THE KINGDOM OF GOD

ETS/EPS SOUTHWEST REGION

Plenary Speaker: Andrew Abernethy

March 24–25, 2023
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Fort Worth, Texas
Conference Plenary Speaker: Andrew Abernethy
Andrew Abernethy is Professor of Old Testament and Coordinator of the M.A. in Biblical Exegesis at Wheaton College and Graduate School.

His primary research area is the book of Isaiah, though Psalms, the Latter Prophets, biblical theology, and the topic of eating attract his attention, too. He has written numerous articles and is also the author of several books: *Eating in Isaiah* (Brill, 2014); *The Book of Isaiah and God’s Kingdom* (IVP, 2016); *God’s Messiah in the Old Testament* (Baker, 2020); *Discovering Isaiah* (Eerdmans/SPCK, 2021); *Savoring Scripture: A Six-Step Guide to Studying the Bible* (IVP 2022).

Schedule
Friday, March 24

11:30–1:15  Registration and Exhibit Hall Open
1:30–2:10  Parallel Session #1
2:20–3:00  Parallel Session #2
3:15–4:15  Plenary Session #1 (150)
4:30–5:10  Parallel Session #3
5:20–6:00  Parallel Session #4
6:00–6:30  EPS Business Meeting (148)

Saturday, March 25

8:30–9:00  ETS Business Meeting (250)
9:20–10:00  Parallel Session #5
10:10–10:50  Parallel Session #6
11:00–12:00  Plenary Session #2 (150)
12:15–1:15  Lunch
            (Boxed for those who ordered before the conference)
1:30–2:10  Parallel Session #7
2:20–3:00  Parallel Session #8
3:10–3:50  Parallel Session #9
Conference Information
The 2023 ETS/EPS annual conference for the Southwest region is being hosted at the Riley Center on the campus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, on March 24–25, 2023. The Riley Center is located at 1701 West Boyce Avenue.

Parking
Parking is available in the lot south of the Riley Center. Overnight parking is available in the same lot for guests staying at the Riley Center. Other parking is available across Stanley Ave., just south of the MacGorman Chapel.

Saturday Lunch
For participants who ordered the boxed lunch for Saturday, those lunches will be available to pick up in the Lane of the Riley Center after the second plenary session.

Restaurants
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has a dining hall open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Beyond the campus, dozens of dining establishments are located within minutes of campus. See registration for a list of recommendations.

Regional Officers
The Southwest region ETS officers for this year:
- **President**: Charlie Ray III
- **Program Chair**: Joshua E. Williams
- **Program Vice-Chair**: Mario Melendez
- **Secretary/Treasurer**: Page Brooks

The Southwest region EPS officers for this year:
- **Chair**: Greg Trickett
- **Program Chair**: Jay Howell
- **Secretary**: Andrew Hollingsworth

Next Year’s Meeting
In 2024, Oklahoma Baptist University will be hosting the annual meeting on its campus in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The conference will take place on April 12–13.
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Parallel 1 (1:30–2:10)
237 Mario Catalino Melendez, Oklahoma Baptist University
Pedagogical Revival for Effective Hebrew Education

239 Nancy S. Dawson, Independent Scholar
The Structure and Function of Biblical Genealogies: A Study of Selected Individuals

250 Nicholas Cody Roberts, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Hearing the Echo of Freedom: A Metaleptic Reading of Paul’s Use of Isaiah 52:5 in 1 Timothy 6:1

243 Tyler Bauer, Southwestern Seminary/ Palm Beach Atlantic University
Calvinism and the Kingdom: Should Calvinists Be Optimistic Regarding the Scope of Salvation?

245 Lisa Jo Fanelli-Greer, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary
Bonaventure’s Theory of Creation – A Trinitarian and Christ-Centered View

146 Brian James Watson, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Is This the Best Possible World? Reframing The Debate

148 Nicholas Noyola, University of Lucerne
Does It Take A Property To Make A Property? The Problem of God and Abstract Objects

Parallel 2 (2:20–3:00)
237 Casey Hough, Luther Rice College and Seminary
Kingdom Conversion – The Ingathering of the Nations in Zechariah 1-8

239 Nicholas Strube, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
"Show Me Your Glory": A Theological Aesthetic Reading of Exodus 33:18

250 Edward Toby Palmer, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Why Is John’s Apocalypse So Bloody?: John’s Use and Subversion of Combat Myths

243 Mark Harlan, Dallas International University
The Kingdom of God and the Land

245 Lloyd Harsch, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Johann Oecolampadius’s View of The Lord’s Supper: Gleanings from Vom Nachtmal (1526)

146 Andrew Hollingsworth and Ryan Mullins, Brewton-Parker College; Palm-Beach Atlantic University, and the University of Lucerne
Penal Substitutionary Atonement and the Ontology of Time

148 Drew Smith, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Sketch for a Greater Glory Theodicy

Plenary Session 1 (3:15–4:15)
150 Andrew Abernethy, Wheaton College
A Kingdom of God Hermeneutic: Prospects and Cautions
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Parallel 3 (4:30–5:10)

237 Ron Lindo, Jr., Jackson Theological Seminary, Little Rock, AR
   Heavenly Citizen in a Secular World: What Can the Book of Esther Teach Us About
   Our Dual Citizenship?

239 Charles Baukal, Oklahoma Baptist University
   Yahweh’s Chariot of Fire

250 Jason P. Pedersen, Dallas Theological Seminary
   Paul and Israel’s Scriptures: Exodus 23:7, Isaiah 5:23, and His Letter to the Romans

243 Craig Blaising, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
   Progressive Dispensationalism as Kingdom Theology

245 James Lefeu, Dallas Theological Seminary
   An Evangelical Historiography

146 Theodore J. Cabal, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
   Concordism and the Importance of Hybrid Models

148 Jesse Erickson, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
   The Compatibilist Solution to the Problem of Middle Knowledge and Divine Inspiration

Parallel 4 (5:20–6:00)

237 Brian C. Berry, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
   God’s Kingdom in the Doxological Speeches of Daniel

239 Micah Barksdale, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
   Joseph as an Example of Hope: An Intertextual Study of Psalm 105 and Genesis 37–50

250 R. Connor Evans, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
   The Identity Shaping Rhetoric of John: Hope for the Overcomer

243 Coleman M. Ford, Texas Baptist College / SWBTS
   “That Supernal Homeland”: Kingdom of God and the Ethics of Baptism in Augustine’s
   On Baptism

245 Taylor Lassiter, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
   Kingdom Conversion, Kingdom Causes, and Kingdom Agents: The Missiology of Carl
   F. H. Henry

146 Jason Allen, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
   Divine Simplicity, Aseity, and Divine Substance Priority

148 Paul Rezkalla, Baylor University
   Why Calvinism and Molinism Stand or Fall Together

EPS Business Meeting (6:00–6:30)
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Saturday, March 25

ETS Business Session (8:30–9:00, Room 250)

Parallel 5 (9:20–10:00)
237 Raleigh S. Clay, Dallas Theological Seminary
   Commanding Violence: Moral Concerns Regarding the Canaanite Conquest and Christ’s Law of Love
239 Nicholas Maricle, Louisiana Christian University
   Divine Immutability as a Basis for Theological Ethics
250 Jim Wicker, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
   Did the Sabbath Get Sabotaged? A Fresh Look at Key Biblical Words
243 Keith S. Lindley, Dallas Theological Seminary
   An Absolutely Good Kingdom: Defeat, Defense, and Narrative Theodicy
245 Noah Edmonson, Dallas Theological Seminary
   Equal Entrance, Righteous Rewards in the Kingdom of Heaven: Gregory of Nazianzus’ Two Uses of the Parable of the Vineyard in Oration 40
246 Jonathan Strand, Concordia University of Edmonton, Alberta
   On Mattering and Making a Difference
248 Andy Jennings, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
   Is Conceivable Evil a Problem for God?

Parallel 6 (10:10–10:50)
237 Stephen McCormick, Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music
   Kingdom Foundation in Genesis 1-4: Understanding Human Agency in a Divine Kingdom
239 Kendra Bailey, Dallas Theological Seminary
   Righteous Minds from Every Nation: The Unblinding Agent of the Kingdom of God
250 Samuel Woo, Denver Seminary
   Let God Arise and the Sun Not Subside: Paul’s Use of the Third-Person Prohibition in Ephesians 4:26
243 Chang Hyun Baek, NOBTS
   The Effect of Placher’s Domestication of Transcendence on Modern Theological Views of Demonic Powers
245 Cameron Mohajerin, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
   Already Not Yet in Calvin’s Theology of Resurrection
146 Joseph Blado and Tyler McNabb, Notre Dame; St. Francis University
   Cosmological Arguments: How First Stage and Second Stage Arguments Fit Better With Divine Simplicity
148 Gregory L. Bock and Court D. Lewis, The University of Texas at Tyler; Pellissippi State Community College
   Bonhoeffer’s Ethics of Forgiveness
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**Saturday, March 25**

**Plenary Session (11:00–12:00)**

| 150 | Andrew Abernethy, Wheaton College | God’s Kingdom in the Book of Isaiah |

**Lunch (12:15–1:15, The Lane)**

Available for those who purchased boxed lunches before the conference

**Parallel 7 (1:30–2:10)**

| 237 | Daniel Forbes, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary | Tell It Not in Gath: The Use of 2 Samuel 1:20 in Micah 1:10, and the Collapse and Restoration of the Davidic Monarchy |
| 239 | David N. Gambo, Oklahoma Baptist University | Kingdom Centered Preaching |
| 250 | Bradley L. Smith, Dallas Theological Seminary | When Is the Strong One Bound? Reassessing Matthew 12:29 |
| 243 | Adam Harwood, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary | The Kingdom of God Belongs to Such as These: Baptist Beliefs About the Spiritual Condition of Infants |
| 245 | Joshua Lay, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary | In Defense of Human Sacrifice: Theological Ethics and Anthropology in Bartolome De Las Casas |
| 146 | Susan McRae, University of North Texas | The Quest for Genuine Freedom: In Defense of Kierkegaard’s Upbuilding of Faith and the Unity of Temporality and Eternity |
| 148 | Jesse Gentile, Fuller Seminary | Prayers for Medical Healing and the Logical Problem of Evil: An Eschatological Defense |
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Parallel 8 (2:20–3:00)

237 Andrew D. Nance, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
   A Kingdom of Priests: The Precursor of Christian Apologetics in the Old Testament

239 Fieldon Thigpen, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
   Observing Method in Biblical Theologies of Preaching: Toward a Taxonomy of Theologies of Preaching

250 Micah Chung, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
   Bonded by Broken Bread: Food, Covenant, and the Sacrifice of Christ

243 Billy Benson, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
   A Witness to the Kingdom of God: The Church Family as a Production Unit

245 Zelda C. Wolfe, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
   Theological Reading: Recovering Early Church Fathers and Premodern Perspectives

146 Finney Premkumar, University of Birmingham
   Epistemology within the Kingdom

148 Chris D. Lee, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
   Theodicy, Disability, and Thomistic Hylomorphism: On the Metaphysics of Disabilities

Parallel 9 (3:10–3:50)

237 Cole Peck, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
   Non-Israelites in the Chronicler’s Genealogies: An Exploration of the Role of Non-Israelites in the Identity of the Kingdom

239 Matthew McKellar, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
   Alexander McLaren’s Perspective on Greatness in the Kingdom as Reflected in His Expositions of Luke 6-7

250 Robert B. Stewart, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
   Was Jesus Buried?: A Response to Bart D. Ehrman and John Dominic Crossan

243 Thomas G. Doughty Jr., Leavell College
   Christus Dominus: Human Vocation in Christ the Lord of All

245 Braden McKinley, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
   The Pursuit of Purity in Early Christian Worship

146 Joel Zelaya Domínguez, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
   Naturalism Versus Theism Is a Genuine Dilemma: A Response to Stephen Law

148 Kevin Watson, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
   Modifying Stephen Law’s ‘X-Claim Argument Against Religious Belief’ in Terms of Religious Disagreement