

# The Society for Old Testament Study

## WINTER MEETING 2016

Collingwood College, Durham

*Under the presidency of Dr Adrian Curtis*

### MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

The venue for all sessions is Collingwood College, Durham University, South Road, Durham DH1 3LT.

Publishers are invited to display books for sale during the Meeting.

Members who have had books published recently are also invited to display copies.

2.00 pm Committee Meeting

4.30 pm Registration

6.00 pm Reception sponsored by Sheffield Phoenix Press

6.45 pm Dinner

8.15 pm Presidential Address:  
Dr Adrian Curtis (Manchester)

*“From People and Book to Text in Context: Volumes That Speak Volumes”*

### TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

8.00 am Breakfast

9.15 am Dr David Firth (Nottingham)

*“Creating Narrative Instability in Joshua 1-5”*

10.00 am Prof Bernard Jackson (Manchester)

*“The Whodunit underlying the plot of the Book of Ruth”*

10.45 am Coffee

11.15 am Prof Heather McKay (Ormskirk)

*“Clothing, Adornment and Accoutrements in the Historical Books”*

12 noon Prof Nicolas Wyatt (Edinburgh)

*“The Rumpelstiltskin Factor: Explorations in the Arithmetic of Pantheons”*

1.00 pm Lunch

3.00 pm Seminar “Research in progress”: PhD students and early career researchers present their work

4.00 pm Tea

4.30 pm Dr Julie Woods (London)

*“Flaming Symbols: A Study of Fire as a Symbol of God’s Presence and Word in the Pentateuch and Jeremiah”*

6.30 pm Dinner

8.15 pm Prof Thomas Römer (Lausanne/Paris)

*“Yhwh, a god of the wilderness? The question of the origin of the Exodus tradition”*

### WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

8.00 am Breakfast

9.15 am Dr Maria Cioatã (Manchester)

*“Moses Gaster and the Study of the Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha”*

10.00 am Prof Donn Morgan (Berkeley)

*“The Writings as Post-exilic Canonical Literature: Problems, Challenges, Significance”*

10.45 am Coffee

11.15 am Dr Margaret Barker (Borrowash)

*“The First Englishing of the LXX”*

12 noon Business Meeting (Members only)

1.00 pm Lunch, followed by departure

## DOMESTIC ARRANGEMENTS

The venue for the Meeting is Collingwood College, Durham University, South Road, Durham, DH1 3LT; the telephone number for the College is 0191 334 5000. Please refer to the enclosed map for information on how to get to the College. There is plenty of parking at the College but we would recommend public transport where possible. The charges for hospitality are shown on the enclosed Booking Form. Members are requested to pay their accounts in full when returning the form but, if necessary, a non-returnable booking fee of £30 will be accepted and the balance will be payable on arrival at the Meeting. **A discounted price is available to those whose bookings are received by Friday 13th November 2015** (please see the details on the form). There is a subsidized price for those on low incomes or from economically disadvantaged countries. **All bookings must be received by Tuesday 8th December 2015**; no bookings can be accepted after that date. Bookings can be made by email to [sotshospitality@gmail.com](mailto:sotshospitality@gmail.com) with cheques to follow by post. Please note that in making a booking, members render themselves liable for payment of the full cost of that booking, a liability that will be waived only in the light of extenuating circumstances and only when the final conference accounts permit a refund. You may wish to consider taking out insurance on your booking (or check that your annual travel insurance is applicable) to cover the possibility of you having to cancel your booking. You are advised to make a copy of your completed Booking Form for your own records.

### ADVANCE NOTICE OF FUTURE MEETINGS and Call for Papers

**Summer Meeting, 25th – 28th July 2016**, at Hulme Hall, Manchester.

**Winter Meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017**, venue to be confirmed.

Members wishing to read a paper or conduct a workshop or other session at a future Meeting should write to the Secretary, giving a title and brief summary of the proposed paper or session by the end of June (for the Meeting the following summer) or the end of November (for the Meeting the following Winter). The Programme Sub-Committee will respond to all proposals received. For academic papers, offers of shorter presentations (25 minutes) are particularly welcome, but longer presentations (50 minutes) may also be proposed.

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DURHAM

4<sup>TH</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016

President: Dr Adrian Curtis

Members wishing to attend the Meeting should send the enclosed Booking Form to the *Hospitality Secretary*, Mr James Patrick, Mansfield College, Mansfield Road, Oxford OX1 3TF (email [sotshospitality@gmail.com](mailto:sotshospitality@gmail.com)) so as to arrive by **13th November 2015** (for the discounted price) or at the latest by **8<sup>th</sup> December 2015**.

Correspondence concerning the affairs of the Society should be sent to the *Secretary*, Dr David Shepherd, School of Religions, Peace Studies and Theology, Trinity College Dublin, 33 College Green, Dublin 2, Ireland (tel. 00353 1 8964796, e-mail: [shepherd@tcd.ie](mailto:shepherd@tcd.ie)). Applications for a Conference Grant to assist in meeting the costs of attending the Meeting must reach the Secretary by 13<sup>th</sup> November. Proposals for new members must reach him by 8<sup>th</sup> December. Application forms for grants and membership are available on the SOTS website, <http://sots1917.org/>.

Changes of address should be sent to the *Membership Secretary*, Mrs Vivienne Rowett, 15 Seaview Cottages, Grimsby Road, Louth, Lincolnshire LN11 0ED (e-mail [vivrowett@aol.com](mailto:vivrowett@aol.com)).