

## Judean Diaspora and Biblical Texts in Achaemenid Egypt, August 19-20, 2024

University of Copenhagen

### Monday, August 19

#### 1. Opening session

9:00 – 9:05 Welcome

9:05 – 10:00 Keynote lecture, Henry P. Colburn (The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art), *What Have the Persians Ever Done for Us? The Study of Achaemenid Imperialism in Egypt*

10:00 – 10:45 Kim Ryholt (University of Copenhagen), *Scribal milieus and practices in the Tebtunis Papyri*

**10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break**

#### 2. Egypt session

11:00 – 11:45 Melanie Wasmuth (University of Helsinki), *Everyday life in 6th–4th c. Egypt: the potential of the Syene/Elephantine evidence*

11:45 – 12:30 Peter Zilberg (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), *Iranian princes and Judean deportees - Reevaluating social interactions in Achaemenid Babylonia and Egypt*

**12:30 – 13:30 Lunch**

#### 3. Hebrew Bible session

13:30 – 14:15 Rosanne Liebermann (Aarhus University), *Does Yhwh Go into Exile in Egypt According to the Book of Jeremiah? A Text-Critical and Comparative Study*

14:15 – 15:00 Alexiana Fry (University of Copenhagen), *“Will the Real Queen of Heaven Please Stand Up?”: Conjecture(s) of Goddess Worship in the Achaemenid Period*

**15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break**

15:30 – 16:15 Medhat Nady Youssef (VID Specialized University), *From Judgment to Blessing: Isaiah 19 and the Persian Period*

16:15 – 17:00 Frederik Poulsen (University of Copenhagen), *Defining Diaspora in the Joseph Story (Genesis 37–50)*

**18.30 Conference Dinner**

Tuesday, August 20

**4. Elephantine session**

8:30 – 9:15 Gad Barnea (University of Haifa), *The meaning of psh' in Achaemenid Aramaic sources*

9:15 – 10:00 Kacper Ziemia (University of Copenhagen), *Judeans at Elephantine as Soldiers in Persian Service: Insights into the Identity of Military Colonists in the 5th c. Upper Egypt*

10:00 – 10:45 James D. Moore (The Ohio State University), *Exiled from Egypt? A Data-Driven Study on Judeans and a Supposed Diaspora Community at Elephantine*

**10:45 – 11:15 coffee break**

**5. Pap. Amherst 63/Samaritan session**

11:15 – 12:00 Tawny Holm (Pennsylvania State University), *'I Come From Judah, My Brother Has Been Brought from Samaria' (Papyrus Amherst 63): The Judean and Samaritan Arrival in Egypt*

12:00 – 12:45 Ingrid Hjelm (University of Copenhagen), *What Can Elephantine Teach Us about Ancient Samari(t)ans?*

12:45 – 13:30 Gard Granerød (MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society), *What has Papyrus Amherst 63 to do with Elephantine? Theories on the Elephantine Judaeon community's historical origin and their relevance to the community's identity in the fifth century BCE*

**13:30 – 14:30 lunch**

**15:00 – 16:30 Guided tour of the Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek**

**Optional:** City walk and informal dinner