



Newsletter 2015 Institute for Biblical Research

Program for IBR Annual Meeting November 20–22, 2015; Atlanta Friday November 20

1:00–3:45PM Scripture and Hermeneutics Seminar
4:00–6:00PM Emerging Scholars
4:00–6:00PM Research Groups
7:00–9:00PM Annual Lecture
(Marriott – Marquis A-B)
Lecture: Craig Bartholomew
Respondents: Sandra Richter and N.T. Wright
9:00–11:00 Annual Reception Sponsored by
Zondervan

Special Thanks to Zondervan for hosting Friday's reception.

Saturday November 21

7:30–8:45AM Ethnic Minority Breakfast (Hilton 409)
7:30–8:45AM Breakfast for Women Scholars (Hilton
Crystal A-F)
9:00–11:30AM IBR Unscripted (Marriott A602)
Speakers: Peter Enns, Ruth Anne Reese, and Scott
Hafemann
1:00–3:30PM IRLBR Young Scholars Summit
Showcase: What Qualifies a Psalm to be 'Messianic'?:
Considering Psalms 8, 16, 40 and 118 (Hilton 207)
4:00–7:00PM Scripture and Doctrine Seminar (Hyatt
Courtland)

Please join us for Sunday Morning Worship 7:30–8:45 AM; Marriott Marquis A-B Homily: M. Daniel Carroll R.

Become an IBR Member

Visit the Membership Desk Tonight!

Membership applications are also available at
www.ibr-bbr.org/membership-information

Questions can be directed to the IBR Secretary Beth Stovell:
BStovell@ambrose.edu

Benefits include:

- BBR Publications
- Connecting up with colleagues
- Involvement Opportunities
- Updates from IBR Leadership

Membership levels: Fellow, Associate, Senior Fellow,
Friend

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The IBR: Fostering Evangelical Biblical Scholarship

IBR has, for over thirty years, offered to evangelical biblical scholars and Ph.D. students a venue for creative, reflective, and serious biblical scholarship. Its members are specialists in Old and New Testament and ancillary disciplines who seek to foster excellence in the pursuit of Biblical Studies in a faith environment.

The achievement of this goal is sought primarily by organizing annual conferences, conducting seminars and workshops, and by sponsoring academic publications in the various fields of biblical research. The *Bulletin for Biblical Research* was first published in 1991, and the *BBR Supplement Series* began in 2007.

Welcome to the annual conference; check out our web site for further information and history, and consider becoming a member with us!

Emerging Scholars

The IBR continues to encourage the development of young scholars (Ph.D. students and those within 5 years of completing the Ph.D.) with opportunities to present papers at the IBR annual meeting on Friday afternoons in the Emerging Scholars sessions. Fellows of the IBR are encouraged to nominate emerging scholars for these papers. Fellows should be familiar with the particular paper that is being nominated but are not required to be the scholar's supervisor. All nominations are welcome, including nominations of women and minority emerging scholars. OT Nominations and papers should be sent to M. Daniel Carroll R. (danny.carrollr@denverseminary.edu) and NT Nominations and papers should be sent to Ruth Anne Reese (ruthanne.reese@asburyseminary.edu). Nominations and papers for the 2016 Emerging Scholars session will be due on February 28, 2016. Please direct any questions to Danny Carroll R. or to Ruth Anne Reese at the email addresses above.

Ethnic Minority Breakfast

An exciting new IBR initiative invites members and potential members of ethnic minority background (Latino and Asian, African and Native American) to a continental breakfast on Saturday morning from 7:30–8:45 AM in Hilton 409. The gathering will provide opportunities for networking and brainstorming about future participation in IBR. For more details and to RSVP, contact Danny Carroll R. (danny.carrollr@denverseminary.edu) or Milton Eng (miltoneng@verizon.net).

BBR and BBRSup Update

Submissions for BBR should be sent to Craig Keener at bbr_editors@gmail.com. Thomas Lyons is his editorial assistant. Eckhard J. Schnabel (eschnabel@gordonconwell.edu) remains Associate Editor for New Testament book reviews, and Gerald A. Klingbeil (klingsbeil@andrews.edu) remains Associate Editor for Old Testament book reviews. Special thanks are due to the superb BBR review board.

BBR Supplements editor, Rick Hess, is pleased to announce the new publication of the following volumes:

Volume 10 – M. Daniel Carroll R. and J. Blair Wilgus, editors, *Wrestling with the Violence of God: Soundings in the Old Testament*; volume 11 – Gary G. Hoag, *Wealth in Ancient Ephesus and the First Letter to Timothy: Fresh Insights from Ephesiaca by Xenophon of Ephesus*; and volume 12 – R. Gregory Jenks, *Paul and His Mortality: Imitating Christ in the Face of Death*.

They are available from Eisenbrauns. IBR members interested in publication of their best monograph-length work are invited to consider submitting it to Rick Hess (rick@densem.edu), Editor; and Craig Blomberg (Craig.Blomberg@denverserinary.edu), Associate Editor.

Friday Afternoon Research Groups

IBR is delighted to facilitate the research of our membership by providing space and promotion of research groups created by members of IBR. We are very pleased that already several research groups have been created. Below you will find a list of the Research Groups. Anyone is welcome at these sessions and if you would like to join one of these groups feel free to contact the scholars listed on the IBR website at <https://www.ibr-bbr.org/research-groups-2015>. Any members of IBR who are interested in creating a research group should feel free to apply for research group status by sending an email to Beth Stovell (bstovell@ambrose.edu) and Mark Boda (mjboda@mcmaster.ca).

Current IBR Groups include:

- Emerging Scholarship on the Old Testament
- Emerging Scholarship on the New Testament
- Ancient Historiography and the New Testament
- Biblical Theology, Hermeneutics, and the Theological Disciplines
- The Relationship between the Old Testament and the New Testament
- Identity Formation in the Pauline Letters
- Scripture in a Global Context
- A Pneumatic Hermeneutic: The Role of the Holy Spirit in Biblical Scholarship
- Wisdom and Prophecy in the Hebrew Bible
- The Book of the Twelve Prophets in Biblical Scholarship
- Old Testament Theology of Prayer
- Ecological Ethics and Biblical Studies

Affiliated Groups include:

- Scripture and Hermeneutics Seminar
- Scripture and Doctrine Seminar

Breakfast for Women Scholars

The IBR Breakfast for Women Scholars is a new initiative to encourage the membership and scholarship of women scholars. Last year's breakfast provided opportunities for networking and conversation. This year's breakfast will take place on Saturday morning from 7:30-8:45AM in Hilton Crystal A-F. Reservations are required.

IBR Unscripted

Now in its second year, IBR Unscripted aims to provide an engaging and inspiring opportunity to hear and discuss the implications of scholars' big ideas. Three scholars will speak without notes to present their thinking and the session will give generous time to discussion. This year's session meets on Saturday morning from 9AM to 11:30AM in Marriott A

and the presenters are Peter Enns, Ruth Anne Reese and Scott Hafemann. The session is open, so bring friends along whether they are members of IBR or not.

Partnerships

IBR is pleased to continue its partnership with the Scripture and Hermeneutics Seminar (SAHS) which began last year in San Diego and continues in Atlanta with a Friday afternoon session and Saturday evening meal (RSVP required).

We are also pleased to announce a new partnership this year with the Scripture and Doctrine Seminar (SADS). This new session explores how Scripture leads to the formulation of doctrine and how doctrine illuminates our reading of the Bible. The first session is Saturday afternoon and further details are available on the SADS page of the IBR website under Research groups.

IBR is pleased to continue its partnership with IRLBR including the Young Scholars Summit which produced the book distributed to members at the beginning of Friday's annual lecture: *Reading Scripture Deeply: Millennials Take a Fresh Look at the Bible*.

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Results of Autumn 2015 Board Elections

New Board Member: Lissa Wray Beal, Jeannine K. Brown, Rebekah K. Josberger, and Rick Hess

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