

EDITORIAL

The editorial team for *Andrews University Seminary Studies* is happy to introduce to our readers the Fall 2020 issue of our journal. You will find here a selection of significant articles sharing scholarship on Text-historical Hermeneutics, Textual Criticism, and Archeology along with book reviews and abstracts of recent dissertations.

With regard to articles, first, Jonathan Campbell explores “Determining Textual Similarity: GA 2936 as a Test Case for the *Teststellen* Method.” He concludes that this method is relatively simple and very effective for clarifying the history of Byzantine texts. It is the first time that the *Teststellen* method has been applied to GA 2936, a 13th century manuscript containing New Testament Pauline materials.

Second, Paul Ray’s article, “Some Hermeneutical Principles for the Biblical Historian,” provides an archaeologist’s perspective on the strengths and weaknesses of text-historical and text-exclusive approaches to biblical interpretation followed by specific recommendations of important hermeneutical principles.

Third, Chang-Ho Ji and Aaron Schade present “Excavating a Monumental Stepped Stone Structure at Khirbat Ataruz: The 2016–17 Season of Fieldwork in Field G.” They indicate that the steps connect with an Iron IIA temple and plaza and that later Moabite architectural remains are most likely Iron IIB.

Our book reviews introduce twenty-two recent publications; and six dissertation abstracts report recent research by doctoral candidates from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. We anticipate that you will find studies mentioned here that are relevant to your areas of interest.

In addition, we take this opportunity to thank members of our editorial team who have served *AUSS* with distinction and are now serving elsewhere. Our best wishes are with Carina Prestes (Circulation Manager), Jônatas Ferreira (Book Review Manager), and Natalie Dorland (Public Relations Manager) who have now taken on other academic and professional responsibilities.

We are also thankful for new colleagues who have recently joined and strengthened our editorial team—Krysten Thomas (our new Circulation and Public Relations Manager) and Rodrigo Galiza (our new Book Review Manager).

Finally, please note our call for scholarly articles on the subject of Theology and Interdisciplinary Dialogue. See the inside back cover of this issue of our journal. Your support of *AUSS* and interdisciplinary dialogue help us to be part of the fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy that "many will go here and there to increase knowledge" (Dan 12:4, NIV).

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