

## **The Hermeneutics of Unity in and after Scripture**

The Hermeneutics of Unity in and after Scripture, 2022 section explores the hermeneutics of unity involved in the reception of earlier texts by later ones within the biblical corpus, as well as by other authors and communities in Second Temple Judaism, early Christianity, and more contemporary periods. Across this literature, focused attention is given to the nature of the hermeneutic employed to foster and protect continued unity within each respective interpreting community.

The section conceives of "hermeneutics" in a general sense that includes specific exegetical techniques but also directs attention to the presuppositions or worldviews that direct the applications of these techniques. Because "unity" has various conflicting definitions, the section welcomes explorations of these various kinds of unity, their promises, and their problems. The section further welcomes explorations of the hermeneutics of unity, whether that unity moves toward positive ends (e.g., orthodoxy, orthopraxy) or negative ones (e.g., slavery, segregation, anti-Semitism).

Each session consists of three 15-minute paper readings or summaries and one 15-minute response. Thereafter, discussion is invited among the panel and, time permitting, other session attendees.