EARLY BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION SEMINAR
Convener: Prof Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Thursday at 9.00–10.30 a.m.
Location: Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College

Michaelmas Term 2018

Week 1 – October 11
Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls and Electronic Resources
Speakers: Hindy Najman (Oriel) and Eibert Tigchelaar (Leuven)

Week 3 – October 25
Dead Sea Scrolls Reading Session: Hodayot (Thanksgiving Hymns), 1QHª IX

Week 4 – November 1
Dead Sea Scrolls Reading Session: Hodayot (Thanksgiving Hymns), 1QHª IX

Week 5 – November 8
Guest speaker: Sean Adams (Glasgow) – Philo and the Biographical Tradition

Week 6 – November 15
Dead Sea Scrolls Reading Session: Hodayot (Thanksgiving Hymns), 1QHª IX

Week 8 – November 29
Guest speaker: Crispin Fletcher-Louis (University of Gloucestershire) – The Self-Glorification Hymn (1QHª 26 and parallels), Ben Sira 50 and Liturgical Theology’s Response to Ruler Cult
Hilary Term 2019

Week 1 – January 17
Dead Sea Scrolls Reading Session: Hodayot (Thanksgiving Hymns), 1QH IX

Week 2: January 24
Dead Sea Scrolls Reading Session: Serekh (Rule of the Community), 1QS XI

Week 3 – January 31
Dead Sea Scrolls Reading Session: Serekh (Rule of the Community), 1QS XI

Week 4 – February 7
Dead Sea Scrolls Reading Session: Serekh (Rule of the Community), 1QS XI

Week 5 – February 14
Speaker: Hindy Najman (Oriel) – Practices of Reading and Modes of Interpretation
*With additional contributions by Yael Fisch (Oriel) and Orner Michaelis (Tel Aviv)

Week 6 – February 21
Guest speaker: Noam Mizrahi (Tel Aviv University) – Cursing Belial: From The Priestly Blessing to the Apotropaic Curses in the Dead Sea Scrolls

Week 7 – February 28
Guest speaker: Menahem Kister (Hebrew University) – The Damascus Document, Columns IV and V

Week 8 – March 7
Chair: Alison Salvesen (Mansfield)
Guest speaker: Bradley Marsh (Oriental Institute) – The ‘Harklean’ Version of Susanna: A Jewish or Christian Revision
Trinity Term 2019

Week 1 – May 2
Guest speaker: Tessa Rajak (Somerville) – *The Torah of 4 Maccabees*

Week 2 – May 9
Guest speaker: Barry Hartog (Protestant Theological University, Groningen) – *Pesher in Context*

Week 4 – May 23
Guest speaker: Loren Stuckenbruck (Munich) – *1 Enoch and the Interpretation of the Psalms*

Week 6 – June 6
No seminar this week
Postgraduate conference in Leuven 4 June (Groningen-Leuven-Oxford Encounters on the Dead Sea Scrolls)

Week 8 – June 21 Day-long postgraduate workshop: *70 years of Dead Sea Scrolls*
Time: 8.45 a.m. – 6.30 p.m.
Venue: Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Walton Street
Conveners: Markus Bockmuehl (Keble), Martin Goodman (Wolfson), and Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Keynotes: George Brooke (Manchester) and Eibert Tigchelaar (Leuven)