

Call for papers: 4th University of Birmingham Biblical Studies Postgraduate Conference

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The 4th University of Birmingham Biblical Studies Postgraduate Conference will be hosted by the **Department of Theology and Religion** ([/schools/ptr/departments/theologyandreligion/index.aspx](http://schools/ptr/departments/theologyandreligion/index.aspx)), University of Birmingham, on 2 July 2014.

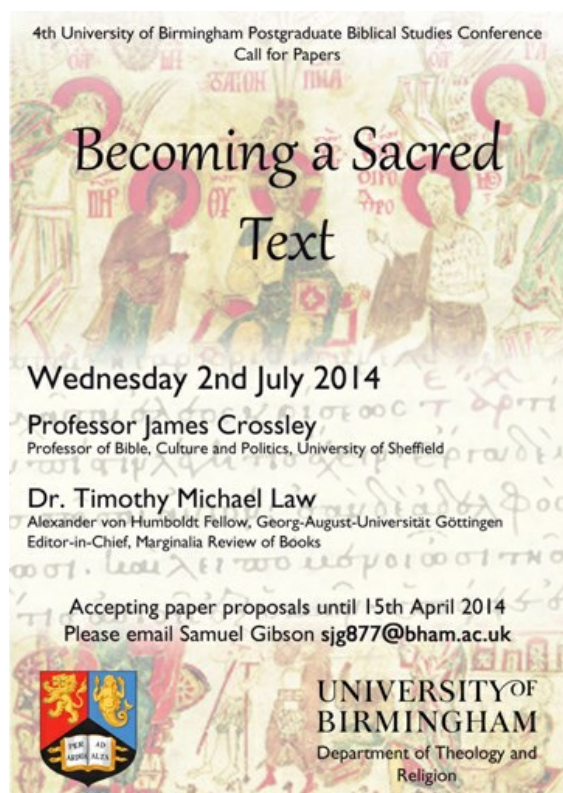
Paper proposals are invited from postgraduates on the conference theme, 'Becoming a Sacred Text'. Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be e-mailed to Samuel Gibson (sgj877@bham.ac.uk (<mailto:sgj877@bham.ac.uk>)) by **15 April 2014**; various perspectives (including text-critical, sociological, theological) on the theme are welcome.

Suggested topics include:

- The text and transmission of the Old and New Testaments and related texts, in all relevant languages and traditions.
- Authority, canon and tradition.
- Manuscript and liturgical traditions, and their role in the reception and interpretation of Scriptures.
- 'Rewritten scriptures', catenae and commentaries.
- What is sacred text? social, political and theological issues.
- The reception-history of Biblical works in cultures past and present.
- The role of Christian and Jewish traditions in shaping attitudes to texts.
- Relationship between Tanakh, Old Testament and Hebrew Bible.

The keynote speakers will be Prof. James Crossley (University of Sheffield) and Dr. Timothy Michael Law (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen). The conference will conclude with a round-table discussion.

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