

## SIMON SAMUEL FORD

### *Curriculum Vitae*

#### NATIONALITY and PERMANENT RESIDENCY

United States of America (Citizenship)  
United Kingdom (Indefinite Leave to Remain)

#### EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

07/2016 **D.Phil. in History**, University of Oxford.  
06/2008 **M.Phil. in Byzantine Studies**, University of Oxford.  
05/2006 **B.A. in History and Classical Humanities**, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

#### ACADEMIC POSITIONS & EMPLOYMENT

**Junior Research Fellow**, Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, Koç University, Istanbul, 2013-2014.

**Academic Visitor**, Faculty of Classics, University of Oxford, 2016-2018.

**Manar al-Athar Semitic Languages Research Assistant**, Manar al-Athar Project, University of Oxford, UK, 2017-2018.

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, The Center for the Study of Christianity, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, 2018.

#### PROJECT AFFILIATIONS

**Research Associate**, Manar al-Athar Project, University of Oxford, UK, 2016-2018.

#### SELECT PUBLICATIONS

##### Articles and Book Chapters

- Ford, S.S., (November 2018), "For the Priests of the Villages: extra-Urban Administrative Structures in the Severan-Jacobite Church, 518 to c. 750," in A. Delattre, M.A.L. Legendre, and P. Sijpesteijn eds., *The Late Roman and Early Islamic Mediterranean and Near East: Authority and Control in the Countryside*, (Leiden; Brill).
- — — — (Forthcoming), "'Among Thistles and Thorns:' the Persecution of pro-Chalcedonian Dissenters by Justinian I," E. Fournier and W. Mayer eds., *Heirs of Roman Persecution: Studies on a Christian and para-Christian Discourse in Late Antiquity*, (London; Routledge)
- — — — (Forthcoming), "From Synagogue to Church: Contestation and Conversion of Jewish and Samaritan Religious Sites in Late Antiquity," Neil McLynn and Judith Mckenzie eds., *From*

*Temple to Mosque: Transformation of Sacred Space in the Late Antique Middle East*,  
(Publisher to be Announced)

— — — — (Forthcoming), "Converting the Wrong Mountain: Fitting Gerizim into the Sacred and Polemic Landscapes of the Holy Land," Neil McLynn and Judith Mckenzie eds., *From Temple to Mosque: Transformation of Sacred Space in the Late Antique Middle East*, (Publisher to be Announced)

### **Review Articles, Dictionary and Encyclopedia Entries, etc.**

Ford, S.S., (2013), "Patriarchs, Christian," in R. S. Bagnall, K. Brodersen, C. B. Champion, A. Erskine, and S. R. Huebner eds., *The Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, volume IX, (Oxford; Wiley-Blackwell), pp. 5086-5091

— — — — (2013), "Review: Tersea Berheimer and Adam Silverstein (eds.), *Late Antiquity: Eastern Perspectives*. Gibb Memorial Trust, 2012," *The Byzantinist* 3, p. 14

— — — — (2018), "Julian [PLRE III, Julianus 3]," in O. Nicholson ed., *Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity*, (Oxford; Oxford University Press)

— — — — (2018), "Ksar Lemsā," in O. Nicholson ed., *Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity*, (Oxford; Oxford University Press)

— — — — (2018), "Byzantine Invasion and Occupation of, Africa," in O. Nicholson ed., *Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity*, (Oxford; Oxford University Press)

— — — — (2018), "Carthage, Exarchate of," in O. Nicholson ed., *Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity*, (Oxford; Oxford University Press)

— — — — (2018), "Dust Veil of 536," in O. Nicholson ed., *Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity*, (Oxford; Oxford University Press)

— — — — (2018), "Gregory the Exarch" in O. Nicholson ed., *Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity*, (Oxford; Oxford University Press)

— — — — (2018), "Cherson and Tauric Chersonese," in O. Nicholson ed., *Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity*, (Oxford; Oxford University Press)

— — — — (2018), "Samaria and Samaritans," in O. Nicholson ed., *Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity*, (Oxford; Oxford University Press)

— — — — (Forthcoming), "Review: Arnold, Jonathan J., Bjornlie, M. Shane, and Sessa, Kristina (edd.), *A Companion to Ostrogothic Italy. Brill's Companions to European History*, 9. Leiden; Boston: Brill, 2016. xii, 551 p. \$237.00. ISBN 9789004313767." *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*.

— — — — (Forthcoming), "Mount Gerizim;" entry for the gazetteer arising from the "Late Antique Egypt and the Holy Land: Archaeology, History and Religious Change" project, Neil McLynn and Judith Mckenzie eds., title TBA, (Publisher to be Announced)

— — — — (Forthcoming), "Appendix: Hebrew Inscriptions from Jabal Haroun;" entry for the gazetteer arising from the "Late Antique Egypt and the Holy Land: Archaeology, History and Religious Change" project, Neil McLynn and Judith Mckenzie eds., title TBA, (Publisher to be Announced)

## SELECTED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Ford, S.S. 2018. "Confronting Cyprian: Sacramental Rigorism and the Problem of Converts in the Early Severan-Jacobite Church." "Religious Conversions: Then and Now," Center for the Study of Conversion & Inter-Religious Encounters, Ben Gurion University, Israel.
- Ford, S.S. 2017. "Framing a Narrative: *Novella 37* and the Legal Status of Synagogues," Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar, University of Oxford, UK.
- Ford, S.S. 2017. "The Church that Ran Away – or Justifying Episcopal Exile in the Severan-Jacobite Church," "Forced Movement in Late Antiquity, c. 300-700," Conference, German Historical Institute, London, UK.
- Ford, S.S. 2016. "Discourse and Destruction: Textual Evidence for the Conversion of Synagogues in Late Antiquity," Hebrew, Jewish and Early Christian Studies Seminar, University of Cambridge, UK.
- Ford, S.S. 2016. "Evidence for the Conversion of Synagogues in Late Antiquity," Late Antique and Byzantine Art and Archaeology Seminar, University of Oxford, UK.
- Ford, S.S. 2016. "The Lives of Baba Rabbah: Composition and Communion Identity in the Samaritan Chronographic Tradition." 9th Congress of the Société d'Etudes Samaritaines, Prague, the Czech Republic.
- Ford, S.S. 2016. "Mount Gerizim and the Christian Conversion of Jewish and Samaritan Holy Sites in Late Antiquity," Late Antique and Byzantine Art and Archaeology Seminar, University of Oxford, UK.
- Ford, S.S. 2014. "Continuity and Change among post-Sasanian Religious Elites." "Administrative Structures, Concepts, Approaches, and Comparisons," Workshop, Universität Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany.
- Ford, S.S. 2014. "Ruling the Exilic Church: the Rise and Fall of the anti-Chalcedonian Diaspora in Sixth-Century Constantinople." "Migration and Mission in Christian History: a Joint Conference of the American Society of Church History and the Ecclesiastical History Society," Oxford Brookes University (Harcourt Hill Campus), Oxford, UK.
- Ford, S.S. 2014. "No Good Samaritans: the Samaritan Revolt in Procopius and the Samaritan Chronographic Tradition." "Reinventing Procopius: New Readings on Late Antique Historiography," Colloquium, Corpus Christi College, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.
- Ford, S.S. 2013. "A King from the West: a Brief Note on the *Sefer Elijah*," "The Heraclians," Colloquium, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom.
- Ford, S.S. 2013. "A Landscape of Decline?: Mapping the Institutional Transformation of the Severian Episcopate, AD 518-638." Oxford University Byzantine Society International Graduate Conference, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom.
- Ford, S.S. 2012. "'One Which Governs by Force' Perceptions of Early Byzantine Imperial Legitimacy among pro-Chalcedonian Christians in the Early Islamic Near East." 3rd Oxford-Paris-Leiden LAEI Roundtable, Paris, France.
- Ford, S.S. 2012. "'And Your Brother Aaron Shall be Your Prophet:' Priesthood and Prophecy in Late Antique Samaritan Exegesis." 8th Congress of the Société d'Etudes Samaritaines, Erfurt, Germany.
- Ford, S.S. 2012. "'Where the Hell Was Elijah?:' Biblical Typology and Layered Political Discourse in the 'Life of Z'ura,'" Oxford Byzantine Society International Graduate Conference 2012,

Oxford, UK.

- Ford, S.S. 2011. “Writing the History of Heresy: Liberatus of Carthage and the Council of Constantinople II” Ecclesiastical History Society, Summer Conference 2011, Christ Church College, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom.
- Ford, S.S. 2011. “Causing Trouble in Constantinople and the Holy Land: Province and Capital in the *Vita Barsaumae*.” Internationales Wissenschaftsforum, University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany.
- Ford, S.S. 2011. “‘Chief of the Priests’: Episcopal Authority in the Legislative Writings of the Anti-Chalcedonian Church, AD 518-538.” 6th North American Syriac Symposium, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, United States.
- Ford, S.S. 2011. “Singing Your Praises: Depictions of Emperors and Imperial Rule in the Hymnic Collection of James Edessa.” Oxford Byzantine Society International Graduate Conference 2011, Oxford, UK.
- Ford, S.S. 2010. “For the Priests of the Villages: Ecclesiastical Legislation and Changing Political Circumstances in the Rural Near East, between the Sixth and Eight Centuries AD.” 1st Oxford-Paris-Leiden LAEI Roundtable, University of Leiden, Leiden, Netherlands.
- Ford, S.S. 2010. “Translating the Faith: Scholarship and Rhetoric in the *Canons Ascribed to Maruta of Maipherqat*.” 7th World Syriac Conference, St. Ephrem Ecumenical Research Institute, Kottayam, Kerala, India.
- Ford, S.S. 2010. “The Two Lives of Baba Rabbah: Dating Late Strata in the Samaritan Chronicles.” Cambridge International Chronicle Symposium 2010, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom.
- Ford, S.S. 2009. “The *Vicennalia* of Constantius II and the Politics of Celebration: the Role of Imperial Festivals in Fourth Century Antiochene Society.” 5th International Student Conference, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland.
- Ford, S.S. 2009. “Sketches from Spain: the Chronicle of 741 and the View of Byzantium from the West.” Oxford Byzantine Society Graduate Day Conference, Oxford, UK.
- Ford, S.S. 2008. “The Strange Case of Omboi: Reinterpreting *P. Cairo. Masp. 67004* in the Context of Center Periphery relations in the Sixth Century Thebaid” Rencontres doctorant(e)s en études byzantines, Paris, France.
- Ford, S.S. 2007. “Quiet Riot: the Imperial Response to Religious Rioting following the Council of Chalcedon.” Columbia University Graduate Student Conference, Columbia University, New York, New York, United States.

### **CONFERENCES ORGANIZED**

“The Heraclians, a Dynasty from within,” Colloquium co-organized with Caterina Franchi and Douglas Whalin. 31 May and 1 June, 2013. Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom.

### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Colin Matthew Fund. 2010. The History Faculty and Saint Hugh’s College, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom. £ 280 awarded to support work done on Samaritan MSS JR 1142 and JR 1168 (Gaster MS 259), in the John Rylands Library, Manchester, United Kingdom.

E.O. James Bequest. 2009. Warden of All Souls’ College, University of Oxford, Oxford, United

Kingdom. £514.59 awarded in support of research on the representation ecclesiastical elites in canonical legislation, specifically work on fragments of the *Canons of Pseudo-Basil*, in the Chester Beatty Library, Dublin, Ireland.

Stavros J. Costopoulos Scholarship. 2007. Stavros J. Costopoulos Scholarship Fund, and University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom. £500 awarded in support of M.Phil. research.

Hilldale Undergraduate Research Fellowship. 2005-2006. Hilldale Foundation and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin, United States. \$4,000 awarded in support of B.A. thesis research.

## RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

**Research Assistant**, School of Pharmacy, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin, United States, 2006. Extra-curricular research on late antique veterinary texts under the supervision of Dr. John Scarborough.

**Research Assistant**, Department of Classics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin, United States, 2004-2005. Research under the supervision of Dr. Victoria Pagan and served as a copy editor for her book: Pagan, V.E., 2007, *Rome and the Literature of Gardens*, Duckworth Classical Inter/Faces Series.

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## COURSES TAUGHT

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