

THE SOCIETY FOR OLD TESTAMENT STUDY

SUMMER MEETING 2018

St John's College, University of Durham
Under the presidency of Professor Walter Moberly

MONDAY 16th JULY

The venue for all sessions is Leech Hall,
St John's College, 3 South Bailey,
Durham, DH1 3RJ.

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 the Department of
Theology and Religion, Durham
University)

6.30 pm Dinner

8.15 pm Prof Brent Strawn (Atlanta)
"What is Missing from Ancient Israelite
Religion?"

TUESDAY 17th JULY

8.00 am Breakfast

9.15 am Dr Carly Crouch (Nottingham)
"Duelling Dynasties: Ezekiel's Sign-Act of the
Two Sticks"

10.00 am Dr Simon Stocks (West Malling)
"Lament and the Construction of Identity in the
Psalms"

10.45 am Coffee

11.15 am Dr Kai-Wen Karen Yuan (Taipei)
"The Drama of the Pursuit of Wisdom in
Proverbs 1-9"

12 noon Dr Leigh Trevaskis (Brisbane)
"Did Ehud change his mind? The significance
of idols in Judges 3:12-30"

1.00 pm Lunch

2.15 pm Free time for optional activities

4.00 pm Tea

4.30 pm Dr Hywel Clifford (Oxford)
"*yhw*h 'h \underline{d} : Divine 'oneness' in the *Shema* in its
ancient Near Eastern setting"

6.30 pm Dinner

8.15 pm Drs Richard Briggs, Deborah Rooke,
Walter Houston, and Prof Brent Strawn
Discussion of Richard Briggs' *Theological
Hermeneutics and the Book of Numbers as
Christian Scripture* (South Bend: Notre
Dame University Press, 2018)

WEDNESDAY 18th JULY

8.00 am Breakfast

9.15 am Marian Kelsey
"The Relenting of God in the Book of
Jonah"

9.45 am Stephen Campbell
"Life Worth Living: A Case for Rhetorical
Coherence in Deut 4:1-8"

10.15 am Dr Suzanna Millar (Cambridge)
"Dining on Destruction: The Pedagogical
Power of a Metaphorical World in
Proverbs"

10.45 am Coffee

11.15 am Prof Cheryl Exum (Sheffield)
"Adventures and Misadventures in Song of
Songs Interpretation"

12 noon Business Meeting (Members only)

1.00 pm Lunch

1.45 pm Outing to Vindolanda at Hadrian's Wall

4.00 pm President's Tea

6.45 pm Dinner

8.15 pm Prof Robert Hayward (Durham)
"Psalm 30 and the Offering of First-fruits"

THURSDAY 19th July

8.00 am Breakfast and depart

Financial support for carers to enable members to attend meetings is available on a trial basis. The grant is limited but may be put toward the cost of employing a carer or toward additional expenses incurred in a partner's attendance. Applications must be received by **9th May 2018**. For more information or to make an application, contact the *Secretary* (shepherd@tcd.ie).

All bookings must be received by Wednesday 13th June 2018; no bookings can be accepted after that date. Bookings can be made by email to sotshospitality@gmail.com with payment made via purchase on the SOTS website shop, <www.sots1917.org/shop/>, by electronic bank transfer, or by a posted cheque (see Booking Form). **Card payment is no longer possible.** 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.

General 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, College Green, Dublin 2, Ireland (shepherd@tcd.ie). **Proposals for new members must reach him by 9th May 2018.** Changes of address notification should be sent to the *Membership Secretary*, Dr Janet Tollington, 118 Balland Fields, Willingham, Cambridge CB24 5JU (jet40@cam.ac.uk).

ADVANCE NOTICE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

and Call for Papers

Winter Meeting, 7th – 9th January 2019, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge

Summer Meeting, 22nd – 25th July 2019, Worcester College, Oxford

Members wishing to read a paper or conduct a workshop or other session at a forthcoming Meeting should write to the *Secretary* (shepherd@tcd.ie), 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.

THE SOCIETY FOR OLD TESTAMENT STUDY

ONE HUNDRED FIRST YEAR

NINETY-NINTH

SUMMER MEETING

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE, DURHAM

16th – 19th JULY 2018

President: Professor Walter Moberly

Members wishing to attend the Meeting should send the enclosed Booking Form to the *Hospitality Secretary*, Dr James Patrick, Mansfield College, Mansfield Road, Oxford OX1 3TF (sotshospitality@gmail.com) so as to arrive by **9th May 2018 to avail of the discounted price** (please see form for details – **reservation by email is acceptable**) or at the latest by **13th June 2018**.

MEETING DETAILS

The venue for the Meeting is St John's College, 3 South Bailey, Durham, DH1 3RJ, and the contact telephone number is (+44) 01913-343500. Please refer to the enclosed maps for information on how to get to St John's College. There is very limited and expensive car parking, so please use public transport if at all possible. En-suite accommodation is limited, so a waiting list will be drawn up if demand exceeds supply. 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.

There is a subsidised price for those on low incomes or from economically disadvantaged countries. Applications for a further conference grant to assist in meeting the costs of attending the Meeting must reach the *Secretary*, Dr David Shepherd (shepherd@tcd.ie) by 9th May. Application forms for grants are available on the SOTS website, <www.sots1917.org/>.