

The Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is pleased to announce that we are now offering fellowships for doctoral students in Hebrew Bible through the Ancient Mediterranean Religions subfield for the academic year 2017-2018. UNC's Department of Religious Studies is one of the top ranked graduate programs in religion. In particular, the Department is known for its pedagogical training and for engaging contemporary theories of religion. Graduate students would qualify to receive additional support from the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies.

The doctoral program offers an opportunity for students to receive a broad based education in the study of religion while also pursuing specialized training in the Hebrew Bible in its ancient Near Eastern context and the history of biblical interpretation. The faculty have strong interests in late Second Temple Judaism as well.

Primary faculty in this area include:

David Lambert, associate professor, author of *How Repentance Became Biblical: Judaism, Christianity, and the Interpretation of Scripture* (Oxford University Press, 2016), winner of the 2016 AAR Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion in the category of Textual Studies.

- Hebrew Bible and its history of interpretation; Late Second Temple Judaism; The history of Jewish thought

Joseph Lam, assistant professor, author of *Patterns of Sin in the Hebrew Bible: Metaphor, Culture, and the Making of a Religious Concept* (Oxford University Press, 2016).

- Hebrew Bible in its Ancient Near Eastern context; Hebrew and other Semitic languages

Experts in other areas of the subfield in Ancient Mediterranean Religions include:

Bart Ehrman (history of early Christianity; New Testament studies)

Jodi Magness (early Judaism; archeology of Palestine)

Evyatar Marienberg (Rabbinic Judaism and Jewish law)

Zlatko Pleše (Gnosticism; Hellenistic religions and philosophy)

Graduate students in the Department would be expected to work closely with faculty at nearby Duke as well: Marc Brettler, Stephen Chapman, Ellen Davis, Jennie Grillo, Laura Lieber, Melvin Peters, and Anthea Portier-Young.

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