



# The National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion

Baylor University • May 20-22, 2013 • Waco, Texas

## Greetings From the Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Welcome to the Sixth Annual May Meeting of NABPR.

What an irony: we started this experiment as a result of the AAR/SBL “divorce,” and now we have outlasted the separation. I hope you have enjoyed this meeting format as much as I have.

The November meeting held in conjunction with AAR/SBL was also a success. Attendance was good, and the program was excellent. At this year’s Business Meeting, we will discuss keeping the November meeting as part of our annual programming.

This year’s program features the winner of the 2013 dissertation scholarship and a larger number of sessions/papers than in 2012. The Annual Meeting is also a great opportunity to meet new friends and renew old acquaintances.

Mark the date for 2014: McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta has already committed to host our meeting on May 19-21.

I appreciate your support of NABPR and the enthusiasm you have given to our Annual Meetings. Many thanks go to Phyllis Rodgers Pleasants, our President, and the Baylor faculty and staff who have worked hard to bring about another successful meeting.

I look forward to seeing you in Waco.

Daniel Mynatt  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

## Greetings from the Host Institution

Welcome to Baylor University and Waco, Texas.

Baptist tradition is essential to Baylor’s identity. At its best, Baptist tradition holds to education and scholarship as central to the journey of faith. NABPR provides a fine example of that dimension of Baptist tradition, and Baylor is delighted to welcome the members of the association to campus for a gathering that I hope will be both enjoyable and productive.

We owe a special word of thanks to those who have contributed to the planning of the meeting. I trust that the Baylor campus will provide a helpful setting for the work of scholarship and the furthering of community. Please let a Baylor representative know if you need any help.  
All the best,

W. H. Bellinger, Jr., Chair  
Department of Religion  
Baylor University

### **Registration**

To register for the 2013 NABPR Annual Meeting, please complete the Registration form and email it to Joyce Swoveland at [joyce\\_swoveland@baylor.edu](mailto:joyce_swoveland@baylor.edu).

The Registration form is below, at the end of the program.

Registration is \$95.00 per person before May 1, 2013.

Registration is \$120.00 from May 1 – 15, 2013.

### **Housing**

A list of hotels in the Waco area is below, at the end of the program.

On-campus housing is not available for the 2013 meeting. We apologize for any inconvenience.

### **Meals**

The conference registration covers the evening meal on Monday, breakfast on Tuesday and Wednesday, and lunch on Tuesday. In addition, refreshments will be available throughout the conference days.

For those attending only Monday evening for the banquet, there will be a charge of \$17.50.

### **Payment**

Payment can be by check, made out to NABPR, or by credit card. Instructions are on the Registration Form.

### **Graduate Student Registration**

All graduate student registration is compliments of NABPR. We apologize that we are unable to provide graduate student housing this year.

Graduate students presenting papers receive a stipend from NABPR. Please be sure to provide Danny Mynatt, Executive-Secretary Treasurer, your mailing address before the conference concludes.

### **Questions**

If you have questions or concerns, email Danny Mynatt at [DMynatt@umhb.edu](mailto:DMynatt@umhb.edu). Danny will forward your question to the appropriate person.

**Monday, May 20**  
**National Association of Professors of Religion**

**Please Note: All meeting rooms are in Truett Seminary**

- 3:00-6:30**      Registration  
                    The Narthex
- 3:30-5:00**      Executive Committee Meeting  
                    Room 113
- 6:00**              Evening Meal  
                    Piper Great Hall

**Program: To Be Determined**

**Tuesday, May 21 – Session I**  
**8:30-10:15**

**Breakfast**  
7:30-8:30 am  
Piper Great Hall

**Biblical Studies: Hebrew Scripture**  
**Room 113**

*The Greek Deborah, Jael, and the Thoroughly Jewish Judith*

Katherine Smith, Baylor University

*A Deconstructive Reading of Obadiah*

Nicholas R. Warse, Baylor University

*Revising the Tradition: Intertextual Study of the Endogamous Tradition*

Sung Ho Moon, Baylor University

**Biblical Studies: New Testament**  
**Room 115**

*Psychagogy and the Appeal to Emotions in I Peter*

Joshua J. Stigall, Briercrest College/Seminary

*Curse Words: Evidence for the Edenic Curse in Revelation 21-22*

Eric Gilchrest, Baylor University

*Echoes of Relevance: Intertextual Methodology and Relevance Theory in Concert*

Clifford T. Winters, Asbury Theological Seminary

**The Ecclesial Milieu**

**Room 214**

*From Disinterest to Dialogue: The Evolution of Lebanese Baptists' Attitudes Toward Muslims, 1948-2006*

Melanie Trexler, Georgetown University

*Where is Thy Sting? Recovering Death as a Defeated Terror*

Brian Gamel, Baylor University

*Sexual Abuse and the Church*

Herbert Fain

**Theology**

**Room 215**

*Theosis as Transfiguration in Maximus the Confessor (580-662)*

Yelena Borisova

*Monstrous Bodies: Theologizing the Posthuman*

Adam DJ Brett, Syracuse University

*Language, God, World: Philosophical Theology Through Aquinas and Wittgenstein*

Aaron James, Cedarville University

**Tuesday, May 21—Presidential Address and Business Session**

**10:30-1:00**

**Annual Presidential Address and Business Meeting**

Powell Chapel

“MMORPGs and Teaching Religion”

Phyllis Rodgerson Pleasants, NABPR President, presiding

Festschrift Presentation for Glen Stassen

David Gushee, Mercer University

Reggie Williams, McCormick Theological Seminary

**Lunch**

12pm – 1pm

Piper Great Hall

**Tuesday, May 21 – Session II**

**1:30-3:15**

**Biblical Studies: Hebrew Scripture**

**Room 113**

*Theological Reflections on the Oracles Against the Nations*

Moon Kwon Chae, Baylor University

*Widows, Divorcées, and Prostitutes, Oh My! Women Outside of the Patriarchal Family Structure in the Pentateuch*

Stephanie Wyatt

*Davidic Hope*

B. J. Parker, Baylor University

**The Ecclesial Milieu**

**Room 214**

*Salience and Congregational Growth: Revisiting the Strictness Thesis*

Todd Ferguson, Baylor University

**Baptist Identity**

**Room 115**

*Ann Hasseltine Judson as Missionary Diplomat: Negotiating for Tolerance in a Time of Peace and Safety in a Time of War*

Laura Levens, Duke University

*Baptist Missions: Past, Present, and Recommendations for the Future*

Dennis Horton, Baylor University

*Cussing Pastors and Postmodern Heretics: Southern Baptist Responses to Emerging Christianity*

Michael Clawson, Baylor University

**Theology**

**Room 215**

*“Neo-Anabaptist Sectarianism”*

Matthew D. Porter, Baylor University

*Loving Weakness: Riders in the Chariot and Simone Weil*

Clark Elliston, Baylor University

*Writing Vision and Reading Ourselves: What Flannery O'Connor's Theory of Fiction Tells Us About Christian Moral Imagination*

Jordan Rowan Fannin, Baylor University

**Tuesday evening, May 21 – Free Time and Dinner on your own**

**Wednesday, May 22 – Session III**

**9:00-10:45**

**Breakfast**

8:00-9:00 am

The Great Hall

**Biblical Studies: Hebrew Scripture**

**Room 113**

*Queen Mother Maacah (I Kings 15): The Victim of Religious Reform*

Ginny Brewer-Boydston, Baylor University

*Josiah and the Context of the Story Teller*

P. Scott Henson

**Biblical Studies: New Testament**

**Room 115**

*Peter, Paul and the “progymnasmata”:* *Traces of the Preliminary Exercises in the Resurrection Kerygma of Acts 2:14-40 and 13:16-41*

John Duncan, Baylor University

*“I Believed, And Therefore I Spoke”:* *2 Corinthians 4:13 and Prosopopoetics*

Scott C. Ryan, Baylor University

**The Ecclesial Milieu**

**Room 214**

*Praying at Finkenwalde: A Faith Practice of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Thomas E. Leuze, Chapman Seminary, Oakland City University

*The Curious Case of Rachel Baker, Sleeping Preacher*

Kim Bodenhamer, Baylor University

*The Personality and Figure of Jesus in Shi’a Eschatological Narrations Or Christians Aren’t the Only Ones Waiting for Jesus’ Second Coming, Just Ask Ahmadinejad*

Nicolas Mumejian, Hartford Seminary

**Theology**

**Room 215**

*Subjectivity as Truth: Kierkegaard’s Vital Corrective*

Matthew S. Beal, Baylor University

*The Limits of Sunday School Speak: Polishing Spiritual Rhetoric in Student Writing at Religious Institutions*

Courtney Bailey Parker, Baylor University

*Benedictus Qui Venis: Revealing the Eschatological Beatrice in the Purgatorio*

Scott Rushing, Baylor University

## Registration: NABPR Meeting, 2013

Please submit the following form to register for the NABPR Meeting to be held at Baylor University, May 20-22. Registration is \$95 per person. (\$120 after May 1). Off-campus housing is the only option at Baylor. A list has been provided for your convenience. The conference registration of \$95 covers the evening meal on Monday evening, Tuesday and Wednesday continental breakfasts, Tuesday lunch, and refreshment breaks throughout the conference days. Restaurants in Waco are available for the Tuesday evening meal. There is no conference registration fee for graduate students. If you have questions, email Joyce Swoveland at [Joyce\\_Swoveland@baylor.edu](mailto:Joyce_Swoveland@baylor.edu) or call 254-710-3758.

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Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a graduate student? \_\_\_\_\_

Payment type for registration: Visa, Mastercard (please circle one)

Credit card  
number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

If you prefer to pay by check, please make your check payable to NABPR and mail to:

Joyce Swoveland  
NABPR  
c/o Dept of Religion  
OBP #97284  
Waco, TX 76798-7284

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Hotels in Waco, Texas:

*All of the hotels below are close to campus. The Marriott is used frequently by Baylor guests.*

Marriott Courtyard	254-752-8686
Hilton Hotel	254-754-8484
Residence Inn	254-714-1386
Hampton Inn	254-412-1999
Comfort Suites	254-537-0413
Quality Inn & Suites	254-296-0550
La Quinta	254-752-9741
Clarion Inn	254-757-2000