

## ISLAMICATE LEGAL THEORY: A TEXT WORKSHOP

Thursday, April 28, 2022

10:00 am

Welcoming Remarks: **Natalie B. Dohrmann**,  
Associate Director of the Katz Center

10:15 am

**Jessica Andruss**, University of Virginia  
*Crime and Punishment in an Arabic Bible Commentary*

11:15 am Break

11:30 am

**Felicitas Opwis**, Georgetown University  
*From Ethical to Legal Norms in al-Mughnī of ‘Abd al-Jabbār*  
(d. 415/1025)

12:30 pm Lunch

1:15 pm

**Marion Holmes Katz**, New York University  
*Why You Should Follow al-Shāfi‘ī: The Temporality of  
Islamic Legal Authority in the “Tafḍīl Madhhab al- Shāfi‘ī”  
of Imām al-Ḥaramayn al-Juwaynī* (d. 478 AH/1085 CE)

2:15 pm Break

2:45 pm

**Y. Zvi Stampfer**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem/Katz  
Center  
*Treatise on the Abrogation of the Law by Samuel b. Hofni  
Gaon* (d. 1012)

תענו נקץ לשארה לרניא  
פראי ל מלאך ולם יראה ל  
תקוא ואנפא יחזאנ פי  
שעאע אפנאר לראאין  
ל מתכלכל כמאקל שש  
ל ראאין לא עלו אחר ובו  
פיזאר פי שעאע כנר  
או יכטע פיראהם ל  
אשת בעלת אוב בלם  
שאול מע אנתפאעה  
ולוקי כרבנא הוא פי ק  
הארק' ול אצל לתא  
עבאדאתל סמע גע  
תבנא עלי אדלה ל עק  
במואדינהא לאן בהא ע  
קאיניה פמא מנשת ל  
מיתגעא וכאן למראו  
מא קר קדימנאה פי קו  
ומא אשבהה וקר קל  
פיהא ל חקיקה ולפנ  
מנאו וארא כאן הראין

T-S. Ar. 44. 142

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Image: Genizah fragment T-S Ar.44.142, *Treatise on Abrogation of the Law*  
(*Kitāb Naskh al-Shar'*) by Rav Shmuel ben Hofni Gaon. Courtesy of the  
Syndics of Cambridge University Library.

## BIOS

**Jessica Andruss** is an assistant professor of Religious studies at the University of Virginia. She studies Jewish cultural and intellectual history in the Islamic world. Her book, *Jewish Piety in Islamic Jerusalem*, is forthcoming from Oxford University Press.

**Marion Katz**, professor of Middle Eastern and Islamic studies at New York University, is a specialist in premodern Islamic law with a focus on themes of gender and ritual. She is the author (among other works) of *Women in the Mosque: A History of Legal Thought and Social Practice* (2014) and of *Wives and Work: Islamic Law and Ethics before Modernity* (forthcoming, 2022).

**Felicitas Opwis** is an associate professor of Arabic and Islamic studies at Georgetown University. Her main research field focuses on Islamic jurisprudence and the relationship of Islamic legal theory to the intellectual discourse in other fields of Muslim learning as well as the historical context in which Islamic law is articulated.

**Zvi Stampfer** is a currently the Maurice Amado Foundation Fellow at the Katz Center. His research focuses on comparative study of Jewish (halakhah) and Islamic (shari'a) religious law, the Judeo-Arabic culture and literature in the medieval Islamic world, as well as Cairo Genizah research.

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