

SSEC Conference: Saturday 5 May 2012



Desert Sands – Desert Secrets: Archaeology, the Bible & Early Christianity

The 2012 Conference will be held at **Robert Menzies College**, 136 Herring Rd North Ryde – near the corner of Waterloo & Herring Roads.

The Conference fee includes morning tea, a light gourmet buffet lunch, and afternoon tea.

Note: due to construction work there will be limited parking at the venue. Paid parking will be available at Macquarie Uni & Macquarie Shopping Centre. Some parking is available in streets nearby. We suggest you travel by train to the Macquarie Uni railway station or use other public transport eg government bus.

Note: Receipts will be sent electronically via email. This will help keep our postage & printing costs to the absolute minimum. Please let us know on your registration form, if you require a paper receipt.

Note: Limited places, we will take the first 130 registrations received at the SSEC office.

Thanks to the University Co-op Bookshop in supporting this conference by their generous donation.

A Curtain Raiser event, will be held on **Thursday 3 May** at 7.05pm at the Museum of Ancient Cultures. Dr Dino Politis & Dr Peter Edwell will present with topics *on the conference theme*.

ENQUIRIES

Dr Margaret Smith 9850 7512
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Professor Alanna Nobbs 9850 8844
Mrs Angela Abberton 9850 8833

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Twelve Speakers including the Conference Curtain Raiser

Notes on Speakers

Dr Amelia **BROWN** lectures in Classics and Ancient History at the University of Queensland.

Dr Kate da **COSTA** (Uni of Syd), archaeologist, studying the Roman borders of Arabia and Palaestina and field work in north West Jordan.

Dr Caillan **DAVENPORT** lecturer at Uni of Queensland

Dr Peter **EDWELL** (Macquarie Uni) lectures in Roman Eastern Provinces in Late Antiquity at Macquarie Uni – to talk at the Conference Curtain Raiser.

Dr Chris **FORBES** lectures in New Testament history, the Classical Tradition and the Hellenistic Age at Macquarie.

Ms Jacqueline **LLOYD**, is Senior Lecturer at Laidlaw College, in the School of Theology, Mission and Ministry, in New Zealand.

Colin E. **PITCHFORK**, an Australian numismatist specialising in ancient coins.

Dr John **PRYOR**, honorary Research Fellow Macquarie Uni.

Dr Konstantinos Dino **POLITIS** who is currently Director of the Hellenic Society for Near Eastern Studies in Greece. He is an archaeologist working in Jordan and Amman. He has previously held a job in the Department of Later and Medieval Antiquities at the British Museum.

Dr Karin **SOWADA** (Macquarie Uni Honorary), researcher in Egyptian archaeology, & is a specialist in the foreign relations of Egypt and the Near East during the Bronze Age.

Dr Alex **THOMPSON**, Coptic speaker.

Prof. Laurence **WELBORN** shares his time between Fordham University, New York and Macquarie Uni. His many interests include Paul in his Graeco-Roman context



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Conference Fees:

a. Full-time:

Normal rate **\$130**

SSEC member rate **\$120**

Pensioner **\$ 90**

Full time student **\$ 55**

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b. Part-time:

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(SSEC/concession **\$20.00**)

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Note that there is one stream of sessions only

8.30 – 9.00 am	Registration	
9.00 – 9.30	Professor Laurence Welborn	<i>Nabataean Archaeology & Paul in Arabia</i>
9.30 – 10.00	Dr Amelia Brown	TBA
10.00 – 10.30	Dr Kate Da Costa	TBA
10.30 – 11.00	Morning tea	
11.00 – 11.30	Dr Caillan Davenport	<i>Biblical Images and Allusions in Late Roman Imperial Ideology</i>
11.30 – 12.00	Dr Chris Forbes	TBA
12.00 – 12.30pm	Ms Jacqueline Lloyd	<i>Excavating Bethsaida: 1987-2011</i>
12.30 – 1.45pm	Lunch	
1.15 – 1.45	SSEC Annual General Meeting (during lunch break)	
1.45 – 2.15	Mr Colin E. Pitchfork – numismatist	TBA
2.15 – 2.45	Dr John Pryor	
2.45 – 2.55	Stretch Break	
2.55 – 3.25	Dr Karin Sowada	TBA
3.25 – 3.55	Dr Alex Thompson (Coptic)	TBA
3.55 – 4.30	Afternoon tea	
4.30 – 5.00	Keynote Speaker: Dr Dino Politis	TBA
5.00 – 5.30 pm	Special Q&A Panel session - please submit your questions in writing before afternoon tea break.	Chaired by Dr Chris Forbes