



CANADIAN SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL STUDIES
SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DES ÉTUDES BIBLIQUES

Fall Notice for the 2021 Annual Meeting and Programme

Our next annual meeting is set for *Monday May 31 – June 1, 2021*. This shortened meeting will be held entirely virtually and will be hosted independently of the Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities. If you have paid your 2021 membership fees or have submitted a paid application to become a new member, you are eligible to present your research and to attend the annual meeting. You will find information on the “Programme Proposals” sheet in this mailing (note the **Wednesday January 13, 2021** deadline for the General Programme). To renew membership online, please access the CSBS website (<https://csbs-sceb.ca/register/>).

Student Affairs and Involvement

CSBS greatly values student involvement. Students may submit proposals to read papers in either special or general sessions, and they are encouraged to enter the student essay competition. First-time student presenters are welcome, and are required to submit a letter of endorsement from a professor with their submission of a paper proposal to any general or special session. Look for the Student Session in the programme. If you have any questions, please contact the Student Liaison Officer, Morgyn Babins (morgyn.babins@mail.utoronto.ca).

Please consider a donation this year to the Dietmar Neufeld Student Travel Fund (<https://csbs-sceb.ca/donate/>). Your support can help offset the (often high) travel costs for student members who will present papers or prepared responses at future in-person meetings. Many of us have benefited from travel support in the past, so if you are able, please do consider even a modest donation to the Travel Fund this year.

Prizes

Nomination to any of the CSBS prizes is open to all members with an active membership. Nominations may be submitted through the member portal of the CSBS website. If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact Treasurer & Membership Secretary, Laura Hare (laura.hare@utoronto.ca). For questions about login credentials, contact Communications Officer, Andrew Perrin (aperrin@athabascau.ca).

For all items related to the eligibility and evaluation criteria of awards and prizes, please see: <https://csbs-sceb.ca>. Unless otherwise noted, the deadline for all prizes is December 31, 2020.

Two [student essay prizes](#) are offered each year (based on the quality of submissions). These include the Founders Prize (Hebrew Bible and cognate disciplines) and the Jeremias Prize (New Testament studies and cognate disciplines). The 2020 Jeremias Prize went to Rebecca Runneson Sanfridson, “Centurions in the Jesus Movement? The Diffusion of the Christ Cult into Roman Military Networks” and the Founders Prize went to Julie Dykes, “The Genre and Metaphorical Layers of the Song of the Vineyard (Isa 5:1-7).” Students, please consider submitting your best piece of writing suitable for oral delivery. Faculty, share this announcement with supervisees and encourage senior graduate students to enter the competition. Students may submit a paper simultaneously to the essay competition AND to the general programme. This ensures that the paper will be considered for the latter even if it is not awarded a prize. **Please ensure that your online submission is made in PDF form.**

We are also announcing a call for nominations for the tandem CSBS Book Awards. This includes the [Francis W. Beare Book Award](#), recognizing an outstanding book in the areas of Christian Origins, Post-Biblical Judaism and/or Graeco-Roman Religions written by a member of the CSBS and published in the current and previous two years (currently those with a copyright date of 2018, 2019, or 2020). We are also accepting nominations for this year’s [R. B. Y. Scott Book Award](#), recognizing an outstanding book in the areas of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and/or Ancient Near Eastern Studies written by a member of the CSBS and published in the current and previous two years (currently those with a copyright date of 2018, 2019, or 2020).

Due disruptions to the 2020 Annual Meeting caused by COVID-19, the results of the 2020 competition will be announced at the 2021 Annual Meeting. Those books that were nominated for the 2020 competition but were unable to be considered due to shipping disruptions will automatically be considered in the 2021 competition. Both re-nominations and self-nominations are accepted. **However, at the request of the awards committee, please nominate books that (i) make academic contributions to their fields of study and (ii) are recognized for their exceptional research insight or implications.**

At this time we are also accepting nominations for the [Norman E. Wagner Technology Award](#), for the best use of technology relating to biblical scholarship, which may include teaching. The award has gone unawarded since 2015 but we welcome contributions that demonstrate innovation in technologically informed research and teaching.

CSBS Executive is also sharing information about the [Sir Robert Falconer Award](#). The Falconer Award is named after the founding President of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies. Its purpose is to assist Society members’ research, by providing \$1500.00 to support a limited period of time at a study centre, library, museum, or archaeological excavation appropriate to biblical studies and relevant to their research. Due to travel restrictions cause by COVID-19, the prize was unawarded in 2020. Given uncertainties around travel in the near future, the CSBS Executive will determine the feasibility of this award in the 2021 year and communicate accordingly. **The deadline for this prize is currently set as May 15, 2020.**

The Executive

The CSBS Executive this year is composed of seven members: J. Richard Middleton (President), Colleen Shantz (Vice-President), Mark Leuchter (Executive Secretary), Laura Hare (Treasurer & Membership), Andrew Perrin (Communications Officer), Agnes Choi (Programme Coordinator), and Morgyn Babins (Student Liaison Officer).

Fundraising

The CSBS continues to depend on regular donations from its members to sustain the health of the society. This is more important than ever, since SSHRC funding to support student travel was withdrawn in 2012. Hence, your donations to the CSBS's Dietmar Neufeld Student Travel Fund, matter now more than ever. Please consider a donation via the link on our CSBS web page (<https://csbs-sceb.ca/donate/>). On this page, donations to support our other worthy funds (such as prize monies for our Book Awards) are also welcome; please see the tab 'make a donation to the CSBS' and specify how you would like your donation directed. In light of this, at some point in the next few months you may receive a letter from our President encouraging you to donate **to our special funds earmarked for prizes, special lectures, publications, and travel needs for those students whose institutions cannot support them.** *Please do consider the request seriously.* The society is in adequate financial shape in terms of its ability to meet general costs, thanks to the efforts of many of its members over the years, and also thanks to previous society Treasurers and the Endowment Committee, chaired by Bob Derrenbacker (other members include Wayne McCreedy and Richard Ascough, in addition to the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer & Membership Secretary). An increase in travel and operational costs, however, in combination with a tightening of the purse strings at SSHRC, means that **member support is more important than ever.** Your help would be very much appreciated.

Electronic Communication

Our communications with the CSBS membership take place primarily via email newsletters. If you have contact information changes, please make these revisions in the member login areas of the CSBS website. For matters related to Society communications or newsletter submissions, please contact Communications Officer, Andrew Perrin (aperrin@athabascau.ca). CSBS also shares news and resources on social media through [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#).

Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences

The CSBS is a contributing member of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (www.fedcan.ca). The CFHSS continues to lobby the federal government to increase the research budget for the humanities and the social sciences. The Federation will hold its Annual Board of Directors Meeting and its General Meeting in Ottawa in November and our society may send a representative to the meeting.

Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion

The CSBS continues to have an important voice in the Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion. The current President of the CCSR is Mathieu Boisvert, Université du Québec à Montréal. The CSBS Executive Secretary is our society's representative to the corporation. The

CCSR continues to oversee the publication of *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* through Sage Publishing, and scholarly books through McGill-Queen's University Press. The book publication programme includes the book series *Studies in Christianity and Judaism*, edited by Terry Donaldson, and *Advancing Studies in Religion*, edited by Christine Mitchell. Terry (terry.donaldson@utoronto.ca) and Christine (christine.mitchell@usask.ca) welcome manuscript proposals from CSBS members. Detailed descriptions of the series can be found at www.mqup.ca/our-series-pages-178.php#religion. Submissions to the journal *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* can be made through the Sage submission system at mc.manuscriptcentral.com/sir.

Call for Papers – General Programme

PAPER PROPOSALS

Annual Meeting 2021: May 31 – June 1, 2021

In response to feedback from the CSBS membership expressing concerns about “Zoom fatigue,” the programme for this virtual Annual Meeting will be shortened to two half-days. This smaller programme will include time for our membership meeting, as well as for a limited number of paper presentations.

To submit a paper proposal to the CSBS General Programme, please log in to the member area of the [CSBS website](#). Once there, click on the “Paper Submission” tab on the right to provide contact details, institutional affiliation, the title of your paper, and your abstract (approx. 100 words).

Proposals for the General Programme are due **no later than Wednesday January 13, 2021**. The programme is developed in late January and approved by the Executive in February; thus, proposals that are not submitted on time likely cannot be accommodated within the schedule.

If you are unable to participate on a specific day of the week for religious, professional, or personal reasons, please include this information when submitting your proposal. Every effort will be made to accommodate such requests, but please be advised that complex scheduling requirements may not make this possible.

Up-to-date membership in the CSBS is a prerequisite for participation in the Society's Annual Meeting; therefore, paper proposals will only be accepted from those who have paid their 2021 membership dues (note: <https://csbs-sceb.ca/register/> to renew online) or have submitted a paid application as a new member. Papers in English or French are invited for presentation in the form of short communications followed by discussion (time for presentation and discussion is usually 30 minutes). Please try to renew your membership for 2021 as soon as possible, since the society's journal publisher (Sage) needs to prepare subscriptions for *Studies in Religion* by January 1.

Please note that only active CSBS members are able to log in and submit papers. If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact Treasurer & Membership Secretary, Laura Hare (laura.hare@utoronto.ca). For questions about login credentials, contact Communications Officer, Andrew Perrin (aperrin@athabascau.ca). For questions concerning the programme, please contact Programme Co-ordinator, Agnes Choi (choiaa@plu.edu).
