



2011 Southeast Regional Meeting

**March 4–6, 2011
Galt House Hotel
Louisville, KY, USA**

The following sections and program units invite members who wish to present a paper or coordinate a session to submit proposals (one or two pages) or completed manuscripts to the appropriate section chairs by the call deadline, October 11, 2010 (deadline extended 09/30/10). Each member is limited to one proposal. Please use the proposal submission form available on the SECSOR website (<http://www.secsor.appstate.edu/>). Proposals for joint sessions should be sent to all Chairs.

(SBL/ASOR) Archaeology and the Ancient World

Four open sessions: 1) A session or panel on the topic of “towards improving the dialogue between text and spade in biblical studies;” 2) A joint session with the Women, Gender, and Religion Section on the examination of women and gender in conjunction with material culture; 3) A joint session with the Hebrew Scriptures/Old Testament Section on ancient inscriptions and their bearing on the reading of the Hebrew Bible; and 4) Presidential address by Ralph K. Hawkins, Kentucky Christian University. We are interested in scholarly papers — slide presentations must be accompanied by a written paper. Papers may be on, but are not restricted to, the topic of the interface between material culture, texts, and textual traditions. We are also interested in papers dealing with archaeological theory and/or method, but will not exclude papers on other subjects dealing with archaeology and material culture. For all sessions, send title and abstract (150 words) or complete paper (required of first-time presenters) to Sharon Lea Mattila, University of North Carolina, Pembroke, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](mailto:smattila@uncp.edu) , and Tom McCollough, Centre College, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](mailto:tom.mccollough@ccc.edu) . For the joint session with the Women, Gender, and Religion Section, send your proposal also to Jill Peterfeso, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](mailto:jill.peterfeso@unc.edu) . For the joint session with the Hebrew Scriptures/Old Testament Section, send

your proposal also to Todd Hibbard, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

(AAR/SBL) Bible and Modern Culture

Papers are requested for the following themes: 1) Text and cultural context — the role of the reader’s culture in interpretation. For instance, how does one’s culture affect one’s interpretation? Should one’s culture affect one’s interpretation? Is there a place to stand outside of culture for the process of interpretation? Are their reasons for abandoning one’s culture for the process of interpretation?; 2) The Bible and cultural/political ideologies — diverse papers related to this theme are welcome; 3) Open call on any subject related to Bible and modern culture; and 4) Open call, but with a special interest in papers dealing with science, medicine, culture, and religion. Submit proposals to Brian Mooney, Johnson and Wales University, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it , and Finbar S. Benjamin, Oakwood University, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

(AAR) Black Cultures and the Study of Religion

Themes: 1) Open call; 2) Invited book review panel with the Constructive Theologies Section on Willie James Jennings’s *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race* (Yale University Press, 2010); and 3) A joint session with the Teaching Religions Section on critical pedagogy (e.g., bell hooks’s *Teaching to Transgress: Education as the Practice of Freedom* or Paulo Freire’s *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*), Black cultures, and the study of religion — epistemological and methodological considerations. This session seeks papers that examine a broader theoretical conversation with methodological implications for the teaching of black religion as emancipatory action. Submit proposals to Ronald Neal, Claflin University, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it , and Adam L. Bond, Virginia Union University, This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

(AAR) Constructive Theologies

Themes: 1) Open call; 2) A joint invited panel with the Black Cultures and the Study of Religion

Section discussing Willie James Jennings's *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race* (Yale University Press, 2010); 3) "Texts and textuality" exploring the central role of written texts for Christian theological reflection in honor of the 400th anniversary of the King James version of the Bible; 4) A joint session with the Women, Gender, and Religion Section considering body as text; 5) Pieties of prohibition in recognition of our host city and its historic connections to tobacco, horse racing, and bourbon. Submit proposals to Cameron Jorgenson, Campbell University, cameron.jorgenson@campbell.edu. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. For the body as text session, also send proposals to Jill Peterfeso, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, jill.peterfeso@unc.edu. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.

(AAR) Ethics, Religion, and Society

Proposals on all topics will be considered, but the following topics are encouraged: 1) Open call on any issue pertaining to ethics, religion, and society; 2) The ethics of food production and consumption; 3) Comparative religious ethics; 4) A joint session with the Islam Section on ethics, society, politics, and justice in Islam; and 5) An open session for scholars to gather and discuss their current research. We are hoping that this last session can be an opportunity for junior scholars to learn from and about the research in which their senior colleagues are engaged. If you are interested in sharing your research, please send a brief description of a current project. All submissions are encouraged to consider and pay close attention to issues pertaining to the balance between theory and applied ethics. Submit a copy of your proposal to Darla Schumm, Hollins University, darla.schumm@hollins.edu. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it, and Sally Holt, Belmont University, sally.holt@belmont.edu. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.

(SBL) Hebrew Scriptures/Old Testament

Themes: 1) An invited joint panel with the Teaching Religion Section reviewing Elisabeth Schussler-Fiorenza's *Democratizing Biblical Studies: Toward an Emancipatory Educational Space* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2009); 2) An open session with the Archaeology and the Ancient World Section on ancient inscriptions and their bearing on the reading of the Hebrew Bible; and 3) Two or three open sessions. Direct all proposals (or completed papers if you have never presented) and inquiries to Bryan Bibb, Furman University, bryan.bibb@furman.edu. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it, and Todd Hibbard, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, todd.hibbard@utk.edu. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. For the joint session with the

Archaeology and the Ancient World Section, send your proposal also to Sharon Lea Mattila, University of North Carolina, Pembroke, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](mailto:smattila@uncp.edu), and Tom McCollough, Centre College, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](mailto:tom.mccollough@ccc.edu).

(AAR) History of Christianity

Paper proposals are welcome in the following areas: 1) Early Church — the development of Christian universalism in the Greco-Roman world and its interaction with religious and philosophical paganism, including the geographical, theological, literary, social, and philosophical aspects; 2) Medieval Christianity — any aspect of the theology and spirituality of the Church in medieval European society, including the analysis of the works of individual thinkers; 3) Reformation — the significance of the King James translation of scripture in order to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the King James version of the Bible; and 4) Modern Christianity — Christian globalism in the modern world. All proposals should be sent to Michael Simmons, Auburn University, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](mailto:mjsimmons@auburn.edu), and Mark Nickens, Averett University, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](mailto:mark.nickens@averett.edu).

(AAR) History of Judaism

Themes: 1) Second temple Judaism; 2) Open call; and 3) Joint session with the Religion in America Section. Submit proposals (or complete papers if you have never presented) to Giya Schmidt, University of Tennessee, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](mailto:gschmidt@utk.edu). For the joint session with the Religion in America Section, also send your proposal to Kelly J. Baker, University of Tennessee, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](mailto:kj.baker@utk.edu).

(AAR) Islam

Proposals on all topics in Islamic studies will be considered, but proposals on the following themes are especially invited: 1) Teaching the Qur'an — translations, themes, and contexts; 2)

A joint session with the Teaching Religions Section on teaching world religions — texts, themes, and issues; 3) Muslims in the arts and media; 4) Islam in the West; and 5) A joint session with the Ethics, Religion, and Society Section on ethics, society, politics, and justice in Islam. Submit proposals to Rachel Scott, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#), and Dave Damrel, University of South Carolina, Upstate, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#).

(AAR) Method and Theory of Religion

Themes: 1) The issue of compatibility between religion and science, with particular attention to the question of the relationship of science to the data of religion, theories and methods taken from the sciences and applied to religion, and critiques of the use of scientific methods and theories in the study of religion; 2) In keeping with this year's theme, a session addressing the issue of texts and textual traditions using particular methods (sociological, anthropological, linguistic, reader response theory, etc.); and 3) Student papers that are related to method and theory in the study of religion. Papers relating to religion and science are particularly encouraged. Undergraduate student paper proposals must be sponsored by a faculty member who will act as a mentor to the student. The faculty sponsor's name should be included in the paper proposal. Submit proposals to Randy Reed, Appalachian State University, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#), and Laura Ammon, University of North Florida, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#).

(SBL) New Testament

Themes: 1) Open call for two sessions; 2) A session on the historical Jesus and/or Gospel relationships/trajectories; 3) A session on Pauline and/or Deutero-Pauline letters; and 4) A session on the "theological interpretation" of the New Testament and/or New Testament ethics. Send all submissions Theodore Burgh, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#).

(AAR) Philosophy of Religion

This Section invites proposals for papers on the following topics: 1) The work of the nineteenth century Danish philosopher Soren Kierkegaard; 2) The immortality of the soul; and 3) Open call. Submit paper proposals to Mark Wells, Montreat College, mark.wells@montreat.edu. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it . All proposals should include a working title, abstract, author's name, author's institution, and contact information (address, e-mail, and phone number).

(AAR) Religion and Ecology

Papers or panel proposals are sought on the following themes: 1) Methods/methodologies for "learning from others;" 2) Green initiatives in theological education; 3) Wendell Berry (we hope to have him participate in some way); 4) Gaining understanding from other communities; 5) Collaboration as ecological practice; 6) Sustainable (or resilient) practices for teaching and learning; and 7) Resilient/sustainable religious practices. Proposals on other topics are also welcome. Send inquiries and proposals to Richard M. Carp, Appalachian State University, rcarp@appstate.edu. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

(AAR) Religion, Culture, and the Arts

Themes: 1) Mediating trauma, identity, and memory through literature and the arts; 2) Critical issues in the field of cultural studies; 3) Religion and print cultures; 4) A joint session with the Women, Gender, and Religion Section on women and gender in culture(s): literary, artistic, and visual; and 5) Open call. Submit proposals to Adam M. Ware, Florida State University, adam.ware@fsu.edu. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

(AAR) Religion in America

Themes: 1) Open call; 2) New religious movements; 3) Theory and method in gender studies and religion in America. Possible joint session the Women, Gender, and Religion Section; 4) Joint session with the History of Judaism Section; and 5) Protestants and print (in honor of the 400th anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible). Submit all (joint or single) proposals to Kelly J. Baker, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, kjbaker@utk.edu. This e-mail address is being

protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it . For joint sessions, make sure to send proposals to the other Section Chairs as well. For the joint session with the Women, Gender, and Religion Section, submit proposals also to Jill Peterfeso, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, . This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it . For the joint session with the History of Judaism Section, submit proposals also to Gilya Schmidt, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, . This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

(AAR) Religions of Asia

Themes: 1) Religion and the body and/or religion, health, and healing; 2) Asian texts and textual traditions (as part of the larger conference theme), including textual practices and performances; 3) A joint session on gender, food, and dietary practices with the Women, Gender, and Religion Section; 4) Religious approaches to nature and ecology; and 5) Open call. We welcome individual papers and full panel proposals. Submit proposals to Pamela Winfield, Elon University, . This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it , and Amy Allocco, Elon University, . This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

(AAR) Teaching Religions

Proposals on all topics in the critical theory, method, and practice of teaching will be considered, but proposals on the following themes are especially invited: 1) Queer pedagogies — theory, method, practice, praxis; 2) A joint session with the Islam Section on teaching world religions — texts, themes, and issues; 3) A joint session with Black Cultures and the Study of Religion Section on critical pedagogy (e.g., bell hooks's *Teaching to Transgress: Education as the Practice of Freedom* or Paulo Freire's *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*), Black cultures, and the study of religion — epistemological and methodological considerations; and 4) An invited panel on engaging Elisabeth Schussler-Fiorenza — a discussion of the pedagogical theory and practice in *Democratizing Biblical Studies: Toward an Emancipatory Educational Space* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2009). Proposals should be sent to Margaret Aymer, Interdenominational Theological Center, . This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

(AAR) Women, Gender, and Religion

In addition to an open call, we are accepting proposals on the following themes: 1) Gender, food, and dietary practices, for a possible joint session with the Religions of Asia Section (send a copy of your proposal to Amy Allocco, Elon University, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#)); 2) Women and gender in conjunction with material culture, for a possible joint session with the American Schools of Oriental Research (send a copy of your proposal to Sharon L. Mattila, University of North Carolina, Pembroke, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#)); 3) Women and gender in culture(s): literary, artistic, and visual, for a possible joint session with the Religion, Culture, and the Arts Section (send a copy of your proposal to Adam Ware, Florida State University, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#)); 4) Theory and method in gender studies and religion in America, for a possible joint session with the Religion in America Section (send a copy of your proposal to Kelly J. Baker, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#)); 5) Body as text, for a possible joint session with the Constructive Theologies Section (send a copy of your proposal to Cameron Jorgenson, Campbell University, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#)). Send all proposals to Jill Peterfeso, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#), and Lisa Stephenson, Lee University, [This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it](#).

Undergraduate Research

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 a cover page with the contact information of the student and a faculty sponsor who has reviewed the submission. Electronic submissions are preferred. Send submissions by December 15, 2010, 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.