

NMCGSA 19TH ANNUAL GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

Making and Breaking Boundaries: The Political, Cultural, Ethnic, and Religious Networks, and the Ever-changing 'Borders' of the Near and Middle East

SESSION SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25TH MORNING: THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST

- 10:00 am **COFFEE AND SET-UP**
- 10:15 am **OPENING REMARKS – NMC DEPARTMENT CHAIR PROF. TIMOTHY P. HARRISON**
- 10:20 am **DEDICATION TO J. S. HOLLADAY, JR., PROFESSOR EMERITUS –
ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT CHAIR PROF. EDWARD B. BANNING**

SESSION A: ARCHAEOLOGY OF EGYPT

Chair: Janet Khuu

- 10:30 am Francois Roy (University of Toronto) *Are they flamingos?: An examination of the decorated ware of Naqada II in Predynastic Egypt*
- 10:55 am Thomas H. Greiner (University of Toronto) *Take Me Back in Time: “Amulet Seals,” the First Intermediate Period, and Egypt’s Return to Days of Old*
- 11:20 am Aleksandra Księżak (University of Toronto) *“Rediscovering Tell el-Maskhuta” a new look at the Tell el-Yahudiyeh Ware during MB/SIP*
- 11:45 -12:45 pm **LUNCH BREAK**

SESSION B: EGYPTOLOGY

Chair: Christina Geisen

- 12:45 pm Tristan Samuels (University of Toronto) *Questioning Nubian 'Egyptianization'*
- 1:10 pm Laura Ranieri (University of Toronto) *Ptah – Preeminent God of the Egyptian Pantheon?*
- 1:35 pm Vince Bantu (The Catholic University of America) *Ethnic Boundaries in Late Antique Egyptian Religious Discourse*
- 2:00 pm **BREAK**

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25TH AFTERNOON: MAKING AND BREAKING BOUNDARIES

SESSION C: COMMUNITY, IDENTITY & DIASPORA

Chair: Noa Shaindlinger

- 2:15 pm Noam Sienna (University of Toronto) *Five in Your Eye: the Khamsa Image Among Moroccan Jewry*
- 2:40 pm Ayah Al Oballi (University of Toronto) *Melody of a Tripartite Imagination*
- 3:05 pm Geneviève Mercier-Dalphonf (McGill University) *The Acculturation and Assimilation of Sufis in Montréal*
- 3:30 pm **BREAK**

SESSION D: RELIGIOUS EXCHANGE IN THE CLASSICAL WORLD

Chair: Tracy L. Spurrier

- 3:45 pm Jonathan Ouellet (University College London Qatar) *Between a rock and a hard place: Georgia and Armenia between the Romans and Persians*
- 4:10 pm Reagan Patrick (University of Toronto) *A Transformational Alliance: Ghassanid Acculturation of Byzantine Customs*
- 4:35 pm Andrew Tobolowsky (Brown University) *A Family Story: Biblical and Greek Genealogies and the Making and Breaking of Culture*
- 5:00 pm **DAY 1 DISCUSSION AND CLOSING REMARKS**

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26TH MORNING: THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST PART II

- 10:00 am **COFFEE AND SET-UP**
- 10:15 am **DAY 2 - OPENING REMARKS**

SESSION E: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF ANATOLIA

Chair: Rasha El-endari

- 10:20 am Dominique Langis-Barsetti (University of Toronto) *The ancient Anatolian city: A CFD approach to Iron Age urbanism at the site of Kerkenes Dağ, Turkey*
- 10:40 am Radovan Kabatiar (University of Toronto) *Transport, Taxes, Trade and Labor: An Osteoarchaeological Investigation into the Use of Cattle at Kinet Höyük (Turkey) in the Late Bronze and Early Iron Ages*

SESSION F: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE LEVANT

Chair: David Lipovitch

- 11:05 am Calypso Kenney (University of Toronto) *Minoan Wall Paintings in the Near East*
- 11:30 am Robert Martin (University of Toronto) *From Canaanite to Phoenician: The diachronic evolution of Levantine Commercial Jars, and the rise of Iron Age Phoenician Maritime Transport Containers*
- 12:00 -1:00 pm **LUNCH BREAK**

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26TH AFTERNOON: ISLAMIC PHILOSOPHY AND HISTORY

SESSION G: ISLAMIC THOUGHT

Chair: Sajjad Nejati

- 1:00 pm Tasi Perkins (Georgetown University) *Pro- 'Alid Identity in Middle- 'Abbāsid Historiographies of Ḥusayn as a Challenge to Early Sunnī-Shī'ī Bifurcation*
- 1:25 pm Khalil Andani (Harvard University) *The Ismā'īlī Influence on al-Ghazālī: A Reassessment*
- 1:50 pm Joud Alkorani (University of Toronto) *Ibn 'Arabī and Self-Consciousness in the Intellectual In-Between*
- 2:15 pm **BREAK**

SESSION H: MUSLIMS LIVING UNDER NON-MUSLIM RULE

Chair: Parisa Zahiremami

- 2:30 pm Bogdan C. Smarandache (University of Toronto) *The Ḥanbalī Emigration of 551 AH/1156 AD from the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem in Light of Legal Opinions on Muslims under Non-Muslim Rule*
- 2:55 pm Abdullah S. Farooqi (University of Toronto) *“So Give Glad Tidings to the Strangers”: The Spiritual Rank of the Spanish Moriscos under Christian Rule in the 1504 CE Oran Fatwā*
- 3:20 pm **BREAK**

SESSION I: IDENTITY IN THE LATE OTTOMAN AND EARLY REPUBLICAN TURKEY

Chair: Shuntu Kuang

- 3:35 pm Rachel Trode (University of Toronto) *Measuring Modernity: Women in the Early Turkish Republic*
- 4:00 pm Samar Nour (The American University in Cairo) *Imagined Identities: The Anglophile Syrians in Egypt between “Alterity” and “Subjectivity”*
- 4:25 pm Karolina Dejnicka (University of Toronto) *Coping with the loss of Ottoman Europe: Responses to the rise of Balkan nationalisms in the stories of Ömer Seyfettin*
- 4:50 pm **DISCUSSION & CLOSING REMARKS**
- 5:30 pm **SYMPOSIUM RECEPTION (NMC BUILDING, 4 BANCROFT 2ND FLOOR)**