

Report of the Seventy-first International Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America

The seventy-first international meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America was held August 2-5, 2008, at Fordham University, Bronx, New York. The opening general session was held on Saturday evening, August 2. Dr. Stephen Freedman, Senior Vice-President for Academic Affairs, greeted the members of the association. Kathleen M. O'Connor, vice-president of the association, then introduced Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J., president of the association, who delivered the presidential address, "Lost in Translation: The Leper Did Not 'Give Thanks' to God."

Sessions on Sunday, August 3

Five task forces and seven continuing seminars met simultaneously each day from 9:00 to 10:45 A.M. The task forces included: "The Social Sciences and New Testament Interpretation: Talking of Collectivistic 'Persons'" (convener: Bruce J. Malina; core group members in attendance: David M. Bossman, O.F.M.; Richard J. Cassidy; Patrick J. Hartin; Marie Noel Keller, R.S.M.; Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J.; John J. Pilch; Kenneth G. Stenstrup); "Feminist Hermeneutics" (co-conveners: Barbara E. Reid, O.P., and Damien L. Dietlein, O.S.B.; core group members in attendance: Mary Ann Beavis; Don C. Benjamin; Mary Rose D'Angelo; Carol Dempsey, O.P.; Linda M. Maloney; Sheila E. McGinn; Lai Ling E. Ngan; Mary Margaret Pazdan, O.P.); "Biblical Hermeneutics: Aesthetics and the Bible" (conveners: Jean-François Racine and Richard J. Bautch; core group members in attendance: Dianne Bergant, C.S.A.; Linda Day; Gina Hens-Piazza; David Penchansky; John J. Schmitt; Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M.; Peter Spitaler); "Pauline Theology" (co-conveners: Mary Kate Birge, S.S.J., and Gregory Tatum, O.P.; core group members in attendance: Alexander J. Burke, Jr.; Florence Gillman; Terrence Keegan, O.P.; Richard C. Macey; Frank J. Matera; Kevin B. McCruden; Maria Pascuzzi, C.S.J.; Thomas D. Stegman, S.J.;

Benedict T. Viviano, O.P.; Ronald Witherup, S.S.); “The Fourth Gospel and the Old Testament” (convener: Francis Martin; core group members in attendance: Jaime Clark-Soles; Michael Allen Daise; Charles G. Kosanke, S.S.; William S. Kurz, S.J.; Andrew L. Minto; George T. Montague, S.M.; Bruce G. Schuchard; William M. Wright IV).

The continuing seminars and their respective leaders studied: “The Hebrew Poetry of Psalms 115–118” (Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P., and Joseph F. Wimmer, O.S.A.); “The Formation of the Gospels” (Thomas L. Brodie, O.P.); “Biblical Issues in Jewish and Christian Relations: The Land” (John J. Clabeaux and Philip A. Cunningham); “Scripture in Early Jewish and Christian Literature: The Watchers” (Angela Kim Harkins and John C. Endres, S.J.); “Divinity in Ancient Israel” (John L. McLaughlin); “The Bible in Its Tradition” (Justin Taylor, S.M., and Olivier-Thomas Venard, O.P.); “The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church” (Peter S. Williamson and Daniel J. Harrington, S.J.).

The morning concluded with papers presented in simultaneous sessions by Katherine M. Hayes, “‘A Spirit of Deep Sleep’: Divinely Induced Delusion in Isaiah 1–39”; and Séamus O’Connell, “Into the Desert: The Dynamics of Exclusion in the Gospel of Mark.”

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba, Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee, was presider and homilist at the eucharistic liturgy at midday.

Four sessions of research reports during the afternoon heard the following papers delivered: Timothy M. Willis, “Did David Have ‘Rest’?”; Blažej Štrba, “Eleazar Installs Joshua”; Benedict T. Viviano, O.P., “Making Sense of the Matthew Genealogy and Structure”; Charles A. Bobertz, “Ritual within Narrative: An Interpretive Clue to the Apologetic Structure of Mark’s Gospel”; Florence Morgan Gillman, “John’s Martyrdom: A Death without Vindication (Mark 6:27)”; Earl J. Richard, “The Markan Purpose: A Look at Five Recent Commentaries”; Robert Doran, “The Persecution of Judea by Antiochus IV: The Significance of *patrios nomos*”; Rudolph H. Dornemann, “Tell Qarqur, the 2008 Season of Excavations”; Frank J. Matera, “Reflection on Writing a New Testament Theology”; Mark A. Matson, “The Third Person Imperative and the Our Father”; Mark Kiley, “Roman Legends and the Genre of Luke-Acts”; Peter Spitaler, “A Negative Pauline Anthropology—What Good Is It?”; Michael W. Duggan, “Nehemiah’s Repeal of Debt Slavery: Social Justice in an Exclusive Community? (Neh 5:1-13)”; Dale Launderville, O.S.B., “Interiorization of Yhwh’s Instruction in Yehud”; Christopher T. Rupert, S.J., “John’s Good News Well Bound”; Jennifer Wright Knust, “The Strange Case of the Missing Adulteress”; Thomas L. Brodie, O.P., “New Testament Use of the LXX and the Increasing Difficulty of Writing a Life of Paul”; Ernest M. Ezeogu, C.S.Sp., “To Go or Not to Go? The Quest for the Literal Meaning of *Poreuthentes* in Matt 28:19”; Robert A. Kugler, “Philotas Contests the Loss of His Fiancée: Juridical Hybridity in Ptolemaic Egypt”; Henry Ansgar Kelly, “The Envious Diabolos Who Brought Death in the World (Wis 2:24): Cain, not Satan”; Gregory Tatum, O.P., “Galatians 2/Acts 15 and Paul’s Ministry in 1 Thessalonians and 1 Corinthians”; Vincent Skemp, “Does Paul Refer to Christ’s Death as Sacrifice in 1 Cor 5:7?”; John Granger Cook, “Trajan, the Christians, the *lex Puteoli*, and Revelation”

The evening general session featured a presentation by Emil A. Wcela, “What’s Catholic about a Catholic Translation of the Bible?”

Sessions on Monday, August 4

Thomas D. Stegman, S.J., was the presider and homilist at the 7:00 A.M. eucharistic liturgy. Members of the association who died during the previous year were commemorated at the liturgy: Marie Therese Archambault, O.S.F.; Virgil Cordano, O.F.M.; John J. Dennehy; David N. Freedman; Joan Gormley; Mary Timothy McHatten, O.P.; Thomas A. Hoffman, S.J.; Placidus Riley, O.S.B.; and John Strugnell.

The task forces and continuing seminars resumed their work in the morning. Two simultaneous sessions then heard presentations by Stephen L. Cook, "The Isaiah School, The Pentateuch's Aaronide Source, and Their Shared Theology of Reverence"; and Richard J. Cassidy, "The Portrayal of Peter in the Gospels of Matthew and John: A Narrative Critical Perspective."

Maria Pascuzzi, C.S.J., presided and Peter S. Williamson gave the homily at the mid-day prayer. Members of the association who died during the previous year were again commemorated at the liturgy.

Two sessions of research reports during the afternoon heard the following papers delivered: Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., "American Catholic Biblical Scholarship and Its Contributions to Today's Research"; Gregory Y. Glazov, "Exploring the Text-Critical Value of the KQ Variation via Prov 20:16 and the Latter's Interrelationship with Proverbs 5-6"; Joan E. Cook, S.C., "Malachi, the Teacher-Prophet"; David L. Dungan, "Recent Trends in Understanding the Christian Scripture Selection Process"; Marie Noonan Sabin, "Reading Scripture so as to Exclude the Jews"; Geoffrey D. Miller, "Intertextuality or Inner-Biblical Exegesis? The *Status Quaestionis*"; Gary A. Anderson, "Tobit as Righteous Sufferer"; Sheila E. McGinn, "E-gesis and the *Sensus Fidelium*: Internet Interpretations as the New *Norma non Normata*"; Kathleen E. Corley, "Funerary Rituals, Women, and Christian Origins"; Paul Danove, "The Three-fold Interpretation of Specific Passive Occurrences of Verbs of Transference."

CBA president Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J., called the annual business meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. Richard J. Sklba gave the report of the chair of the Board of Trustees on the financial situation of the association. Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P., treasurer of the association, then presented the treasurer's report, previously distributed to the members present.

Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., gave the report of the executive secretary. He began by reporting that the legal dispute with the USCCB regarding royalties on the *NAB* has not yet been resolved. As a result, because it is currently unclear what percentage of the royalties the CBA will be receiving in the future, the Executive Board was forced to make the difficult decision to curtail grants radically until this matter is resolved. The Executive Board therefore voted in favor of the following grants: (a) CBA Fellowships for Linda Day and Anthea E. Portier-Young (\$20,000 each); (b) Visiting Professorships for Joan E. Cook, S.C., to the Pontifical Biblical Institute and Michael A. Daise to the Ecole Biblique (\$20,000 plus travel to each); (c) \$9,000 for the dig at Tell Mozan/Urkesh; (d) \$12,000 for the dig at Tell Qarqur; and (e) \$5,000 (a tithe of membership dues) for famine relief. The board also voted to increase the stipend for candidates receiving CBA scholarships from \$12,500 to \$15,500, and to recommend discontinuation of subscriptions to *Religious Studies Review* for members of the association.

The board named Daniel J. Harrington to the Board of Trustees and nominated Irene Nowell, O.S.B., for the Committee on Nominations.

The association will meet in 2009, through the good offices of Dennis M. Hamm, S.J., at Creighton University, Omaha (August 1-4), and in 2010, through the good offices of William J. Fulco, S.J., at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles (July 31-August 2).

The board decided that incoming President Kathleen M. O'Connor will appoint a committee to look into possible changes in time and locations for our meetings.

Linda Day gave the report of the editor of the *CBQ*. The production of the journal has continued well this year, including 24 articles and 247 book reviews. The rate of submissions received has been robust, particularly during the past few months. It was announced that Dale Launderville, O.S.B., the OT book review editor, is resigning and that Joan Cook, S.C., will be assuming the position; he was thanked for his faithful service throughout the past five years. The report concluded with an expression of gratitude for those associate editors completing their terms of service: Carol J. Dempsey, O.P., Ralph W. Klein, Marion L. Soards, and Jerome T. Walsh.

In the absence of Christopher T. Begg, Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., gave the report of the editor of *OTA*. The February and June issues have appeared. They contain a total of 937 journal or collected essay abstracts and 186 book abstracts. The report concluded with an appeal for new abstractors for *OTA* ("Questionnaire for Potential Abstractors," available on request).

Mark S. Smith gave the report of the editor of *CBQMS*. The report began with the happy announcement that volume 40, *The Origins of the West Semitic Alphabet in Egyptian Scripts* by Gordon J. Hamilton, received its second award in two years. This year saw the publication of volume 43, *Roman Imperial Ideology and the Gospel of John* by Lance Byron Richey, and volume 44, *Studies in the Greek Bible: Essays in Honor of Francis T. Gignac, S.J.* Remarks were offered by the editors of the latter, Jeremy Corley and Vince Skemp. Gignac's service to the CBA, in particular his work on behalf of the NT *NAB*, was noted. After accepting a copy of the volume, Gignac offered his warm thanks.

It was announced that volume 45, *The Story within a Story in Biblical Hebrew Narrative* by David Bosworth, is in production.

Serious inquiries continue to be made by potential authors. The potential distribution of the *CBQMS* series in Europe, a topic raised during last year's meeting, was taken up, but none of the outlets contacted were willing to add it to their lines. The *CBQMS* General Editor and the Executive Secretary plan to continue pursuing this matter. Smith thanked the editorial board for its work on behalf of the series, the Executive Secretary for his help, and the membership of the CBA for its support.

Alexander A. Di Lella, O.F.M., reported for the Committee on Credentials. The list of candidates for membership in the association was not read, since it had been available to the members throughout the meeting. In the name of the committee, he moved the election of the following candidates:

For Active Membership:

Christian M. Brady; Bogdan G. Bucur; Scott M. Carl; Michael S. Donahou; Renate Egger-Wenzel; Casey D. Elledge; Juraj Feník; Shawn W. Flynn; Timothy C. Gray; Richard G. Henning; Don Anton S. P. Hettiarachchige; George P. Heyman; Vahan S.

Hovhannessian; Dariusz A. Iwanski; L. Ann Jervis; Shabu Joseph, S.D.B.; Joel S. Kaminsky; John (Sean) K. Maher; Hellen Mardaga; Petr Marecek; Larry D. McCormick; Françoise Mirguet; Rodrigo J. Morales; Gregg S. Morrison; Dinh Anh Nhue Nguyen, O.F.M.Conv.; V. Henry T. Nguyen; Gustavo J. Nieto, I.V.E.; Eugen J. Pentiuic; Ahida E. Pilarski; Jeremy Schipper; Sarah Sheckman; Long P. Vu, O.F.M.

For Associate Membership:

Michael G. Azar; John R. Barker, O.F.M.; Joshua E. Burns; Elizabeth K. Cahill; Agnes Choi; Reba V. D'Costa, R.N.D.M.; Phillip W. Dennis; Roy A. Fischer; John K. Freiland; Anthony Giambrone, O.P.; Corinna Y. Guerrero; Patrick F. Hardiman; Jeffrey P. Hudon; Mark J. Hunt; Eric R. Jensen; Catherine M. Jones; Amanda M. Kunder; Nathan P. LaMontagne; Darren R. Miner; Curtis J. Mitch; Kelly J. Murphy; Angela C. Rasmussen; Nancy L. Rogers; Lina Rong, M.S.O.L.; H. Arlene Ross; Joe L. Ruiz, C.S.C.; Paul J. Sander; Anthony P. SooHoo, S.J.; Kevin Stephens, O.P.; Michelle K. Weber

The candidates were accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Frank J. Matera reported for the Committee on Nominations. The following slate of candidates was proposed: *President:* Kathleen M. O'Connor.; *Vice President:* Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M.; *Executive Secretary:* Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; *Treasurer:* Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P.; *General Editor of the CBQ* (for a second term), Linda Day; *Consultors*, 2008–2010: Dennis M. Hamm, S.J., and Richard J. Dillon; *Associate Editors of the CBQ:* for a first term: Ellen B. Aitken, James C. Okoye, J. Ross Wagner, Ziony Zevit; for a second term: Mary Ann Beavis, C. Clifton Black, David Carr, Sheila E. McGinn, David Penchansky; *Committee on Nominations, 2009–2012:* Irene Nowell, O.S.B. The membership elected the slate by unanimous voice vote.

For the Committee on Resolutions, Harry W. Attridge proposed the following resolution: Resolved, that the Catholic Biblical Association, gathered for its seventy-first international meeting at Fordham University, Bronx, expresses its deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the president, faculty, and staff of Fordham University, and its local arrangements committee, particularly Harry P. Nasuti and Regina Plunkett-Dowling, for their warm hospitality and efficient organization of this year's outstanding meeting of the CBA. The membership approved the resolution with a resounding ovation.

Under new business President Neyrey proposed a resolution that the CBA continue to subscribe to *Religious Studies Review* for its members, reminding them that the Executive Board urged a vote against the proposal. The proposal was rejected.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

The general session in the evening heard Ronald D. Witherup, S.S., on "Raymond Brown and the Question of 'Catholic' Exegesis: The Contribution of a Legacy."

Sessions on Tuesday, August 6

Richard J. Dillon, S.J., was the presider and homilist for the eucharistic liturgy at 7:00 A.M.

The task forces and continuing seminars resumed their work in the morning. Two simultaneous sessions followed: Anatheia Portier-Young, "Languages of Identity and Obligation: Daniel as Bilingual Book"; and Mary Rose D'Angelo "Revisiting Rome: Resistance and Accommodation in the Beginnings of Christianity."

The following CBA members and invited guests were in attendance at the meeting:

Akpunonu, Peter	Clabeaux, John J.
Albl, Martin	Cody, Aelred, O.S.B.
Alderman, Isaac	Collins, John J.
Anderson, Gary A.	Conroy, John T., Jr.
Anderson, Kelly	Cook, Joan E., S.C.
Aringo, Margaret, F.S.J.	Cook, John
Attridge, Harold W., Jr.	Cook, Stephen L.
Ayers, Steve	Corgan, Carol H.
Azar, Michael G.	Corley, Kathleen E.
Bales, William	Corley, Thomas (Jeremy)
Banks, Jennifer A.	Corzine, Robert
Bartelt, Andrew H.	Czander, Giovanna R.
Beach, Eleanor	Daise, Michael A.
Beavis, Mary Ann	D'Angelo, Mary Rose
Bellinger, William H.	Danove, Paul
Benjamin, Don C.	Day, Linda
Bergant, Dianne, C.S.A.	Decker-Lucke, Shirley
Berquist, Jon L.	Dempsey, Carol J., O.P.
Betancourt, Juan, S.E.M.V.	Dennis, Philip W.
Binz, Stephen, J.	Diaz, Edgar
Birge, Mary Kate, S.S.J.	Dietlein, Damian L., O.S.B.
Black, Clinton C., II	Di Lella, Alexander A., O.F.M.
Boadt, Lawrence, C.S.P.	Dillon, Richard J.
Bobertz, Charles A.	Donahue, John R., S.J.
Boisclair, Regina A.	Doran, Robert
Bonneau, Normand R., O.M.I.	Dornemann, Rudolph H.
Bossman, David, O.F.M.	Doutre, John J., O.C.S.O.
Boucher, Madeline	Downs, David J.
Brady, Christian M.	Duggan, Michael W.
Brady, Patrick J.	Dungan, David L.
Brien, Mary T., P.B.V.M.	Dwyer, Peter
Brodie, Thomas L., O.P.	Ernest, James
Bucur, Bogdan G.	Endres, John C., S.J.
Bunta, Silviu N.	Ewherido, Anthony O.
Calamia, Joseph	Ezeogu, Ernest, M., C.S.Sp.
Carmody, Timothy R.	Finlan, Stephen, M.
Carruth, Shawn, O.S.B.	Flynn, Shawn W.
Carvalho, Corrine	Frechette, Christopher, S.J.
Cassidy, Richard J.	Freiland, John K.
Castles, Patrick J.	Frein, Brigid Curtin
Chavez, Emilio G.	Fry, Anne-Marie
Chesnutt, Randall D.	Gadenz, Pablo T.
Christofferson, Hans	Galvin, Garrett M., O.F.M.

Gerstenschlager, Burke
 Gerth, Judy
 Gilchrist, John J.
 Gillman, Florence
 Girard, Marc
 Glazov, Gregory Y.
 Haak, Robert D.
 Hagan, Harry, O.S.B.
 Halton, Violet
 Hamilton, Gordon J.
 Hamm, Dennis, S.J.
 Harkins, Angela Kim
 Harmon, Bradley
 Harrill, J. Albert
 Harrington, Daniel J., S.J.
 Harris, Scott
 Hartin, Patrick
 Hayes, Katherine M.
 Healy, Mary E.
 Henning, Richard G.
 Hens-Piazza, Gina
 Heyman, George P.
 Höck, Andreas
 Hogan, Karina M.
 Hull, Michael F.
 Humphrey, Hugh M.
 Hunt, Mark J.
 Irvin, Dorothy
 Jackson, John R.
 Jensen, Joseph, O.S.B.
 Jensen, Joseph E.
 Johnson, Pamela
 Kalita, Thomas M.
 Kaltner, John
 Kealy, Sean, C.S.Sp.
 Keegan, Terence J., O.P.
 Keller, Marie Noel, R.S.M.
 Kelly, Henry Ansgar
 Kerrigan, Michael
 Kiley, Mark
 Kinney, James R.
 Kleemans, Machiel
 Knust, Jennifer W.
 Koduvalil, Bobby
 Koester, Craig R.
 Kolarcik, Michael F., S.J.
 Kosanke, Charles G.
 Kugler, Robert A.
 Kurz, William S., S.J.
 Lair, Gerard P., O.S.B.
 Launderville, Dale, O.S.B.
 Legarreta, Felipe
 Lewis, Scott M., S.J.
 Lillie, Betty Jane, S.C.
 Macey, Richard C.
 Macumber, Heather L.
 Magee, Michael K.
 Malina, Bruce J.
 Maloney, C. Elliot, O.S.B.
 Maloney, Linda M.
 Maluf, Leonard
 Mandell, Sara R.
 Martin, Francis
 Martinez, Roberto, O.F.M. Cap.
 Mason, Eric F.
 Matera, Frank J.
 Matson, Mark A.
 Mazich, Edward M., O.S.B.
 McCarthy, David P.
 McCormick, Larry D.
 McCruden, Kevin B.
 McDougal, Russell K., C.S.C.
 McGinn, Sheila E.
 McKenzie, Steven L.
 McLaughlin, John L.
 McLinden, Marion, O.P.
 Meier, John P.
 Miles, Pamela H.
 Miller, Geoff D.
 Miller, William T., S.J.
 Miner, Darren R.
 Minto, Andrew L.
 Mitch, Curtis J.
 Montague, George T., S.M.
 Morrison, Craig E., O.Carm.
 Morrow, Ernest
 Morrow, William S.
 Morton, Russell
 Murphy, Nicole Smith
 Myers, Allen C.

- Nasuti, Harry P.
 Navarre, Nanette M.
 Neyrey, Jerome H., S.J.
 Ngan, Lai ling E.
 Niskanen, Paul
 O'Connor, Kathleen M.
 Okoye, James C., C.S.Sp.
 Oleary, Anne M., P.Bv.M.
 O'Mahony, Kieran, O.S.A.
 Orlov, Andrei A.
 O'Toole, Robert F.
 Parr, Charles James
 Pascuzzi, Maria, C.S.J.
 Patella, Michael, O.S.B.
 Pazdan, Mary Margaret, O.P.
 Pentiu, Eugen J.
 Perkins, Pheme
 Perrotta, Kevin F.
 Petrany, Catherine E.
 Pilarski, Ahida E.
 Pilch, John J.
 Plunkett-Dowling, Regina
 Polich, James C.
 Portalatin, Antonio
 Portier-Young, Anatheia E.
 Racine, Jean François
 Rafferty, Gerard
 Ralph, Margaret N.
 Rappe, Donald J.
 Reid, Barbara E., O.P.
 Reisinger, Joan H.
 Richard, Earl J.
 Rogers, Nancy L.
 Rong, Linda, M.S.O.L.
 Ruiz, Joe L., C.S.C
 Rupert, Christopher T., S.J.
 Russell, Patrick J.
 Ryan, Stephen D., O.P.
 Sabin, Marie F.
 Salvador, Roberta L., M.M.
 Sander, Paul J.
 Schaub, Marilyn
 Schaub, Thomas R.
 Schipper, Jeremy
 Schmitt, John J.
 Schuchard, Bruce G.
 Schuller, Eileen M., O.S.U.
 Share, Kenneth
 Singer-Towns, Brian
 Skemp, Vincent
 Sklba, Richard J.
 Sloyan, Gerard S.
 Smiga, George M.
 Smiles, Vincent M.
 Smith, David W.
 Smith, Mark S.
 Sperry, Mary E.
 Spitaler, Peter
 Stachow, Mary Ann C., S.B.S.
 Stegman, Thomas D., S.J.
 Stenstrup, Kenneth G.
 Štrba, Blažej F.
 Taggart, Linda S.
 Tatum, Gregory, O.P.
 Taylor, Justin, S.M.
 Tyler, Ronald L.
 Venard, Oliver-Thomas, O.P.
 Viviano, Benedict, O.P.
 Viviano, Pauline A.
 Wcela, Emil A.
 Weckert, Paul M., O.S.B.
 West, James E.
 White, Maylyn Ellen
 Wiley, Tatha
 Williamson, Peter S.
 Willis, Timothy M.
 Wimmer, Donald H.
 Wimmer, Joseph F., O.S.B.
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