
SOLI DEO GLORIA

Call for Papers

We want student writers! Though the primary purpose of *Soli Deo Gloria* is communication of departmental news and events, we have always placed a high priority on featuring student authors. Over the years this newsletter has published articles, paper summaries, and reviews written by our very own students, and we would like to continue with that tradition. We are open to any ideas, but would like to put a call out specifically for the following articles:

- Review of The Bible Project at YouTube.
- Christian Music Review, any genre. In the past we have had student reviews of Lecrae's *Church Clothes 3* and Jeremy Needham's "The Story."
- Review of books or other resources. Have you found a particular resource to be helpful for a project or paper? Tell us about it and about how it helped you.

The ideal article length is between 300 and 1,000 words. For more information, contact tespinoza@sagu.edu.

SBL Annual Meeting - San Antonio November 19-22, 2016.

The Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) is an international organization, founded in 1880 to foster biblical scholarship from a variety of academic disciplines. This non-denominational, academic organization publishes journals and books and other resources, including the quarterly *Journal of Biblical Literature*, the style-guide *SBL Handbook of Style*, the *HarperCollins Bible Dictionary*, and *BibleOdyssey.com*.

SBL also jointly hosts an annual meeting with the *American Academy of Religion*. The 2015 SBL/AAR meeting was attended by over 10,000 members and exhibitors. Texas was the fourth most-represented state (465) at that convention in Atlanta, Georgia, and was just barely edged out by Massachusetts (476) and New York (483). Graduate students made up 18% of the attendees at the convention, with Undergraduates following way behind at just 0.6%.

Attending SBL/AAR presents an opportunity for you to stand out among your peers when you apply to graduate schools. Seminaries and graduate schools take special note of undergraduates who are SBL members, and especially those whom they have already met at a convention. Membership is only \$10 if your annual income is less than \$9,999; otherwise, it is \$35 to be a student member. Registration for the meeting itself will cost \$205, but will be well worth the edge it gives your application to graduate schools. It is also well worth the exposure you will get to the larger world of biblical and theological studies. Plenary sessions are ongoing throughout the convention, and there is a massive book sale floor with deep discounts and plenty of opportunities for networking. (For future SBL annual meetings, if you register before May the cost would be about \$85.)

Drs. Starner and Espinoza will be going to SBL in San Antonio this November and would love to have you join them. They will hold a meeting at SAGU in late October to prepare you for SBL and to help plan out the best experience for you. They'll also be glad to be your guide at the convention itself. This meeting won't be in San Antonio again until 2021, so don't miss it. See www.sbl-site.org for more information.

ETS Annual Meeting - San Antonio November 15-17

The Evangelical Theological Society (ETS) was founded in 1949 to support scholars, teachers, pastors, students, and others in theological thought and research. ETS publishes the quarterly, peer-reviewed *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*. The annual ETS meeting is a more intimate affair, with just over 2,800 attending its 2015 meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. It was at this meeting last year that Drs. Rosdahl, Starner, and Espinoza got to listen to and meet Trip Lee and The Ambassador, hear Craig Keener respond to reviewers of his multi-volume Acts commentary, listen to D. A. Carson and others present the new NIV Study Bible, and mingle with countless other colleagues and old friends.

Join Dr. Rosdahl at the 2016 ETS meeting in San Antonio the week before SBL, from November 15-17. The program theme is "The Trinity," and Dr. Daniel B. Wallace will be giving the presidential address. There will also be ongoing sessions, a large book sale, and opportunities to network with prominent evangelical scholars and institutions. Student membership is \$15, and registration for the meeting is \$50 (\$20 if registered before May). See www.etsjets.org for more information.

NT Wright at SMU

N.T. Wright, one of the world's premier New Testament scholars and retired Bishop of Durham, will be at SMU in Fort Worth from November 15-17. The Perkins School of Theology at SMU is sponsoring *Simply Wright*, a three-day program of lectures, workshops, and discussions with N.T. Wright. The program includes three evening lectures that are free to the public, though registration is required. To register, or for more information, visit www.smu.edu/perkins/events/ntwright.

John J. Collins at Houston Baptist

John J. Collins, one of the world's premier scholars of Apocalyptic Literature, will be at Houston Baptist University on Thursday, October 13, at 7:30 pm in Belin Chapel. Dr. Collins will be giving a free lecture, open to the public, entitled "Outside the Canon. The Literature of Second Temple Judaism, and Why It Matters: The Apocalyptic Genre." For more information, contact Jason Maston at JMaston@hbu.edu

Historic Trips to Germany and to Italy

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the Wittenberg church door. Join Dr. Rosdahl and Rev. Jerry Weiss from May 20-28, 2017, as they tour Wittenberg and other historic locations throughout Germany. Contact brosdahl@sagu.edu for more information.

You could also tour Italy this summer with President Kermit Bridges and Dr. Larry Hester for the 2017 SAGU Italy experience. Spend ten days touring Rome, Florence, Assisi, Pisa, Venice, and other locations throughout Italy. Email lhester@sagu.edu for more information.

Harrison Graduate School

Our very own Harrison School of Graduate Studies offers both master's and doctoral degrees in a variety of

disciplines. Continue your educational journey with some of your favorite professors as well as with some you have not yet met. For more information go to www.sagu.edu/harrison, or visit the Harrison School of Graduate Studies in the west wing of Nelson Memorial Library.

Turabian help

Do you find Turabian to be confusing? Would you like a department-specific style guide to help format your research papers? Our *Departmental Guideline for Research Papers* is posted in the *Resources* link at www.sagu.edu/BibTheo. The *Guideline* gives details that standard Turabian guides lack, and will tell you exactly how to format your papers for our department.

Spring Courses

The following spring courses are offered once every two years. As you think about your spring schedule, consider the following courses:

- Book of Acts
- Biblical Language and Tools
- Corinthian Correspondence
- Historical Books
- Prison Epistles
- Reformation Theology

Senior Papers

Some of your colleagues are writing Senior Papers this year. Be sure to encourage Sarah Bennett, Abigail Davis, Breana Hawthorne, and Bryan Webb as they brave the rigors of academic excellence in composing and completing their major projects. Also look for summaries of their papers in a future edition of *Soli Deo Gloria*.

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