

# THE CANADIAN SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL STUDIES LA SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DES ÉTUDES BIBLIQUES

## Fall Notice for the 2022 Annual Meeting and Programme

Our next annual meeting is set for Monday May 30 – June 1, 2022. This meeting will be held virtually and will be hosted independently of the Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities. If you have paid your 2022 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 in the “Programme Proposals” section in this mailing (note the **Wednesday January 12, 2022** deadline for the General Programme). To renew membership online, please access the CSBS website (<https://csbs-sceb.ca/register/>).

## Call for Papers – Seminars

### *“Emotion and Affect in Mediterranean Antiquity” – Putting the “Theory” in Affect*

In 2022, the Emotion and Affect in Mediterranean Antiquity Seminar will attend to matters of theory. (Ensuing topics are “historicizing emotions” [2023] and “efficacies of feeling” [2024].) In each year of this seminar, we also welcome proposals on emotion or affect that fall outside of the targeted focus.

Sessions this year will focus on theory – whether critical affect theory (Massumi, Deleuze, Ahmed, Berlant, Sedgwick), evolutionary theory (e.g. Panskeep, de Waal), or some other explicit explanatory approach. Each paper will discuss how the approach might assist identifying change, consolidation, or interruption of social or personal dynamics through feeling; papers might also try to capture one dimension of how theorizing affect has itself changed over the last 10-15 years, especially with regard to the study of ancient literature and social phenomena, or how the advent of affect/emotion has (or hasn't) changed the study of antiquity over this time. In your proposal, please indicate the theory you'll engage.

Please send proposals of up to 500 words to Colleen Shantz ([c.shantz@utoronto.ca](mailto:c.shantz@utoronto.ca)). Deadline for proposals is **Sunday January 9, 2022**.

Accepted papers should be submitted by April 30 so they can be precirculated in order to facilitate discussion.

## Call for Papers – Special Sessions

### *Gender & Sex in the Bible and the Ancient World*

We invite papers that explore and interrogate the ways in which gender and sex(uality) are constructed and negotiated in biblical texts (HB and NT) and in their larger social, political,

religious, and cultural contexts. Topics can be broad and/or comparative, or more narrowly focused on a single text or set of texts.

Please send proposals (up to 100 words) by **Friday December 24, 2021** to Shawna Dolansky ([shawna.dolansky@carleton.ca](mailto:shawna.dolansky@carleton.ca)) and Hanna Tervanotko ([tervanoh@mcmaster.ca](mailto:tervanoh@mcmaster.ca)).

### **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. If you have any questions, please contact the student liaison officer, Morgyn Babins ([morgyn.babins@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:morgyn.babins@mail.utoronto.ca)).

Please consider a donation this year to the Dietmar Neufeld Student Travel Fund, the link for which (<https://csbs-sceb.ca/donate/>) is found on the renewals page of our website. Your support can help offset the (often high) travel costs for student members who will present papers or prepared responses at future in-person events. 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](mailto:laura.hare@utoronto.ca)). For questions about login credentials, contact Communications Officer, Matthew Thiessen ([matthew.thiessen@mcmaster.ca](mailto:matthew.thiessen@mcmaster.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, 2021.**

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 Jeremias Prize (New Testament studies and cognate disciplines). 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 2019, 2020, or 2021). 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 2019, 2020, or 2021).

**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. Prior to 2021, the award had gone unawarded since 2015 but we welcome contributions that demonstrate innovation in technologically informed research and teaching.

The CSBS Executive is also sharing information on 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. Given uncertainties around travel in the near future, the CSBS Executive will determine the feasibility of this award in the 2022 year and communicate accordingly. **The deadline for this prize is currently set as May 15, 2022.**

### **The Executive**

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

Nominations are invited for the following positions:

- Vice-President
- Programme Co-ordinator
- Student Liaison Officer

Self-nominations are accepted. Please send your recommendations by **Monday January 31, 2022** to the current Vice-President, Judith Newman ([judith.newman@utoronto.ca](mailto:judith.newman@utoronto.ca)).

### **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 McCready 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, Matthew Thiessen ([matthew.thiessen@mcmaster.ca](mailto:matthew.thiessen@mcmaster.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](http://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 Richard Ascough, and *Advancing Studies in Religion*, edited by Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme. Richard ([rsa@queensu.ca](mailto:rsa@queensu.ca)) and Sarah ([sarah.wilkins-laflamme@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:sarah.wilkins-laflamme@uwaterloo.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](http://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](http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/sir).

## Call for Papers – General Programme

### *PAPER PROPOSALS*

<b>Annual Meeting 2022: May 30 – June 1, 2022</b>
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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 12, 2022**. 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 2022 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 2022 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](mailto:laura.hare@utoronto.ca)). For questions about login credentials, contact Communications Officer, Matthew Thiessen ([matthew.thiessen@mcmaster.ca](mailto:matthew.thiessen@mcmaster.ca)). For questions concerning the programme, please contact Programme Co-ordinator, Agnes Choi ([choiaa@plu.edu](mailto:choiaa@plu.edu)).