

# **Conference on Apocalyptic Literature and Mysticism.**

## **Investigating a Turn in Recent Apocalyptic Research**

**Hosted jointly by Yale Divinity School and the Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of the Free State**

**Monday, 7 August 2017**

**Venue: University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa, Theology Building Room 120**

**08h30–08h50:** Opening: Prof Francis Petersen (Rector & Vice-Chancellor, University of the Free State)

**08h50–09h30:** Pieter de Villiers: *Apocalyptic Literature and Mysticism: Investigating Prolegomena and the State of Affairs*

**09h30–10h15:** John J. Collins: *Is There Evidence of Mysticism in the Dead Sea Scrolls?*

**10h15–11h00:** Adela Yarbro Collins: *Paul, Jewish Mysticism, and Spirit Possession*

**11h00–11h30:** Refreshments

**11h30–12h15:** Pieter Botha: *Heavenly Realms and Bodily Realities in Apocalyptic Visions, or: Liminality, Difference and Disability at the End of the World*

**12h15–13h00:** Jörg Frey: *The Throne Vision of Revelation 4 within the Context of Enochic and Later Markavah texts*

**13h00–14h00:** Lunch

**14h00–14h45:** Greg Sterling: *Dancing with the Stars: The Vision of God in Philo of Alexandria*

**14h45–15h30:** Paul Decock: *Journeys towards Fullness of Life: A Comparison between Philo and the Apocalypse of John*

**15h30–16h00:** Refreshments

### **Short Papers**

**16h00–16h30:** Ananda Geyser-Fouche: *The Distinctive Apocalyptic and Mystical Perspectives in the Yahad (Qumran Community)*

**16h30–17h00:** Peter Nagel: *Does εἰς χεῖράς σου παρατίθεμαι τὸ πνεῦμά μου (Luke 23:46) Make a Bodily Resurrection Redundant?*

**17h00–17h30:** Troy Martin: *Transfiguration: A Christian View of the Afterlife*

**17h30–17h45:** Reflection on the Day's Papers

**17h45–17h50:** Closing: Prof. Fanie Snyman, Dean (Faculty of Theology and Religion)

**19h00:** Conference Dinner