



# Newsletter 2011

## Institute for Biblical Research

### **Abbreviated Program for IBR Annual Meeting, November 18-20, 2011, San Francisco, CA Full Program Details in SBL Program Book**

#### **Friday Afternoon Working Groups (4-6 pm; Sierra C & Salon 12, Marriott Marquis; SBL Program P18-301, 302)**

Two new opportunities for participation and learning with other IBR Members: an information meeting to set up new IBR Research working groups, and a working group on Emerging Scholarship on the Old Testament

#### **Friday Evening (7-11 pm; Salon 9, Marriott Marquis; SBL Program P18-309)**

- 7:00 Welcome: Lee M. McDonald, President, IBR  
Scripture & Prayer: Robbie Castleman, John Brown University  
Introduction of Speaker: Craig Keener, Asbury Theological Seminary
- 7:40 Annual Lecture: M. Daniel Carroll R., Denver Seminary, *Reading the Bible Through Other Lenses: New Perspectives and Challenging Vistas*
- 8:20 Response: K. K. Yeo, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary  
Response from the floor
- 8:40 Reception hosted by Baker Academic, Jim Kinney

► Special thanks to Baker Academic  
for hosting Friday evening's reception ◀

#### **Saturday Morning (8:30am -12:00 pm; Imperial Ballroom A, Hilton Union Square; SBL Program P19-104)**

Papers and Responses from new perspectives. Presented by David A. DeSilva, Nijay Gupta, Barbara M. Leung Lai, Chloe Sun

Business Meeting (10:00-10:30 am)

Continuing Papers and Responses from new perspectives. Presented by J. Ayo Adewuya, Daniel Darko, Grant LeMarquand, Osvaldo Padilla

**Join us for Sunday Morning Worship  
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM; Salon 9, Marriott Marquis  
SBL Program P20-102  
Guest Preacher: Klyne R. Snodgrass, North Park  
Theological Seminary  
Liturgist: David DeSilva, Ashland Theological Seminary**

### **Check out our new-look IBR Website**

[www.ibr-bbr.org](http://www.ibr-bbr.org)

**Membership renewal at  
[www.eisenbrauns.com](http://www.eisenbrauns.com)  
Paypal options make it easy!**

#### **A Message from the President of the Institute for Biblical Research, Dr. Lee McDonald**

Dear IBR Colleagues,

Once again, it is wonderful to see so many of our members in San Francisco at our annual IBR meetings! There is a lot going on in the IBR these days, including opportunities for even more participation by our members. I wanted to share with you a few of the items, and I encourage you to invite your friends, colleagues, and students to the IBR meetings.

You will note the addition this year of Friday afternoon working groups. Coordinated by Drs. Mark Boda and Ruth Anne Reece, they enable expanded participation by our members around shared research interests. Some of the presented work may subsequently find publication in BBR or other venues. We think it will be worth your effort to get involved in these sessions.

You will already have received your name badge through the mail. You do not need to show the badges to enter the IBR meetings (although you should be registered for the SBL sessions). We hope the badges will help our people get better acquainted. They will also enable you to obtain the free book provided this year by Baker Academic. Baker is also hosting the reception on Friday night, and we thank them for their generous hospitality.

If you are not sure if you have paid your annual IBR dues, please contact Eisenbrauns or our IBR Secretary, Lynn Cohick <[lynn.h.cohick@wheaton.edu](mailto:lynn.h.cohick@wheaton.edu)>. **I should also note that thus far this year, we have welcomed more than 50 new members into the IBR!**

Our web site continues to expand its services to you, and has now launched its new format. Remember that members can post job opportunities in biblical studies for up to six months (contact our webmaster to access this service). The web also enables members to annually post their publications on our website; see "Member Profile Database" on the reverse for instructions.

Finally, IBR is sponsoring two volumes through Baker Academic. Rick Hess and Bill Arnold are editing the Old Testament volume and Joel Green and I are editing the New Testament volume, called *The World of the New Testament*. The volumes involve both younger and seasoned IBR members, and will serve as useful resources for undergraduate and masters level courses.

If you have any questions about what is going on or how you can be more involved, by all means, please do contact me or any of our Directors (you will find contact information on our web home page)

Yours in Christ's service, Lee

#### **IBR Continues to Increase its Membership: Visit the Member Information Desk tonight!**

Membership applications are also available at

[www.eisenbrauns.com](http://www.eisenbrauns.com)

*Top Pull-Down Menu: Journals—BBR—IBR Membership.*  
*Questions can be directed to the IBR Secretary*  
[Lynn.H.Cohick@wheaton.edu](mailto:Lynn.H.Cohick@wheaton.edu)

#### **Membership Benefits**

- BBR Publications
- Connecting with colleagues
- Online member profiles
- Updates from IBR leadership
- Involvement opportunities

#### **Membership Levels:**

Fellow, Associate, Senior Fellow and Friend

## 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!

## Member Profile Database

The login/password database enables members to update their own contact information and post their recent publications. Access to the secure, password protected environment provides updated information throughout the year.

Log in to [www.ibr-bbr.org](http://www.ibr-bbr.org) and click on the "Login" link on the left side. To receive a password, click on "I forgot my login," enter your email address and a password will be emailed to you.

Several communications have been sent to members via email. If you want to receive these email messages, please **be sure that your email address is updated on our web site**. You are the only person authorized to change your email address. Also, be sure that the box in your account for "Allow Email" is checked in order to receive messages.

## Web News by Ken Litwak, IBR Web Site Administrator

The big news this year is the launch of IBR's new website. The website address and much of the information available to you remains the same, but the look of the site has significantly changed. We hope you like it.

Some parts of the site are still under construction but should be up and running soon. We think that overall you will find the site easier to navigate.

Our members continually research and publish important works in biblical studies. We are now highlighting these on the IBR web site. You may send them to the new webmaster who will be appointed after the annual meeting. In the meantime, Ken Litwak will continue to receive them ([klitwak@apu.edu](mailto:klitwak@apu.edu)). Include information on your major publications within the last twelve months, including journal articles, books, and book chapters, **formatted according to the SBL Handbook of Style for bibliographic entries**. Updates are welcome as you continue to publish new works. Also, as appropriate, please include your institutional affiliation.

## BBR/BBR Sup Update by Rick Hess, BBR/BBR Sup Editor

The *Bulletin for Biblical Research* welcomes the best scholarly papers from our membership for publication. We publish longer papers, shorter notes, and occasional review articles. All materials are peer reviewed. Thanks to the hard work of our book reviewers and our associated editors, we are now publishing more than one hundred full book reviews each year. If you are an IBR member and would like to become a reviewer or have something of special interest in reviewing, please contact Eckhard J. Schnabel ([eschnabe@trin.edu](mailto:eschnabe@trin.edu)) for New Testament subjects and Gerald A. Klingbeil ([klingbeil@andrews.edu](mailto:klingbeil@andrews.edu)) for Old Testament subjects.

Our *Bulletin for Biblical Research Supplement Series* has two volumes that we expect to be in print from Eisenbrauns by the IBR annual meeting time. Dr. Knut Heim's *Poetic Imagination in Proverbs: Variant Repetition and the Nature of Poetry* will make a distinctive contribution to the interpretation of the book of Proverbs by studying the intention and relationship of similar sayings that recur. Dr. Michael Burer's *Divine Sabbath Work* will debut the New Testament part of the series and provide a new understanding to this subject and its related biblical texts. The series welcomes manuscripts on topics of interest to IBR members. Please write Craig L. Blomberg ([craig.blomberg@denverseminary.edu](mailto:craig.blomberg@denverseminary.edu)) for New Testament subjects and myself ([rick.hess@denverseminary.edu](mailto:rick.hess@denverseminary.edu)) for Old Testament items.

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## Plan to attend IBR 2012

### In Chicago, Ill.

### Theme: Rhetorical Criticism

**Friday, November 18**  
Annual Lecturer TBA

**Saturday, November 19**  
Papers and Sessions

**Sunday, November 20**  
Worship Service

The Paideia Centre for Public Theology presents a yearly *Scripture and Hermeneutics Seminar*.

This year included a session with Tom Wright on *Mission, Worldview and the People of God* (Friday, 2-5 pm).

Watch for future seminars at <http://paideiacentre.ca/sahs>