

Call for Papers

Violence and Millenarian Movements

Centre for the Critical Study of Apocalyptic and Millenarian Movements (CenSAMM)

**April 6 - 7, 2017. Inside the Big Top at the Panacea Charitable Trust gardens, Bedford,
United Kingdom**

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Abstracts are due by December 31, 2016.

Confirmed Keynote Speakers:

Stuart A. Wright, Lamar University, USA

Robert Gleave, University of Exeter

Roundtable Chaired by Christopher Rowland

Discussant comments by Christopher Rowland

We invite papers from those working across disciplines to contribute to a two-day symposium on the broad subject of *Violence and Millenarian Movements*.

Violence has been envisaged and perpetrated by, and upon, millenarian movements for as long as they have existed. This symposium explores the motivations, causes, consequences and effects of violence for contemporary and historical millenarian movements.

We welcome papers in any disciplinary field including, but not limited to, the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences that contribute to understanding and promote discussion and debate on this topic. This symposium aims to promote debate and discussion on a wide variety of movements from a range of disciplines. Approaches could include interdisciplinary scholarship, cross-cultural and inter-religious engagement in literature and theology, sexuality and gender, history, exegesis, anthropology, social sciences, cultural studies, political theory or theology and so on.

Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be emailed to simonrobinson@panaceatrust.org no later than December 31, 2016. In the body of your email, please include your name, institution if applicable, contact information, and the title of your abstract.

Accepted abstracts will appear in the conference programme. It is the lead author's responsibility to ensure their abstract is accurate and ready for publication at the time of submission.

Papers should be no longer than 20 minutes in length in order to accommodate questions.

Presentations and subsequent discussions will be livestreamed via the internet and will be digitally archived and made available for future reference.

We encourage the use of accessible language and approaches to communicate concepts and ideas.

Applications for accommodation and travel cost reimbursements may be considered.

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About CenSAMM

CenSAMM is a new initiative of the Panacea Charitable Trust in Bedford, UK and is led by Panacea trustees, **Justin Meggitt** (University Senior Lecturer in the Critical Study of Religion, University of Cambridge and Visiting Researcher at the Department of Ethnology, History of Religions and Gender studies, Stockholm University), and **Christopher Rowland** (retired in 2014 as Dean Ireland's Professor of the Exegesis of Holy Scripture at the University of Oxford, after teaching at the Universities of Newcastle upon Tyne and Cambridge).

Its vision is to ensure that anyone will have access to quality resources to enable education, and understanding about apocalyptic and millenarian movements. It will realise this vision by *developing and maintaining a Centre for the critical study of apocalyptic and millenarian movements and aid the public understanding of the legacies and future possibilities of these crucial, creative and often misunderstood forms of human culture.*

Keynote speakers

Stuart A. Wright is Professor of Sociology and Chair of the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice at Lamar. He is a former NIMH Research Fellow (Yale) and Rockefeller Foundation Scholar (Bellagio, Italy). He has authored over fifty publications in scholarly books and journals. Dr. Wright is known internationally for his research on religious and political movements, conflict and violence. He has published six books, including *Storming Zion: Governments Raids on Religious Communities* (with Susan J. Palmer, Oxford, 2015), *Saints under Siege: The Texas State Raid on the Fundamentalist Latter Day Saints* (with James T. Richardson, New York University Press, 2011), *Patriots, Politics, and the Oklahoma City Bombing* (Cambridge University Press, 2007), and *Armageddon in Waco* (University of Chicago Press, 1995).

Robert Gleave is Professor of Arabic Studies, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies at the University of Exeter. His areas of research focus are Islamic law and legal theory, with a particular emphasis on the role of messianism in the history of Shi'i Jurisprudence. He is director of the Islamic Reformulations project, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, which aims to map and understand the transition from classical to contemporary Islamic thought. He is author of *Islam and Literalism: Literal Meaning and Interpretation in Islamic Legal Theory* (Edinburgh, 2012) and co-editor of *Violence in Islamic Thought: from the Qur'an to the Mongols* (Edinburgh, 2014).