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The 2016 Corcoran Chair Conference

Marginality and Identity in the Ancient Mediterranean World

April 3-4, 2016
Boston College Chestnut Hill Campus

Sunday, April 3	1:00-6:30 p.m., Murray Function Room, Yawkey Center
Monday, April 4	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Heights Room, Corcoran Commons

This conference examines the idea of "hybrid identities" and its component terms—hybridity and identity—by considering a selection of individuals and groups whose activities, allegiances, and/or ideas straddle the boundaries constructed by ancient Jewish, Christian and pagan leaders.

Among the questions to be considered:

What were people doing when they engaged in the practices that we, and/or perhaps some of their contemporaries, would have considered as belong to the "other"?

Does the concept of boundaries—whether closed, open, porous, or shifting—remain useful in our attempts to understand something about the ancient Mediterranean world? Do boundaries exist, or are they figments of the scholarly imagination?

Presenters

Joshua Burns (Marquette University)
Steven Fine (Yeshiva University)
David Frankfurter (Boston University)
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