

THE SOCIETY FOR OLD TESTAMENT STUDY

SUMMER MEETING 2017

King's College, London

Under the presidency of Professor Paul Joyce

MONDAY 17th JULY

The venue for all sessions is King's College London, Waterloo Campus, specifically the Franklin-Wilkins Building, Stamford Street (except where otherwise noted)

Publishers are invited to display books for sale during the Meeting.

Members who have had books published recently are also invited to display copies.

- 2.00 pm *Committee Meeting*
- 4.30 pm Registration (Franklin-Wilkins Building, Waterloo)
- 6.00 pm Reception sponsored by the Department of Theology & Religious Studies, King's College London (Strand: King's Building)
- 6.45 pm Dinner (Strand: Great Hall)
- 8.15 pm Professor Benjamin Sommer (New York) "The Priestly Literature as Proto-Kabbalah. Or, How Distinct Should Biblical Studies Be within Religious Studies?" (Strand: Safra Lecture Theatre)

TUESDAY 18th JULY

- 8.00 am Breakfast
- 9.15 am Dr Casey Strine (Sheffield)
"Sister Save Us: The Matriarchs as Breadwinners and Their Threat to Patriarchy in the Ancestral Narrative"
- 10.00 am Professor David Clines (Sheffield)
"Alleged Female Language about the Deity in the Hebrew Bible"
- 10.45 am Coffee
- 11.15 am Professor Jan Joosten (Oxford)
"Etiologies of Monotheism and their Significance in the Hebrew Bible"
- 12 noon Professor Francesca Stavrakopoulou (Exeter)
"The Troublesome Corpse"
- 1.00 pm Lunch
- 2.30 pm Dr Frances Reynolds (Oxford)
"Cuneiform Scholars in Hellenistic Babylon"
- 3.15 pm Dr Jennifer Dines (Cambridge)
"The Motif of Flight in Septuagint Amos"
- 4.00 pm Tea
- 4.30 pm Professor Martin Goodman (Oxford)
"Bible Interpretation in the First Century CE: the Significance of Philo, *De Migratione Abrahama* 89-93"
- 6.00 pm Reception sponsored by Bloomsbury Press
- 6.30 pm Dinner
- 8.15 pm "The *David* Fragments – After Bertolt Brecht"
Drs David Shepherd and Nicholas Johnston, (Dublin) (Guy's Campus: Greenwood Theatre)

WEDNESDAY 19th JULY

- 8.00 am Breakfast
- 9.15 am Professor Joan Taylor (London), Dr Dennis Mizzi (Malta) and Dr Marcello Fidanio (Lugano)
"Qumran Caves Dispersed Artefacts and Archives Project"
- 10.00 am Dr Jessica Keady (Helsinki)
"Masculinities and the Men of the Qumran Communities: Re-Evaluating the Ideals of Purification, Power and Performance in the Dead Sea Scrolls"
- 10.45 am Coffee
- 11.15 am Dr Andrew Mein (Cambridge)
"The Imprecatory Psalms at War"
- 12 noon Business Meeting (Members only)
- 1.00 pm Lunch
- 1.45 pm Outing to the National Gallery (Professor Ben Quash and Dr Jennifer Sliwka, London)
- 4.00 pm President's Tea (National Gallery)
- 5.30 pm The Jordanian Lead Books – Panel discussion" Dr James Aitken (Cambridge), Dr Margaret Barker (Borrowash), Professor Bernhard Lang (Paderborn), and Professor Alan Millard (Liverpool)
- 6.15 pm Reception
- 6.45 pm Dinner
- 8.15 pm Professor John Barton (Oxford)
"Some Thoughts on Biblical Translation"

THURSDAY 20th July

- 8.00 am Breakfast and depart

Financial support for carers to enable members to attend meetings is available on a trial basis. The grant is limited but may be put toward the cost of employing a carer or toward additional expenses incurred in a partner's attendance. Applications must be received by **2nd May 2017**. For more information or to make an application, contact the *Secretary* (shepherd@tcd.ie).

All bookings must be received by Tuesday 13th June 2017; no bookings can be accepted after that date. Bookings can be made by email to sotshospitality@gmail.com with cheques to follow by post or payment made by electronic bank transfer (see booking form). Please note that in making a booking, members render themselves liable for payment of the full cost of that booking, a liability that will be waived only in the light of extenuating circumstances and only when the final conference accounts permit a refund. You may wish to consider taking out insurance on your booking (or check that your annual travel insurance is applicable) to cover the possibility of you having to cancel your booking. You are advised to make a copy of your completed Booking Form for your own records.

General correspondence concerning the affairs of the Society should be sent to the *Secretary*, Dr David Shepherd, School of Religions, Peace Studies and Theology, Trinity College Dublin, 33 College Green, Dublin 2, Ireland (shepherd@tcd.ie). **Proposals for new members must reach him by 2nd May 2017**. Changes of address notification should be sent to the *Membership Secretary*, Dr Janet Tollington, 118 Balland Fields, Willingham, Cambridge CB24 5JU (jet40@cam.ac.uk).

ADVANCE NOTICE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

and Call for Papers

Winter Meeting, 2nd – 4th January 2018, Jubilee Campus (tbc), Nottingham

Summer Meeting, 16th – 19th July 2018, St John's College, Durham

Members wishing to read a paper or conduct a workshop or other session at a forthcoming Meeting should write to the *Secretary* (shepherd@tcd.ie), giving a title and brief summary of the proposed paper or session, by the end of June (for the Meeting the following summer) or the end of November (for the Meeting the following Winter). The Programme Sub-Committee will respond to all proposals received. For academic papers, offers of shorter presentations (25 minutes) are particularly welcome, but longer presentations (50 minutes) may also be proposed.

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ONE HUNDREDTH YEAR

NINETY-EIGHTH

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Members wishing to attend the Meeting should send the enclosed Booking Form to the *Hospitality Secretary*, Dr James Patrick, Mansfield College, Mansfield Road, Oxford OX1 3TF (sotshospitality@gmail.com) so as to arrive by **2nd May 2017 to avail of the discounted price** (please see form for details – **reservation by email is acceptable**) or at the latest by **13th June 2017**.

MEETING DETAILS

The venue for the Meeting is the Franklin Wilkins Building, Stamford Street, London, SE1 9NH (accommodation opposite), and the contact telephone number is (+44) 02078 365454. Please refer to the enclosed maps for information on how to get to the Waterloo Campus. There are two public car parks relatively nearby, but otherwise only drop off and pick up behind the venue. Driving in London is typically fraught and the venue is within the Congestion Charge zone, so please use public transport if at all possible. The charges for hospitality are shown on the enclosed Booking Form. Members are requested to pay their accounts in full when returning the form but, if necessary, a non-returnable booking fee of £35 will be accepted and the balance will be payable on arrival at the Meeting.

There is a subsidized price for those on low incomes or from economically disadvantaged countries. Applications for a further conference grant to assist in meeting the costs of attending the Meeting must reach the *Secretary*, Dr David Shepherd (shepherd@tcd.ie) by 2nd May. Application forms for grants are available on the SOTS website, <www.sots1917.org>.