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Abstracts

Multi-Spectral Imaging of the Chester Beatty Manichaean Documents

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In 2003, at the request of the Chester Beatty Library, the Center for the Preservation of Ancient Religious Texts at Brigham Young University performed some preliminary tests on the Manichaean documents at the Chester Beatty Library to determine the feasibility of using multi-spectral imaging on the documents to enhance their legibility. At the time the results were both unexpected and inconclusive. I will discuss the project, its results, our recommendations, and how we are now interpreting the results of that project and its relevance for both Coptic Studies and the specific results for Manichaean Studies.