## THE BIBLE AND THE HUMANITIES
Launch Conference of the Centre for the Study of the Bible in the Humanities
October 17–18, 2018
Oriel College, Oxford

### Wednesday, Oct 17th

**8:45 Morning Coffee**

**9:00 Welcome and Introduction:** Graham Ward (Christ Church, Oxford)

### 9:15–10:35 Session 1

**Chair:** Martin Goodman (Wolfson, Oxford)

- **9:15 James Kugel** (Harvard University), ‘Reading Scripture, Reading Literature’
- **9:55 John Barton** (Oriel, Oxford), ‘Literary Criticism and the Bible’

**10:35 Coffee Break**

### 10:50–12:50 Session 2

**Chair:** Mark Edwards (Christ Church, Oxford)

- **10:50 Annette Yoshiko Reed** (New York University), ‘The Biblical Past between Memory and Forgetting’
- **11:30 Christoph Markschies** (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), ‘The Revolution of “New Philology” and Digital Editions: Which Bibles Should Be Edited?’
- **12:10 Holger Zellentin** (University of Cambridge), ‘The Qur’anization of Late Antiquity: Methodological Reflections on the Arabic Recasting of the Hebrew Bible’

**12:50–1:50 Lunch**

### 1:50–3:10 Session 3

**Chair:** Paul Joyce (King’s College London)

- **1:50 Josh Billings** (Princeton University) and Laura Quick (Princeton University), ‘Staging the Exodus’
- **2:35 Olivia Stewart Lester** (Loyola University Chicago), ‘The Bible, the Humanities, and the History of the Sibylline Oracles’

**3:15 Coffee Break**

### 3:30–5:30 Session 4

**Chair:** Tobias Reinhardt (Corpus Christi, Oxford)

- **3:30 Constanze Güthenke** (Corpus Christi, Oxford), ‘Philology and Community’
- **4:10 Simon Goldhill** (University of Cambridge), ‘Strange Dogs: Greek Novellas as Readings of the Bible and Modern Scholarship’s Reading of Greek Novellas’
- **4:50 Hindy Najman** (Oriel, Oxford), ‘Philology, Philosophy and Poetry: Rethinking Biblical Studies in the Academy’
5:30 Reception in the Oriel Library
Remarks: Hindy Najman (Director, CBH; Oriel and Laing Professor of the Interpretation of Holy Scripture, Oxford); Neil Mendoza (Provost of Oriel College, Oxford); Karen O’Brien (Head of Humanities Division, Oxford)

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8:45 Morning Coffee

9:00–10:20 Session 5
Chair: Jaś Elsner (Corpus Christi, Oxford)
9:00 Judith Schlanger (President, Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies; Corpus Christi, Oxford), ‘Scholarship in the Margins: Some Remarks on the Materiality of Bible Commentaries in the Middle Ages’
9:40 Dagmar Schäfer (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science), ‘Un-authorized Knowledge and Objectified Texts: Ming-Chinese Approaches to the Subject’

10:20 Coffee Break

10:35–12:35 Session 6
Chair: Adriana Jacobs (St Cross, Oxford)
11:55 Steven Fraade (Yale University), ‘The Bible, Translation, and the Humanities: The View from Early Rabbinic Texts (and Beyond)’

12:35–1:35 Lunch

1:35–2:55 Session 7
Chair: Yaacov Yadgar (St Anne’s, Oxford)
1:35 Kirk Wetters (Yale University), ‘Exiting the Chamber of the Past: Model Precursors in Goethe’s Wilhelm Meister Novels’
2:15 Benjamin Pollock (Hebrew University), ‘Franz Rosenzweig on the Bible and the Language of Humanity’

2:55 Coffee Break

3:10–4:30 Session 8
Chair: Scott Scullion (Worcester, Oxford)
3:10 Jan Joosten (Christ Church, Oxford), ‘Biblical Rhetoric and the Western Tradition’
3:50 George Brooke (University of Manchester), ‘The Dead Sea Scrolls, the Humanities, and the Study of the Bible’

4:30 Closing Remarks

5:00 Reception