This lecture series, which extends the programming at Green College by UBC’s Centre for Human Evolution, Cognition and Culture, will focus on religious experience at points of change, especially but not exclusively in the ancient Mediterranean world and in the post-medieval (Christian) West. Speakers will examine representations of moments of individual and collective conversion to a new religious tradition as well as points of transformation and evolution within traditions. Focusing on diverse cultures and communities throughout history, they will also engage a variety of methodological and theoretical perspectives. The series is co-sponsored by SSHRC Partnership Grants in “The Evolution of Religion and Morality” and “Early Modern Conversions: Religions, Cultures, Cognitive Ecologies.”

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THE ORIGINS OF THE ENGLISH REFORMATION RECONSIDERED
Peter Marshall, History, University of Warwick
5-6:30 pm, Tuesday, September 16, 2014

THEOLOGY, ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY: THE NINETEENTH-CENTURY CONCEPTUAL TRANSFORMATION OF RELIGION
Dietrich Jung, Centre for Contemporary Middle East Studies, University of Southern Denmark
5-6:30 pm, Monday, September 22, 2014

Cecil H. and Ida Green Visiting Professors
CREATING CONVERSION: SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES ON RELIGIOUS CHANGE
Clifford Ando, Classics, History and Law, University of Chicago
5-6:30 pm, Tuesday, November 18, 2014

TERM 2

MADE THIS WAY: RELIGIOUS, CULTURAL AND BODILY CONVERSION
Yii-Jan Lin, Pacific School of Religion
5-6:30 pm, Monday, January 5, 2015

CONVERTING THE EAR: SIXTEENTH-CENTURY CHRISTIAN TRAVELLERS “DISCOVER” THE MUSLIM CALL TO PRAYER
Carla Zecher, Director of the Center for Renaissance Studies, Newberry Library, Chicago
5-6:30 pm, Monday, January 12, 2015

THE ROADS TO DAMASCUS AND HANOI: CONVERSION AND COSMOPOLITANISM IN THE NEW TESTAMENT AND THE MOUZI LIHUOLUN
Alexander Beecroft, Classics and Comparative Literature, University of South Carolina
5-6:30 pm, Wednesday, February 11, 2015

EMIC AND ETIC NOTIONS OF SACRIFICE AMONG THE ROMANS
Celia Schultz, Classical Studies, University of Michigan
5-6:30 pm, Monday, March 2, 2015