraschuk, Pacific Lutheran University,      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 general 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, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#), and Valarie H. Ziegler, DePauw University, [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 Women and Religion Section is also pleased to cohost a poster session with the Arts and Religion Section and ASOR. Please refer to the Poster Session's call for papers for more details.

## Poster Session

The Women and Religion Section, Arts and Religion Section, and ASOR will host a joint poster session. We welcome proposals in any area (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 poster 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. 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](#)

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12.1:13–4, which is available for

[download in PDF format](#)

## Special Topics: Islam

Proposals for papers or full panels are welcome for our third 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 post-classical intellectual traditions. We also seek participants for a pedagogy roundtable, focused this year on teaching Islamic law. Paper and panel proposals should be submitted electronically at the Region’s online website. Please contact Jocelyn Hendrickson, Whitman College, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#), if you

are interested in participating in the pedagogy roundtable; specialists as well as interested non-specialists are welcome.