BYZANTIUM AND EARLY ISLAM: EXPLORING THE LATE ANTIQUE TRANSITION
A Conference at Macalester College, Saint Paul, MN, USA

April 13-14, 2018

Times and Locations:
Friday, April 13: 12:30 – 5:00 PM
John B. Davis Hall, Lower Level, Ruth Stricker-Dayton Campus Center

Saturday, April 14: 8:30 – 1:00 PM
Weyerhaeuser Board Room, First Floor, the Weyerhaeuser Building
Friday, April 13: 12:30 – 5:00 PM, John B. Davis Lecture Hall, Lower Level, Ruth Stricker-Dayton Campus Center

WELCOME and INTRODUCTION

PANEL I 12:30 PM
J. Andrew Overman, Macalester College
  Muhammad, Charlemagne and Abu Abbas: The Transition at One Hundred
Gideon Avni, Israel Antiquities Authority/The Hebrew University, Jerusalem
  Archaeological evidence for religious interactions? Some case studies from Early Islamic Palestine.

PANEL II 2:00 PM
Jeanne-Nicole Saint Laurent, Marquette University
Wessam EL Meligi, Macalester College
  Forgotten Voices: Pre-Islamic and Early Islamic Women Poets.
Walid Atrash, Israel Antiquities Authority, Jerusalem
  The Early Islamic Period in Jund Urdunn: Tabariyya and Beisan.

PANEL III 4:00 PM – Student Panel
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  Conceptualizing the Virgin Mary: An Exegetical Analysis of Mary’s Role in the Christian and Muslim Traditions
Jordan Schwed
  A Bridge to a New Age: Christian Doctors in the Early Islamic World
Kaleb Mazurek
  A Philosophy of a Diplomat Messenger: An Analysis of Ibn Al-Farra’s Treatise: Kitab Rusul al Muluk

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PANEL I 8:30 AM
Serdar Yalcin, Art History, Macalester College
  The Abbasid Period in Early Medieval Tarsus: A Field Report
Mark Schuler, Concordia University, St. Paul
  The End of the Churches at Hippos-Susita
Stephen Shoemaker, University of Oregon

PANEL II 10:30 AM
Alan Walmsley, MacQuarrie University/Dumbarton Oaks
  The Tri-chora of Al-Urdunn: Eastern Palaestina Secunda in the early Islamic period.
Vanessa Rousseau, Weisman Art Museum
  Authenticity and Multivalence in an Early Islamic Portrait from Sardis.”
Gaby Mazor, Israel Antiquities Authority, Jerusalem
  Monasticism in Transition: From Nysa-Scythopolis to Beisan

PANEL III 12:30 PM – Student Panel
Michael Salzman
  Nomads at the Rise of Islam
Gianna Brassil
  Situating Corporeal Knowledge, Time, and the Immanent Divine: St. Mary of Egypt and Sha’wana

CONCLUDING REMARKS

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