

FREE INTERFAITH PANEL DISCUSSION

Jerusalem: Sacred City of Three Faiths

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm | at the Museum of Biblical Art

This panel discussion will focus on Jerusalem's place as sacred city, symbol and spiritual capital for the three Abrahamic faiths. Panelists will discuss the city as it appeared historically to followers of Judaism, Christianity and Islam and address the connection with the sacred texts for each religion.

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FREE and includes Museum admission

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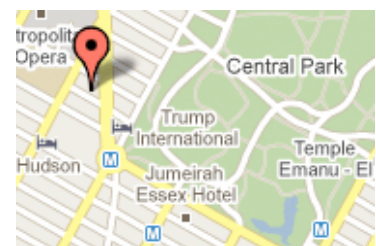
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Panelists

Ahmed H. al-Rahim (PhD, Yale University) is Assistant Professor of Islamic Studies in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA). His areas of research cover medieval Muslim intellectual history, broadly conceived but especially the reception history of Avicennan philosophy, medieval biography, the curricula of the medieval madrasa, as well as modern Islamic political thought. Professor al-Rahim is currently researching and writing a monograph on medieval Muslim conceptions of virtue ethics (*ādāb*) as they specifically relate to the professional life and (expected) moral conduct of the various classes of scholars, including philosophers, theologians, jurists, sufis, and madrasa professors (*shaykhs*) and students (*ṭalabat al-'ilm*).

Adriane Leveen is a Senior Lecturer in Hebrew Bible on the New York Campus and Lead Judaica Specialist in the Jim Joseph initiatives at HUC. She received her Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible from the University of California at Berkeley under the supervision of Robert Alter and a Masters of Science in Social Work from Columbia University. Dr. Leveen is a trained psychotherapist and practiced for 17 years in both Israel and the United States before getting her doctorate in biblical studies. She has been published in *Prooftexts*, *The Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*, *Torah: A Women's Commentary*, and *Women Remaking American Judaism*. Her book, *Memory and Tradition in the Book of Numbers*, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2008. She is currently at work on a project analyzing the role of the Stranger in Biblical Narrative.

Michael Peppard is Assistant Professor in Biblical Theology, New Testament in the Theology Department of Fordham University. He received his Ph.D. from Yale University, M.A.R. from Yale Divinity School, and a Certificate from Yale Institute of Sacred Music. Dr. Peppard's first book, *The Christian Son of God in the Roman World* (Oxford University Press), published in August 2011, re-imagines the resonance of the term "son of God" and the concept of divine sonship in Christian theology during the Roman Empire. Other research projects include: "New Testament Imagery in the Earliest Christian Baptistry" (for the opening publication of *Dura Europos: Crossroads of Antiquity*, an exhibit at McMullen Museum of Art, Boston College); an article that attempts to figure out what happened to the parables in the Gospel of John; and continued work in papyrology. Dr. Peppard is involved in research, teaching, and practical work in interreligious relations, especially Jewish-Christian and Christian-Muslim relations.

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