Annual Meeting

Theme: Gates and Walls: Inclusivity and Exclusivity and the People of God

November 17–19, 2011 San Francisco, California
Marriott Marquis 55 4th Street
The Convention Center 747 Howard Street
Hotel Monaco 501 Geary Street
Hilton Union Square 333 O’Farrell Street

Thursday Evening, Nov. 19
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Marriott Marquis Club Room

7:00 Registration

8:00 Session I: Keynote Address
Jon Paulien, Loma Linda University, presiding
Denis Fortin, Andrews University
*Coming Out of Babylon and Christian Unity*

Discussion on Keynote Address

9:00 Business Session I
John Reeve, Andrews University, presiding

Friday Morning, Nov. 20
8:30 am to 12:00 pm Convention Center Room 2009

8:30 Devotional Zdranko Stefanovic, Walla Walla University

8:45 Business Session II
John Reeve, Andrews University, presiding

9:00 Session II
Russel Seay, Oakwood University, presiding
Daryll Ward, Kettering College of Medical Arts,
"Who is Really an Adventist?" Reflections on Ethics and Theology for Drawing Boundaries

T. Richard Rice, Loma Linda University School of Religion, Remnant Identity Past and Present

Ben Holdsworth, Union College, Paul and Remnant in Romans 9-11: “Inclusively Exclusive” or “Exclusively Inclusive”?

Rolf Poehler, Friedensau Adventist University, “The Remnant” and “The Others”: A Reappraisal of Adventist Remnant Theology

10:30 Break

10:40 Session III: Papers
Jean Sheldon, Pacific Union College, presiding
Richard Winn, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, *Sociology Trumps Theology*

Daniel Wagner, Technische Universität Dresden, *Inclusivity and Exclusivity in the Reception of the Actus Silvestri in the 13th Century*

Karen Abrahamson, Andrews University, *Is There Room for Scientists in Adventism: A New Frontier for Adventist Missions*

11:50 Business Session III
John Reeve, Andrews University, presiding

Noon: Lunch

Friday Afternoon, Nov. 20
1:30 pm - 5:30 pm Convention Center Room 2009

Session IV

Session IV: Keynote Address
Joint session with SAP, ATS, ASRS
Abigail Doukhan, Queens College, presiding
Bruce Benson, Wheaton College

3:00 Business Session IV
John Reeve, Andrews University, presiding

3:30 Session V: Sectional Meetings

Christian Ethics: Charles Scriven, Kettering College of Medical Arts, convener
Christian Theology and History: John Webster, La Sierra University, convener
New Testament: Agniel Samson, Oakwood University, convener
Old Testament: Jacques Doukhan, Andrews University, convener
Practical Theology: Ernie Furness, Southeastern California Conference, convener
Religion and Culture: Carla Gober, Loma Linda University, convener
World Religions/Missiology: Ernie Bursey, Florida Hospital College, convener

4:30 Special Meetings
Women in Theology Group: Trisha Famisaran, La Sierra University, convener

Friday Evening, Nov. 20 Hotel Monaco 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm
Paris Room
501 Geary St, San Francisco

Session VI: Dinner Meeting and Presidential Addresses with the Adventist Theological Society
Carl P. Cozaert, Walla Walla University, presiding
Stephen Bauer, Southern Adventist University
ATS Presidential Address
Identity and Inclusivity
Donn Leatherman, Southern Adventist University
ASRS Presidential Address
*A Nation Without a State: Constituting the People of God in the Synoptic Gospels*

Sabbath Morning, Nov 20
San Francisco Philadelphia SDA Church
2520 Bush Street
San Francisco, CA

10:00 Session VII: Papers
La Sierra University, presiding
Janice P. De-Whyte, McMaster Divinity College,
*Without Walls and a Wall of Fire: God’s Vision for His People*
Ante Jeronic, Andrews University
*The Liminal Church*

11:00 Worship
San Francisco Philadelphia SDA Church

(We are invited to join their potluck lunch.)

**BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

1. Election of a nominating committee
2. Election of a Vice President
3. Future ASRS topic(s)
4. Review of dues
5. Leadership assistance

**NOTE:** The *SBL 2011 Annual Meeting Session Guide* which you may have received does not list the room assignments for any of the convention meetings, including our “affiliate group meetings.” SBL will publish a complete program book with abstracts which will be available on Friday morning at the convention center. ASRS room assignments are printed in this newsletter. They can also be found on the SBL website. Go to “Annual Meeting.” In the right column click on “View the 2011 Annual Meeting Online Program Book.” Enter “Adventist” on search line in the dialogue box. You will find the ASRS program as well as other SBL presentations that include the name “Adventist.”

Please refer to ASRS’s website, [www.lasierra.edu/sr](http://www.lasierra.edu/sr). On the opening page, choose the link on the bottom left, “Adventist Society for Religious Studies.” We will post any program changes on this site.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Special rates for hotel accommodations are available for ASRS members through our affiliation with the SBL annual meeting. Use one of the following options to make contact:

**ONLINE:** [www.sbl-site.org](http://www.sbl-site.org)
**FAX:** 1-404-727-3101
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Annual Meeting Registration and Housing
825 Houston Mill Road
Atlanta, GA 30329

**Members and Friends of ASRS . . .**

**. . . Who Are SBL Participants**
Edward Allen, Union College, S20-241
Bernhard Oestreich, Friedensau Adventist University, S21-138
Alden Thompson, Walla Walla University, S21-138
Sigve K. Tonstad, Loma Linda University, S20-241, S21-224
Ross E. Winkle, Pacific Union College, S19-225, S19-343

**. . . Who Are AAR Participants**
Richard Rice, Loma Linda University, A20-130

**. . . Who Are ASOR Participants**
November 17
10:30 am-12:45 pm
Douglas Clark, La Sierra University (A10)
Constance Gane, Andrews University (A10)
Paul Zeljko Gregor, Andrews University (A10)
4:20-6:25 pm
Øystein S. LaBianca, Andrews University (A27)
Jeffery Hudon, Andrews University (A27)
November 18
8:20 am-10:25 pm
Constance Gane, Andrews University (A35)
Abelardo Rivas, Andrews University (A35)
Stefanie Elkins, Andrews University (A35)
2:00-4:05 pm
Douglas Clark, La Sierra University

**November 19**
10:40 am-12:45 pm
Jennifer Helbley, La Sierra University (A63)
Chang-Ho Ji, La Sierra University (A63)
C. L. Webster, Jr., La Sierra University (A63)
2:00-4:05 pm
Kent Bramlett, La Sierra University (A69)
Chang-Ho Ji, La Sierra University (A69)
7:00-9:30 pm
Larry Herr, Canadian University College
Randall Younker, Andrews University
NEW VICE PRESIDENT ELECTED

Carl P. Cosaert, associate professor of biblical studies at Walla Walla University, was elected vice president of the Adventist Society of Religious Studies at its 2010 annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. He earned a doctorate in New Testament and Early Christianity at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2005. His area of specialization was New Testament textual criticism. He is the primary author of the forthcoming Bible Study Guide quarterly on the book of Galatians and its companion book Galatians (Review and Herald, 2011).

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGES

Andrews University
The annual meeting of the Charles E. Weniger Society, held at Loma Linda, California, presented its Charles Elliot Weniger Award for Excellence to Niels-Erik Andreasen, president of Andrews University.

Founded in 1974, the Weniger Society seeks to preserve and protect the qualities, inspiration, motivation, and level of excellence reflected in the life of the noted scholar, speaker, and professor. The society has given 150 awards during its existence.

Andrews has given one of its yearly Siegfried H. Horn Excellence in Research and Creative Scholarship Awards to Richard Davidson, the J. N. Andrews Professor of Old Testament Interpretation.

Peter Swanson, assistant professor of pastoral care at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, has received the Daniel A. Augsburger Excellence in Teaching Award.

Andrews has honored Lael O. Caesar, professor of religion, with its annual Spiritual Life Award. The award seeks to recognize any employee, faculty, or staff member who has made a significant contribution to spiritual life on campus. Caesar is leaving Andrews to join the staff of the Adventist Review/Adventist World as an associate editor.

Bruce Bauer is editing the Journal of Adventist Mission Studies.

Richard M. Davison was awarded the J. N. Andrews Medallion at the summer graduation ceremony.

Friedensau Adventist University
The theology faculty of Friedensau Adventist University has joined with the theology departments of Newbold College and Saleve Adventist University to publish cooperatively the journal Spes Christiana. The publication welcomes articles in English, French, or German. Address all editorial correspondence to stefen.hoeschele@thh-friedensau.de.

Inter-American Adventist Theological Seminary
The Board of the Association of Theological Schools’ Commission on Accreditation has voted initial accreditation to IATS for a period of seven years (until spring 2018). IATS operates on nine sites in the InterAmerican Division. The Board approved the Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology programs in Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Trinidad, and Venezuela, and the Doctor of Ministry programs in Mexico and Jamaica.

La Sierra University
Gil Valentine, author of numerous books and articles on Seventh-day Adventist denominational history, is now chair and professor in the department of administration and leadership.

Dr. Jack Miles, professor at the University of California, Irvine, and author of GOD: a Biography, presented the annual Paul J. Landa Memorial Lecture March 5, 2011.

Northern Caribbean University

Loma Linda University
Richard Bauckham, professor emeritus at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, and senior scholar at Ridley Hall, Cambridge University, presented a series of lectures on topics ranging from the book of Revelation, individualism and community in the book of John, and the Bible and ecology.

Judy Gundry, research scholar and associate professor of New Testament studies at Yale Divinity School, presented a series of four lectures on what Paul taught about gender and family and their value to God and to the church.

In recognition of African-American month the School of Religion presented a humanities program entitled “Celebration of Negro Spirituals.”

Pacific Union College
Paul Bork, former religion and biblical archaeology teacher at PUC, has been honored by the Universidade Adventista de São Paulo by naming its new biblical archaeology museum after him. The university especially wanted to honor Bork since he was born in Brazil. The school claims that the new museum—the Paulo Bork Biblical Archaeology Museum—is the only one of its type in the country of Brazil.

Southern Adventist University
SAU has implemented new requirements for its general education religion courses. Students are now required to take classes in three areas: growth and development of personal spirituality, Seventh-day Adventist identity, and the study and understanding of the Bible. The emphasis forms part of the
university’s goal that its students “will grow spiritually in a vibrant relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, while integrating into their lives Bible-based beliefs and values as understood by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.”

The School of Religion has inaugurated its Institute for the Study of Ellen G. White and Adventist Heritage. Jud Lake, its director, cites four main goals for the institute: the promotion of Adventist Heritage tours for students, an annual lectureship series, a student writing contest on church history topics, and continued research and studies on Ellen White apologetics. George Knight, professor emeritus of church history and Adventist heritage at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, was the main speaker at the inaugural banquet.

Walla Walla University

Dave Thomas, dean of the School of Theology, received The Outstanding Teaching Award last Spring. Thomas was recognized for fresh, provocative classroom lectures and for his dedication to students outside the classroom. He was also recognized by students and peers as a model for his work in integrating faith and learning.

Alden Thompson, professor emeritus of Biblical Studies at Walla Walla University, was the 2011 recipient of the Excellence in Scholarship Award. Professor Thompson officially retired two years ago, but continues to teach on a part-time basis for the University.

Darold Bigger, professor of Religion since 1992 at Walla Walla University, was awarded the Walla Walla University Alumni of the Year Award for the class of 1966.

Bruce Johanson, professor of Biblical Studies, fully retired from Walla Walla University last Spring.

BUSINESS SESSION MINUTES

10:01 VOTED: the following to serve on the ASRS Nominating committee: Edward Allen, Denis Fortin, Martin Hanna, Edwin Reynolds, and Ranko Stefanovic

10:02 ELECTED: Carl Cosaert, associate professor of biblical studies at Walla Walla University.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Pacific Press Publishing Association has published the following titles:

- Surprised by Love, by Elizabeth Talbot.
- Juan: Dios se Hizo Carne, by Elizabeth Talbot.
- Leadership Lessons From the Life of Neal C. Wilson, by Myrna Tetz.
- The Heartbeat of Adventism: The Great Controversy Theme in the Writings of Ellen White, by Herb E. Douglass.

Last-day events.

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