

CALL FOR PAPERS

FOR THE 2012
JOINT MEETING
OF

THE MIDWEST REGION OF THE
SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE

THE MIDDLE WEST BRANCH OF
THE AMERICAN ORIENTAL SOCIETY

THE AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF
ORIENTAL RESEARCH – MIDWEST

February 10-12, 2012

Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, IL

Dear Colleagues:

The 2012 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Region of the SBL, AOS, and ASOR is scheduled for February 10-12, 2012, at **Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, IL**, about an hour south of Chicago. The registration will be in the Weber Center.

For **directions**, please visit

<http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/search/Map.jsp?collegeId=2011> .

For a **campus map**, please visit <http://map.olivet.edu/>.

The officers of the societies invite you as members to submit **paper proposals** related to your research interests. Please download from this website the Abstract Form. Send SBL proposals to section leaders (Click on **2012 Section Descriptions**) and AOS/ASOR proposals to JoAnn Scurlock, whose address appears on the Abstract Form and below.

Please note that you must be registered to read a paper at the conference. *The deadline for all paper submissions for the 2012 MWSBL Annual Conference is December 1, 2011.*

- Conference information will be posted on the Midwest SBL site (http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/rm_midwest.aspx) as it is finalized.

- Please direct AOS/ASOR abstract and inquiries to JoAnn Scurlock c/o The Oriental Institute, 1155 E. 58th St., Chicago Illinois, 60637 (r-beal@uchicago.edu).
- Please send SBL proposals by email directly to section leaders listed online. If further information is needed, please contact P. Richard Choi, Andrews University, Theological Seminary, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-1546 (choir@andrews.edu).

We are pleased to be able to offer onsite the sixth annual **Student Religious Studies Conference** in Burke Administration Building during the day on February 10, 2012. We had a successful meeting in 2011 with 45 participants.

The theme of the plenary session is **Illness and Healing in the Ancient World**. It will be presented in the Weber Center on Friday, February 10, 2012, at 7 p.m. by **Jeffrey Stackert** (The University of Chicago): “The Rhetoric of Illness in Biblical and Mesopotamian Prayers and Incantations”; **Candida Moss** (Notre Dame University) “Christly Possession and Weakened Bodies: A Reconsideration of the Function of Paul's Thorn in the Flesh (2 Cor. 12:7-10)”; and **Chris Mount** (DePaul University) “Acts of Healing and the Social Construction of the Presence of a God”.

Clare Rothchild (Lewis University, MWSBL President) will present Saturday evening’s annual **Presidential Address** entitled “*De Indolentia*: Maladies of the Soul”

Please note the instructions for the **Graduate Student Paper Competition**. Qualifying papers should be submitted to Dr. Ann Fritschel by December 1, 2011.

Also, we are inviting nominations for the **Midwest SBL Regional Scholar Award**. Nominations should be submitted to Dr. Clare Rothschild by December 1, 2011.

Lodging is available at a number of hotels in Bourbonnais, IL, each a few minutes car ride to Olivet Nazarene University. A block of rooms have been reserved at the following hotels at a conference rate. Prices do not include 10% room tax. Reservations should be made by December 31, 2011, under the name Midwest SBL/AOS. Please visit the Midwest SBL site (http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/rm_midwest.aspx) for more information.

Please download and mail the **Registration Form** with payment to:

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The joint annual meeting offers a wonderful opportunity to meet new colleagues, see old friends, try out research ideas, and enjoy a lively exchange in a friendly environment. All students, teachers, and interested individuals who are involved with religion and the Bible are welcome. The topics this year promise to be diverse and stimulating. We hope you will be able to join us in February.

Sincerely,

P. Richard Choi, Coordinator, Midwest SBL
JoAnn Scurlock, Secretary/Treasurer, Midwest AOS