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ANNUAL MEETING 2015

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Friday, April 24, 2015
Andover Newton Theological School
Newton Centre, Massachusetts

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8:15–9:00 REGISTRATION: COFFEE & DANISH

(Stoddard Foyer)

9:00–10:20 MORNING SESSIONS

A.1 Hebrew Bible I

(Davis 101)

Presiding: **Jason M. H. Gaines**, Fairfield University

Robert C. Kashow, Brown University

*Grammatical Notes on Zech 6:9–15 Relevant for the
Identification of Zemach*

Mark J. Boda, McMaster Divinity College

*Echoes of Salvation: Zechariah 8:1–13 as Capstone of the
Haggai/Zechariah 1–8 Corpus*

James D. Moore, Brandeis University

*Pouring Out an Old Reading and Toasting to a New:
Reinterpreting Ps 116 and the Meaning of the “Cup of Salvation”*

Meghan D. Musy, McMaster Divinity College

Hearing the Multivocality of the Psalter

A.2 Hebrew Bible II

(Davis 102)

Presiding: **Nicole J. Ruane**, University of New Hampshire

Vanessa J. Avery, Sacred Heart University

*Humans Left Alone: The Book of Esther and the Vicious
Cycle of Scapegoating*

Daniel J. Vos, Boston College

*The Unseen I: Was יִשְׂרָאֵל in the Vorlage of Septuagint
1 Samuel 20:29?*

J. Andrew Sowers, Yale University

A Sectarian Ideology of the Community Rule

A.3 New Testament I

(Davis 201)

Presiding: **Tat-siong Benny Liew**, College of the Holy Cross

David Clint Burnett, Boston College

Are the Julio-Claudian Emperors "Gods on Earth" in Roman Corinth? An Investigation of Emperor Veneration and its Connections to the Corinthian Ekklēsia

E. Bruce Brooks, University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Paul's Editors and the Deutero-Pauline Epistles

Kenneth Vandergriff, Campbell University Divinity School

Sacred Space: Temporal and Spatial Realities of the Temple in Hebrews and Qumran

Stephen Young, Brown University

Finding the Best Guide: The Competitive Landscape of Christ Initiation for Successful Afterlife Negotiation

10:30–12:15 SPECIAL SESSION

(Stoddard Hall)

Presiding: **Lawrence M. Wills**, Episcopal Divinity School

*Who Are We **Here**? Who Are We **Now**? Mobility and Identity*

A Panel Discussion Featuring:

Cynthia M. Baker, Bates College

Jorunn J. Buckley, Bowdoin College

Mary Joan Leith, Stonehill College

Tat-siong Benny Liew, College of the Holy Cross

12:30–1:00 LUNCH

(Please pick up preordered boxed lunches in Noyes Hall)

1:10–1:50 GRADUATE STUDENT SESSION

(Davis 301)

Presiding: **Nathaniel P. DesRosiers**, Stonehill College

Keeping You at the Forefront of Biblical Studies

A Panel Discussion Featuring:

Giovanni Bazzana, Harvard Divinity School, Documentary

Papyri and the Social Context of Early Jesus Followers

Jennifer Eyl, Tufts University, Digital Humanities and the Tufts New Testament Project

Yonder M. Gillihan, Boston College, Graeco-Roman Associations and Modern Political Theory

1:10–1:50 BUSINESS MEETING—open to all full members of the SBL

(Davis 303)

Presiding: **Lawrence M. Wills**, President, NE/EC Region of the SBL

Amelia Devin Freedman, Coordinator, NE/EC Region of the SBL

2:00–3:20 AFTERNOON SESSIONS

B.1 Ancient Judaism

(Davis 101)

Presiding: **Rachel Adelman**, Hebrew College

Sarah E.G. Fein, Brandeis University

*“A Gracious Woman Gets Honor”: Women in Exodus 1:8–2:10
in Jewish Interpretive Tradition*

Matthew Hass, Harvard University

The Aqedah in the Bavli: An Analysis of Sanhedrin 89b

Iosif J. Zhakevich, Harvard University

*Contradictions within the Text of Pseudo-Jonathan:
Contradictions in the Sphere of Numerals*

B.2 Hebrew Bible III

(Davis 102)

Presiding: **Andrew R. Davis**, Boston College School of Theology
and Ministry

Gil Rosenberg, University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology

Patriarchal Passing: Queering the Wife-Sister Stories

Joanna Greenlee Kline, Harvard University

Measure-for-Measure Punishment in the Book of Judges

Timothy M. Konkel, McMaster Divinity College

*The Rhetoric of Prayer: A Look at the Rhetorical Effect of David’s
Prayer in the Narratives of Samuel*

B.3 New Testament II

(Davis 301)

Presiding: **Lawrence M. Wills**, Episcopal Divinity School

Matthew Goldstone, New York University

*Between the Lines: An Early Exegetical Tradition behind the
Sermon on the Mount and the Sermon on the Plain*

Randy Goldson, Yale Divinity School

*“Half of My Goods”: A Case for Reparatory Justice through a
Socio-Narratological Reading of Luke 19:1–10*

Hugo Mendez, Yale University

“And the Darkness He Called ‘Night’”: John 9:4–5 and the P Creation Account

Matthew David Larsen, Yale University

Textual Unfinishedness, Accidental Publication and the [Re]Writing of Gospel Literature

B.4 Early Christianity

(Davis 302)

Presiding: **Annewies van den Hoek**, Harvard Divinity School

Michael Rosenberg, Hebrew College

Physical Virginity in the Protoevangelium of James, the Mishnah, and Late Antique Syriac Poetry

Amelia Porter, University of Toronto

De-Problematizing Jesus: The Infancy Gospel of Thomas in the Context of Honor and Shame

Andrew M. Henry, Boston University

“Your City Shall Be Blessed”: The Abgar Legend and the Development of Jesus as a Civic Protector in 6 c. Ephesus

Kimberly Bauser, Boston College

“It Was Enough for Some to Listen to the Teaching and Understand . . .”: The Remembered Voice in the Apocryphon of James

3:30–4:30 SPECIAL SESSION

(Wilson Chapel)

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Featuring: **Lawrence M. Wills**, Ethelbert Talbot Professor of

Biblical Studies, Episcopal Divinity School

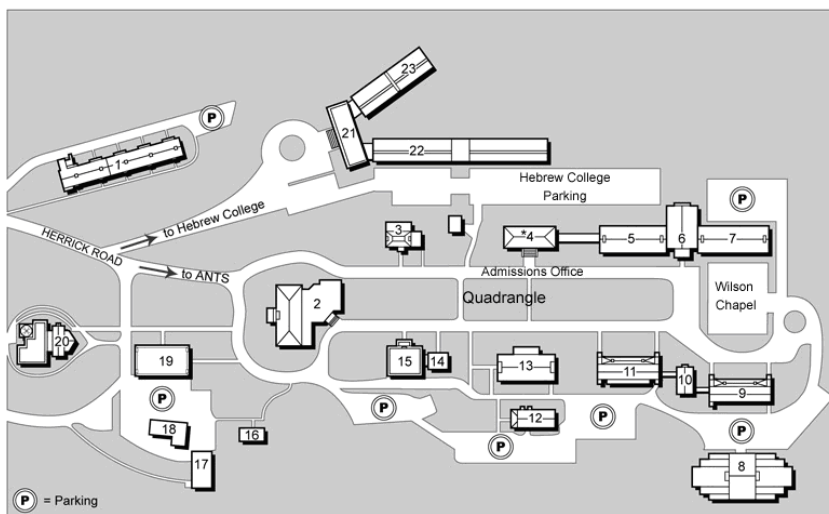
The Origins of Judaism

With an introduction by Gregory Mobley, Professor of Christian

Bible, Andover Newton Theological School

4:45–5:45 CLOSING RECEPTION

(Peck Room)



Andover Newton

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4. Dabney Hall
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 - Institutional Advancement
 - Admissions/Recruitment
 - Communications
 - Faith Youth Institute
 - Greene Room

5. Worcester Hall
 - Academic Dean's Office
 - Church & Ministry/Field Education Office
 - Faculty Offices
 - Dean of Students' Office
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 - Housing Office
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13. Noyes Hall
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 - Buildings & Grounds
 - Faith, Health & Spirituality
 - Student Lounge
 - Boston Theological Institute
 - Presbytery of Boston

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 - Hebrew College Offices & Rabbinical School
20. Colby Chapel

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