



**2025 ETS Northwest Region Annual Meeting**

Western Seminary

5511 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon

February 22, 2025

8:30–9:00	Registration, Fellowship, and Book Browsing	Chapel Lobby
9:00–9:15	Welcome and Opening Remarks (ETS NW President Dr. Chuck Conniry)	Chapel
9:15–10:15	Plenary Session #1 (Dr. Nijay Gupta) “Have We Missed the Center of Paul’s Theology? The Heart of the Gospel Hidden in Plain Sight”	Chapel
10:15–10:30	Break (light refreshments provided)	Chapel Lobby
10:30–11:15	Plenary Session #2 (Dr. Nijay Gupta) “Is ‘Love’ a Verb or an Emotion? Paul and Augustine in Conversation”	Chapel
11:15–11:30	Business Meeting (Dr. Chuck Conniry)	Chapel
11:30–1:00	Lunch (you’re free to make your own plan)	
1:00–1:50	Afternoon Paper Presentations #1	Bueermann Hall
2:00–2:50	Afternoon Paper Presentations #2	Bueermann Hall
3:00–3:50	Afternoon Paper Presentations #3	Bueermann Hall
All Day	Book Display (special thanks to B&H Academic, IVPress, Kregel Academic, and Zondervan Academic for their donations of books)	Chapel Lobby

**A note about the book display:** Our keynote speaker, officers, and presenters will have first choice of books, which they’ll claim by placing a bookmark with their name. No one should take a book until the end of the day. Each attendee who remains until 4:00 will then have an opportunity to select a book to take (as long as it doesn’t contain a bookmark). We will repeat this procedure until all the books are gone.

**Afternoon Paper Presentations (BH = Bueermann Hall)**

**Session #1 (1:00–1:50)**

BH 201	Richard M. Blaylock—“‘Through the Law, I Died to the Law’: The Law’s Testimony to Its Own Impermanence in Galatians 2:19”
BH 203	Michael L. Gurney—“The <i>Logos</i> Hypothesis: A Proposed Christian Epistemology”
BH 205	Sheri Lyn Richter—“Deliberate Dialogue: 1-2 Peter and Jude in the Catholic Epistle Sub-Collection”
BH 206	Noah Kampa—“Lessing’s ‘Ugly, Broad Ditch’ and the Authority of Scripture: How Christ Meets Us across the Chasm of History”

(See back page for paper presentation sessions #2 & #3)

## Afternoon Paper Presentations

### Session #2 (2:00–2:50)

BH 201	Daniel K. Eng—“The Asian American Contribution to Biblical Interpretation”
BH 203	Michael R. Freeman—“Translation and Interpretation of the Greatness of God and the Worthlessness of Idols in Isaiah 40-48”
BH 205	Richard Meehan—“James 4:5 Can’t Be a Rhetorical Question without μή, Can It?’ Questioning Greek Questions to Untangle an Exegetical Conundrum”
BH 206	Adrian Barailee—“Reconciling God’s Immutability to Human Experience of Change: A Theological Reflection on Leviticus 10”

### Session #3 (3:00–3:50)

BH 201	Jan Verbruggen—“Grave Matters: Rhetorical Devices Referring to Death in Scripture”
BH 203	Jason Johansen—“Spirit Baptism and the Complex-Conversion Event: A Model for Pentecostal and Non-Pentecostal Practice”
BH 205	Kyleigh Dunn—“Playing with Secret Fire: Generative Artificial Intelligence through the Eyes of J. R. R. Tolkien”
BH 206	Christopher L. Scott—“The Continuity and Discontinuity of the Israelite Creation Account Compared to Ancient Near Eastern Creation Myths”