

# 28th Annual Symposium on Jewish Civilization



## “This World and the World to Come in Jewish Belief and Practice”

**Sunday Morning, October 25**  
**UNO College of Public Affairs and Community Service**  
**Room 132D**

9:00 – 9:15 am Introductions

9:15 – 9:55 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 – 10:40 Jordan D. Rosenblum, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
“Dining In(to) The World to Come”

10:45 – 11:25 Zev Garber, Los Angeles Valley College  
“*Emet*: The Paradox of Death and Afterlife”

**Sunday Afternoon and Evening, October 25**  
**Omaha Jewish Community Center**

12:00—1:00 pm Lunch

1:05 – 1:45 Naftali Rothenberg, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute  
“Rabbi Akiva and Socrates: On Life, Death, and Life after Life”

1:50 – 2:30 Morris Faiersstein, University of Maryland  
“Trapped between This World and the Next World: The Mystical Origins of the *Dibbuk* and its Historical Significance”

2:50 – 3:30 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 – 4:15 Dov Weiss, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
“The Moral Function of *Olam Ha-ba* in Rabbinic Literature”

4:20 – 5:00 Vadim Putzu, Missouri State University  
“Tasting Heaven: Wine and the World to Come from the Talmud to Safed”

7:00 – 8:30 pm Introductions and Keynote  
Keynote Speaker: Christine Hayes, Yale University  
“Heaven on Earth: The World to Come and its (Dis)locations”

**Monday Morning, October 26**  
**Creighton University, Skutt Student Center Ballroom**

8:30-8:45 am Introductions

8:45 – 9:25 Katia Vehlow, University of South Carolina  
“Mothers of the Messiah: Harbingers of Hope in the Last Days”

9:30– 10:10 David Shyovitz, Northwestern University  
“*TEVEL* and Its Inhabitants: Maps, Monsters, and the Medieval Jewish Imagination”

10:15 – 10:55 Elias Sacks, University of Colorado at Boulder  
“Worlds to Come Between East and West: Immortality and the Rise of Modern Jewish Thought”

11:00 – 11:40 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 Keynote Speaker: Nicolae Roddy, Creighton University  
“Warriors, Wives, and Wisdom: *olam ha-zeh v’olam ha-ba* in the (so-called) Apocrypha”

**Monday Afternoon and Evening, October 26**  
**University of Nebraska - Lincoln**

Bailey Library, Andrews Hall

4:00 – 4:40 Naftali Rothenberg, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute  
“Rabbi Akiva and Socrates: On Life, Death, and Life after Life”

4:45 – 5:25 Zev Garber, Los Angeles Valley College  
“Torah for Christians”

Gaughan Multicultural Center, Unity Room 212

7:00 – 8:15 Christine Hayes, Yale University  
“What’s Divine about Divine Law?”

**All events are free and open to the public.**

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