

SAMR CALL for PAPERS

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New Approaches in Social Sciences and the Study of Ancient Religion

Although the application of social science methodologies to the study of ancient Mediterranean religion extends back to the origins of the modern social sciences, many new methodologies and theoretical orientations have appeared in the past few decades that scholars of ancient religion have only recently begun to employ, with very fruitful if sometimes controversial results. Cognitive science has perhaps attracted the most attention, but social psychology, communication studies, performance theory, practice theory, and ritual theory have also figured largely in recent research.

The Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions invites scholars and students of the religions of the ancient Mediterranean world, including Greek, Roman, Egyptian, and Near Eastern religions, as well as early Christianity and Judaism, to submit abstracts that address the application of recent social scientific approaches to the study of religion. Potential topics include, but are not limited to: case studies that involve the application of a specific methodology; and general evaluations of particular methodologies and theories with specific reference to the ancient Mediterranean.

Proposals should be submitted electronically through the SBL website. The deadline is

Wednesday, 4 March,

2015

. You must be a member of the SBL or seek a waiver in order to deliver a paper. Papers should last between 15 and 20 minutes. Abstracts should contain a title and a word count, but should not have any information regarding the identity of the submitter. All abstracts will be reviewed anonymously. Please direct all queries to SAMR at socamr@gmail.com.