

CALL FOR PAPERS: BRITISH NEW TESTAMENT CONFERENCE 2018

Dear colleagues,

The Call for Papers for this year's British New Testament Conference is now open. The conference will be taking place at St Mary's University, Twickenham (London), Thursday 6 to Saturday 8 September 2018.

The Call for Papers for each session is below. Proposals of not more than 300 words should be sent directly to the Seminar Chairs **by Friday 20 April 2018**. Please direct any enquiries about the call directly to the relevant seminar chairs and not to me.

Proposals for the Simultaneous Short Papers should be sent to me on steve.walton@cantab.net.

We very much look forward to seeing you in Twickenham in September.

Best wishes,

Steve

Professor Steve Walton
Secretary, British New Testament Society

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The Book of Acts

Sean Adams (sean.adams@glasgow.ac.uk)

Matthew Sleeman (matthews@oakhill.ac.uk)

We welcome seminar papers approaching Acts from a variety of angles and using a variety of methods: historical, literary, textual-critical, theological, archaeological, the social world, possible links/parallels with other biblical and ancient writings, and so on. We also include topics for discussion which relate Acts to the wider contexts of Luke-Acts and the Pauline corpus, where they are relevant and helpful to the study of Acts. Offers of papers are welcome both from research students (this is a great opportunity to 'try out' your ideas) and from more established scholars.

The Acts and Synoptic Gospels seminar groups are happy to announce that they will be having a joint session as one of our three sessions scheduled for the 2018 Conference. In

light of this collaboration, we are particularly interested in receiving paper proposals that engage with the theme of rhetoric in Luke-Acts. If you are interested in offering a paper for this joint session, please email either the co-chairs of the Synoptic Gospels or Acts groups. Papers may require a full seminar session for discussion (90 minutes) or take half a session (45 minutes).

We make papers available on the British New Testament Society web site a few weeks before the conference so that seminar members can read them in advance. At the seminar, the paper's author presents a 10-15 minute summary before discussion, in order to maximise discussion time in the seminar.

Hebrews

David Moffitt (dm206@st-andrews.ac.uk)

Loveday Alexander (l.c.alexander@sheffield.ac.uk)

Whilst papers on any topic relating to Hebrews will be considered, the Hebrews Group particularly invites proposals relating to the topic of the interpretation of the tabernacle (heavenly and/or earthly) in Hebrews.

Jesus

Helen Bond (h.bond@ed.ac.uk)

Justin Meggitt (jjm1000@cam.ac.uk)

Johannine Literature

Cornelis Bennema (cbennema@ust.ac.uk)

Andy Byers (a.j.byers@durham.ac.uk)

The Johannine Literature seminar invites papers on the Gospel of John and/or the Johannine Epistles. Offers of papers are welcome both from established scholars and from research students and the seminar provides an excellent opportunity for feedback from experts in the field.

Usually, one full session is dedicated to the discussion of a major paper by invitation. In the remaining two sessions, there is scope for four to five papers. Papers are normally 30 minutes, allowing time for questions and discussion, but shorter papers of 20 minutes are also welcome.

The Book of Revelation

Michelle Fletcher (michelle.fletcher@kcl.ac.uk)

Garrick Allen (garrick.allen@dcu.ie)

This year the Revelation seminar will run one session on recent trends in Revelation studies and two open sessions. For the open sessions, the Revelation Seminar welcomes proposals related to the study of the book of Revelation, and we aim for a balance of papers, ranging from textual and exegetical analysis to the reception history of the apocalypse.

New Testament and Early Christianity

Dominika Kurek-Chomycz (kurekcd@hope.ac.uk)

Francis Watson (francis.watson@dur.ac.uk)

The New Testament texts exist within the much broader phenomenon of early Christianity as a whole, and this seminar is concerned especially with aspects of the total phenomenon that go beyond the New Testament. These include non-canonical texts (e.g. the so-called Apostolic Fathers, New Testament Apocrypha, Old Testament Pseudepigrapha in Christian

usage, Nag Hammadi and associated literature, early patristic texts); and wider historical themes (e.g. orthodoxy and heresy, canon formation, gender, ritual, identity, martyrdom, social setting, material culture).

In 2018, we plan to hold: (1) an open session; (2) a thematic session on martyrdom; (3) an invited paper session on Jesus' resurrection in the *Epistula Apostolorum*. For sessions (1) and (2) we invite paper proposals along the lines of the goals of the seminar. For all panels, the abstract should state the paper's thesis and outline the approach that will be taken.

New Testament and Second Temple Judaism

Susan Docherty (S.E.Docherty@newman.ac.uk)

Matthew Novenson (matthew.novenson@ed.ac.uk)

For the 2018 meeting, we will have a session on current research on I Enoch (presenters including Sofanit Abebe and Elena Dugan), a review panel, held jointly with the Paul Seminar, on Jamie Davies's *Paul among the Apocalypses?* (Bloomsbury T. & T. Clark, 2016) (reviewers including Elizabeth Shively and Crispin Fletcher-Louis), and one open-call session. For the open-call session, we invite paper proposals on any topic pertinent to the study of the New Testament and Second Temple Judaism.

New Testament: Use and Influence

Alison Jack (a.jack@ed.ac.uk)

John Lyons (w.j.lyons@bristol.ac.uk)

This year, the seminar will offer one 'open call' session, for which we would welcome proposals on any topic regarding the use and influence of the NT. The second session will involve an open invitation to BNTC attendees to participate in an organised project session (details of theme to follow). The third session will feature a round-table open discussion on the future/British NT Society future of reception history of the NT.

Paul

Peter Oakes (peter.oakes@manchester.ac.uk)

Dorothee Bertschmann (d.h.bertschmann@durham.ac.uk)

Papers are invited on any aspect of Pauline literature for the two open call sessions. We shall spend one session on a review panel held jointly with the NT and Second Temple Judaism seminar, on Jamie Davies's *Paul among the Apocalypses?* (Bloomsbury T. & T. Clark, 2016).

Synoptic Gospels

Andy Angel (vicar@standrewsbh.org.uk)

Elizabeth Shively (ees3@st-andrews.ac.uk)

This year we focus on the intersection of the study of rhetoric and the Synoptic Gospels. First, we plan a joint session with the Book of Acts Seminar for which we invite proposals dealing with various aspects of the study of rhetoric in Luke-Acts. Second, we invite proposals dealing with various aspects of the study of rhetoric in the Synoptic Gospels. Third, we invite proposals on any topic on the Synoptic Gospels for an open session. Paper proposals for the joint session on rhetoric and Luke-Acts and should be sent to Elizabeth Shively. Paper proposals for the Synoptic Gospels sessions should be sent to Andy Angel or Elizabeth Shively, co-chairs of the Synoptic Gospels Seminar.

Simultaneous Short Papers

Steve Walton (steve.walton@cantab.net)

Proposals for 20-25 minute papers are invited for the simultaneous short papers session. Preference will be given to papers that do not easily fit into one of the established seminar groups. Proposing the same paper for this section and one of the seminar groups is *not* permitted.