Special Issue

Beyond the Book: Exploring the Cultural Histories of Biblical Masculinity

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This issue aims to bring interdisciplinary perspectives to bear on the reception history of "biblical masculinity" as a globally construed ideological construct at work in various sites of modern and postmodern culture.

Original research articles and reviews are welcome. We especially invite explorations in the cultural history of "biblical masculinity" that make use of the theoretical tool-kits provided by feminist and queer theory, trans and decolonial studies, and affect and anti-racist theories. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following:

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- Racialized constructions of biblical men in popular culture.
- "Transing" biblical characters and texts in scholarship or popular culture.
- War and biblical men and masculine ideals, including constructions by antiwar activists and anarchists.

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