



FIRST GRADUATE SYMPOSIUM IN ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN STUDIES "RELIGION AND RITUAL"

PROGRAM

All lectures will take place in room 208 and the "rotunda" in the
Whitney Humanities Center, 53 Wall street, New Haven.

Friday, February 15th

12.00-3.00pm optional tours of
the Yale Babylonian Collection

4.00pm keynote lecture

Daniel Schwemer (University of
Würzburg): The Moon, a Doll, and
a Reed Tube: A Neglected Ritual
Text from Late Babylonian Uruk
followed by a wine & cheese
reception

7.00pm informal dinner

Saturday, February 16th

9.30-10.00am registration at the
venue

10.00-10.30am William (Trey) Nation:
Did Religion Exist in the Ancient World?
The Divine Households of Lagaš and
Ancient "Religion"

10.30-11.00am Anna Glenn: Širgida
Hymns in Old Babylonian Ritual

11.00-11.30am Sophus Helle: Ritual
Poetics: Invocation and Structure in
Enheduana's Exaltation



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11.30am-12.00pm coffee break

12.00-12.30pm Zachary Rubin: Priestly

Life at the Kalhu Ezida

12.30-1.00pm Anastasiia Iasenovskaia:

Some remarks on the ritual aspects
of the Nabu cult in Assyria: New year
akitu and spring akitu of Nabu in Kalhu

1.00-2.00pm lunch

2.00-2.30pm Adam Howe: Conceptions
of Sin in the Mesopotamian Incantation
Series Šurpu

2.30-3.00pm Shane M. Thompson:

Hittite Rule in the East: Rethinking
the "Hands Off" Theory

3.00-3.30pm coffee break

3.30-4.00pm Jonathan Beltz: Sumerian

zi-pa Incantations in Light of Three Amulet
Texts from the Yale Babylonian Collection

4.00-4.30pm Andrew Deloucas: "May I
be able to raise its lock": The Door as
Metaphor: Ritual or Poetics?

4.30pm keynote lecture

Paul Delnero (Johns Hopkins):
Assyriological Approaches to Ritual and
Religion

5.30pm closing remarks and group photo

6.30pm pizza and socializing at BAR,
254 Crown street, New Haven

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