

# THE RECEPTION OF GOLDEN CALF TRADITIONS IN EARLY JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY, AND ISLAM



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## **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2012**

**1:30–2:00**            **Introductory Remarks**

**Session 1**            **Pentateuchal and Narrative Traditions**

2:00 – 2:30            Robert A. Di Vito, Loyola University Chicago  
*The Golden Calf Episode in Exodus 32 and Deuteronomy 9: Some Methodological Considerations*

2:30 – 3:00            Ralph W. Klein, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago  
*The Golden Calf and the 'Sin' of Jeroboam*

3:00–3:20            Discussion

3:20–3:35            Break

**Session 2**            **Poetic and Prophetic Traditions**

3:35–4:05            Richard Bautch, St. Edward's University  
*The Golden Calf in the Historical Recitals of Nehemiah 9 and Psalm 106*

4:05–4:35            Pauline Viviano, Loyola University Chicago  
*Do Hosea and Jeremiah Know of a Golden Calf?*

4:35–5:00            Discussion

**Dinner**

## **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

**Session 3**            **Apocryphal and Pseudepigraphal Traditions**

9:00 – 9:30            Géza Xeravits, Sapientia College of Theology, Budapest  
*The Silence of the Calves: The Absence of the Golden Calf Tradition in Some Deuterocanonical Writings*

9:30 – 10:00 John Endres, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara  
University in Berkeley  
*Leaders Without Blemish: The Golden Calf Incident in Pseudo-Philo's  
LAB*

10:00 – 10:30 Kelley Coblenz Bautch, St. Edward's University, and  
Daniel Assefa, Capuchin Franciscan Research and Retreat  
Center, Addis Abeba  
*Did the Sheep Worship the Golden Calf? The Animal Apocalypse's  
Reading of Exodus 32*

10:30 – 10:50 Discussion

10:50 – 11:05 Break

#### **Session 4            New Testament Traditions**

11:05 – 11:35 Joel Green, Fuller Theological Seminary  
*"They Made a Calf": Idolatry and Temple in Acts 7*

11:35 – 12:05 Alec J. Lucas, Loyola University Chicago  
*Paul and the Calf: Texts, Tendencies, and Traditions*

12:05 – 12:35 Eric F. Mason, Judson University  
*Traces of the Golden Calf in the Epistle to the Hebrews*

12:35 – 1:05 Edmondo Lupieri, Loyola University Chicago  
*The Sin of Israel? A Beast and A Woman in the Desert: A  
Typological Reflection*

1:05 – 1:30 Discussion

#### **Lunch**

4:00 – 6:00 **Seventh Annual Cody Lecture**  
John J. Collins, Yale University  
*What Have We Learned from the Dead Sea Scrolls?*

#### **Dinner**

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2012

### Session 5      **Philo and Josephus**

- 9:00 – 9:30      Thomas Tobin, Loyola University Chicago  
*Philo of Alexandria's Interpretation of the Episode of the Golden Calf*
- 9:30 – 10:00      Gregory Sterling, Yale Divinity School  
*When Silence was Golden: The Absence of the Golden Calf in Josephus*
- 10:00–10:20      Discussion
- 10:20–10:35      Break

### Session 6      **Patristic, Rabbinic, and Islamic Traditions**

- 10:35–11:05      Clare Rothschild, Lewis University  
*Golden Calf and The Nascent Church in First Clement*
- 11:05–11:35      Andrew Radde-Gallwitz, Loyola University Chicago  
*Justin Martyr and the Golden Calf: Law, Canon, and Covenant in Second-Century Christianity*
- 11:35–12:05      Alex P. Jassen, University of Minnesota  
*Comparative Midrash and the Golden Calf in Rabbinic Literature*
- 12:05–12:35      Michael E. Pregill, Elon University  
*The Living Calf of Sinai from Late Antiquity to Early Islam*
- 12:35–1:05      Discussion
- 1:05–1:30      Concluding Reflections

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