



# Evangelical Theological Society

The Annual Newsletter

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## Annual Meeting Proposals

The proposal submission period for the 2011 Annual Meeting is ongoing. Proposals for program unit, theme, and general open sessions may be submitted online until March 31. (The proposal period will end 3/31 at 11:30 pm Eastern). For more information visit [www.etsjets.org](http://www.etsjets.org).

## From the Director

### One Question

Undoubtedly, the most frequent question I've gotten over the last few months is "how many people attended the meeting in Atlanta?" Nearly four months have gone by and members are still talking about Atlanta. From the record-breaking attendance numbers to the engaging plenary sessions, the 2010 meeting continues to be a topic of conversation. To answer the question for everyone, here's the breakdown on the 2010 Annual Meeting attendance.

2460 total registrations
2209 registrants
251 spouses
222 exhibitors
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2682 - total attendance

This was a 43% increase over 2009 and is the single highest attendance for any annual meeting. We had 575 scheduled presentations in 155 parallel sessions. With attendees from across the globe, the 2010 meeting was a prime example of ETS at its best—engaging, penetrating, irenic scholarship on Scripture, theology, and the church. Many thanks are due to Dr. Clinton Arnold, our 2010 program chair for his excellent work.

### Key Membership Change

The most significant change in 2010 was the move from calendar to rolling-year

memberships. Now regardless of when you renew, your membership is valid for a full year. The website has been updated to accommodate this change and to make renewing even easier. As soon as you login, you can see your membership status and your expiration date in the *Account Status* box on the right side of the homepage. You can renew online up to three months ahead of your expiration. The system automatically shows you the renewal link as soon as you are eligible to renew.

*If you haven't logged into the site recently, let me encourage you to do so soon. More than ever, the site is a key tool for Society members.*

### Member Publications & Job Candidates

There are two sections of the *Newsletter* that are missing this year—*Member Publications* and *Members Seeking Employment*. Both of these features have been updated, expanded, and moved to our website. Members can now post their new publications online. In addition, with the online listing you can view member publications by subject. For more information visit: [www.etsjets.org/publications/member\\_publications](http://www.etsjets.org/publications/member_publications).

Career services is a key focus for us this year. Recent changes to the website allow institutions to post job opportunities and members to post their candidate information. The most recent job postings are featured prominently on the homepage. For more information, to post an opportunity, or to

submit your candidate information, please visit: [www.etsjets.org/employment/overview](http://www.etsjets.org/employment/overview). This fall we'll expand this service even further by offering interview space at the annual meeting. Stay tuned to the website for more details.

### Coming in May: The ETS Annual Report

For many years we've released the various business reports and the memorials in the March issue of *JETS* and in the *Newsletter*. This year we'll be transitioning all of the reports (annual financial statement, *JETS* report, membership report, regional meeting reports, and annual meeting report) and the memorials into one combined communication, *The ETS Annual Report*. Emailed to members and posted on the website, this new publication will bring together all of our key "family communications" into one place.

As we approach the Easter season, I pray that we will sense anew the love of God poured out on the cross.

Blessings in Christ,



## Call for Papers

Eleutheria, the graduate student journal of Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary is now accepting papers for review from any graduate student studying in the areas of Theology and Philosophy, Scripture and Interpretation, and Church and Mission. Papers will be considered from any of the above areas. For more information on previous issues, how to submit, the areas of specialization, the review process, being a reviewer, submission guidelines, journal leadership, etc., please go to the Eleutheria website (<http://digitalcommons.liberty.edu/eleu/>).

The mission of Eleutheria is “to glorify God through the publication of excellent graduate student scholarship from an evangelical perspective in the areas of Theology and Philosophy, Scripture and Interpretation, and Church and Mission.” The journal is entirely led, edited, and peer-reviewed by graduate students and overseen by a Faculty Advisory Board. The journal is hosted by Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary but graduate students from any seminary or graduate school is invited to participate and submit manuscripts.

To submit a paper, follow the “[Submit Article](#)” link on the website. Decisions on papers will be reached within four months of submission. For more information on Eleutheria, please contact Joshua C. Stone, Managing Editor ([jstone@liberty.edu](mailto:jstone@liberty.edu)).

## Wheaton Theology Conference

April 7-9, 2011

*The 20th Annual Wheaton Theology Conference Global Theology in Evangelical Perspective*

The 2011 Wheaton Theology Conference explores the past, present and future shape of biblical interpretation and theological engagement in the Majority World. Leading scholars from around the world will interact with the key theological issues being discussed in their regions. In addition, the conference features theological voices from minority communities in North America who also address many of the issues central in Majority World theology.

### Keynote Speakers

Samuel Escobar  
Lamin Sanneh  
Andrew Walls

**For registration information,  
please visit:**

[www.wheaton.edu/theology/  
theo\\_conf/registration.html](http://www.wheaton.edu/theology/theo_conf/registration.html)

Advance rates and group discounts  
are available.

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### Additional Speakers

Martin Accad  
Vincent Bacote  
Ken Gnanakan  
Gene Green  
Jeffrey Greenman  
James Kombo  
Mark Labberton  
Terry LeBlanc  
Ruth Padilla DeBorst  
Samuel Solivan  
K.K. Yeo  
Amos Yong

## Theological Engagement with California's Culture

The Theological Engagement with California's Culture (TECC) Project seeks high quality paper proposals from ETS members for a proposed session at the November 2011 meeting in San Francisco. Papers for the TECC Project session should be delivered in a maximum of 30 minutes, followed by 10 minutes for discussion, and may engage any issue within California's historical or contemporary cultural setting from a theological standpoint.

The deadline for receipt of proposals is March 15, 2011. To submit a paper proposal, please email an attached proposal to [proposals@teccproject.com](mailto:proposals@teccproject.com) with the following details: (1) Institution; (2) Name; (3) Title; (4) Brief abstract; (5) Any audiovisual equipment needs. For more information please visit [www.teccproject.com](http://www.teccproject.com).



## Biola University's Center for Christian Thought Fellowship Announcement

### Fellowship Description

Biola University's Center for Christian Thought (CCT) will grant as many as eight one-semester Research Fellowships: four "external" fellowships (for scholars from institutions other than Biola University), three "internal" fellowships (for Biola University faculty), and potentially an additional post-doctoral fellowship. These Fellows will comprise an interdisciplinary group focused on the theme **Christian Scholarship in the 21st Century: Prospects and Perils**. Questions to be addressed include: What is Christian scholarship? Why is it important? What are its proper aims and methods? What challenges does it face? Whom does it serve and how? How does Christian scholarship contribute to a life of obedience to Jesus' love commands? Need it so contribute? Should Christian scholarship aim to influence culture? If so, how?

CCT Fellows will be in residence at Biola University from January 29, 2012 to May 19, 2012. Fellows will participate in a two-week seminar at the start of the term led by visiting scholars Nicholas Wolterstorff and Alvin Plantinga, who will then return at the end of the term to interact with the Fellows' research in a two-day conference. For the remainder of the term, Fellows will meet weekly for round-table discussions of their research projects related to the theme. Each Fellow will have the opportunity to collaborate with CCT staff to communicate their research to both academic and non-academic audiences. Occasionally, the Fellows may be called upon to comment on the theme or related issues for various media outlets. There are no teaching or other requirements connected to the Fellowships. For more information, see: <http://cct.biola.edu>.

### Application Instructions:

Applicants are asked to submit the following by May 15, 2011:

- Curriculum vitae
- Name and contact information of three references familiar with the applicants scholarly work
- A research proposal of no more than 1200 words describing the applicant's proposed project. Applicants should begin their proposal with a 150-word abstract summarizing their research. The body of the proposal should clearly state the connection of the research to the Center's theme, the significance of the research, the distinctive character of the argument advanced, and the methodology employed.

Completed applications should be submitted electronically to the CCT Director, Gregg TenElshof, at [gregg.tenelshof@biola.edu](mailto:gregg.tenelshof@biola.edu).

### Fellowship Eligibility

Applicants must have a Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree.

### Fellowship Benefits

External Research Fellows will receive a \$25,000 stipend, office space, and a research assistant. The Post-Doctoral Fellow will receive a \$13,000 stipend, office space, and a research assistant. Funds will also be available to offset relocation expenses. Internal Research Fellows will each receive a course reduction of their teaching load and a research assistant.

### Timetable

May 15, 2011 — Deadline for completed applications

June 15, 2011 — Awards announced

January 29, 2012 — Program start date

## The Bible from the Ground Up: An Introduction

Oxford University Press has under consideration a new textbook by **Ben Witherington, III** and **Sandra Richter**, tentatively titled *The Bible from the Ground Up: An Introduction*. This introductory text covers the archaeological, historical, cultural, social, literary, narratological, and ethical contexts of the Old and New Testaments, while also discussing theological elements that many traditional textbooks don't include.

**If you teach an Introduction to the Bible course at your institution**, we would appreciate if you took the time to review the Prospectus and Draft introduction/foreword. We would be glad to receive your comments on the quality and usefulness of the proposed text. To view the Prospectus and Introduction, please visit: [www.etsjets.org/files/documents/OUP\\_Review.pdf](http://www.etsjets.org/files/documents/OUP_Review.pdf).

## The Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care: Call for Papers

The *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* is a peer-reviewed journal published twice yearly with the purpose of advancing the discussion of the theory and practice of Christian formation and soul care.

We are currently calling for contributions to a special issue on "Formative Reading of Scripture" for our Spring 2012 issue. Acceptable submissions are of original research and writing from theologians, biblical scholars, historians, philosophers, psychologists, and other scholars and Christian leaders who desire to interact with the topic. For general guidelines for submission and a complete description of the special issue theme visit [www.biola.edu/sfj](http://www.biola.edu/sfj).

The submission deadline is August 1, 2011.

Submissions will be subject to a blind review process. The special issue will be published in spring of 2012. Include a 100–200 word abstract. Electronic submissions are preferred. Address all submissions to the special issue guest editors.

Special issue editors:

Tom Schwanda and Jim Wilhoit

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## Opportunities at LCC International University

LCC International University is a fully accredited liberal arts university located in the port city of Klaipeda, Lithuania. All instruction is in English and our students come from over 20 countries for an education from an uncompromising Christian worldview.

We need faculty and staff members who will help us build and develop our programs for the future in this huge, post-Soviet region, extending from the Baltics to the Urals, down to the Black Sea and into Central Asia.

The university currently has four majors: Business, English, Psychology, and Theology. We also offer minors in Sociology, Conflict Studies, and Lithuanian Studies. In additions to these areas, we seek faculty in a variety of other academic disciplines for our core curriculum.

Not only do we have long-term teaching positions available, but we also have semester and year-long sabbatical options as well.

Please consider how your expertise might contribute to the international academic environment and programs of LCC International University. We look forward to hearing from you. Find out more and inquire by visiting: [www.lcc.lt/recruitment](http://www.lcc.lt/recruitment).





## Northeast Region

April 9, 2011

### *A Theology of Disability & Suffering*

The Northeast Region will hold its annual meeting at Bethel Seminary of the East in Auburn, Massachusetts on Saturday April 9, 2011. A staff member from *Joni and Friends* will be the keynote speaker.

For meeting details and registration information, please visit: [www.etsjets.org/region/Northeast\\_Overview](http://www.etsjets.org/region/Northeast_Overview).



## Southeastern Region

March 25-26, 2011

### *Theological Dialogue within the Evangelical Community*

The Southeastern region's annual meeting will be held Friday and Saturday, March 25-26, 2011. Hosted by Luther Rice Seminary, the event will be held at the First Baptist Church of Conyers in Conyers, GA.

The plenary speaker is Dr. Milliard Erickson. Dr. Erickson received his Ph.D. in systematic theology from Northwestern University, an MA in philosophy from the University of Chicago, a B.D. from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a B.A. from the University of Minnesota.

Over the span of his long career in academics, Dr. Erickson taught at Wheaton College, Bethel Seminary (where he was dean the last eight years he was there), Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Western Seminary (Portland and San Jose), and Truett Seminary of Baylor University. Dr. Erickson is currently professor of theology at the Kairos Institute in Trinidad. He has also been visiting instructor in a number of places such as Sao Paulo, Guatemala City, and Budapest. In addition to his teaching duties, Dr. Erickson accepted full-time pastorates in Chicago and Minneapolis, and served in the capacity of interim pastor for 52 churches. He has written over 30 books of which his systematic theology, *Christian Theology*, is now entering its third edition.

#### **Friday Afternoon Topic:**

The Present State of Evangelical Theology

#### **Friday Night Banquet Topic:**

Guidelines for Conducting Theological Dialogue

#### **Saturday Morning Topic:**

Goals for Strengthening Theological Evangelical Scholarship

For meeting details and registration information, please visit [www.etsjets.org/region/Southeast\\_Overview](http://www.etsjets.org/region/Southeast_Overview)



## Eastern Region

March 4, 2011

### *What's So Truthful about Christianity?*

The Eastern Region annual meeting was held on Friday, March 4, 2011, at Philadelphia Biblical University in Langhorne, PA..

The keynote speaker was Dinesh D'Souza, the newly appointed president of King's College in New York City. Dr. D'Souza served in the Reagan White House, and was a fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. The *New York Times Magazine* named him one of America's most influential conservative thinkers. His bestseller *What's So Great About Christianity* has been favorably compared to the apologetic approach of C.S. Lewis.



## Midwest Region

March 25-26, 2011

### *Hearing Our Voices: The Canonical Value of 1, 2 Peter, Jude & James*

The 56th annual meeting of the ETS Midwest Region will be held March 25-26, 2011 (8 AM Friday through 1:00 PM Saturday), on the campus of Cincinnati Christian University.

The theme is: *Hearing Our Voices: The Canonical Value of 1, 2 Peter, Jude, and James.* Peter H. Davids, Professor of Biblical Theology, St. Stephens University, will give two lectures, one introducing the general topic and a second focusing on "Hearing 1 Peter." Gene L. Green Professor of New Testament, Wheaton College, will lecture on "Hearing 2 Peter" and "Hearing Jude." William R. Baker, Professor of New Testament, Cincinnati Christian University will lecture on "Hearing James."

The Midwest Philosophical Society Lecture will feature Richard Knopp, Professor of Philosophy and Christian Apologetics, Lincoln Christian University, who will lecture on "Philosophy of Science, Religious Truth Claims & Rational Commitment."

For meeting details and registration information, please visit: [www.etsjets.org/region/Midwest\\_overview](http://www.etsjets.org/region/Midwest_overview)



## Southwest Region

March 18-19, 2011

### *Evangelical Theological Method*

The Southwest region's annual meeting will be held March 18-19, 2011 at Dallas Theological Seminary. The plenary speaker will be Dr. Daniel Treier. Dr. Treier is Associate Professor of Theology at Wheaton College. He is author of *Introducing Theological Interpretation of Scripture* (Baker, 2008), co-editor of *Cambridge Companion to Evangelical Theology*, and editor or author of numerous books, articles, and essays. Dr. Treier will lead two plenary sessions and a panel discussion on evangelical theological method.

Registration has officially for the meeting of the Southwest Region. You may register online at [www.dts.edu/ets](http://www.dts.edu/ets), or download the registration page and mail your completed registration form with a check to Mr. Mark Howell, Dallas Theological Seminary, 3909 Swiss Ave., Dallas, TX 75204.

More detailed information on the program, registration, and lodging options is available on the Southwest webpage: [www.etsjets.org/region/Southwest\\_Overview](http://www.etsjets.org/region/Southwest_Overview).



## Northwest Region

February 26, 2011

### *The Search for the Historical Jesus: Two Views*

The annual spring meeting of the Northwest region was held Saturday, February 26, 2011 at Multnomah University.

Marcus Borg (fellow of the Jesus Seminar, retired Professor of religion and culture at Oregon State University, and now Canon-Theologian Trinity Cathedral) and Craig Blomberg (Distinguished Professor of New Testament, Denver Seminary) led the plenary session by presenting papers followed by a dialogue on the topic of "The Search for the Historical Jesus: Two Views."



## Far West Region

April 8, 2011

### *Confronting Neo-Paganism in the Culture and the Church*

The annual meeting of the Far West region will be held Friday April 8, 2011 at Westminster Seminary California. Dr. Peter Jones is the plenary speaker. Dr. Jones is founder and executive director of TruthXChange, and he is scholar in residence and adjunct professor at Westminster Seminary California. He was professor of New Testament in the Faculté de Théologie Réformée d'Aix-en-Provence, France, from 1974 to 1991, and then at Westminster Seminary California from 1991 to 2003. In

2003 he launched TruthXChange (aka Christian Witness to a Pagan Planet), an apologetics and equipping ministry that is seeking to become a global communication center that broadcasts a gospel-driven worldview in response to pagan spirituality, as well as recruiting, equipping, and mobilizing a network of fearless Christian leaders. Dr. Jones is the author of *The Gnostic Empire Strikes Back*, *Spirit Wars*, *Cracking DaVinci's Code*, *Capturing the Pagan Mind*, *Stolen Identity*, *The God of Sex*, *Gospel Truth Pagan Lies*, *One or Two*, and other works.

For meeting details and registration information, please visit

[www.etsjets.org/region/FarWest\\_Overview](http://www.etsjets.org/region/FarWest_Overview)