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“And all Israel and Judah loved David”

Edmonton – The Faculty of Arts and Science at MacEwan University is pleased to welcome Dr. Jacob L. Wright, Associate Professor of Hebrew at Emory University (Atlanta, Georgia) to discuss the importance of the historical figure King David. Dr. Wright will explain why the biblical authors placed David’s powerful story at the centre of the Bible.

Dr. Wright is a member of Emory University’s Faculty of Distinction. His research focuses on the history of the Bible and how it reflects and shaped its original communities. His first book, Rebuilding Identity: The Nehemiah Memoir and its Earliest Readers, was the 2008 Templeton Prize for Theological Promise, the largest prize offered for first books on religion.

His latest book, King David and His Reign Revisited, is a groundbreaking study of traditions related to the dynastic founder, especially the stories of his wars with the Philistines, King Saul, his own son Absalom, and the surrounding nations. The book focuses on the way in which the traditions coalesced and helped support a community in transition and crisis.

When: Thursday, March 27
Time: 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Where: Kule Lecture Theatre, Robbins Health Learning Centre – Room 9-323

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