SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2015

9:00 - 11:25 am
University of Nebraska Omaha
College of Public Affairs and Community Service, Room 132D

9:00 – 9:15 am • Introductions

9:15-11:25 am • Session I
9:15-9:55am ....... Dereck Daschke, Truman State University
‘The End of the World and the World to Come’: What Apocalyptic Literature Says about the Time After the Endtime

10:00-10:40am .... Jordan D. Rosenblum, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Dining In(to) The World to Come

10:45-11:25am .... Zev Garber, Los Angeles Valley College
Emet: The Paradox of Death and Afterlife

11:30am-12pm • Travel from UNO to JCC

12:00 - 7:45 pm
Jewish Community Center, 333 South 132nd Street

12-1pm • Lunch

1:05-2:30pm • Session II
1:05–1:45pm ....... Naftali Rothenberg, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute
Rabbi Akiva and Socrates: On Life, Death, and Life after Life

1:50–2:30pm ....... Morris M. Faierstein, University of Maryland
Trapped Between This World and the Next World: The Mystical Origins of the Dibbuk and its Historical Significance

2:30 – 2:50 • Break

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2:50 - 5pm • Session III
2:50–3:30pm ....... Federico Dal Bo, ICI Berlin Institute for Cultural Inquiry
Emmanuel Levinas’ Ethical Religion: A Philosophical Treatment of the ‘This World’-‘The World to Come’ Dichotomy

3:35-4:15pm........ Dov Weiss, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
The Moral Function of Olam Ha-ba in Rabbinic Literature

4:20-5:00pm........ Vadim Putzu, Missouri State University
Tasting Heaven: Wine and the World to Come from the Talmud to Safed

7-8:30pm • Session IV

Introductions
Rev. Daniel Hendrickson, S.J., President, Creighton University
Alan Potash, CEO, Jewish Federation of Omaha
Leonard J. Greenspoon, Klutznick Chair in Jewish Civilization

Keynote Address
Christine Hayes, Yale University
Heaven on Earth: The World to Come and its (Dis)locations

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015

8:30 am – 1:10 pm
Creighton University • Skutt Center Ballroom, 2500 California Plaza

8:30-8:45 am • Introductions

8:45-10:00 am • Session V
8:45-9:25 am Katia Vehlow, University of South Carolina
Mothers of the Messiah: Harbingers of Hope in the Last Days

9:30-10:10 am David Shyovitz, Northwestern University
TEVEL and Its Inhabitants: Maps, Monsters, and the Medieval Jewish Imagination

10:15-11:40 am • Session VI
10:15-10:55 am Elias Sacks, University of Colorado at Boulder
Worlds to Come Between East and West: Immortality and the Rise of Modern Jewish Thought

11:10-11:40 am Jonathan Brumberg-Kraus, Wheaton College (MA)
What’s for Dinner in Olam Ha-ba? Why Do We Care in Olam Ha-zeh?

11:45 am – 12:30 pm • Lunch

12:30 - 1:10 pm • Keynote

12:30-1:10 pm • Session VII
12:30-1:10 pm Nicolae Roddy, Creighton University
Warriors, Wives, and Wisdom: olam ha-zeh v’olam ha-ba in the (so-called) Apocrypha

4:00 - 8:15 pm
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4-5:15 pm • Session VIII
Bailey Library, Andrews Hall
4:00-4:40 pm Naftali Rothenberg, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute
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4:45-5:25 pm Zev Garber, Los Angeles Valley College
Torah for Christians

7-8:15 pm • Session IX
Gaughan Multicultural Center, Unity Room 212
7:00-8:15 pm Christine Hayes, Yale University
What’s Divine about Divine Law?