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SEPTEMBER 9

Paul Dilley, University of Iowa
Religions of Late Antiquity, Digital Humanities
Welcome and Opening Lecture

SEPTEMBER 16

Shai Secunda, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Rabbinic and Zoroastrian Literature

NOVEMBER 4

Zsuzsanna Gulacsi, Northern Arizona University
Manichaean Art and Manuscripts,
Artistic Heritage of Silk-Road Religions

Michael Friedrich, Universität Hamburg
Early Chinese Buddhist Manuscripts

DECEMBER 2

William Johnson, Duke University
Papyrology, Ancient Books and Reading
among Greeks and Romans

Susan Whitfield, British Library
Codicology of Chinese Manuscripts from
Dunhuang, Silk Road History

Marina Rustow, Princeton University
Social History of the Medieval Middle East,
Cairo Geniza Documents

Myriam Krutzsch, Aegyptisches Museum, Berlin
Papyrus Rolls

Mark Barnard, British Library
Conservation of the Dunhuang Rolls

DECEMBER 16

T. H. Barrett, School of Oriental and African Studies
Buddhism and Early Printing in Asia

Abdurishid Yakup, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences,
Central University of Nationalities, Beijing
Old Uyghur Language, Culture, Manuscripts, and Printing



**Scholars from
around the world
explore the diffusion
of premodern manuscript
technologies.**

This Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar is directed by three University of Iowa faculty members: Tim Barrett (Center for the Book), Paul Dilley (Classics and Religious Studies), and Katherine Tachau (History) with postdoctoral fellow Melissa Moreton. Contact paul-dilley@uiowa.edu for additional information.

JANUARY 20

Brent Seales, University of Kentucky
Advanced Imaging and Digital Unwrapping
of Herculaneum Papyri

Vito Mocella, National Research Council, Rome
Herculaneum Papyri Imaging Project

FEBRUARY 3

Kevin van Bladel, Ohio State University
Cultural and Intellectual History of the Near East
and Neighboring Regions in the First Millennium CE

Johannes Preiser-Kapeller, Austrian Academy of Sciences
Eurasian Networks

FEBRUARY 17

Richard Salomon, University of Washington
Ancient Buddhist Manuscripts from Gandhara

Justin McDaniel, University of Pennsylvania
Sanskrit, Pali, Lao and Thai Buddhist Manuscripts
Thai Digital Monastery

Jim Canary, Indiana University Lilly Library
Birchbark and Palm-Leaf Book Structures

MARCH 10

Sabine Schmidtke, Institute for Advanced Study
Arabic, Judeo-Arabic, and Persian Manuscripts

MARCH 31

AnneMarie Luijendijk, Princeton University
Papyrology, Oxyrhynchus Papyri, and Early Christianity

François Deroche, Collège de France
Islamic Codicology and Paleography,
History of Early Qur'anic Manuscripts

Yasmeen Khan, Library of Congress
Islamic Book Structures

APRIL 14

Lynn Ransom, University of Pennsylvania -
Schoenberg Institute for Manuscript Studies
Medieval European Manuscript Illumination,
Digital Manuscript Studies

Daniel Lord Smail, Harvard University
Mediterranean Societies, 1100-1600, Deep Human History

APRIL 28

Erik Kwakkel, Universiteit Leiden
Medieval Latin Paleography, Codicology, and Book History
Digital Humanities

Katherine Tachau, University of Iowa
Medieval Latin Paleography, Illumination, Codicology,
and Book History



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