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LECTURE SERIES  
PRESENTS:

Dr. Benjamin  
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**Date // Place**      **March 4, 16:30 | Defehr Centras 104**

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**Title**      “The Chess King of the Sciences? How Biblical Studies Appropriates Insights from Other Academic Disciplines.”

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**Lecture Description**      Academic study of the Bible and theology used to be regarded as “the queen of the sciences.” The area of biblical studies has evolved into a derivative enterprise, relying heavily on insights from other disciplines. This talk will present two applications of the social sciences in the study of the biblical book of Chronicles, including the notion of “textual identity and community memory,” and the twin concepts from political economy known as “selectorate theory” and “heresthetic.” We will also discuss some of the challenges that academic study of the Bible presents to faith communities.

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**Bio**      Benjamin Giffone (PhD, Universiteit van Stellenbosch, South Africa) is Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at LCC International University. He teaches classes in Old and New Testament, as well as Hebrew and Greek. Before coming to LCC, Benjamin taught in the School of Divinity at Cairn University (USA) and served as music director in a church. He also has eight years’ of professional experience in the pharmaceutical industry, and enjoys reading about economics and history.