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Manifold Greatness 1/24 - 2/22

2011 marked the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible (pictured, above); arguably the most important English-language book in history. That same year, the William H. Hannon Library was selected as one of forty sites across the country to host a traveling exhibition that examines the fascinating and complex history of the KJV.

This special exhibition, Manifold Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible, was organized by the Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, D.C., and the American Library Association Public Programs Office, and funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Manifold Greatness will be on display in the library's level 3 atrium from January 24 through February 22. We have partnered with faculty and staff from across campus and throughout the community to design a thought-provoking, entertaining line-up of programming designed to explore the themes in the exhibition, which you'll find detailed below.

Admission to the exhibition and all of our programs is free and open to the public, and appropriate for an audience of all ages. We hope that you will join us in this interdisciplinary celebration and exploration of the King James Bible.

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What Kind of a Text is the King James Bible?

On Thursday January 24, all are invited to the opening event for Manifold Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible, where New Testament scholar and New York Times bestselling author Bart D. Ehrman will share his perspective on the question, "What kind of a text is the King James Bible?"
Sunday Jewish Book Group: Shtetl
Sunday 2/10 / 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Gospel Concert: The Lasting Presence of the KJV in the Music of the Black Church (Manifold Greatness)
Monday 2/11 / 8 p.m. / Sacred Heart Chapel (reception to follow in library)

Workshop: Research Tips for RAs and TAs
Tuesday 2/12 / 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. / WHH 118

Undergraduate Research Symposium Application Deadline
Friday February 15

The KJV in a Catholic Context (Manifold Greatness)
Tuesday 2/19 / 6 - 7 p.m.

Faculty Pub Night: Transformative Beauty: Art Museums in Industrial Britain
Tuesday 2/26 / 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

From the Shahs to Los Angeles

Our first Pub Night of Spring 2013 features Saba Soomekh, LMU adjunct professor and executive board member of the Jewish Studies Advisory Board, who will be speaking about her book From the Shahs to Los Angeles: Three Generations of Iranian Jewish Women Between Religion and Culture (State University of New York Press, 2012).

All Faculty Pub Nights are free and open to the public. Pub refreshments and snacks will be served, and copies of From the Shahs to Los Angeles will be available for sale and signing.

RSVP now!

From Martyrs to Heretics...

Among its influences, the KJV can trace a lineage back to the Wycliffite Bible, an English translation which appeared, and was officially suppressed, more than 200 years earlier.

On Wednesday January 30 at 5:30 p.m., LMU English Professor Stephen Shepherd will examine how the Wycliffite Bible set not only a precedent for English Bible Translation, but also represented an intellectual movement that advocated the vernacularization of erudite knowledge and scholarly precision itself.

Ehrman is the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and is a leading authority on the New Testament and the history of early Christianity. He is the author or editor of more than twenty-five books, including four New York Times bestsellers; his books have been translated into twenty-seven languages. Ehrman's work has been featured in publications such as Time, Newsweek, the New Yorker, the Washington Post, and he has appeared on NBC's Dateline, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, CNN, The History Channel, National Geographic, the Discovery Channel, the BBC, major NPR shows, and other top media outlets.

Ehrman's talk will start at 6 p.m. in Hilton 100, and afterwards all guests are invited back to the William H. Hannon Library for a reception and exhibition viewing to celebrate the opening of Manifold Greatness.

Learn more about the event, and RSVP here...
After Professor Shepherd’s presentation, attendees will be invited to view the Archives & Special Collections exhibition *Singular Wisdom: The King James Bible and Early Printed Bibles*, where exhibition curator Clay Stalls will be available to answer questions.

This event is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be served. [RSVP here](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs150/1103595147083/archive/1112076609541.html).

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**Spring ’13 Sunday Jewish Book Group**

The reading list for this semester’s Sunday Jewish Book & Discussion Group has been posted!

Learn more about the titles selected and the discussion leaders for one of our library’s longest-running and most beloved programs.

For more information, contact Rhonda Rosen at rrosen@lmu.edu, or 310.338.4584.

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