Steve McKenzie: The 2020 J.J.M. Roberts Lecturer in Old Testament Studies

We are pleased to announce that Steven L. McKenzie will present the J.J.M. Roberts lecture in Old Testament Studies at the 2020 CSC. McKenzie is Professor of Hebrew Bible and Religious Studies and the Spence L. Wilson Research Fellow at Rhodes College. He has authored and edited numerous books, commentary series, and study Bibles, but is perhaps most widely known for King David: A Biography (2000). He co-founded the Deuteronomistic History Section at the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting and has served on numerous editorial boards, including the Journal of Biblical Literature, Catholic Biblical Quarterly and Vetus Testamentum.

Director's Comments

I am especially pleased that the Roberts’ Section Committee has made another excellent selection in naming Steven L. McKenzie as the 2020 lecturer. A graduate of Abilene Christian University and Harvard (ThD) he has appeared on television and in radio interviews as a consultant on King David and reading and interpreting the Bible. His current projects include writing the commentary on the book of Jonah for the Anchor Bible. Not only does McKenzie follow Roberts’ track in academic preparation (ACU and Harvard) but he now joins the ranks of a remarkable group of top quality scholars who have lectured at the CSC under Roberts name:

2015 Choon-Leong Seow, Princeton University, “The Book of Job in its Cultural Milieu”
2018 Carol Meyers, Duke University, “The ‘Gender Gap’: Textual and Archaeological Images of Israelite Women”
2019 Katharine Dell, University of Cambridge, “Women Wisdom and Her Afterlife”