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)

9:10–10:30 Session 1
Chair: Martin Goodman (Wolfson, Oxford)
9:10 James Kugel (Harvard University), ‘Reading Scripture, Reading Literature’
9:50 John Barton (Oriel, Oxford), ‘Literary Criticism and the Bible’

10:30 Coffee Break

10:45–12:45 Session 2
Chair: Mark Edwards (Christ Church, Oxford)
10:45 Annette Yoshiko Reed (New York University), ‘The Biblical Past between Memory and Forgetting’
11:25 Christoph Markschies (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), ‘The Revolution of “New Philology” and Digital Editions: Which Bibles Should Be Edited?’
12:05 Holger Zellentin (University of Cambridge), ‘The Qur’anization of Late Antiquity: Methodological Reflections on the Arabic Recasting of the Hebrew Bible’

12:45–1:45 Lunch

1:45–3:15 Session 3
Chair: Paul Joyce (King’s College London)
1:45 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’

5:30 Reception in the Oriel Library
Remarks: Neil Mendoza (Provost of Oriel College, Oxford); Karen O’Brien (Head of Humanities Division, Oxford); Hindy Najman (Director, CBH; Oriel and Laing Professor of the Interpretation of Holy Scripture, Oxford)
Thursday, Oct 18th
8:45 Morning Coffee

9:00–11:00 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’

11:00 Coffee Break

11:10–12:30 Session 6
Chair: Adriana Jacobs (St Cross, Oxford)
11:50 Steven Fraade (Yale University), ‘The Bible, Translation, and the Humanities: The View from Early Rabbinic Texts (and Beyond)’

12:30–1:30 Lunch

1:30–2:50 Session 7
Chair: Yaacov Yadgar (St Anne’s, Oxford)
1:30 Kirk Wetters (Yale University), ‘Exiting the Chamber of the Past: Model Precursors in Goethe’s Wilhelm Meister Novels’
2:10 Benjamin Pollock (Hebrew University), ‘Franz Rosenzweig on the Bible and the Language of Humanity’

2:50 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