

# The Bible in Late Medieval and Early Modern Drama

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# Programme

Thursday 16 February, 2017

10:00 Welcome: Eva von Contzen and Chanita Goodblatt

## Session 1 (Chair: Rahel Orgis)

10:30-11:30 Hannibal Hamlin, Ohio State University  
Staging Prophecy: *A Looking Glass for London* and the Book of Jonah

11:30-12:30 Cathy Shrank, University of Sheffield  
Citing Scripture in Late Medieval and Early Modern English Morality Drama

Lunch Break at Restaurant *Paradies*

## Session 2 (Chair: Sebastian Kleinschmidt)

14:30-15:30 Lawrence Besserman, Hebrew University  
Lay Piety and Impiety: The Role of Noah's Wife in the Medieval English Noah Plays

15:30-16:30 Sharon Aronson-Lehavi, Bar-Ilan University  
The Enactment and Embodiment of Biblical Characters in Late Medieval Religious Vernacular Theatre

Coffee Break

17:00-18:00 Cora Dietl, University of Giessen  
How to Render a Short Episode of the Acts of the Apostles into a Lutheran Pamphlet: The Apostle Play by Arnold Quitingius

19:00 Dinner at Restaurant *Kleiner Meyerhof*

**Friday 17 February, 2017**

**Session 3** (Chair: Monika Fludernik)

10:00-11:00    Eva von Contzen, University of Freiburg  
Voice and Embodiment: Biblical Characters in Late  
Medieval Religious Drama

Coffee Break

11:30-12:30    Jonathan Stavsky, Tel Aviv University  
Typology, Politics, and Stagecraft in the *N-Town* “Trial  
of Mary and Joseph”

Lunch Break at FRIAS

**Session 4** (Chair: Stefan Tilg)

14:30-15:30    Chanita Goodblatt, Ben-Gurion University  
Monarch, Maiden and Fool: The Book of Esther in  
Early Modern English, German and Yiddish Drama

15:30-16:30    Greg Walker, University of Edinburgh  
John Heywood’s *The Pardoner and the Friar*: The  
Bible Contested in the Early English Reformation

Coffee Break

17:00-18:00    Elisabeth Dutton, University of Fribourg  
Sacred and New: Protestant Scriptural Drama in the  
Universities

19:30            Conference Dinner at Restaurant *Zum Roten Bären*

**Saturday 18 February, 2017**

**Session 5** (Chair: Kerstin Fest)

10:00-11:00 Paul Whitfield White, Purdue University  
Biblical Drama on the Late Elizabethan Commercial Stage

Coffee Break

11:30-12:30 M A Katritzky, Open University  
Passion Play Merchant Schemes and the Religious Origins of Stage Quacks

Lunch Break at FRIAS

14:30-15:30 Noam Reisner, Tel Aviv University  
To Destroy and Be Destroyed: the Ethics of Revenge Theatre in Milton's *Samson Agonistes*

15:30-16:30 Final Discussion