

2023 MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING FOR BIBLICAL STUDIES

March 17–19, 2023

Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame (South Bend), Indiana

We are pleased to invite you to the new Midwest Regional Meeting for Biblical Studies. This conference is an exciting initiative of the Chicago Society of Biblical Research (CSBR) meant to build upon the successes of the Midwest Region SBL/AOS/ASOR/RRA meeting after the disbanding of the Society of Biblical Literature regions. The meeting is scheduled for **Friday–Sunday, March 17–19, 2023**, at Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame (South Bend), Indiana. The Student Religious Studies Conference (SRSC) will occur in conjunction with the Midwest Regional Meeting on Friday, March 17.

The meeting has arranged for blocks of hotel rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn South Bend and the Inn at Saint Mary's, both of which are adjacent to the Saint Mary's campus. Hotel reservations and information sheet will be available soon at [the Chicago Society of Biblical Research](#) website. The conference rate is available until **Thursday, February 17, 2023**, and reservations must be placed by phone. Check out maps, transportation, and information of [St. Mary's campus](#).

We invite you to **submit paper proposals for the regional meeting by Monday, January 23, 2023**. (The SRSC has a different schedule for proposals than the regional meeting; see below.) Program decisions will be communicated no later than February 1, 2023. Please see the section descriptions document at the CSBR website for additional information on proposals and the various program units. Also, please note that paper proposals are submitted through an [online form](#). Please do not send paper proposals to section chairs. **Usually, papers are scheduled in thirty-minute time slots, ideally with twenty minutes of presentation and ten minutes of discussion.**

Registration for the meeting is available [online through Zeffy](#). Please note that any donation added during the registration process goes to Zeffy, not the Midwest Regional Meeting, and is completely optional. Zeffy does not charge the Midwest Regional Meeting for any fees of any sort for the registration module, and their own funding comes through donations.

Regular registration is available through March 3, 2023. The region offers regular registration for \$60, retiree registration for \$30, student registration for \$25, and SRSC-only registration for \$15. Rates for spouse/partner attendees are also available in the registration process. We strongly encourage everyone to utilize the online registration option; a \$25 fee will be added for late/on-site registrations.

Schedule Highlights for the 2023 Meeting

The meeting will include the kinds of sessions familiar from previous years, but the scheduling of featured events will differ in several cases.

Program Units:

The 2023 program includes eleven sections. Please see the section descriptions document for more information.

Midwest SBL Regional Spotlight (Friday evening):

This session, now in its tenth year, features a presentation and question-and-answer period with a prominent scholar from our region. Our speaker this year is **Charles Cosgrove**, Professor Emeritus of Early Christian Literature, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

Plenary Book Panel Session (Saturday afternoon):

The book panel will focus on the new book, *The Muratorian Fragment: Text, Translation, Commentary*, by **Clare K. Rothschild**, Professor of Scripture Studies, Lewis University.

Other Programs

Student Religious Studies Conference:

The SRSC, now in its fourteenth year, meets during the day on Friday, March 17, 2023, and concludes before the opening session of the regional meeting that evening. The conference provides an excellent opportunity for students to present their work and network with people from other institutions and program levels. Please encourage your students (undergraduate through pre-dissertation doctoral) to present papers at this conference on topics spanning Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, New Testament, Second Temple and rabbinic Judaism, patristics and early Christianity, theology, historical studies, and comparative religions. **Proposals are due by February 6, 2023**, and must include the full paper. Submit proposal via [the online proposal form](#). Please direct any SRSC questions to [Lauren O'Connell](#), the SRSC coordinator.

These meetings offer 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, professors, and others interested in biblical studies and the study of the ancient world are welcome. Please feel free to contact me at the e-mail address below with any questions.

Sincerely,

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