The Fall 2016 iteration of NEAREAST 590 is an advanced seminar designed to introduce the graduate student to the various methods used by experts to read and interpret the Hebrew Bible. In the course of the seminar, participants will familiarize themselves with the panoply of methods ranging from the more conventional to the avant-garde; everything from source criticism to “post-critical” interpretation. Through researching and assessing the essentials of the methods, then presenting on and illustrating how each works and the results each produces, and when coupled with feedback from fellow participants, each student will gain invaluable knowledge of and firsthand experience in applying ‘biblical criticism’. **Pre-requisites:** Intermediate level competency in Classical Hebrew and formal training in Old Testament Introduction. Required: permission of instructor.

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