HEBREW BIBLE / OLD TESTAMENT SEMINAR
Convener: Professor Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Monday, 2.30–4.00 p.m., followed by tea
Location: Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College

Michaelmas Term 2018

Thematic Seminar on the Dead Sea Scrolls

Week 1 – October 8 – Induction
Chair: Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Faculty and postgraduate research presentations

Week 2 – October 15
Chair: Jan Joosten (Christ Church)
Speaker: Hindy Najman (Oriel) – Poetic Processes and Non-Redemptive Reading: The Hodayot as Collection

Week 3 – October 22
Chair: Arjen Bakker (Oriel)
Speaker: Eibert Tigchelaar (Leuven) – Palaeography and the Dead Sea Scrolls: The Scrolls as Scribal Artifacts

Week 4 – October 29
Chair: Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Speakers: Jonathan Ben-Dov, Eshbal Ratson, and Asaf Gayer (Haifa) – Digital Reconstructions of Dead Sea Scrolls: The Methodology and its Future Prospects

Week 5 – November 5 – day-long workshop: Lament, Reading, and Therapy
Time: 9.00 a.m. – 6.30 p.m. (see separate schedule)
Conveners: Paul Joyce (KCL) and Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Chairs: Arjen Bakker (Oriel); Mark Edwards (Christ Church); Jonathan Stökl (KCL)
Speakers: Joanna Collicutt (Ripon College Cuddesdon); Ilit Ferber (Tel Aviv University); David Janzen (Durham); Paul Joyce (KCL); Andrew Mein (Durham); Hindy Najman (Oriel); Anna Rowlands (Durham); Annette Volfing (Oriel)
Keynote: Galit Hasan-Rokem (Jerusalem)

Week 6 – November 12
Chair: Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Speaker: Reinhard Kratz (Göttingen) – Isaiah in the Scrolls

Week 8 – November 26
Chair: Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Speaker: Jutta Jokiranta (Helsinki) – Can I Trust You? Cooperation and Ritual Behaviour in the Qumran Movement
Hilary Term 2019

Thematic Seminar: ‘Textualization of Prophecy in the Hebrew Bible and Ancient Judaism:
Composition, Collection and Interpretation’
In collaboration with Professor Ronnie Goldstein (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Week 1 – January 14
Chair: Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Speaker: Madhavi Nevader (St. Andrews) – Textualisation and the Creation of Culture: Ezekiel as Test Case

Week 2 – January 21 – postgraduate professionalization session
Chair: Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Submitting abstracts for conferences

Week 3 – January 28
Chair: Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Speaker: John Goldingay (Fuller) – Canonical Readings of Isaiah

Week 4 – February 4
Chair: Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Speaker: Armin Lange (Vienna) – Jeremiah in Light of the Dead Sea Scrolls: Dead Sea Scrolls, Jerusalem Priests, and Ptolemaic Egypt

Week 5 – February 11
Chair: Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Speaker: Anselm Hagedorn (Osnabrück) – Habakkuk: From Persia to Pesher

Week 6 – February 18
Chair: Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Speaker: Noam Mizrahi (Tel Aviv) – Prophetic Interpretation and Poetic (Re-)Structuring: Zechariah Reads Jeremiah

Week 7 – February 25
Chair: Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Speaker: Friedhelm Hartenstein (Munich) – The End of Judah and the Persistence of Cosmic Order:
Understanding History in the Light of Creation in Psalms and Prophetic Books

Week 8 – March 4
Chair: Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Speaker: Ronnie Goldstein (Hebrew University) – The Search for Context in the Book of Isaiah
Trinity Term 2019

Week 1 – April 29
No seminar this week. Oxbridge Postgraduate Day will be on Friday May 3 (in Cambridge).

Week 2 – May 6
Chair: John Barton (Campion Hall and Oriel)
Speaker: Aulikki Nahkola (Wolfson) – Orality and Genre: Issues of Method and Interpretation

Week 3 – May 13
Chair: Arjen Bakker (Oriel)
Speaker: John Day (LMH) – The Serpent in the Garden of Eden: Its Background and Role

Week 4 – May 20
Chair: Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Speaker: Sandra Jacobs (King’s College London) – Slave Trading (Judaean) Women in Neo-Babylonian and Persian Records

Week 5 – May 26 and 27
International Conference: Protestant Bible Scholarship: Anti-Semitism, Philo-Judaism and Anti-Judaism
Click here to see the conference programme

Week 6 – June 3
Chair: Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Speaker: Eva Mroczek (UC Davis) – King Hezekiah and Precritical Histories of Scripture

Week 7 – June 10
No seminar this week

Week 8 – June 21 – day-long postgraduate workshop: 70 years of Dead Sea Scrolls
Time: 8.45 a.m. – 6.30 p.m.
Note change in 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)