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Sunday June 6, 2021

11:00 - 11:30 AM EDT [6:00 - 6:30 PM IDT]: Opening Session

Presiding Chair and Opening Remarks

Alex Jassen, Chair, Skirball Department of Hebrew & Judaic Studies, New York University

Greetings

Andrew D. Hamilton, President New York University

Gideon Avni, Head Scientist, Israel Antiquities Authority

Emily Master, Friends of the Israel Antiquities Authority

Joe Uziel, Head of the Dead Sea Scrolls Unit, Israel Antiquities Authority

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM EDT [6:30 - 8:00 PM IDT]: Report on the Judean Desert Caves Archaeological Project

Chair: Ilit Cohen-Ofri, Israel Antiquities Authority

The Judean Desert Caves Archaeological Project: Goals, Methodology and Achievements
Eitan Klein, Israel Antiquities Authority

Excavations in Murabba`at Cave 4: Preliminary Insights
Haim Cohen, Israel Antiquities Authority



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“And I will bring them to dwell in Jerusalem”: New Fragments of the Greek Minor Prophets
Scroll (8HevXII gr)

Oren Ableman and Beatriz Riestra, Israel Antiquities Authority

1:00 - 1:30 PM EDT [8:00 - 8:30 PM IDT]: Break

1:30 - 3:30 PM EDT [8:30 - 10:30 PM IDT]: Major Issues in Dead Sea Scrolls Research

Chair: Angela Kim Harkins, Boston College

Scribal Text Groups among the Bible Manuscripts Found in the Judean Desert
Emanuel Tov, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Evidence for Scribal Apprenticeship and Education at Qumran
Sidnie White Crawford, University of Nebraska

What Do We Know about the Teacher of Righteousness?
John J. Collins, Yale University

Troops of Light: Militant Prayer and Ritual Cursing in the Dead Sea Scrolls
Daniel Falk, Penn State University

Monday, June 7, 2021

9:00 - 10:30 AM EDT [4:00 - 5:30 PM IDT]: Archaeology of Qumran

Chair: Molly Zahn, University of Kansas

Qumran in the Late Hellenistic Period: An Archaeological Reassessment.
Dennis Mizzi, University of Malta

To Sit or to Squat? The Qumran Toilet Revisited
Jodi Magness, University of North Carolina

Searching for Qumran Cave 6Q
Marcello Fidanzio, Faculty of Theology, Lugano



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10:30 - 11:00 AM EDT [5:30 - 6:00 PM IDT]: Break

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM EDT [6:00 - 7:30 PM IDT]: Archaeology and Sectarianism

Chair: Jodi Magness, University of North Carolina

The Archaeology of Sectarianism: Social Analysis of Khirbet Qumran
Eyal Regev, Bar-Ilan University

The Gate of the Essenes in Jerusalem
Timothy H. Lim, University of Edinburgh

A Comprehensive Analysis of the Tefillin (Phylacteries) Assemblage from the Judean Desert: A
Work-in-Progress
Yonatan Adler, Ariel University

12:30 - 1:00 PM EDT [7:30 - 8:00 PM IDT]: Break

1:00 - 3:00 PM EDT [8:00 - 10:00 PM IDT]: Launching the Qumranica (SQE) Virtual Scholarly Environment

Chair: Esther Chazon

Scripta Qumranica Electronica: The Vision, Concept, and Challenges of a New Online Platform
for the Dead Sea Scrolls
Reinhard Kratz, University of Göttingen and Pnina Shor, Israel Antiquities Authority

A Short Tour of the Qumranica Platform
Bronson Brown deVost, University of Göttingen

Digital and Material Reconstruction of Highly Fragmentary Scrolls
Jonathan Ben-Dov, Tel Aviv University and Eshbal Ratzon, Ariel University

Towards a New Edition of 4QInstruction: The Case of the Prologue
Asaf Gayer, Hebrew University of Jerusalem



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Tuesday, June 8, 2021

9:00 - 11:00 AM EDT [4:00 - 6:00 PM IDT]: Manuscript and Text

Chair: Eileen Schuller, McMaster University

Do 11Q19 and 11Q20 Represent Different Recensions of the Temple Scroll? Methodological Considerations

Andrew Gross, Catholic University of America

4QpaleoExod^m (4Q22) and the 'Samaritan' Tenth Commandment.

Hila Dayfani, University of Oxford, Oriel College

Pesher Habakkuk: From Behind the Scenes of a Forthcoming New Commentary

Noam Mizrahi, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Dead Sea Scrolls and Authorship

George Brooke, University of Manchester

11:00 - 11:30 AM EDT [6:00 - 6:30 PM IDT]: Break

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM EDT [6:30 - 9:00 PM IDT]: Aramaic and Parabiblical Texts

Chair: Joseph Angel, Yeshiva University

A God's-Eye View: The Perception of Sacrifice in Aramaic Levi

Liane Feldman, New York University

Is There 'Poetry' in the 'Prose' of the Genesis Apocryphon?

Moshe J. Bernstein, Yeshiva University

Books and Writings in the Aramaic Texts from Qumran

Devorah Dimant, University of Haifa

What Did Levi Do?

James C. VanderKam, University of Notre Dame

'Seal the Words of the Scroll until the Time of the End' (Daniel 12:4): Hidden Manuscripts and the Search for a New Biblical Past

Eva Mroczek, University of California, Davis



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Wednesday, June 9, 2021

9:00 - 11:00 AM EDT [4:00 - 6:00 PM IDT]: Legal and Sectarian Texts

Chair: Sidnie White Crawford, University of Nebraska

'Bringing the Messiah(s) Through Law': Reflections upon Completing a New Commentary to the Damascus Document

Steven Fraade, Yale University

Inter-sectarian Polemic in Miqsat Ma'asei Ha-Torah (4QMMT)

Vered Noam, Tel Aviv University

On Timing and Law: A Multimodal Analysis of the Maskil in 4Q259

James M. Tucker, University of Toronto

The Temple Scroll and Mishnah Middot: A Literary Comparison

Lawrence H. Schiffman, New York University

11:00 - 11:30 AM EDT [6:00 - 6:30 PM IDT]: Break

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM EDT [6:30 - 8:00 PM IDT]: Scripture, Scrolls and Second Temple Judaism

Chair: Alison Schofield, University of Denver

Why Did Moses Stay for Forty Days and Forty Nights on Mt. Sinai?

Ariel Feldman, Brite Divinity School

Lived Wisdom in Early Judaism

Elisa Uusimäki, Aarhus University

Are the Dead Sea Scrolls Authentic? Insights from Early Qumran Scholarship

Michael Langlois, University of Strasbourg

1:00 - 1:30 PM EDT [8:00 - 8:30 IDT]: Break



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1:30 - 2:30 PM EDT [8:30 - 9:30 PM IDT]: War and Violence in the Scrolls

Chair: Liane Feldman, New York University

“Deep into that darkness peering “: New Light on the War Scroll (1QM)
Guy Stiebel, Tel Aviv University

The Origins of Violence in the Dead Sea Scrolls: A Sociological Perspective
Alex Jassen, New York University

2:30 - 3:00 PM EDT (9:30 - 10:00 PM IDT): Closing Remarks and Thanks

Emily Master, Friends of the Israel Antiquities Authority

Joe Uziel, Israel Antiquities Authority

Lawrence H. Schiffman, New York University