

**For presenters: publication plans and guidelines**

Seminar papers, revised in light of discussion at the seminar and feedback from the editors (Jeanette Mathews and David Neville), will be published in the first number of *St Mark's Review* for 2017.

Publication schedule: Revised seminar papers need to be submitted by no later than mid-January 2017 (mid-December 2016 preferred).

Word limit and audience: Revised papers should be about 5,000 words in length and written with a non-specialist audience in mind, with restricted use of biblical language fonts (for key terms or to reinforce an important point).

Style Guide: For general matters of style and referencing, use the second edition of *The SBL Handbook of Style* (SBL Press, 2014). [Note: Use the referencing style for footnotes, not author-date citations.]

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in Biblical Theology  
(PaCT Biblical Seminar)  
**Friday, 7 October 2016**



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## Keynote presenter: J. Richard Middleton

J. Richard Middleton (PhD, Free University of Amsterdam) is Professor of Biblical Worldview and Exegesis at Northeastern Seminary and teaches at Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, New York, where he is adjunct Professor of Theology. His expertise is in Old Testament theology, with particular emphasis on Genesis, Psalms, Job, and 1 and 2 Samuel, as well as in Creation theology, Eschatology and also Christian worldview.

The author of six books, Professor Middleton is now working on a book tentatively titled *The Silence of Abraham, the Passion of Job: Explorations in the Theology of Lament* (forthcoming from Baker Academic). He is comparing Abraham's ominous and silent attempt to sacrifice his son in Genesis 22 (the *Aqedah*) and Job's outspoken challenge to God in response to his sufferings, which God finally affirms as "right" speech at the end of the book.

Professor Middleton's most recent book, *A New Heaven and a New Earth: Reclaiming Biblical Eschatology* (Baker Academic, 2014) won the 2014 Word Guild Award – Biblical Studies Category.

## Friday, 7 October

- 9.00–9.50 **Richard Middleton:** YHWH's Second Speech from the Whirlwind in the Book of Job
- 10.00–10.30 **Jeanette Mathews:** Response and Discussion
- 10.30–11.00 Tea/coffee
- 11.00–11.40 **Virginia Ingram:** King over the Proud: Verbal Irony in the Book of Job
- 11.45–12.25 **Melinda Cousins:** Conversing with the God of the Pilgrimage Psalms
- 12.30–2.00 Lunch for seminar participants
- 2.00–2.40 **Anthony Rees:** Moses UnManned: Numbers 20
- 2.45–3.25 **Marian Free:** Suffering and Paul's Self-identity
- 3.30–4.00 Tea/coffee
- 4.00–4.40 **Keith Dyer:** Beastly Hybridity: Leviathan, Behemoth and Revelation 13
- 4.45–5.15 **Concluding Ruminations**
- 7.00 pm Presenters' dinner