The Qurʾān and Ethiopia: Context and Reception

April 8, 2019
May Gallery, Mullen Library

**Welcome**
9:00–9:15 Aaron Michael Butts (The Catholic University of America)

**Session One**
Chair: Sidney H. Griffith (The Catholic University of America)
9:15–9:45 Suleyman Dost (Brandeis University)  
Reconsidering the Trajectory of the Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha into the Qurʾān: The Argument for a Southern Connection
9:45–10:15 Rachel Dryden (University of Cambridge)  
Qurʾānic Angels in the Context of Ethiopic ‘Pseudepigrapha’
10:15–10:45 George Hatke (University of Vienna)  
Scripture in the Geˈez Epigraphic Corpus from Yemen and Some Points of Comparison with the Qurʾān
10:45–11:15 Break

**Session Two**
Chair: Reyhan Durmaz (Brown University)
11:15–11:45 William Zimmerle (NYU Abu Dhabi)  
“Fumigate Your Houses with Luban and Sage!": Semitic Semantics for Burning Frankincense and other Aromatics in the Arabian Peninsula and Ethiopia
11:45–12:15 Jillian Stinchcomb (University of Pennsylvania)  
Ethiopia and the Queen of Sheba in the Qurʾān
12:15–12:45 Christian Robin (CNRS Paris)  
The Elephant of Abraha
12:45–2:00 Lunch Break

**Session Three**
Chair: Lev Weitz (The Catholic University of America)
2:00–2:30 Justin Novotny (The Catholic University of America)  
Ethiopia in the Early Islamic Period: Reconsidering the Traditional Narrative
2:30–3:00 Walid Saleh (University of Toronto)  
The Qurʾān and the Martyrs of Najran: Q. 75 and the Tafsir Tradition
3:00–3:30 Break

**Session Four**
Chair: Sana Mirza (New York University)
3:30–4:00 Alessandro Gori (University of Copenhagen)  
The Circulation and Fruition of the Qurʾān in Ethiopia: Some Philological, Historical and Anthropological Observations
4:00–4:30 Anne Regourd (CNRS Paris)  
Stories in Asides: What Marginal Notes in Qurʾāns Tell us about the Transmission of Texts and Books in Late Harrar
4:30–5:00 Steve Delamarter (Portland Seminary)  
Relationship, Technology, Money, and Luck: The Back Story of Five Collections of Ethiopian Arabic Manuscripts and How they Were Digitized

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