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## **Yearly Report of the ASOR Junior Scholars Committee**

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The Junior Scholars Committee was responsible for executing the Junior Scholar's luncheon at the 2011 ASOR Annual Meeting. The Thursday lunch session included a panel of scholars discussing their experiences on the job market, including Thomas Parker, Eric Cline, Marian Feldman, and Aaron Burke. The session was intimate but well-attended and consisted of 10 minute presentations from each speaker followed by an open question and answer period.

For the upcoming year, the Junior Scholars Committee has been organizing a Junior Scholar's luncheon discussing publication. The panel consists of James Weinstein (BASOR), Thomas Schneider (NEA), Charles Jones (ASOR publication committee), and Jim Eisenbraun (publisher, Eisenbrauns). The format for the luncheon will be consistent with that in the 2011 Annual Meeting.

The Junior Scholars Committee also unofficially organizes a Junior Scholars pub night that is very well-attended and provides networking opportunities for graduate students and junior faculty.