

Baha'i Studies Academic Seminar, Kellogg College, University of Oxford, 30 June -1 July 2018

	Saturday 30 June	Sunday 1 July
9.00	Registration and introduction	Presentations on arts and aesthetics 9.00-10.20 The Sublime Blessedness of Beauty: toward a Baha'i aesthetic; Frank Edwin Scott: first significant western Baha'i artist; Houses of Worship/Representing Manifestations of God (Prentice/Weinberg/McGlinn/Van Kerkhoff)
9.20	Lil Osborn, The Baha'i Faith and indigenous European religion	
10.00		
10.40	Minou Foadi (Imperial College), Keith Ransom Keiler and her relations with the Persian government	Panel discussion 10.20-10.40
11.00	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>
11.40	Farshid Kazemi (University of Edinburgh) Qurrat al-'Ayn Tahirih and the De-Acoustmatization of the Female Voice in Qajar Iran	Tony Lee (UCLA), Ziba Khanum: An Enslaved African Woman and her Afro-Iranian Baha'i Family in Yazd
12.20	Sahba Shayani (University of Oxford), Unveiling the Rev(e)iled: Three Poems Attributed to Tāhere Qorrat al-'Ayn	Robert Bianchi (Virginia Commonwealth University, Qatar), Baha'u'llah's Prayers and Meditations, the Book of Psalms, and the Book of Common Prayer: a comparative corpus-assisted discourse analysis
2.10	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
2.50	Short presentations (30 mins each): Fereduyn Vahman (University of Copenhagen), Some rare and hitherto unknown documents from the earliest history of the Faith Peter Smith (Mahidol International University), Peter Berger's Early Work on Baha'i Studies Seena Fazel (University of Oxford), Baha'i influences on the public sphere in the West	Todd Lawson (University of Toronto), The Bab, Prayer and the Prophetic Perfect Stephen Lambden (University of California, Merced), Apophatic Horizon or Theophanic Cloud? Some thoughts on the term 'Ama' in Abrahamic-Islamic Literatures and Babi-Baha'i Intertextualities
3.30	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>
4.00 – 5.00	Abbas Amanat (Yale University), Babis and Baha'is as agents of Iranian modernity	Panel on gaps in academic Baha'i studies and how to address them (Lawson/Lambden/Quinn/Lee)
	Extended discussion of Abbas Amanat's talk	Panel on gaps in academic Baha'i studies