CBH Launch Conference: The Bible and the Humanities
17–18 October, 2018

Wednesday, 17 Oct

8:45 Morning Coffee
9:00 Welcome and Introduction: Graham Ward (Christ Church, Oxford)

9:15–10:35 Session 1
Chair: Martin Goodman (Wolfson College, Oxford)
9:15 James Kugel (Harvard University), ‘Reading Scripture, Reading Literature’
9:55 John Barton (Oriel College, 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 College, Oxford)
3:30 Constanze Güthenke ( Corpus Christi College, 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: Hindy Najman (Director, CBH; Oriel and Laing Professor of the Interpretation of Holy Scripture, Oxford); Neil Mendoza (Provost, Oriel College); 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 College, Oxford)
9:00 Judith Schlanger (President, Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies), ‘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 College, Oxford)
11:15 Elizabeth Solopova (University of 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: Ben Morgan (Worcester College, 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 College, 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