

West Coast Jewish &
Christian Antiquity Workshop

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Texts & Imaginations

What can we know about the imaginative lives of Jews and Christians in antiquity? West Coast scholars will share their works in progress in a two-day workshop, modeling how stretching our own scholarly imaginations can unlock new insights into ancient texts.

March 3, 10:00am-5:30pm
Andrews Conference Room

March 4, 9:30am-5:00pm
Putah Creek Lodge

Religious Studies Department
UC Davis, California

Speakers:

Erich Gruen, *UC Berkeley*

Catherine Bonesho, *UCLA*

James Nati, *GTU*

Daniel Picus, *Western*

Washington University

Mika Ahuvia, *University of*

Washington

Jeremiah Coogan, *GTU*

Joyan Tan, *UC Davis*

Loren Spielman, *Portland*

State University

Lily Vuong, *Central*

Washington University

Anne Kreps, *UC Santa Cruz*

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Sunday, March 3
Andrews Conference Room

10:00-10:30am

Breakfast

10:30-11:30am

Erich Gruen, UC Berkeley

"Scriptural Tales Retold: The Inventiveness of Second Temple Jews"

11:30-12:30pm

Catherine Bonesho, UCLA

"Playing with Kings and Caesars in ancient Judaism"

2:00-3:00pm

James Nati, Graduate Theological Union

"The Beginning of Scripture: Writing and Truth in Early Judaism"

3:00-4:00pm

Daniel Picus, Western Washington University

"Repetition, interpretation and practice"

4:15-5:15pm

Mika Ahuvia, University of Washington

*"The enslaved handmaid in the house of the Patriarch:
Critical fabulation & reimagining the past"*

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Jeremiah Coogan, Graduate Theological Union
*"Bibliographic Identities: Material Texts, Language,
and Religion in Late Ancient Palestine"*

11:00am-12:00pm

Joyan Tan, UC Davis
*"Ingesting Words:
Comparing the Sotah ritual and Daoist talismans"*

1:30-2:30pm

Loren Spielman, Portland State University
"Looking for Real Violence in the Imaginary Texts"

2:30-3:30pm

Lily Vuong, Central Washington University
*"Mary, the Mother of the Messiah in Jewish Anti-Christian and
Christian Anti-Jewish Literature"*

3:45-4:45pm

Anne Kreps, UC Santa Cruz
"Imagining Malachi's Book of Remembrance"