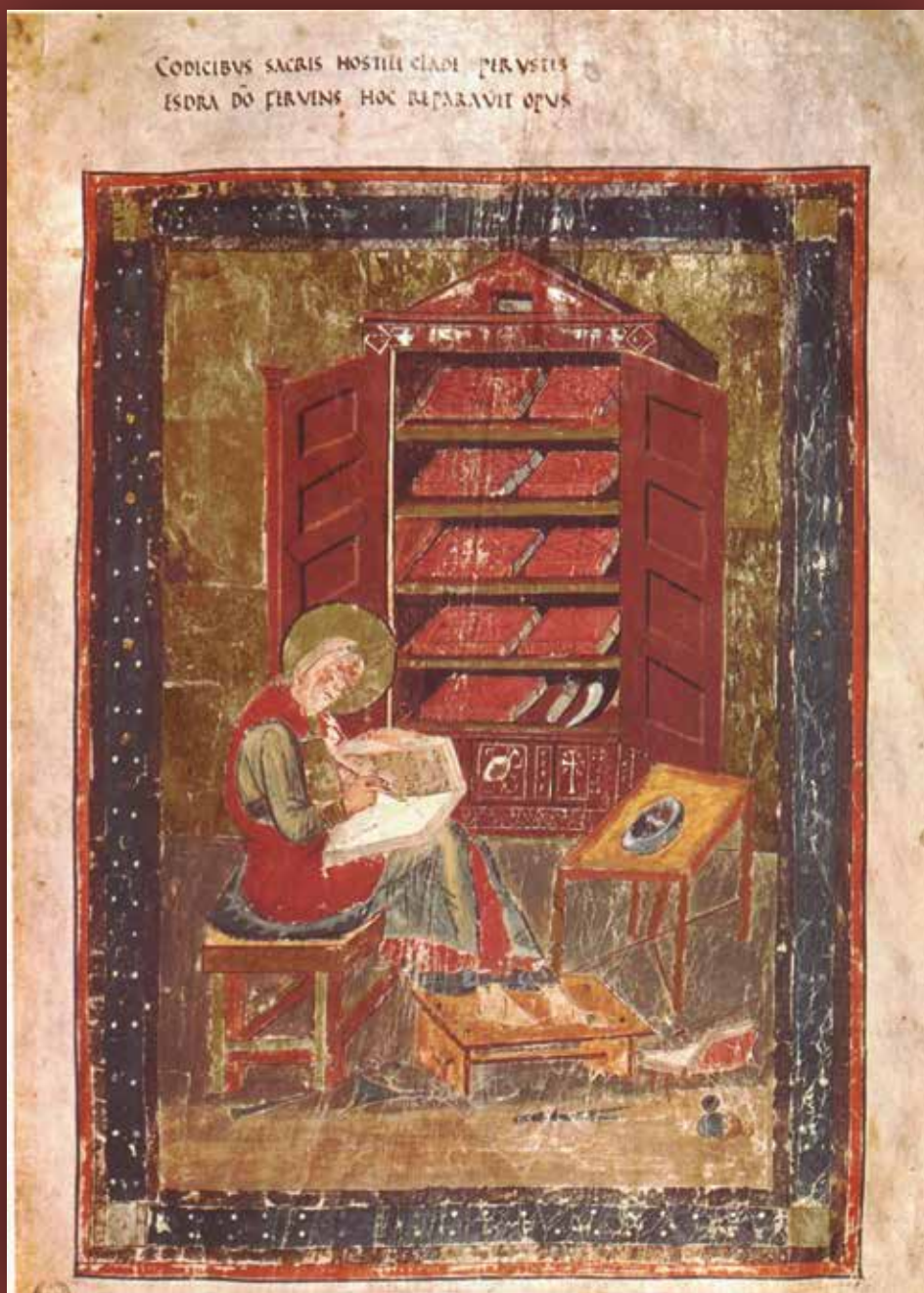


# Beyond Authority: Composition and Transmission in Late Antiquity



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## Sunday, March 20

Welcome – *Moulie Vidas (Princeton)* (1:30 PM)

Introduction – *Mark Letteney (Princeton)*

### Session 1 (1:45 – 3:45 PM)

*Stephen Young (Brown)*, "Putting 'Authority' in its Place: Critical Theory and the Study of Late Antique Textual Production"

*Moulie Vidas (Princeton)*, "The Ends of Citation and the Emergence of Talmud"

*Sarit Kattan-Gribetz (Fordham)*, "The Authority of Audience: Women as Transmitters of Ancient Texts"

Respondent: *Ishay Rozen-Zvi (Tel Aviv)*

## Monday, March 21

### Session 2 (9 – 11 AM):

*Winrich Löhr (Heidelberg)*, "The Orthodox Transmission of Heresy"

*Matthew Larsen (Yale)*, "Correcting the Gospel: Putting the Titles of the Gospels in Context"

*Mark Letteney (Princeton)*, "Authenticity and Authority: the case for dismantling a dubious correlation"

Respondent: *Elaine Pagels (Princeton)*

### Session 3 (1 – 3 PM):

*Aaron Butts (Catholic)*, "Negotiating Authority and Tradition: The Transmission of the Works of Ephrem the Syrian (d. 373)"

*Dina Boero (Southern California)*, "Making a Manuscript, Making a Cult: Scribal Production of the Syriac Life of Symeon the Stylite the Elder"

*Philip Fackler (Pennsylvania)*, "Between Exemplarity and Authority: Constructing the Ignatian Corpus in Late Antiquity"

Respondent: *Alberto Rigolio (Princeton)*

### Session 4 (3:30-5:30 PM):

*Martha Himmelfarb (Princeton)*, "The Afterlife of *Sefer Zerubbabel*: Narrative Beyond Authority"

*Hindy Najman (Oxford)*, "Commentary, Philology, and the Growth of Ancient Jewish Traditions"

*Blossom Stefaniw (Mainz)*, "Fathers and Sons: The Transmission Histories of Antony, Didymus, and Silvanus"

Respondent: *Naphtali Meshel (Princeton)*

## Tuesday, March 22

### Session 5 (9 – 11 AM):

*Eva Mroczek (UC-Davis)*, "Truth and Doubt in Manuscript Discovery Stories"

*David Lambert (North Carolina)*, "On the Limits of Exemplarity"

*AJ Berkovitz (Princeton)*, "Beyond Authorship and Authority: Psalm Attribution in Rabbinic Perspectives"

Respondent: *Anthony Grafton (Princeton)*

### Session 6 (11:30 AM – 1:30 PM):

*Jeremy Schott (Indiana)*, "At the Margins of History: Scholia, Marginalia, and Byzantine Readings of Late-Antique History"

*Maria Doerfler (Duke)*, "Glimpses from the Margins: Re-telling late ancient history at the edges of the law"

*Yoni Pomeranz (Yale)*, "Concealing the Law: The Limits of Legal Promulgation among the Rabbis of Babylonia"

Respondent: *AnneMarie Luijendijk*

Reflections: *Catherine Chin (UC-Davis)* (1:15 – 1:40 PM)

Conclusion: *AJ Berkovitz (Princeton)* (1:55 – 2 PM)

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