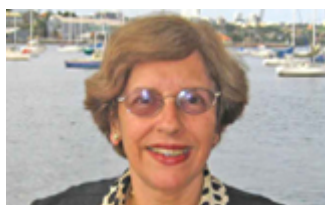


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We have had some wonderful events since our August 2016 newsletter.

A Coptic Evening was held on 24 August 2016, **Prof Heike Behlmer** (Goettingen University) spoke on "The Copts in Modern Detective Fiction". This was well attended and was a great event for Coptic studies.

Also on 26 August, there was a SSEC Lunchtime lecture by **Prof Peter Arzt-Grabner** (Salzburg University, Austria and Faculty of Arts visiting Research Fellow), his topic was "Birth, Marriage, and the Census in Early Christianity and the papyri".

On Thursday 1 September, we were very interested to hear **Dr John Shannahan** (PhD graduate Macquarie University) with the topic of "Coins and Society in the Holy Land under the Persians".

On Thursday 29 September, **Associate Professor Mark Reasoner** (Marian University, Indiana) gave an enlightening talk on his topic "Torn between Two Scholars: The New Testament and the History of Religions at Macquarie University and the University of Chicago". He was brought to Australia by the Sydney College of Divinity.

On Wednesday 19 October 2016, **Dr Rachel Yuen-Collingridge** (the new SSEC sponsored Postdoctoral Fellow in Early Christianity) gave a talk on her project "Authority and Artefact: Magic, Scripture and Administration in papyrus manuscripts from Graeco-Roman Egypt".

We finished the academic year with a SSEC Early Christmas event on Thursday 10 November. Macquarie graduate **Dr Mark Stephens** (Excelsia college) with a very enjoyable evening with his topic "Jesus on Film."

This evening also saw **Liam Jensen-Kohl** give a display and a talk on "Jesus in Film Daybill Poster Collection". The links to both of these talks, which have been videoed, are listed later in this "SSEC NEWS".

We have some outstanding events lined up for SSEC in the first half of 2017. So may I refer you to the Calendar section of this "SSEC NEWS" for full details.

There are **six special Free Tuesday seminars**, thorough out Feb/March 2017 held by **Dr Rosalinde Kearsley** on "An Introduction to life and society in early Roman Asia Minor through Inscriptions". Bookings essential.

On **Tuesday 28 February 2017**, an event co-hosted by SSEC and the ACRC, where **Prof Derek Krueger** (Uni of North Carolina Greensboro, USA) is being brought to Australia by AABS (Australian Association for Byzantine Studies & has agreed to talk at Macquarie Uni. His topic is: "Mary Magdalen's Surprise and Joy: Romanos the Melodist at Easter? ".

On **Wed 8 March** at a special time of **6:00pm**. SSEC Farewell seminar by **A/Professor Stuart Piggin**, and Dinner following. **A/Professor Stuart Piggin** (Macquarie/ Director of CTE) will be speaking to us on the topic: "Jonathan Edwards and Terra Australis: His Perception of us and our Reception of Him". [Note: as the dinner venue is a good 15 minute walk, if you require a lift we can help arrange transport].

On **4 April**, **Professor Christophe Erismann** (Vienna, Austria) is the Ancient Cultures Research Centre's Visiting Research Fellow in 2017 will speak on the topic: "**Philosophy and Theology in Byzantium before 1204**". Hosted by Dr

Ken Parry.

The conference curtain raiser will be held on the evening of **Thurs 4 May 2017**, with guest speaker: **Dr Geoffrey Dunn** (ACU ) who is the SSEC visiting fellow for 2017.

We will have seven speakers at our annual SSEC conference on **Saturday 6 May 2017**. Theme: "**Apostles and the Churches they Founded: History, Tradition and Legend**".

When we hear more, we will let you know. This information will be loaded onto the SSEC events website. Short link is [www.mq.edu.au/ssec/events](http://www.mq.edu.au/ssec/events) (all in lower case).

**Professor Alanna Nobbs AM**

February 2017

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#### RECENT SSEC EVENTS

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Photo of Rachel with Hedda Paisley the University's advancement person. Here details are as follows: Hedda Paisley Director of Development, Principal and Major Gifts Office of Advancement T:+61 2 9850 6132 Email [Hedda Paisley](mailto:Hedda.Paisley@mq.edu.au)

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#### SSEC Christmas Function



#### **SSEC Lecture - Jesus on Film - Dr Mark Stephens**

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We were very fortunate to have **Liam Jensen-Kohl**, (LJK Independent Historical Archivist) video two speakers at our Christmas/ End of year function in November 2016.

- Here are the links to these two talks : The Pass code for both: **ssec2016**
- First is **Dr Mark Stephens**, talk on "Jesus on Film" <https://vimeo.com/190524667>
- Second link is **Liam Jensen-Kohl** on "Jesus in Film Daybill Poster Collection" <https://vimeo.com/190523555>



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Image of Lego of Alanna Nobbs with cat. Image supplied by Liam Jensen-Kohl

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#### PERSONS OF INTEREST & SSEC TRAVEL REPORTS

Left to Right: Don Barker, Con Campbell, Eddie Bridge, John Lee, Iain Gardner, Lyn Kidson, Malcolm Choat, Alanna Nobbs, Alan Cadwallader, Julien Ogereau, Gareth Wearne. These eleven people attended a function, for Macquarie Uni & the Aust College of Theology Reception, held on 19 November 2016. Note the Group with associations of varying kinds to Ancient history @MQ.



#### Introducing Lloyd Graham

"TALISMANIA – Amulets, Talismans and the Materiality of Magic was held on 8 Nov, 2016, in room W6A 308 at the Department of Ancient History, Macquarie University. This was an hands-on exhibition of vintage and modern talismans, amulets and magical documents from the Middle East, Turkey, the Levant, Africa, Eastern Europe and south-east Asia.

The 74 artefacts - sourced from the personal collection of SSEC member **Lloyd Graham** - were chosen to illustrate the magical traditions associated with Judaism, Christianity and Islam, and the survival of these traditions into the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries CE. The exhibition was intended to complement the undergraduate course AHIS355 - A History of Magic, which was taught for the first time this semester.

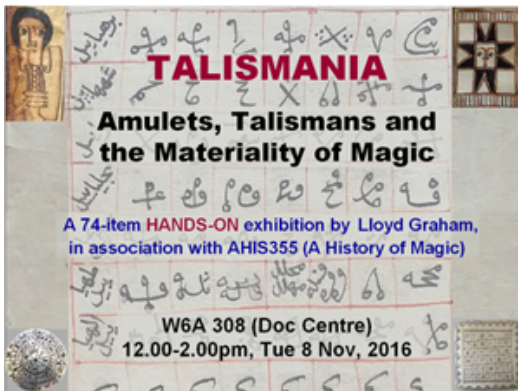


Image of Talismania poster



Image of Talismania and the exhibition room



Picture of Dr Lloyd Graham

Please note that **Dr Lloyd Graham**, who is a current SSEC committee member has also taken on the role of the SSEC volunteer publicity officer. He will produce a two page marketing flyer, with updates from time to time. Please note: copies of the paper marketing flyer will be available at SSEC meetings.

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#### **New staff members in Ancient History at Macquarie**

- **Dr Caillan Davenport**, Lecturer in Classics and Ancient History,
- **Professor Ray Laurence**, Professor in Ancient History,

- **Dr Susan Lupack**, Lecturer in Ancient History,
- **Dr Meaghan McEvoy**, Associate Lecturer in Byzantine Studies,
- **Professor Bronwen Neil**, ARC Future Fellow, Professor of Ancient History
- **Dr Louise Pryke**, a Lecturer for the Languages and Literature of Ancient Israel,
- **Dr Ronika K. Power**, a Lecturer in Bioarchaeology,
- **Professor Ian Worthington**, Professor in Ancient History.

We welcome them to the university.

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### **SSEC Small Travel Grant Report by Benjamin Overcash**

In August 2016, I was privileged to receive a grant from SSEC to contribute to accommodation costs while attending the 28th International Congress of Papyrology, held at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona, Spain. I was one of two participants at the congress representing Ancient History at Macquarie University. My paper, entitled 'Nomina Sacra and Social Semiosis in Early Christian Material Culture', used social semiotic theory to explore the social dimensions of the early Christian practice of abbreviating certain sacred epithets (known as nomina sacra). My talk was well received and spurred a lively discussion which gave me some ideas for further clarification and development.

I would like to express my utmost gratitude to the members of SSEC for their contribution towards my participation in this congress, and for supporting the research of all Ancient History higher degree research students through the provision of these grants.

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### **SSEC Travel Grant Report by Antonia St Demiana**

Thanks to the great support and generosity of the SSEC, I was provided with the opportunity to travel to the United States as part of my PhD research.

In brief, my study focuses on the origin, textual history, and development of the Book of Leviticus in Coptic. The primary aspect of my work is a study and edition of the version of Leviticus in Morgan Manuscript 566. This is the most important witness of the Coptic manuscript tradition of Leviticus, since it is the oldest most complete extant copy of Coptic Leviticus in any dialect.

M566 is dated to the 9th century, and was copied in the Monastery of St Michael, near present-day Hamuli in the Fayum, Egypt. It is the second of a twin volume, which, together with the first volume of Genesis and Exodus formed a copy of the Sahidic Pentateuch. Unfortunately, the first volume perished in the Louvain University Library fire in 1940. M566 comprises Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy in Sahidic, and apart from a limited number of lacunae, the text of these three books contained therein is complete. The manuscript is preserved in its entirety at the Morgan Library and Museum in New York, which is the main reason for my visit there.

I was fortunate to have access to the manuscript for three weeks (1-19 August 2016) in the Sherman Fairchild Reading Room where it was brought out for me each day. Prior to visiting the Morgan, I had constructed my edition of the Sahidic text from photographs of the facsimile edition of M566 which were poor in quality. It was, therefore, necessary for me to work with the original manuscript in order to check the accuracy of my work and to restore those parts of text which are indecipherable in the facsimile photographs. All leaves in codex M566 are damaged in some form with most damage consisting of insect/worm holes. In the photographs, most of these holes can be easily mistaken for diacritical marks, thus to examine the original manuscript was the only means to identify the actual diacritics in the text.

After consulting the manuscript for these purposes, I spent a considerable amount of time making digital images of the entire manuscript. These photographs are now invaluable for my research and I often refer to them when there is some aspect of my work that has been overlooked. Finally, being able to freely handle the manuscript meant that I was able to conduct a full codicological examination and write a thorough codicological description of the codex.

This important trip would not have been possible without the assistance of the SSEC Travel Grant, so I sincerely extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Professor Alanna Nobbs, Dr Don Barker, and all members of the SSEC. Thank you also to María Molestina-Kurlat (the Reader Services Librarian at the Morgan) and the Reading Room volunteers. I am also grateful to Dr Ian Plant, Angela Abberton, and Raina Kim for their kind assistance to me. Thank you to you all!

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### **SSEC Small Travel Grants**

SSEC Postgraduate Travelling Grants Each year SSEC offers up to 4 travelling grants to members who are also postgraduates enrolled in higher degree work in Ancient History at Macquarie. These are awarded competitively and are worth up to \$500. Please apply to the secretary outlining your proposed travel, how it helps your thesis completion and how the money is to be spent. It may not, by University rules, be spent on air travel but can be used for conference registration or accommodation, for internal travel, etc. All refunds are given after the presentation of receipts. Winners are asked please to provide a short report for the following SSEC newsletter.

The SSEC Committee agreed to give **Alexander Macdonald** a SSEC \$500 travelling grant toward his project for ASCS (Australasian Society for Classical Studies). Alex was a runner up for their Optima prize. Congratulations to Alexander. We

look forward to your short travel report in a future newsletter. Further details are outlined below.

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### **Macquarie Ancient History Scholarships**

There are a number of scholarships in Ancient History, such as:

- The Macquarie /Tyndale Travelling Scholarship, which is funded by SSEC. The closing date will be - **March 2017**. Details will be on the Ancient history website in March 2017.
- The Sir Asher Joel Foundation Scholarship, Applications for scholarships closed October 2016. For further information [gil.davis@mq.edu.au](mailto:gil.davis@mq.edu.au)

Further details on applying for these and other Ancient History scholarships is on the ancient history website.

- Which is [Link to Ancient History Scholarships](#)

Further enquiries: Phone: 9850 8833 (Department of Ancient History Office), Email: [ancienthistory@mq.edu.au](mailto:ancienthistory@mq.edu.au)

### **Tyndale Travelling Scholarship**

We can only announce that the Tyndale Scholarship for 2018 will be advertised on the dept website **during March**, but we will let you know the winner, when we know. This is for travel in 2018. We look forward to a short travel report, from the lucky recipient, after they travel next year.

### **Seeking Donations Tyndale House Travel Grant 2018**

Each year, the Tyndale Travel Grant scholarship is provided by a donation by a SSEC member or members. We are once again seeking support for Tyndale House Travel Grant 2018. These annual scholarships, enable students to travel to Cambridge UK, to visit Tyndale House in January each year, in conjunction with the warden of Tyndale House and via special arrangement with Professor Alanna Nobbs. These grants are very worthwhile for the individual students, for SSEC, and for fostering and supporting Macquarie University study and research into Early Christianity. Scholarships or travel grants cover the cost of airfare, transfers, accommodation, library costs, for a few weeks and we are seeking an amount of \$5,000 each student. The grants provide a worthwhile study environment and access to world class libraries, research facilities and/or archaeological sites for research. If you feel that you can assist with a special donation, either anonymously or perhaps in memory of someone, please contact **Professor Alanna Nobbs** on (02) 9850 8844, or by email to [Alanna.Nobbs@mq.edu.au](mailto:Alanna.Nobbs@mq.edu.au).

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### **Other Macquarie Uni Scholarship & Prizes for 2017**

Note: the University is undergoing a review of the currently published Conditions of Award for all 2017 Scholarships in view of these changes. Conditions of Award will be updated as soon as possible on the website.

- Which is [Link to 2017 Scholarships & prizes](#)

### **Higher Degree Research Scholarships**

Note: for recipients, if they are postgrad (HDR) students they must fill in an OSR (off site report) before they go and also need to consult one of the departmental administrators before they go. Further details on the website.

- Which is [Link to Higher Degree Research Scholarships](#)

**Prizes** include (among others):

- **Patricia Geidans Prize** for the best thesis in the Master of Research program in the broad area of Early Christian and Jewish Studies
- **Society for the Study of Early Christianity Prize** for the highest achievement in a 200-level Early Christian and Jewish History unit
- **Society for the Study of Early Christianity Prize for Coptic History** for proficiency in the unit AHPG855 The Art and Archaeology of Coptic Monasticism or AHPG856 Egypt in the First Millennium.

When we know the winners of these Early Christianity prizes, we will let you know in future newsletters.

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### **Ancient Israel Program**

In January, 27 students and HSC teachers attended an intensive 3-week course on Biblical Archaeology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The course combined a full-lecture program on archaeology, the Bible and comparative non-bible texts with four days of field trips to sites such as Hazor and Megiddo (Armageddon!), Lachish (stopping for lunch at Capernaum) and Ashkelon, the City of David excavations (with the obligatory walk through the tunnels and visit to the Wailing Wall), and the Israel Museum. The course is the brainchild of **Professor Wayne Horowitz** (Hebrew University), **Dr Gil Davis** (Macquarie University) and the Australian Friends of Hebrew University. It was financially supported by donors to the AIP, especially Mrs Millie Philips, and Macquarie University provided travel grants to some students. There are great plans to extend it in 2018.

The Vice Chancellor hosted a lunch to thank donors to the Program attended by His Excellency Shmuel ben-Shmuel who is the Israeli ambassador to Australia. It is wonderful to see the dream of the late Sir Asher Joel and his son Michael bearing such fruit.

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Picture of the Biblical

Archaeology students at Megiddo

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### "Columbia Seminar for the Study of the New Testament" Presentation.

**Dr Donald Barker**, made a presentation at a dinner seminar at Columbia University in New York USA, on Tue 29 November 2016. His topic was: "The Reuse of Christian Papyri".

The two fragments from a codex of Acts fit side by side without hardly any loss of letters. Both fragments have portions of Acts 2:30-37 and 2:46-3.2. Inner margins survive, but the original width is uncertain. Both P.Macquarie Inv. 360 and P.Mil.vogl.Inv. 1224 were bought from the same dealer in Vienna and were included with a number of papyrus manuscripts that came from the Aspidas archive, which can be dated to the 330's and 340's CE. It may be observed that P.Macquarie inv. 360 + P.Mil.Vogl.inv. 1224 show signs of having been folded. This paper explored the reason for folding the page.

Don Barker's talk was to the Colombia New Testament Seminar Members. Those attending included : Professor Laurence Welborn, Emma Wasserman, Claudia Setzer, Michael Winger, Celia Deutsch, Amy Meverden, among others. SSEC sponsored most of Dr Barker's airfare to attend this annual event.

Read another article from Dr Don Barker, later in SSEC news.

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### VALE : Valmae Lenore Rundle

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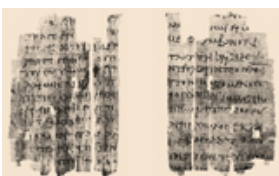
Dearly loved wife of Dr. Philip Rundle (dec), mother and mother in law of Philippa and Alistair, Geoffrey and Virginia, grandmother of Josie and Michael Ashton, and Jeremy and Rowan Rundle and their families.

A service of thanksgiving of the life of Valmae was held at St. Marks Anglican Church, Darling Point on Monday 19th September 2016.

Val was a long standing SSEC member and benefactress. She has supported the Ancient History Department of Macquarie University in many ways, over many years including donations to SSEC and setting up the Rundle Foundation for Egyptian Archaeology.

The Rundle Foundation for Egyptian Archaeology was established by the Council of Macquarie University in 1981. The aim of the Foundation is to support research in the archaeology and history of ancient Egypt and to cater for the interest of the Australian public in this part of the ancient world.

All SSEC members extend our condolences to the family. Val will be sadly missed by all who knew her.



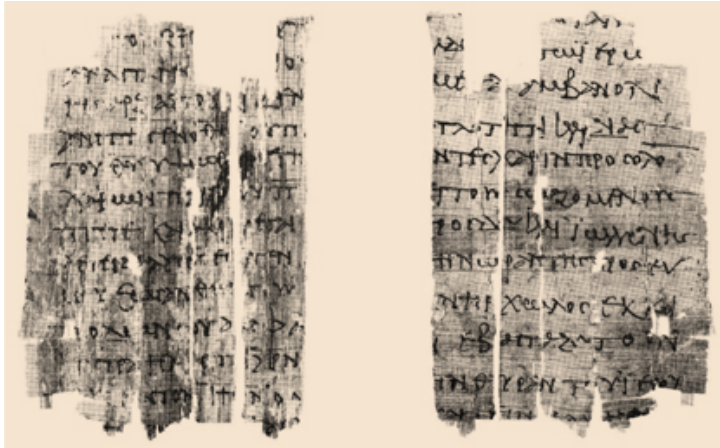
## SSEC ARTICLES

Disclaimer by the editors "The Society takes no position on the intellectual content of papers and articles."

### Introduction by Alanna Nobbs

The following article by Dr Don Barker is from a book he is preparing based on research conducted at Macquarie University for the Papyri documenting the Christianisation of Egypt. The book is aimed at the under graduate level of student and for members of the general public. It deals with the history of Biblical Manuscripts and how we got our Bible. If you would like to donate to this important research, then email me directly on [Alanna.Nobbs@mq.edu.au](mailto:Alanna.Nobbs@mq.edu.au) If you would prefer to donate on-line then use the following:

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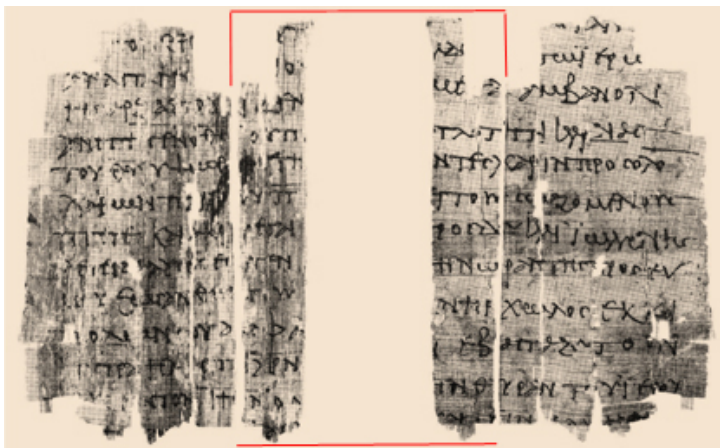
Front and Back of The two manuscripts of Papyrus 91 are P.Macquarie inv. 360 and P.Mil.Vogl.inv. 1224

### ARTICLE: "Evidence for the use of the New Testament in times of difficulty by Early Christians"

By Dr Don Barker

Macquarie University in Sydney along with the University of Milan have two of the oldest surviving fragments (early third century AD) of the Acts of the Apostles from the New Testament. When the two pieces of papyrus, written in Greek, are placed side-by-side it can be seen that they belong together. Both fragments have portions of Acts 2. 30-37 and 2.46-3.2. Inner margins survive, but the original width is uncertain.

Written in a hurried block script that is influenced by cursive formations. Interlinear width varies as well as letter heights. The leaf that they originally belonged to had been taken out of an early copy of the book of Acts of the Apostles and folded (four fold marks can clearly be seen) so that the owner could keep it somewhere on his person. The vertical folding explains why the Macquarie fragment broke away from the Milan fragment.



Above image: The two manuscripts of Papyrus 91 are P.Macquarie inv. 360 [marked in Red] and P.Mil.Vogl.inv. 1224

When placed together the front of the fragments, contains a portion of Peter's speech on the Day of Pentecost after the Holy Spirit has been poured out on the Apostles (Acts 2. 30-37). The back of the fragments includes Acts 2.46-3.2, the beginning of the account of the healing at the door of the temple of the lame man in the name of Jesus. The question is why was the leaf folded? In folding or rolling a written text some sort of intention is always involved. The intention may perhaps be clarified from the nature of the text and the manner of folding/rolling. Contracts were sometimes rolled or folded to easily store them and or protect the contents. Letters written on papyri were folded presumably to protect the contents and to make it easier to carry. Amulets were folded into a manageable size to fit into carrying cases. From [Turner, The Typology, 25], A clue for the reason that the leaf that contained P<sup>91</sup> was folded, may be determined by the content of the original leaf from which the two fragments have survived.

To calculate the content of the leaf the original position of the fragments on the leaf has to be determined. To work that out we need to firstly calculate the written size of the leaf. Because this is a known text this can be roughly worked out. From the restored lines it can be calculated that there is an average of 37 letters per line. Using NA 28 edition there are c. 720 letters between the last word on the front of the restored lines and the first word on the back of the restored lines. Applying the average number of letters per line (37), approximately 20 lines are arrived at between the end of the front fragments and the beginning of the text on the back fragments. If the approximate 12 lines that the fragments preserve are added to the calculated 20 lines a total of a proximately 32 lines per page is arrived at. The number of lines per page (32) can be converted to approximate heights for the written area. If the average height for ten lines of the surviving fragments (c. 7.5 cm) is multiplied by the number of ten lines per page (c. 3.2) a height of around 24 cm is obtained. For the width of the leaf I calculate that there is an average of 14.4 letters per line of the surviving fragments which occupying an average line width of approximately 5.5 cm. Each letter therefore occupies an average width of approximately 0.38 cm. The average number of letters missing from the lines of the fragments is 23.6, which calculates to a line length of 8.9 cm (0.38 x 23.6). If the line length of the fragments is added to this figure the approximate width of the written area is 14.4 cm making a written area for the leaf of around 14.4 x 24 cm.

If the assumption is correct, that the surviving fragments represent approximately a third of the height of the original sheet, we can calculate that the approximate height of the page as being around 28.8 cm. This would make the combined upper and lower margin as being [(9.6 x 3) – 24 = 4.8 cm], As the lower margin is normally greater than the upper (Turner offers the rule of thumb of 3:2 as the proportion of the lower to upper) we arrive at an upper margin of about 1.9 cm and a lower margin of 2.9 cm. In regard to the side margins it may be observed that the original inner margin was greater than 1.0 cm. As there appears to be no indication of holes for binding, perhaps we may add another 0.5 cm to the remaining 1.0 cm. making a width of 17.4 cm, giving a page size of c. 17.4 x 28.8. Caution however must be exercised in doing so because of the uncertainty especially of margin widths.

### The Original position of the fragments

From the fold marks and the partial survival of the inner margins, the surviving fragments are most likely to be located somewhere in the inner body of the leaf. The approximate position of the leaf may be arrived at as follows: As the fragments represents approximately a third of the lines per page and has no surviving upper and lower margins and seems to show signs of horizontal folding it is most likely to have come from the inner middle of the page (see diagram 1).

If this is the case, there are on each page approximately 10 lines before the first line of the fragment and approximately 10 lines following the last line of  $\text{P}^{\text{91}}$  allowing for c. 370 letters for each ten lines of missing text.

Diagram 1  
Location of Fragments on the Leaf

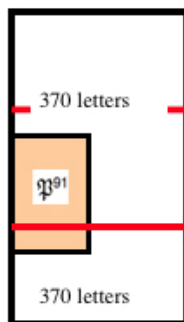


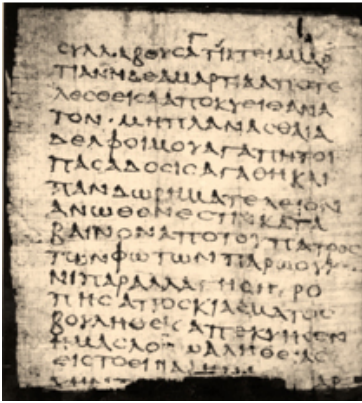
Diagram 1 above: Location of Fragments on the Leaf

Significantly if the calculations are correct, the back of the leaf would have included the actual healing of the lame man in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. This may explain why the leaf was folded and kept, as it was reused for the purpose of healing. Whether it was considered as having some sort of magic powers in and of itself or a reminder to the owner that in sickness one is to look to Jesus for healing is difficult to determine.

When in its history the folded leaf represented by the Macquarie fragment and the Milan fragment was used, for healing purposes, or how the leaf became separated from the codex is difficult to know. Was the leaf deliberately torn out, or did the codex fall apart overtime and the leaf in question than reused for healing purposes? We can only speculate. The only other leaf, from a New Testament codex from the second and third centuries, as far as can be ascertained, that may have been used in a similar way is P. Oxy. 1229.

Another piece of New Testament papyrus held at Oxford in England, (P. Oxy. 10 1229) also shows signs of being folded. This fragment, dated as being from the second or late third century AD, has also been deliberately taken out of the book of James and folded for personal use. Again the contents of the leaf give us a clue why it was torn out. On the back of the leaf the text reads, 'Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

P. Oxy. 10 1229 (back )



Could it be that the owner of the folded page kept this leaf from the letter of James for comfort in a period of great difficulty as an **aide mémoire**?



## SSEC Events Calendar

### SSEC Conference 2017

For your diaries: This year's SSEC conference will be on **Saturday 6 May 2017** - with the theme of Apostles and the Churches they Founded: History, Tradition and Legend.

Speakers as follows:

- **Dr Geoffrey Dunn** (ACU) who is the SSEC visiting fellow for 2017, with his topic " The Children of Constantius III and Galla Placidia"
- Distinguished International Speaker, **Professor Laurence Welborn** (Fordham NY & Macquarie), "The Afterlife of the Church Paul founded in Corinth"
- **Dr Bronwen Neil**, (Macquarie), "Clash of The Apostles: Mani and the Heir of Peter in Fifth-Century Rome"
- **Dr Rosalinde Kearsley** (Macquarie), "Why did Paul go to Pisidian Antioch and what did he find there?"
- **Dr Julien Ogereau** (LMU Munich/Macquarie), Note: Julien Ogereau is a "LMUexcellent Research Fellow". His topic will be "Paul's legacy in Macedonia: Literary, Epigraphic, Archaeological Perspectives"
- **Dr Christopher Forbes** (Macquarie) with topic TBA, (to Be Advised)
- **Marty Feltham** (PhD candidate Macquarie), "Paul, the Ephesians & the eclipse of hope? 1 Timothy 5:3-25 reconsidered".

Same cost as last year (includes lunch, coffee/ tea & book of notes)

- **Non Members \$145, Alumni \$140, SSEC member \$130, Pensioner (Age) \$95, Student \$55**
- **Part time Lectures** at \$25 per lecture (SSEC Concession rate \$20 per lecture)


If you wish to register now for the SSEC conference, download a form at [SSEC Renewal Membership & Conference Payment Form](#).

The SSEC conference curtain raiser will be held on the evening of **Thurs 4 May 2017**, with guest speaker: **Dr Geoffrey Dunn** (ACU ) who is the SSEC visiting fellow for 2017. At this stage his topic is TBA.



**St Peter Statue, Vatican City**

Table 1: SSEC Calendar of Events for 2017

SSEC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2017			
DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	COST
<p><b>TUESDAYS</b></p> <p>SIX CONSECUTIVE COMMENCING</p> <p>21 FEBRUARY 2017</p> <p>SPECIAL TIME 10:30AM TO 12:00 NOON</p>	<p>Six Special Free Tuesday Daytime seminars</p> <p>An Introduction to life and society in early Roman Asia Minor through Inscriptions</p> <p>Hosted by <b>Dr Rosalinde Kearsley</b>. Commencing: <b>Tuesday 21 February 2017</b> for six consecutive weeks. [namely 21 Feb, 28 Feb, 7 Mar, 14 Mar, 21 Mar &amp; 28 March 2017]</p> <p>Further details are provided in the <a href="#">PDF document</a>. (PDF 45KB)</p> <p><b>Bookings are required</b> and Further details to Rosalinde Kearsley at <a href="mailto:rosalinde.kearsley@mq.edu.au">rosalinde.kearsley@mq.edu.au</a></p>	<p><b>W6A 308</b></p> <p><b>(Doc centre)</b></p>	<p><b>Free</b></p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p>28 FEB 2017</p> <p>7:05PM</p>	<p>Event co-hosted by SSEC and the Ancient Cultures Research Centre.</p> <p><b>Professor Derek Krueger</b> (Uni of North Carolina Greensboro, USA) is being brought to Australia by AABS (Australian Association for Byzantine Studies) and has agreed to talk at Macquarie University.</p> <p>Topic: "<b>Mary Magdalen's Surprise and Joy: Romanos the Melodist at Easter?</b>".</p> <p><b>Professor Derek Krueger</b>, is the Joe Rosenthal Excellence Professor in the Department of Religious Studies and Program in Women's and Gender Studies, University of North Carolina at Greensboro in USA.</p>  <p>Prof Derek Krueger</p> <p>He is the author/editor of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* The New Testament in Byzantium, edited by Derek Krueger and Robert S. Nelson (Dumbarton Oaks Press, 2017)</li> <li>* Prayer and Worship in Eastern Christianities, 5th to 11th Centuries, edited by Brouria Bitton-Ashkelony and Derek Krueger (Routledge, 2017)</li> <li>* Derek Krueger, Liturgical Subjects: Christian Ritual, Biblical Narrative, and the Formation of the Self in Byzantium (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014)</li> </ul> <p>Further details to Bronwen Neil (<a href="mailto:bronwen.neil@mq.edu.au">bronwen.neil@mq.edu.au</a>) or Malcolm Choat (<a href="mailto:malcolm.choat@mq.edu.au">malcolm.choat@mq.edu.au</a>)</p>	<p><b>W6A 308</b></p> <p><b>(Doc centre)</b></p>	<p>members \$5</p> <p>alumni \$7</p> <p>non members \$8</p>
<p><b>WED</b></p> <p>8 MARCH 2017</p> <p>SPECIAL TIME 6:00PM</p> <p>FOLLOWED BY</p>	<p>SSEC Farewell seminar by A/Professor Stuart Piggin, and Dinner following</p> <p><b>Associate Professor Stuart Piggin</b> (Macquarie/ Director of CTE) will be speaking to us on the topic: "<b>Jonathan Edwards and Terra Australis: His Perception of us and our Reception of Him</b>".</p>	<p><b>W6A 308</b></p> <p><b>(Doc centre)</b></p>	<p>members \$5</p> <p>alumni \$7</p> <p>non members \$8</p>

DINNER AT  
7:30PM

Farewell seminar from A/Professor Stuart Piggin (followed by dinner at the Ranch for those who would like it).NB this seminar starts at 6pm, dinner 7.30 pm)

Dinner at own expense.

All welcome, no need to RSVP. Please note the special seminar time, followed by a short walk to the local Ranch Hotel Dining room. Further information from [SSEC@mq.edu.au](mailto:SSEC@mq.edu.au)

**Note: As the dinner venue at "The Ranch" Hotel is a good 15 minute walk, we will arrange a lift if you do not have transport. Please let us know, if you need this.**



Assoc/ Prof Stuart Piggin

TUESDAY

4 APRIL 2017

7:05PM

### SSEC Evening Lecture

**Professor Christophe Erismann** (Vienna, Austria) is the Ancient Cultures Research Centre's Visiting Research Fellow in 2017.

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(Doc  
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alumni \$7  
non members  
\$8

**Topic: "Philosophy and Theology in Byzantium before 1204"**. Hosted by Dr Ken Parry. Further information from [SSEC@mq.edu.au](mailto:SSEC@mq.edu.au)



Prof Christophe Erismann

**Professor Christophe Erismann** is from the Institute for Byzantine Studies, University of Vienna. His research focuses on the reception of Greek logic (mainly Aristotle's Categories and Porphyry's Isagoge) in late ancient, Patristic, and early medieval philosophy. He has published on the problem of universals, individuality, causality, and relation. He is the author of " L'homme commun: la genèse du réalisme ontologique durant le haut Moyen ge" (Paris 2011).

Note: here is a link to the conference being organised during his visit which is sponsored by the ACRC and SSEC.

<https://www.mq.edu.au/research/research-centres-groups-and-facilities/resilient-societies/centres/ancient-cultures-research-centre/events>

<p><b>THURSDAY</b> 4 MAY 2017 7:05PM</p>	<p>Conference Curtain Raiser evening <i>Theme: Apostles and the Churches they Founded: History, Tradition and Legend.</i> Guest speaker: <b>Dr Geoffrey Dunn</b> (ACU ) is the SSEC visiting fellow for 2017.</p>	<p><b>W6A 308</b> <b>(Doc centre)</b></p>	<p>members \$5 alumni \$7 non members \$8</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY</b> 6 MAY 2017 ARRIVAL AT 8:30AM, LECTURES START AT 9:00AM AND FINISH APPROX 4:45PM</p>	<p>Annual SSEC Annual Day Conference <i>Theme: Apostles and the Churches they Founded: History, Tradition and Legend.</i> Speakers as follows: - <b>Dr Geoffrey Dunn</b> (ACU) who is the SSEC visiting fellow for 2017, with his topic " The Children of Constantius III and Galla Placidia" - Distinguished International Speaker, <b>Professor Laurence Welborn</b> (Fordham NY &amp; Macquarie), "The Afterlife of the Church Paul founded in Corinth" - <b>Dr Bronwen Neil</b>, (Macquarie), "Clash of The Apostles: Mani and the Heir of Peter in Fifth-Century Rome" - <b>Dr Rosalinde Kearsley</b> (Macquarie), "Why did Paul go to Pisidian Antioch and what did he find there?" - <b>Dr Julien Ogereau</b> (LMU Munich/Macquarie) (Note: Julien Ogereau is a "LMUexcellent Research Fellow") with "Paul's legacy in Macedonia: Literary, Epigraphic, Archaeological Perspectives" - <b>Dr Christopher Forbes</b> (Macquarie) with topic TBA, (to Be Advised) - <b>Marty Feltham</b> (PhD candidate Macquarie), "Paul, the Ephesians &amp; the eclipse of hope? 1 Timothy 5:3-25 reconsidered"  Call for papers by 30 November 2016. Please supply firm Topic (relevant to the theme), Bio, Hi-res Portrait photo and abstract for consideration of the SSEC conference sub-committee by 30 November 2016.</p>	<p>Robert Menzies College Same as last year</p>	<p>Same cost as last year (includes lunch, coffee/tea &amp; book of notes)  <b>Non Members \$145, Alumni \$140, SSEC member \$130, Pensioner (Age) \$95, Student \$55</b>  <b>Part time Lectures at \$25 per lecture (SSEC Concession rate \$20 per lecture)</b></p>

### Non-SSEC Events: Events in ancient history of interest to members

#### Department of Ancient History Seminars - Session 1

**Fridays during Session 1**, Time: 4:30 sharp - 5:30 pm. Venue: Museum of Ancient Cultures Seminar Room (X5B), no cost.

A selection of these seminars are of particular interest to SSEC members:

- Friday 17 March 2017 **Alexander McDonald** with his topic TBA based on his project for ASCS (Australasian Society for Classical Studies). Alex was a runner up for their Optima prize.

The convener these session for Session 1 is **Dr Gil Davis**, please refer the ACRC (Australian Cultures Research Centre) website for further details.

### Other Ancient History Lectures at Macquarie University, in Conjunction with the Ancient Cultures Research Centre

#### Eastern Christianity and Late Antique Philosophy

Macquarie University Conference **6th-7th April 2017**, Convenor: Ken Parry (Department of Ancient History)

ken parry

More details:[Click here](#)

### Macquarie at the Museums

On **Saturday, 1 April 2017**, Macquarie University will be holding a blockbuster combined Conference for teachers of Ancient History and Studies of Religion at the Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour. This will coincide with the opening of the Pompeii Exhibition. The keynote speaker is Macquarie's new Professor of Roman History, Professor Ray Laurence who specialises in Pompeii. Other talks include "The ethics of dealing with human remains", "How to read an Egyptian coffin",

recent developments in scholarship for ancient Israel, Greece and Rome, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Of special interest to SSEC members will be a talk on the "**Historiography of the Acts of the Apostles**". The previous evening, there will be a welcome dinner for conference attendees at the Powerhouse Museum, combined with a guided walk through the 'Mummies' exhibition by the department's Egyptologists. Conference fees will include the costs of admission. For more details, contact Dr Gil Davis - [gil.davis@mq.edu.au](mailto:gil.davis@mq.edu.au).

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### **Ancient History Continuing Education Program**

Are you fascinated by the ancient world and would like to learn more about it? You are invited to join our Ancient History Department's program for Session 1, 2017. As a Continuing Education student, you attend lectures only, without the pressure of assignments or exams. You also have access to the Macquarie Library collections for use within the Library. Choose from a wide range of Greek, Roman, Egyptian and Near Eastern history topics, as well as archaeology and language units.

Where: Macquarie University

When: **Monday 27 February to Friday 9 June 2017**

Time: Mondays to Fridays (see University lecture timetable for individual units )

Program: [download program](#)

Application: [Complete application form](#)

and post with payment to:

Department of Ancient History - Continuing Education Programme

Faculty of Arts, Building W6A, Room 312

Macquarie University NSW 2109

Or email with credit card details to: [ahistconted@mq.edu.au](mailto:ahistconted@mq.edu.au)

Cost: \$220 per unit

Parking: Parking fees apply. X3 and W4 carparks are designated for casual parking.

Cut-off Date for Applications: **Monday 20 February 2017**

Short Link [http://www.arts.mq.edu.au/anchist\\_conted](http://www.arts.mq.edu.au/anchist_conted)

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**MALS** : Macquarie Ancient Language School

The **Winter Week for 2017: is from 3-7 July 2017**, which is the end of the first session.

Short Link <http://www.anchist.mq.edu.au/mals.html>

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**MAHA** : Macquarie Ancient History Association

Short Link <http://www.maha.ancienthistory.com.au/>

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### **Notice of SSEC AGM:**

This will be held on **Saturday 6 May 2017** at our SSEC day conference, at approximately lunch time. All positions on the SSEC committee each year are automatically vacated, until all nominations are received and the vote has been conducted. If you would like to serve on the SSEC committee, then send your name to contact: [SSEC@mq.edu.au](mailto:SSEC@mq.edu.au)

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### **Notice for SSEC membership Renewals:**

Membership renewals are now due. Please print out a membership renewal form and return to the address on the form.

Membership rates have not increased. Download a form. [SSEC Renewal Membership and Conference Payment Form](#).

Note: The university Cashier insists on a paper form, but we are happy to print it for you if you send a signed copy to us via email: [SSEC@mq.edu.au](mailto:SSEC@mq.edu.au)

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### **Notices:**

"The unique emphasis of our Society is one of history, the study of Early Christianity in its Jewish and Graeco-Roman setting." - **Professor Alanna Nobbs AM**

**SSEC NEWS:** is an email that is distributed to members from time to time.

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