



Dorushe Annual Graduate Student Conference on Syriac Studies

The Department of Near Eastern Studies at Princeton University in cooperation with **Beth Mardutho's Dorushe Graduate Student Association** is pleased to announce the **2007 Dorushe Graduate Student Syriac Studies Conference**.

This year's conference will be held at **Princeton University, Princeton, N.J. on April 14-15, 2007**. In addition to graduate student papers, Dr. David Taylor, Oxford University, will deliver keynote remarks.

Registration:

Current graduate students and recent MA or PhD recipients are invited to join us for this event. Pre-registration is required. Please contact dorushe@bethmardutho.org to register and to receive further information about the conference schedule and location. Please indicate your current or recent student status when you register.

Panel One:

“Two Spring Festivals in the Syriac Liturgical Calendar – Traces of an Archaic Calendar System?” Vitalijs Permjakovs, University of Notre Dame

“The Place of the Syro-Roman Law Book in Syrian Legal Traditions,” Henryk Jaronowski, Leopold-Wenger-Institut für Rechtsgeschichte, University of Munich

Panel Two:

“Tafsīr al-Tawrāt: Jewish and Christian Exegetes in the Muslim Empire,” Miriam Goldstein, Hebrew University

“Use and Interpretation of Scripture Amongst Muslim and Christian Mystics of the 7th Through 10th Centuries,” Kevin Casey, University of Toronto

“Ibn Qutayba's Usage of Arabic Biblical References: A Place for Syriac Informants?” Robert Riggs, University of Pennsylvania

Panel Three:

“The Acts of Mari and the Rhetoric of Syriac Missionary Narratives,” Jeanne-Nicole Saint-Laurent, Brown University

“The Literary Structure and Historical World Vision of Pseudo-Ephrem’s Sermon on the End of the World,” Jeffrey Wickes, University of Notre Dame

Plenary Address:

David Taylor, Oriental Institute, Oxford University

Panel Four:

“The Problem of Evil in the Syriac Translation of the Book of Ben Sira,” Michal Bar-Asher Siegal, Yale University

“Jacob of Edessa’s Knowledge of Hebrew,” Andrew Finke, University of Manchester

Panel Five:

“Syriac as an Eastern Aramaic Dialect – Reassessment of the Evidence,” Elitzur Avraham Bar-Asher, Harvard University

“From Antaura to the Evil Eye: Early-modern Syriac Magical Charms and Their Pre-Christian Origin,” Edward Schoolman, UCLA

Concluding Discussion:

Emmanuel Papoutsakis and David Taylor

Planning Committee: David Michelson (chair), Carmen Meier, Jeanne-Nicole Saint-Laurent, Jonathan Loopstra, Daniel L. Schwartz, Anne Seville, Jack Tannous, George Kiraz (Beth Mardutho) and Emmanuel Papoutsakis (faculty advisor).

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