

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

ASA
2015
Annual Meeting



Oral Roberts
University
Tulsa, Oklahoma
July 24–27, 2015

HEARING GOD'S VOICE IN NATURE

*"Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all
who delight in them."*
—Psalm 111:2

Message from Program Chair Dominic Halsmer:

As scientists, we have the wonderful privilege of pondering what we hear from God through the study of nature. As we delight in the great creative works of the Lord, let us come together to consider our role in properly stewarding these profound truths. *What does it mean to hear God's voice in nature? And what is he saying to us? How can we perceive God's presence and wisdom in some of the more disturbing aspects of nature? What is the role of the Holy Spirit in God's creative works, and how does the Spirit want to move within our scientific community today? How does our relationship with God influence our fundamental understanding of scientific knowledge?* These are just some of the intriguing questions that will be addressed at the 2015 ASA Annual Meeting. Come and discuss the issues with your colleagues and these exciting plenary speakers.



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Our **topical areas** for parallel oral sessions are as follows:

- **Physical Sciences:** Physics, Chemistry, Astronomy, Cosmology
How do we understand the relationship between the physical sciences and Christian theology?
- **Life Sciences:** Biology, Medicine, Bioethics
Going beyond the traditional creation/evolution dialogue to examine how current research informs and is informed by Christian faith.
- **Mind Sciences:** Behavioral Sciences, Neuroscience, Psychiatry
How do these sciences enable us to understand the renewal of our minds with the mind of Christ?
- **Environmental Sciences:** Ecology, Geology, Meteorology/Climate
What are appropriate ways for these disciplines to facilitate our roles as stewards of the earth?
- **Christian Women in Science and Engineering**
Considering methods for increasing the participation of Christian women in STEM fields and the means by which that participation benefits society and brings glory to God.
- **Design in Nature:** Engineering, Computing, Information Theory, Technology
How do we understand creation in relation to our own creative abilities?
- **Science Education**
How do we faithfully and sustainably transmit scientific information to the next generations?
- **Theology and Biblical Literature**
How does science influence theology and biblical studies, and vice versa?

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: **February 28, 2015**

REQUIREMENTS, GUIDELINES, AND DEADLINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

1. All abstracts must be **50–250** words.
2. Each abstract must emphasize what your oral presentation offers that is new and important for the topic chosen. The abstracts will be considered if they fit within the overall theme of the conference and if they can be otherwise accommodated within the limits of the conference. Provide sufficient detail to be informative, but use language that will be intelligible to a nonspecialist or a scientist from outside your field.
3. Authors may submit only one abstract for which they are the primary author. Additional abstracts listing individuals as secondary co-authors may also be submitted.
4. Please note: Abstracts should be based on work in your area of disciplinary expertise. Where this is not obvious, you may be asked to provide suitable documentation. Exceptions to this policy may be made for abstracts demonstrating exceptional originality and scholarship outside your field of expertise.
5. Oral presentations will be limited to **20** minutes plus **5** minutes for discussion.
6. All presenters must register for the meeting no later than Monday, **June 1, 2015**.
7. All abstracts must be submitted online using the Call for Abstracts [form](#). Please select the appropriate topical area.
8. Upload your abstract as a Word or rich text format file. Please begin your abstract with the title and name of author(s) and save it with the filename, ASA2015YourLastName.
9. **Deadline:** All abstracts must be submitted on or before **February 28, 2015**.
10. Contact Program Chair Dominic Halsmer, dhalsmer@oru.edu, if you have any questions.

UNIQUE ACTIVITIES

We anticipate offering both an introductory and an advanced workshop on issues in science and faith. We are also planning multiple activities/tours to showcase the history, culture, and beauty of northeastern Oklahoma. Finally, we encourage young and old alike to join the fun in a **sand volleyball tournament** to encourage friendly competition and enhance relationships in a family atmosphere.

INFORMATION ON SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EARLY CAREER SCIENTISTS AND GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS IN THE SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING

We invite early career scientists (post docs or those within the first three years of receiving your latest degree) and graduate and undergraduate students to participate in the ASA Annual Meeting, July 24–27, 2015, on the campus of Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

A number of members have graciously provided funding for a limited number of scholarships. Scholarships are available to ASA members on a first-come, first-served basis to those who submit an abstract for an oral presentation and who attend the whole meeting. These scholarships will cover on-campus housing (double occupancy) and meals at the conference. The deadline for submitting your proposed abstract is **February 28, 2015**.

This meeting provides an opportunity to meet professionals in your field who share your Christian faith; to hear prominent plenary speakers; to participate in the oral sessions; to give an oral presentation yourself; to network and fellowship with other Christians from a wide variety of colleges, universities, and research institutions; and to explore how to integrate your faith with your discipline. The ASA Annual Meeting will provide an excellent opportunity for you to share your research with Christian colleagues. Your oral presentation can be listed on your résumé as being presented at a professional meeting; it can strengthen your applications for further training, grants, or career advancement.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

To apply for a scholarship, complete the online scholarship [application](#). If you are not yet an ASA member, you must join first. Student membership is \$20.00. To become a member, complete the [online](#) ASA membership application. If you have any questions regarding the scholarship application process, contact Marty Herdrich at marty@asa3.org.