

# Channels of Communication

## Interreligious Dialogues in Late Antiquity



A Graduate Conference at Yale University  
October 22—23, 2006

### PROGRAM OF EVENTS

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006**  
**Yale Divinity School**  
**409 Prospect Street**  
**Latourette Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

1:00 — 2:00 PM      Arrival and Light Lunch  
Opening Remarks, David L. Eastman

Session One (2:00 — 4:30 PM)

#### **Jewish and Christian Theology in Transition**

Candida Moss, moderator

2:00 — 2:30 PM      **Joshua Garroway**, Yale University  
*The Exegetical Implications of  
John Chrysostom's Synagogue Problem*

2:30 — 3:00 PM      **Jonathan Lipnick**, Harvard University  
*Martyrdom, Polemic, and the  
Redaction of the Babylonian Talmud*

3:00 — 3:15 PM      Break

- 3:15 — 3:45 PM **Sophia Avants**, Graduate Theological Union  
*Logos and Memra: Conceptual Markers for Origen?*
- 3:45 — 4:15 PM **Jordan D. Rosenblum**, Brown University  
*Jews as Others and “The Other White Meat”*
- 4:15 — 4:30 PM Break
- 4:30 — 5:30 PM KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
**Professor Tessa Rajak**, University of Reading  
*Did Pagans Read the Greek Bible? The Reception of the Septuagint in Greco-Roman Culture*
- 6:00 — 9:00 PM Evening Banquet (by invitation)  
The New Haven Lawn Club  
193 Whitney Avenue

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006**  
**Whitney Humanities Center**  
**53 Wall Street**  
**Room 208**

- 8:30 — 9:30 AM Arrival and Breakfast (Room 108)  
Opening Remarks, Joshua Ezra Burns

Session Two (9:30 — 11:45 AM)

**Religious Acculturation in the Greco-Roman World**

Michael Peppard, moderator

- 9:30 — 10:00 AM **Dylan Burns**, Yale University  
*The Quest for the Historical Denys and Hellenic-Christian Polemic in Late Neoplatonism*
- 10:00 — 10:30 AM **Ian Lockey**, New York University  
*“The Faith of the Christians is Victorious”?*  
*Continuity amidst Change in the Atrium House at Aphrodisias*

- 10:30 — 10:45 AM Break
- 10:45 — 11:15 AM **Douglas Boin**, University of Texas at Austin  
*A Teetering Tower, A Tumbling 'Bloch':  
The Late Antique Pagan Revival at Ostia*
- 11:15 — 11:45 AM **Steven H. Werlin**, University of North Carolina  
at Chapel Hill  
*Artistic Symbols in Religious Dialogue:  
The Image of the Eagle*
- 12:00 — 12:45 PM Lunch (Room 108)
- 12:45 — 1:45 PM KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
**Professor L. Michael White**, University of  
Texas at Austin  
*Negotiating Sacred Space:  
Social Integration at the Synagogue and  
Other Religious Associations at Ostia*
- 1:45 — 2::00 AM Break

Session Three (2:00 — 4:15 PM)

**Discourses of Difference in Late Ancient and  
Early Medieval Persia**

Matthew Neujahr, moderator

- 2:00 — 2:30 PM **Jeanne-Nicole Saint-Laurent**,  
Brown University  
*Ahoudemmah and the Miaphysites of  
Northern Iraq*
- 2:30 — 3:00 PM **Mahan Mirza**, Yale University  
*Biruni's Method and Purpose in Studying the  
Other: A Modern Approach in Medieval Times*
- 3:00 — 3:15 PM Break

3:15 — 3:45 PM

**Saul Friedman**, University of California-Berkeley  
*One Whose Name Was Writ in Water:  
Aphrahat, the Rabbis and the Messiah*

4:00 — 4:15 PM

**Samuel Thrope**, University of California-  
Berkeley  
*The Alarming Lunch: Colonialism and  
Cultural Contact in Sasanian Iran*

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