

Invites you to attend

**The 2016 Corcoran Chair Conference**



**Marginality and Identity in the Ancient Mediterranean World**

**April 3-4, 2016**

**Boston College Chestnut Hill Campus**

Sunday, April 3

1:00-6:30 p.m., Murray Function Room, Yawkey Center

Monday, April 4

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Heights Room, Corcoran Commons

*This conference examines the idea of “hybrid identities” and its component terms—hybridity and identity—by considering a selection of individuals and groups whose activities, allegiances, and/or ideas straddle the boundaries constructed by ancient Jewish, Christian and pagan leaders.*

*Among the questions to be considered:*

- *What were people doing when they engaged in the practices that we, and/or perhaps some of their contemporaries, would have considered as belong to the “other”?*
- *Does the concept of boundaries—whether closed, open, porous, or shifting—remain useful in our attempts to understand something about the ancient Mediterranean world? Do boundaries exist, or are they figments of the scholarly imagination?*

**Presenters**

Joshua Burns (Marquette University)

Steven Fine (Yeshiva University)

David Frankfurter (Boston University)

Paula Fredriksen (Hebrew University)

Yonder Gillihan (Boston College)

Andrew Jacobs (Scripps College)

Jonathan Klawans (Boston University)

Maia Kotrosits (Denison University)

Tessa Rajak (Oxford University)

Adele Reinhartz (University of Ottawa and Boston College)

Karin Schlapbach (University of Ottawa)

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