

**OXFORD CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES**

**Hebrew Manuscript Studies:  
Codicology, Palaeography, Art History**

**SUMMER WORKSHOP**

**1 to 12 July 2019**

**Project Leaders: Judith Olszowy-Schlanger (OCHJS and Corpus Christi College)  
César Merchán-Hamann (OCHJS and Bodleian Library)**

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 30 MARCH 2019**

Recent years have witnessed an unprecedented interest in Hebrew manuscripts in various fields of academic Jewish studies. The development of new technologies to deal with medieval handwriting, online accessibility of the contents of the major European Hebrew manuscript collections, creation of manuscripts databases, and programmes dedicated to the study and preservation of Jewish archives and libraries, have made and continue to make the manuscripts readily available for scholarly investigation. This readiness of access to information has already given a new impetus to 'the return to primary sources' in historical research and encouraged new editorial projects concerning medieval Hebrew texts.

Together with this renewed dynamism of historical and textual studies based on the unprecedented availability and ease with which students can consult manuscripts in good quality reproduction, there is a growing awareness of the necessity to understand the material and cognitive aspects involved in manuscript production and circulation. Indeed, the accessibility of the sources needs to go hand in hand with a focused preparation of the students and scholars to approach these handwritten medieval sources in their specificity and complexity.

Indeed, many students and scholars who are using original manuscripts in their historical or literary research feel, and often express, the inadequacy of methodological tools at their disposal in order to better comprehend and exploit this rich source material.

The Summer Workshop in Oxford proposes a comprehensive and specialised programme in the fields of Hebrew codicology, paleography, diplomatics, art history, history of the book, and collections, conservation, Jewish calendars, manuscripts in the age of print and digital humanities applied to Hebrew manuscripts. Several specialists will provide in-depth methodological introduction and research guidance to the fields of Hebrew manuscripts studies. The Workshop is organised in collaboration with the Bodleian Library, which will allow access to original manuscripts in situ for the teaching sessions. Lecturers will include Professor Judith Olszowy-Schlanger, Professor Sarit Shalev-Eyni and Dr. César Merchán-Hamann.

Suitably-qualified scholars and students are invited to apply. Space for the Workshop is limited and early application is advised. Selection of participants will be on the basis of the potential benefit to their studies from attending the Workshop.

A limited number of bursaries is available. The bursaries cover travel, tuition, accommodation and maintenance costs, and will be awarded at the discretion of the organisers on the basis of financial circumstances and suitability for the Workshop.

Workshop Fee: £100

**Applications should reach the Centre by 30 March 2019.**

Applicants will be informed on 4 April 2019 whether their application has been successful and the Workshop Fee will be due for payment by 30 April 2019.

For more detailed information see: [www.ochjs.ac.uk/](http://www.ochjs.ac.uk/)

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INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

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**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Required documentation:

1. Completed Application Form
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. List of Publications
4. Reference from one academic referee (to be sent direct by the referee)
5. Relevance of the Summer Workshop for your current research
6. Completed Bursary Application Form (if applicable)

**Please send all documentation to:**

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- a. **All documents should be sent as PDF files and submitted by email.**
- b. **Applicants should arrange for one academic reference to be sent directly to the same email address.**

The closing date for completed applications is: **30 March 2019**

Please note that the Committee will only consider complete applications. The responsibility for ensuring that the reference is received by the due date rests with the applicant.

The Centre will inform you of the result of your application on 4 April 2019.

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**Please write in capital letters throughout**

Surname: ..... Prof / Dr / Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss

Forename(s): .....

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**\* Please indicate your preferred e-mail & postal address: HOME or UNIVERSITY (delete as appropriate) \***

If you wish to be considered for a bursary, please tick here:   
and complete the bursary form

Signature: ..... Date: .....

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**BURSARY APPLICATION FORM**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please state your reasons for applying for a bursary:**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_