PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
Committee for the Study of Late Antiquity and
Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies

Synaxis and Workshops

A Hidden World Revealed:
The Palimpsests of Saint Catherine’s
Monastery on Mount Sinai

Monday, December 12 – Friday, December 16, 2022

219 Aaron Burr Hall (unless otherwise noted)

Program

Monday, December 12

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Claudia Rapp (University of Vienna)
“The Library of Saint Catherine’s Monastery and Its Palimpsests”

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Coffee Break

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Michael Phelps (Director, Early Manuscripts Electronic Library)
“The Sinai Palimpsests Project: Its Challenges and Innovations”

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Coffee Break

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Opening Keynote Speaker: Helen Evans (Metropolitan Museum of
Art, New York)
“Saint Catherine’s Monastery in the Sinai: A Treasure Trove of
Medieval Christendom”
**Tuesday, December 13**

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  **Grigory Kessel**, Austrian Academy of Sciences  
“Syriac Palimpsests at Saint Catherine’s (and Beyond)”

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  Coffee Break

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  **Ken Boydston**, Megavision  
**Damianos Kasotakis**, Early Manuscripts Electronic Library  
“Spectral Image Capture”

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.  Coffee Break

**Wednesday, December 14**

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  **Doug Emery**, University of Pennsylvania  
“Creating Electronic Cataloging Tools”

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  Coffee Break

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  **Giulia Rossetto**, Austrian Academy of Sciences  
“The Hidden Library: New Insights in the Greek Palimpsests of Saint Catherine’s”

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.  Coffee Break

4:00 p.m.  Exhibit of Saint Catherine’s Monastery Paper Icons and Related Materials  
Demonstration of Multispectral Imaging, Digital Imaging Studio  
Location: C-10H Special Collections, Princeton Library

6:00 p.m.  Reception at Firestone Library, Special Collections

**Thursday, December 15**

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  **Alexander Treiger**, Dalhousie University  
“Arabic Palimpsests at Saint Catherine’s”

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  Coffee Break

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  **Daniela Mairhofer**, Princeton University  
“Latin Undertexts: Lost and Found”

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.  Coffee Break
Friday, December 16

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Roger Easton, Rochester Institute of Technology  
Keith Knox, Early Manuscripts Electronic Library  
“Processing Methods to Recover Text from Multispectral Imagery”

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  
Coffee Break

3:00 p.m.  
Father Justin of the Sinai, Librarian of Saint Catherine’s Monastery, Sinai, Egypt  
“Shining Multispectral Light on the History of the Sinai Monastery”