



New Testament Society of Southern Africa

## Call for Papers

NTSSA Annual Conference 25-28 March 2019

University of Johannesburg

**Subgroup: Gender and Human Sexuality in/and the New Testament 2019**

**Conference Theme: Embodied Hermeneutics: Texts, Discourse, Performance**

**Keynote: Prof Musa Dube (University of Botswana)**

The manner in which biblical texts and traditions are read, interpreted and appropriated, can result in either life-threatening or life-affirming discourses, theologies, teachings and practices—both within and outside the sphere of the academia.

This conference invites scholarly engagement that addresses notions of perspectivity as lived realities, specifically with regards to gender and sexuality—bringing biblical and related scholarship into critical conversation with discursive and material experiences of bodiliness throughout the centuries.

A challenge is posed to scholars to creatively explore, question, critique and que(e)ry hermeneutical frameworks, themes and texts within the field of New Testament and Early Christian studies. It is also an opportunity to critically engage the intersectional and interdependent links between gender and sexuality and hierarchical, exploitative patterns in human understanding and arrangement of socio-cultural systems, including eco-systems.

We invite papers exploring the following issues in relation to the conference theme:

- 1) Hermeneutical and methodological issues drawing on theories and approaches such as feminist studies, queer studies, post/decolonial studies, masculinity studies and critical studies that relate to gender, race and class;
- 2) The intersection of gender and sexuality with other forms of domination within socio-cultural systems, including eco-systems;
- 3) We welcome papers that foreground Africa contextually and epistemologically, particularly in relation to decolonial gender theories and practices;
- 4) We particularly invite emerging scholars in the field of NT and Early Christian Studies to present their research from gender and/or sexuality perspectives.



Deadline for Title and Abstract submission: 25 January 2019

Please send your title and abstract to your subgroup leaders or to the leaders of Gender & Human Sexuality.

Details of the registration for the conference will follow after the deadline for submissions.

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