

## CISMOR Research Meeting in 2012

15:30—17:30, 15 Sat. December 2012  
Room G31 Shingaku-kan , Doshisha University

# QUESTIONS ABOUT MONOTHEISM IN ANCIENT ISRAEL: BETWEEN TEXTS AND ARCHAEOLOGY

(古代イスラエルにおける一神教についての問いーテキストと考古学との間ー)

### 【Guest Speakers】

**Prof. Mark S. Smith**

Skirball Professor of Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies,  
Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, New York University

**Prof. Elizabeth Bloch-Smith**

Associate Professor at Union Theological Seminary, NY and the Jewish Theological Seminary

### 【Commentators】

**Prof. Yiu Wing Fung**

Associate Professor, Alliance Bible Seminary, Hong Kong/ Visiting Researcher, CISMOR

**Prof. Akira Echigoya**

Professor, School of Theology, Doshisha University

### 【Moderator】

**Prof. Ada Taggar-Cohen**

Professor, School of Theology, Doshisha University

### 【Schedule】

15:30-15:35	Opening	Prof. Ada Taggar-Cohen
15:35-15:55	Presentation	Prof. Mark S. Smith
15:55-16:15	Presentation	Prof. Elizabeth Bloch-Smith
16:15-16:35	Comment	Prof. Yiu Wing Fung
	Comment	Prof. Akira Echigoya
16:40-17:30	Discussion	
18:00-20:00	Dinner	Kyoto Heian Hotel

## 【 Guest Speakers 】

### ■ Mark S. Smith

1978 M.A. Catholic University of America  
1981 M.T.S Harvard Divinity School  
1982 M.A. Yale University  
1985 Ph.D. Yale University

Professor Smith is currently (since 2000) Skirball Professor of Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, at New York University USA. Previously he was Associate Professor of Old Testament at Saint Joseph's University, and Yale University. His research progressed studying in several different Universities in the US including studies in Israel at the Hebrew University Jerusalem, where he stayed as a visiting scholar twice in the years 1997 and 2011.

His areas of research are Bible; Israelite religion and culture; Ugaritic literature and religion; Hebrew grammar; and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

He has authored about 15 books and published more than 100 articles. His research work has been highly evaluated by scholars around the world and he has received many awards and honors. Recently he became Elected Fellow of the American Academy for Jewish Research. He has been on the editorial board of several journals, and is acting now as such on the Editorial Board of the Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research and Jewish Quarterly Review.

Among his last books:

- God in Translation: Deities in Cross-Cultural Discourse in the Biblical World (Forschungen zum Alten Testament series I, volume 57; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2008; republished by Eerdmans in 2010).
- Co-author with Wayne T. Pitard, The Ugaritic Baal Cycle: Volume 2. Introduction with Text, Translation and Commentary of KTU 1.3-1.4 (Vetus Testament Supplement series, volume 114; Leiden: Brill, 2009).
- The Priestly Vision of Genesis 1 (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 2010). Exodus (The New Collegeville Bible Commentary series, Fascicle 2, Old Testament; Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2011).

### ■ Elizabeth Bloch-Smith

1979 M.A., University of Chicago Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations.  
1990 Ph.D. with distinction, University of Chicago Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations.

Recent position: since 2009 she is an Associate Professor at Union Theological Seminary, NY and the Jewish Theological Seminary, NY teaching Archaeology and the Bible and Jerusalem in History, Faith, Memory and Identity. Before she has taught at various universities including New York University, NY; Villanova University, PA; Drexel University, and St. Joseph's University.

Prof. Elizabeth Bloch-Smith is an archaeologist of the Levant, and has been digging in Israel, Cyprus and recently in Zincirli in Turkey. She has published largely on Biblical archeology and her book is: Judahite Burial Practices and Beliefs About the Dead. Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplement Series 123; ASOR Monograph Series 7; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press (1992).

She is currently preparing two books for publication:

Together with Ilan Sharon and Ayelet Gilboa, Tel Dor Area B: The Iron Age Remains. Qedem. Israel Exploration Society.