

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 Marksches (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)

10:35 Konrad Schmid (University of Zürich), 'Orientalism and the Bible: How the History of Science Dealt with the Historical Origins of the Idea of the Laws of Nature'

11:15 Elizabeth Solopova (New College, Oxford), 'Towards a New Edition of the Wycliffite Bible'

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