

THE SOCIETY FOR OLD TESTAMENT STUDY

SUMMER MEETING 2023

St Catharine's College, University of Cambridge
Under the Presidency of Professor Katharine Dell

MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

The venue for all sessions is the McGrath Centre, St Catharine's College, Trumpington Street, Cambridge, CB2 1RL.

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

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

Attendees are encouraged to speak to publisher representatives about possible publishing projects.

- 2.00 pm *Committee Meeting*
- 4.30 pm Registration in the McGrath Centre (registration will open earlier if possible)
- 5.45 pm Reception sponsored by Cambridge University Press
- 6.45 pm Dinner
- 8.15 pm Choon-Leong Seow (Princeton)
"A Spectacle of YHWH's *mispāt*: Job 40:15-23"

TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

- 8.00 am Breakfast
- 9.15 am Bernd Schipper (Berlin)
"From Amenemope to Anksheshonqi. Prov 22:17-24:22 & Egyptian Wisdom Literature"
- 10.00 am Mary Mills (Liverpool)
"Emotion and the prophet"
- 10.45 am Coffee
- 11.15 am Tova Forti (Beersheba)
"Did Ben Sira know Qohelet and to what extent?"
- 12 noon Yanjing (Tara) Qu (Cambridge)
"Reading 'Ageing' Poetically: The Cognitive Perspective of Ecclesiastes 12:1-7"
- 12.45 pm Lunch
- 1.45 pm *Free time*
- 3.00 pm Tea
- 3.30 pm Mark Sneed (Lubbock, Texas)
"Is Biblical Studies Stuck in Antiquarianism? The case of Behemoth and Leviathan"
- 4.15 pm Chris Thomson (Sydney)
"When Is a God Not a God? The Semantics of Biblical Monotheism"
- 5.30 pm Library Tour and Reception at the Divinity Faculty, sponsored by the Divinity Faculty
- 6:45 pm Dinner
- 8.15 pm Peter Williams (Cambridge)
"Themes in the publications of James K. Aitken"

WEDNESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

- 8.00 am Breakfast
- 9.00 am Brittany Melton (Vancouver)
"Cathartic Commemoration: Re-evaluating the purpose of Esther as Comedy"
- 9.45 am Jennifer Andruska (Manchester)
"Gazelles: Symbols of Power and Vulnerability in the Hebrew Bible and ANE"
- 10.30 am Coffee
- 11.00 am Danny Crowther (Oxford)
"What remains of the Hebrew Bible?: Psalm 18, 2 Sam 22, David Clines and the Tiberian Masoretes"
- 11.45 am Business Meeting – SOTS Members only
- 12.45 pm Lunch
- 1.30 pm OUTING to ELY by coach including:
2.30 Tour of the Cathedral
3.15 Concert in the Cathedral: "Celebrating wisdom and the wise: a concert of biblical songs"
- 4.00 Presidential Tea in the Almonry
- Return from Ely
- 5.30 pm
- 6.45 pm Dinner
- 8.15 pm Christophe Bultmann (Erfurt)
"Against authoritarian abuse: Psalm 139 – a lone voice in prayer."

THURSDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

- 8.00 am Breakfast and depart

All conference bookings must be received by Monday 31st July 2023. 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.sots.ac.uk/shop/>, by electronic bank transfer, or by a posted cheque (see Booking Form). 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 take out insurance on your booking (or check that your annual travel insurance is applicable) to cover the possibility of cancellation. You are advised to make a copy of your completed Booking Form for your own records.

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 a carer or additional expenses incurred in a partner's attendance. Applications must be received by **19th July 2023**. Contact the *Secretary* (details below).

General correspondence concerning the affairs of the Society should be sent to the *Secretary*, Dr Richard Briggs, by email at richard.briggs@durham.ac.uk. **Proposals for new members must reach him by 7th August 2023.** Changes of address notification should be sent to the *Membership Secretary*, Dr Alastair Hunter, 487 Shields Road, Glasgow, G41 2RG, Scotland 118 (alastair189@live.co.uk).

ADVANCE NOTICE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

and Call for Papers

2024 Winter Meeting: a 1-day online event, Thurs 4th January, 2024

2024 Joint Meeting with OTW (*Het Oudtestamentisch Werkgezelschap*): 24th – 26th July, 2024, Tilburg, NL (ahead of ISBL, Amsterdam, 28th July – 1st Aug).

2024 Summer Meeting: 2nd – 5th September 2024, Mansfield College Oxford

All members, from newest to longest-standing, are warmly invited to propose reading a paper or presenting in a session at a forthcoming SOTS Meeting. Please send a title and brief summary of the proposed paper or session to the *Secretary* (richard.briggs@durham.ac.uk) in advance of the previous meeting. The Programme Sub-Committee is keen to encourage a broad range of academic approaches in papers, and will respond to all proposals received. Offers of shorter presentations (25 minutes) are particularly welcome, but longer presentations (50 minutes) may also be proposed. **For the joint OTW meeting:** SOTS members should send proposals to SOTS in the normal way, by 1 Jan 2024, noting that the theme of the 2024 conference is *Intertextuality as Reinterpreting Texts*. SOTS will then forward recommendations to OTW.

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH YEAR

NINETY-EIGHTH

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ST CATHARINE'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

4th – 7th SEPTEMBER 2023

President: Professor Katharine Dell

Members wishing to attend the Meeting should send the enclosed Booking Form to the *Acting Conference Secretary*, Dr Janet Fyffe, 25 Birchlands Avenue, London SW12 8ND (sotshospitality@gmail.com) so as to arrive by **Wed 19th July 2023** to avail of the **discounted price** (please see form for details) or at the latest by **Mon 31st July 2023**.

MEETING DETAILS

The residential venue for the Meeting is St Catharine's College, Trumpington Street, Cambridge, CB2 1RL, and the contact telephone number for the college is (+44) (0) 1223 338 300. Please refer to the enclosed travel information for how to get to St Catharine's. There is no parking at or near the college and we would recommend public transport where possible. 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 £35 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 Richard Briggs (richard.briggs@durham.ac.uk) by 19th July 2023. Application forms for grants are available on the SOTS website, <www.sots.ac.uk>.