

## **FALL**

### **2019 Fall Welcome Reception**

Thursday, October 10  
4:00PM – 6:00PM  
Royce 306

### **Symposium: "On the Matter of Blackness in Europe."**

Sponsored by: Department of African American Studies  
Co-Sponsored by: Center for the Study of Religion  
October 10 - October 11  
Young Research Library, Royce Hall

### **Secular Rituals: How Nonreligious People Make Religion Less Religious**

Joseph Blankholm, UCSB  
Thursday, October 17  
4:00PM - 5:30PM  
Royce 306

### **The Báb, Sayyid Ali Muhammad Shirazi (1819 - 1850): His Life, His Writings, and His Religion**

Co-Sponsored by: Near Eastern Languages and Cultures Department and the Taslimi Foundation  
Saturday, October 19  
9:00AM - 5:30PM  
UCLA Faculty Center

### **Prayer Books from Medieval Byzantium: New Evidence for Religion and Society**

Claudia Rapp, University of Vienna  
Thursday, November 7  
4:00PM - 5:30PM  
Young Research Library 11348

### **Muhammad's Treaty Guaranteeing Equal Rights for Jews Under Islamic Rule**

Reuven Firestone, Hebrew Union College  
Tuesday, November 19  
4:00PM - 5:30PM  
Royce 306

### **Religious Responses to Death and Migration: Borderlands in Haiti and the United States/Mexico**

Kathy Smith, UCLA  
Thursday, November 21  
4:00PM - 5:30PM  
Royce 306

### **Religion and Revolution: The Puritan Movement (c. 1560-1660) in Britain Reconsidered**

Co-Sponsored by History Department  
David Hall, Harvard University  
Thursday, December 5  
4:00PM - 5:30PM  
Royce 306

## **WINTER**

### **The Genesis of Good and Evil: The Fall(Out) and Original Sin in the Bible**

Mark Smith, NYU  
Tuesday, January 14  
4:00PM - 5:30PM  
Royce 306

### **International Conference on Mahatma Gandhi**

Sponsored by: Department of History  
Co-Sponsored by: Center for the Study of Religion  
January 30 - February 2  
Young Research Library & Royce Hall

### **On the Ethics of Studying Hate Speech: The Case of Medieval Arabic Polemics**

Luke Yarbrough, UCLA  
Tuesday, February 4  
4:00PM - 5:30PM  
Royce 306

### **Who Owns the Bible?: Art and Artifact at D.C.'s Museum of the Bible**

Jill Hicks-Keeton, University of Oklahoma  
Thursday, February 13  
4:00PM - 5:30PM  
Royce 306

### **Halakhah: The Rabbinic Idea of Law**

Co-Sponsored by: The Alan D. Leve Center for Jewish Studies  
Chaim Saiman, Villanova University  
Wednesday, March 4  
4:00PM - 5:30PM  
Royce 306

## **SPRING**

### **Jesus, the Essenes, and Christian Origins**

Simon Joseph, UCLA  
Thursday, April 23  
4:00PM - 5:30PM  
Royce 314

### **The Origins of Judaism: An Archaeological Perspective**

Yonatan Adler, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Thursday, April 30  
4:00PM - 5:30PM  
Kaplan 365

### **A History of the Bible in U.S. Liberation Movements**

Eric Martin, UCLA  
Thursday, May 7  
12:00PM - 1:30PM  
Kaplan 348

Calendar subject to change.  
For a complete and updated list of events and RSVP, visit  
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