



## Speaker's Lectures 2025

**Professor Judith H. Newman (University of Toronto)**

### ***The Anticipatory Past: The Promise and Realization of Divine Presence***

Harris Lecture Theatre, Oriol College

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to enter the Harris Lecture Theatre

The modern conception of time and history as linear and irreversible is a naturalized assumption in biblical scholarship and (mis)shapes our understanding of the textual legacy of ancient Israel and early Judaism. Paying attention to native timescapes in relation to text and ancestral figures, this series reevaluates the temporal textures of some of the open-ended and dynamic stories across the lifespan of Jacob/Israel.

#### Lecture 1

Thursday 5 June, 10:00 – 11:30

#### ***The Anticipatory Past: Rethinking Time and Text in Jewish Antiquity***

#### Lecture 2

Monday 9 June, 14:30 – 16:00

#### ***Birth and Re-Creations***

#### Lecture 3

Thursday June 12, 10:00 – 11:30

#### ***Transformational Encounters***

#### Lecture 4

Monday June 16, 14:30 – 16:00

#### ***The Latter Days***

#### Lecture 5

Tuesday June 17, 12:00 – 13:30

with Professor Hindy Najman (Oriol College)

#### ***The Future of Prayer and Hermeneutics in Biblical Studies***