



**Congratulations to the 2013 SBL Travel Grant recipients:**

Shira Leibowitz Schmidt – Michlalah College - Jerusalem, Israel

Nicholas Al-Jeloo – University of Sydney, Australia

Fatima Tofighi – University of Glasgow, Iran

Ivor Poobalan – Colombo Theological Seminary, Sri Lanka

The SBL Travel Grants offer opportunities to current SBL members to attend the Annual Meeting, participate in the program, enhance their professional development, and build their network with fellow scholars. These grants help facilitate the work of Program Units, the International Cooperation Initiative, Status of Women in the Profession Committee, Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee, and other SBL Committees representing scholars in the field. These grants are intended to support underrepresented and underresourced scholars. As such, preference will be given to women, ethnic/racial minorities, and members from ICI-qualifying countries. A key criterion is an applicant's demonstrable financial need.

Two of the four Travel Grants (\$2,000 each) will be offered to members whose proposals have been accepted by a Program Unit and have demonstrated that the work of the unit and the field will be enhanced by that member's participation. The other two grants (\$1,000 each) will be given to members who have never attended an Annual Meeting. The Society will provide lodging (one room, single or shared) for four nights and complimentary meeting registration.

The Travel Grant Committee members are representatives from the International Cooperation Initiative, Status of Women in the Profession Committee, Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee:

- Michael Joseph Brown, Wabash College
- Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College
- Mignon Jacobs, Fuller Theological Seminary
- Louis Jonker, University of Stellenbosch
- Molly Zahn, University of Kansas

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