



BAPTIST SCHOLARS INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLE

Forming Global Baptist Educators

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS: BAPTISTS AND HIGHER EDUCATION

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The Baptist Scholars International Roundtable (BSIR) invites proposals for its 19th annual meeting, to be convened at Christ Church, University of Oxford, August 4-7, 2024. Our Distinguished Fellow for 2024 will be Dr. Loida Martell, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean at Lexington Seminary. The 2024 BSIR conference theme will be “Baptists and Global Missions.” We invite scholars from a broad array of disciplines to consider how Baptists worldwide have thought about missions and engaged in missionary work—as well as how locals of different backgrounds appropriated, resisted, and/or disseminated the message and work of Baptist missionaries. We are particularly interested in approaches centered around Baptist groups outside the United States and Europe, even if such groups are studied in relation to Baptists in the West. Topics may range widely and might consider themes such as the following:

- Historical role of Western influences on Baptists in the Global South;
- Geopolitical implications of Baptist Global missions;
- The history, contributions, and impact of individual Baptist missionaries;
- Theological reflections on Baptist missions;
- Historical role of Baptist missionaries who established religious institutions globally;
- Rhetorical analysis of missionary writings;
- The contributions and complexities that Baptist missionaries introduced in the Global South via theological education;
- The multidirectional nature of Baptist missions;
- Resistance by Global South Baptists to missionary theology and practice of Baptists from the United States and Europe;
- Assessments of gender and race dynamics among Baptists in mission fields;
- History of Baptist institutions connected to missionaries
- Qualitative or quantitative explorations from the social sciences related to Baptist missions;

We encourage participation by scholars from all career stages, especially junior scholars and doctoral candidates. While papers should pertain to the Baptist expression of Christianity, scholars from all faiths are welcome.

Format: Seven BSIR Scholars are selected to present their original papers of 15-25 pages. BSIR Fellows offer responses, followed by group discussion. To promote a vibrant conversation, all participants agree to prepare for engagement with each paper in advance. BSIR offers publication opportunities in journals or edited volumes. Proposals should be [submitted at this link](#). The submission deadline is **January 1, 2024**. For accepted submissions, the full paper will be due on June 1, 2024

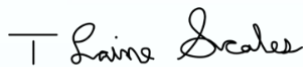
Submissions should include:

- Name, Affiliation, and Contact Information
- Paper Title and Abstract (no more than 750 words)
- Bio (150 words max., including degrees and selected publications)

Proposals will be selected based on the quality and clarity of the proposal content, the relationship of the paper to the conference theme, and publication potential. Lodging and meals are provided, and accepted scholars receive assistance with travel costs.

About BSIR

The Baptist Scholars International Roundtable (BSIR) promotes scholarship from Baptist perspectives across the ages and around the globe by facilitating a scholarly forum for the exchange of ideas. From its administrative home at Baylor University, Waco, TX, this community is international, intergenerational, and interdisciplinary and invites a diversity of Baptist affiliations. At the heart of the Roundtable is the formation for academic stewardship in which a newer generation is welcomed into an international Baptist Academy and formed to preserve and sustain both academic and faith communities. At annual meetings, hosted at Christ Church, University of Oxford, senior scholars (BSIR Fellows) and a Visiting Distinguished Fellow engage with the developing ideas of doctoral students, early-career, and mid-career faculty (BSIR Scholars) presenting papers selected through a competitive process.



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