



The Book of Job: Aesthetics, Ethics, and Hermeneutics

Sunday, October 14

10:00-10:15 a.m. Greetings and Opening Remarks

10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Readings of Select Passages in Job in Hebrew and English

Study Groups – Job 1-3 and Job 40-41

Respondent: **Cornel West**, Union Theological Seminary

1:30-3:30 p.m. Early Jobs

Chair: **Martha Himmelfarb**, Princeton University

Naphtali Meshel, Princeton University

Whose Job is This?

Moulie Vidas, Princeton University

The Mesopotamian Debate on Job and the Uncommon Rabbinic Scripture

4:00-6:00 p.m. Wandering Jobs and the Question of Modernity

Chair: **Lital Levy**, Princeton University

Vivian Liska, University of Antwerp

Kafka's Job

Galit Hasan-Rokem, Hebrew University

Joseph Roth's Joban Transformations of the Wandering Jew Legend and Myth in Hiob and Der Leviathan

7:30-9:00 p.m. Keynote Lecture, 010 East Pyne

Chair: **Peter Schäfer**, Princeton University

Robert Alter, UC Berkley

Rewriting Job in the Poetry of Natan Zach

Monday, October 15

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Job from Kabbalah to Enlightenment

Chair: **Anthony Grafton**, Princeton University

Yaacob Dweck, Princeton University

Jacob Sasportas and the Book of Job

Jonathan Sheehan, UC Berkeley

Job, Enlightenment, and the Disorder of Things

1:00-3:00 p.m. Aesthetic and Anti-Aesthetic Shifts

Chair: **Esther Schor**, Princeton University

Ilana Pardes, Hebrew University

Melville's Wall-Street Job: Biblical Aesthetics

Ruth HaCohen, Hebrew University

Night, Noise and the Anguishing Other: From Moses Mendelssohn to Mahler and Schoenberg

3:30-5:30 p.m. The Question of Suffering

Chair: **Leong Seow**, Princeton Theological Seminary

Freddie Rokem, Tel Aviv University

The Dramaturgy of Humiliation and Suffering Hanoch Levin's

Play The Torments (Passion) of Job

Leora Batnitzky, Princeton University

Joban Themes in Philip Roth's Nemesis

7:30-9:30 p.m. Film: A Serious Man, McCormick Hall 106

Chair: **Judith Weisenfeld**, Princeton University

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