Welcome

Robin Darling Young, The Catholic University of America

Plenary Lecture

Chair: Chris de Wet, University of South Africa

“‘You Shall be Perfect’: Restoration of the Covenant, the Messiah and the Gentiles in the Deuteronomic Tradition and the *Didache*”
Jonathan A. Draper, Professor Emeritus, University of KwaZulu-Natal

Plenary Lecture

Chair: Shawn J. Wilhite, California Baptist University / Durham University

“The Lovers Miniature of the Muratorian Codex (*Ambr. I* 101 sup.)”
Clare K. Rothschild, Professor of Scripture Studies, Lewis University / University of Stellenbosch

Panel Discussion: 50 Years of Scholarship – Continuity & Change

Chair: Robin Darling Young, The Catholic University of America

Panelists: Elizabeth Clark, Duke University
Joseph T. Lienhard, S.J., Fordham University
Wendy Mayer, Australian Lutheran College
Robert D. Sider, Dickinson College
Columba Stewart, OSB, St. John’s University

Panel Discussion: Investigating Early Christianity – The Path Breaking Work of Elizabeth A. Clark

Chair: Maria Doerfler, Yale University

Panelists: David Brakke, The Ohio State University
Averil Cameron, Oxford University
Blake Leyerle, University of Notre Dame
Patricia Cox Miller, Syracuse University
Robin Darling Young, The Catholic University of America
Presentation of NAPS Lifetime Achievement Award

Presenter: Robin Darling Young, NAPS President

Joseph T. Lienhard, S.J., Fordham University

Lightning Talks

Micah Saxton, Tufts University:
“Introduction to Lightning Talks Session”
Caroline T. Schroeder, University of Oklahoma:
“What’s New in Digital Coptic Studies?”
Coleman Ford, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary:
“Recovering Augustinian Friendship: A Case Study from Augustine’s Ep. 258”
Emanuel Fiano, Fordham University:
“A New Creedal Ethos: Polemics and Style in Fourth-Century Conciliar Documents”
Gerald Boersma, Ave Maria University:
“The Vision of Love in Augustine’s De Trinitate”
S. Iskandar Beheiry, Atla:
“An Early Christian Reaction to Islam: Patriarch Isho’yahb III and the Muslim Arab in the First Half of the Seventh Century”
Jimmy Chan, University of Toronto:
“Augustine’s Ambiguous Reception of Stoic Emotions”
Joel Kalvesmaki, Text Alignment Network:
“The Latin Readers of John Chrysostom”
Khachik Grigoryan, Ankyunacar Research Center:
“The Supposed Meaning of the Letter of Cyril of Alexandria to John of Antioch of 433 AD: Is It Really a Formula of Reunion or the Final Document of the Third Ecumenical Council?”
Marie-Ange Rakotoniaina, Emory University:
“Of Heart and Time: The Sabbath in Augustine’s Enarrationes in Psalmos”
Niki K. Clements, Rice University:
“Foucault, Confessions, and Early Christianity”
Sessions 1A – 1B: Monday 9:00am

Session 1A
Augustine: Section I
Chair: Thomas Clemmons, The Catholic University of America

Marianne Djuth, Canisius College:
“Creation, Death, and the Goodness of God in Augustine’s De civitate dei”

Marie-Ange Rakotoniaina, Emory University:
“Of Heart, (Re)Quies and Time: Redefining the Sabbath Rest in the Sermons of Augustine”

Chungsoo Lee, Antiochian House of Studies:
“Augustine on Memory and Time”

Thomas Clemmons, The Catholic University of America:
“Platonism and Manichaeism in Augustine’s Early Writings”

Session 1B
Revisiting Neo-Cyrillian and Non-Chalcedonian Theologies – Their Implications for Ecumenical and Speculative Reflection
Chair: Kevin Clarke, St. Patrick’s Seminary and University

Thomas Cattoi, Santa Clara University:
“Back to Composition: Maximos the Confessor on Christ’s Composite Subjectivity and God’s Providential Will”

Jonathan Bieler, John Paul II Institute for Marriage and the Family:
“Maximos the Confessor: A Preserver of Cyril of Alexandria’s Christological Concerns”

Yuichi Tsunoda, Sophia University Tokyo:
“The Distinction between the ‘Nature of Union’ and the ‘Nature of What is Compounded’ in Leontius of Byzantium’s Understanding of the Hypostatic Union”

Khachik Grigoryan, Ankyunakar Research Center:
“The Manazkert Council of 726 and Armenian Christology’s Response to Chalcedon”
Sessions 2A – 2B: Monday 10:30am

Session 2A
Tertullian – His Views and Opponents
Chair: J. Columcille Dever, University of Notre Dame

Sarah Epplin, Cornell University: “Tertullian and the Eucharist”

Matthew Westermayer, Cornell University: “Crux and Simulacra: The Wooden Cross beyond Christian Apologetics”

David Wilhite, Baylor University: “Tertullian on the Monarchians: Persons and Impersonations”

J. Columcille Dever, University of Notre Dame: “Tertullian’s Bestiary in Adversus Marcionem”

Session 2B
Early Patristic Witnesses: Section I
Chair: Scott D. Moringiello, DePaul University

Matthew Albanese, University of Oxford: “Greek Syntax and Literary Unity in Ignatius to the Magnesians”

Samantha J. Scott, Marquette University: “A Prophet, a Priest, and a King Walk into the Holy of Holies: A Fresh Look at Mary in the Imagination of the Protoevangelium of James”

Travis W. Proctor, Wittenberg University: “‘Do you want to hear me read?’ (Shep. Herm. 4.3): On Reading, Writing, and Listening in the Shepherd of Hermas”

Scott D. Moringiello, DePaul University: “Agape in the Community: 1 Clement’s Praise of God’s Love”
Sessions 3A – 3B: Monday 1:30pm

Session 3A
Origen – Texts and Theology
Chair: Samuel Johnson, University of Notre Dame

Amy Brown Hughes, Gordon College:
“Christology in the Pre-Nicene Theological Dialogues of Origen and Methodius”

Joshua Schachterle, University of Denver:
“Remaking the Desert: Territory, Holiness, and the Origenist Controversy”

Justin Rogers, Freed-Hardeman University:
“Atheism in Philo and Origen”

Samuel Johnson, University of Notre Dame:
“‘Spoken in figures’: Origen as Critical Reader of the Gospels?”

Session 3B
Scholarly Approaches to Patristic Studies
Chair: Joshua Lollar, University of Kansas

Martin Tomszak, Loyola University Chicago:
“Tangibly Beautifying the Soul: St. Basil of Caesarea as a Metaxa between Apophatic Contemplation and Cataphatic Social Orthopraxy”

Joseph T. Lienhard, S.J., Fordham University:
“Johannes Quasten and Patristics in America: A Tribute”

Niki K. Clements, Rice University:
“‘Care of the self’ (ἐπιμελεία ἑαυτοῦ) in Gregory of Nyssa and Michel Foucault”

Joshua Lollar, University of Kansas:
“The Concept of Paradigm in Maximus the Confessor”
Sessions 4A – 4B: Monday 3:45pm

Session 4A
Augustine: Section II
Chair: Emily R. Cain, Loyola University Chicago

Joseph Grabau, University of the Incarnate Word:
“Augustine of Hippo on Christ’s Emotions and Human Mortality”

Mark Wiebe, Lubbock Christian University:
“Pain, Privation, and the Goodness of Being”

Amanda Knight, Emory University:
“The Incarnate Word and the Psychological Image in Augustine”

Emily R. Cain, Loyola University Chicago:
“Augustine’s Mangled Mirror: Rhetoric of the Self, the Divine, and the Other”

Session 4B
John Chrysostom – Texts and Theology
Chair: Clayton N. Jefford, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology

Douglas Finn, Villanova University:
“God’s Natural Bounty: Theosis, Agriculture, and Wealth in John Chrysostom’s Preaching on Job”

Meira Z. Kensky, Coe College:
“‘Thus a teacher must be’: Pedagogical Formation in John Chrysostom’s Homilies on 1 and 2 Timothy”

Samantha L. Miller, Anderson University:
“The Virtues of John Chrysostom and Deliverance Theology: A Conversation”
Session 5A: Monday 7:00pm

Session 5A
Non-Elites and Christianization in Late Antiquity: Section I
Chair: Jaclyn Maxwell, Ohio University

Diane Fruchtman, Rutgers University:
“Social Martyrdom in Augustine’s Sermons”

Laura Robinson, Duke University:
“‘Making disciples’ in Late Antique Christianity: Christians, Judaism, and Proselytism in Light of the First Gospel”

Jennifer R. Hunter, University of Washington:
“The (Re)ritualization and Christianization of Marriage, Sex, and Procreation among the Silent Majority”
Sessions 6A – 6C: Tuesday 9:00am

Session 6A
Augustine: Section III
Chair: Mattias Gassman, University of Oxford

Alexander H. Pierce, University of Notre Dame:
“Augustine’s Cruciform Semiotics: The Power of the Cross in Relating Signa and Res”

Timo Nisula, Åbo Akademi University:
“Who is your father? Abraham’s Family in the Donatist Communal Identity”

Amanda Arulanandam, University of Toronto:
“The Shape of Truth, the Character of Love: St. Augustine on the Nature of ‘Humility’”

Mattias Gassman, University of Oxford:
“Identifying Pagans in Late Antiquity: The Example of Augustine”

Session 6B
The Cross in Late Ancient Christian Thought and Practice: Section I
Chair: Felicity Harley, Yale University

Tiggy McLaughlin, Gannon University:
“The Fleshless Relic: The True Cross and the Word-Made-Flesh Christology of Venantius Fortunatus”

Daniel Eastman, Yale University:
“Seeing Christ on the Cross in Late Antiquity”

Lee Jefferson, Centre College:
“Cross, Chi-Rho, or Staff? Interpreting the Mystery of the Parousia Panel of Santa Sabina, Rome”

Respondent
Robin Jensen, University of Notre Dame

Session 6C
Visions of the Feminine Role
Chair: Morwenna Ludlow, University of Exeter

Julia Kelto Lillis, Union Theological Seminary:
“The Role of Christology in the Invention of Anatomical Virginity”

Ashley M. Purpura, Purdue University:
“Gender, Power, and Performance in the Akathistos Hymn”

Samuel Cho, Wheaton College:
“Perpetua: The Modest Christ”

Morwenna Ludlow, University of Exeter:
“Rhetoric, Performance and Women’s Speech in Fourth-Century Greek Homilies”
Sessions 7A – 7C: Tuesday 10:30am

Session 7A
Speech Ethics
Chair: Brian Matz, Fontbonne University

Jamie Marvin, University of California San Diego:
“False Speech and Financial Incentives”

Kevin Uhalde, Ohio University:
“Swearing at the Edge of Uncertainty: Ethical and Pragmatic Approaches”

Jonathan Yates, Villanova University:
“‘Veritas mundat, uanitas inquinat’: The Rationale for Not Taking God’s Name in Vain in Augustine’s Sermons”

Jaclyn Maxwell, Ohio University:
“Joking and Laughter in John Chrysostom’s Homilies”

Session 7B
Maximus the Confessor – Hermeneutics
Chair: Andrew Summerson, Calumet College of St. Joseph

Mitchell Stevens, Saint Louis University:
“A Revelation of Directionality: Maximus the Confessor and Foucault’s Hermeneutics of Desire”

Jordan Parro, Boston College:
“The Hermeneutics of Sexual Difference in Maximus the Confessor”

Eric L. Lopez, Life Pacific University:
“In him we live, move, and have our being: Maximus the Confessor’s Trinitarian Hermeneutics”

Andrew Summerson, Calumet College of St. Joseph:
“Maximus the Confessor as Interpreter of Gregory the Theologian: ‘Performing the pascha of the mind’”

Session 7C
Persecution and Survival
Chair: James Corke-Webster, King’s College London

Jessica van ’t Westeinde, University of Bern:
“‘To cope, or not to cope?’ Detecting Coping Strategies in the Reception of the ‘Robber Synod’ at the First Meeting of Chalcedon (451 CE)”

Jeannie Sellick, University of Virginia Charlottesville:
“Virgin Acts: Blinding, Castration, and the Stakes of Male Chastity”

James Corke-Webster, King’s College London:
“Who Persecuted Christians? Towards a Reassessment of Christian Experience under Rome”
Sessions 8A – 8C: Tuesday 1:30pm

Session 8A
Theosis in the Second and Third Centuries: Early Perspectives and Approaches to the Human Journey to God
Chair: Kevin Clarke, St. Patrick’s Seminary and University

John C. Solheid, University of Toronto:
“The Social Ethics of Deification in Origen: New Insights from his Homily on Psalm 81”

Don Springer, Sioux Falls Seminary:
“Trinitarian and Moral Advancement in Theophilus”

Awet Andemicael, Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences:
“Gloria enim hominis, Deus: Human Glory in Irenaeus’ Engagement with Deification Themes”

Session 8B
The Use of the Term ‘Person’ in Pre-Chalcedonian Theology (Persona or Prosōpon): Section I
Chair: J. Patout Burns, University of Notre Dame

Michael Magree, S.J., Boston College:
“Exegesis Supporting Metaphysics: Eusebius of Caesarea’s Use of Prosōpon and its Hypostatic Associations”

Joshua McManaway, University of Notre Dame:
“The Meaning of Prosōpon in the Works of Nestorius: A Novel Interpretation”

Christopher McLaughlin, Boston College:
“The Christology of Theodoret of Cyrus”

Nathan Tilley, Duke University:
“Dyophysite Deification: Babai the Great on the Parṣopa of Filiation”

Session 8C
Non-Elites and Christianization in Late Antiquity: Section II
Chair: Tina Sessa, The Ohio State University

Kristin Harper, Moberly Area Community College:
“Miscent meritum corpora: Popular Religious Beliefs of the Afterlife from Iulian’s Epitaph (ICUR 7.18944)”

Catherine G. Taylor, Brigham Young University:
“Vigils to Keep: Sarcophagi from Arles and Lay Devotion”

Jordan Conley, Boston University:
“On Incubation and Christianization: Encounters at the Shrine of Saints Cyrus and John”

Alyssa J. Kotva, The Ohio State University:
“Violence and Conversion in Sulpicius Serverus’ Vita Martini”
Sessions 9A – 9C: Tuesday 3:45pm

Session 9A
**Imagining the Self and Other: Section I**
**Chair:** Richard A. Brumback III, Freed-Hardeman University

Alexandria Istok, New York University:  
“Reimagining Roman Power in Athenagoras”

Michail Kitsos, University of Michigan Ann Arbor:  
“Christian Claims of a Religious Legitimacy: Christian Dialogical Discussions on Icons and Idols in the *Adversus Iudaos* Dialogues”

Daniel J. Kimmel, Syracuse University:  
“Resignifying Religio(n): Lactantius and the *Divine Institutes*”

Richard A. Brumback III, Freed-Hardeman University:  
“Gregory of Elvira’s Polemics in the *Tractatus Origenis*”

Session 9B
**Eusebius of Caesarea**
**Chair:** Jennifer Otto, University of Lethbridge

Peter Fraser-Morris, University of Virginia Charlottesville:  
“Parisinus graecus 451, Eusebius, and the First Apologetic Corpus”

Lisa Johnson, University of California Santa Barbara:  
“Mapping the Martyrs: ‘The Roman Empire and Eusebius of Caesarea’s *Ecclesiastical History*’”

Jennifer Otto, University of Lethbridge:  
“Sufferers and Survivors: Eusebius, Martyrs, and Happy Endings”

Session 9C
**Syriac Literature: Section I**
**Chair:** William Potter, Saint Louis University

Andrew Tucker, Saint Louis University:  
“The Poetics of the Ear in Jacob of Serugh”

S. Iskandar Bcheiry, Atla:  
“A Discovery of an Unknown West-Syriac Synod from the End of the Seventh Century or the Beginning of the Eighth Century”

William Potter, Saint Louis University:  
“‘Dung in the grave, dust in the streets of Sheol’: Scent, Wealth, and Grief in a Homily on the Departed Attributed to Isaac of Antioch”
Sessions 10A – 10C: Tuesday 7:00pm

Session 10A
Early Patristic Witnesses: Section II
Chair: M. David Litwa, Australian Catholic University

Janelle Peters, Loyola Marymount University:
“Paul’s Authority in *1 Clement* and Polycarp’s *Letter to the Philippians*”

Stephen C. Carlson, Australian Catholic University:
“The Genre of Papias’s Expositions of Dominical Oracles”

M. David Litwa, Australian Catholic University:
“The God of this World: The Marcionite Interpretation of 2 Corinthians 4:4”

Session 10B
Authority, Faith, and Patristic Exegesis
Chair: Brendan Lupton, St. Mary of the Lake

Bogdan Bucur, Duquesne University:
“All catholic churches join us in thinking this way’: Christophanic Exegesis in the *Epistula Hymenaei*”

Michael Beshay, The Ohio State University:
“Undefiled and Wider than Heaven: The Virgin Mary’s ‘Gnostic’ Womb in Early Christian Thought and Ritual”

Clayton J. Killion, Saint Louis University:
“Locks and the Law: Ambrosiaster’s Exegesis of Authority”

Brendan Lupton, St. Mary of the Lake:
“The Sign of the Cross in the *Dialogues* of Gregory the Great”

Session 10C
Imagining the Self and Other: Section II
Chair: Emmanuel Fiano, Fordham University

Alex Fogleman, Baylor University:
“The Ethiopian Eunuch in Early North African Catechesis”

Kathleen Kirsch, The Catholic University of America:
“The Last Frontier: Christianizing the Hispano-Gallican Imagination in the Fourth Century”

Emanuel Fiano, Fordham University:
“Reading Theodoret Closely: Was the Council of the Thebaid (362) a Rigorist Gathering?”
Sessions 11A – 11C: Wednesday 9:00am

**Session 11A**
*Irenaeus of Lyons – New Directions in Scholarship: Section I*
**Chair:** Susan L. Graham, Saint Peter’s University

Jonatan C. Simons, Australian Catholic University:  
“Irenaeus and Divine Grammar in *haer.* 2.13”

Grant W. Gasse, University of Notre Dame:  
“The Ecclesial Body of Truth: Irenaeus’ Use of 1 Corinthians 12 in *Adversus Haereses*”

Stephen O. Presley, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary:  
“The Rhetoric of Irenaeus’ Apologetic: Reexamining Some Polemical Strategies”

Matthew Messer, University of Notre Dame:  
“Saving Knowledge in Irenaeus’ *Against Heresies*”

**Session 11B**
*The Cross in Late Ancient Christian Thought and Practice: Section II*
**Chair:** Daniel Eastman, Yale University

Zachary G. Smith, Yale University:  
“The Power of the Cross in Early Christian Practice”

David Eastman, McCallie School:  
“*Crux paradoxo* and the Petrine Tradition”

Andrea Peecher, University of Notre Dame:  
“Memorializing a Celestial Cross: Liturgy, Eschatology and Cyril of Jerusalem’s *Staurophany*”

Natalie Smith, University of Edinburgh:  
“Helena and the Invention of the True Cross: Could Melania the Elder Be the Source of the Incorporation of Helena into the Cross Tradition?”

**Session 11C**
*Ephrem the Syrian*
**Chair:** Charles Rivera, Yale University

Michael Ennis, Harvard Divinity School:  
“The Son dwelt in the pure tablet: Parallels to Mary as Temple and Ark in Ephrem”

Cody Strecker, Hillsdale College:  
“The Lyric Mode of Ephrem’s Hymns”

David Kiger, Emmanuel Christian Seminary:  
“Ephrem and Didymus on the Undiminished Giver”

Charles Rivera, Yale University:  
“Did Ephrem Know Origen? Harmonious Interpretation in the *Commentary on Matthew* and the *Hymns on Virginity*”
Sessions 12A – 12C: Wednesday 10:30am

**Session 12A**

**Augustine: Section IV**

**Chair:** Zachary Howard, Bethlehem College and Seminary

Marcin R. Wysocki, The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin:
“Conversion as an Adventure: A Study of St. Augustine’s Letters to Heretics and Schismatics”

Andrew Wong, University of Oxford:
“The Sin of Ratio: A Study of Characterisation in Augustine’s *Soliloquia* in Light of His Early Intellectual Development”

Gerald Boersma, Ave Maria University:
“The Nobility of Sight in the *Confessions*”

Zachary Howard, Bethlehem College and Seminary:
“The Apostle answers you and says (serm. 154): Augustine’s Biographic Exegesis of Paul in his Anti-Pelagian Polemics”

**Session 12B**

**The Cappadocian Fathers: Section I**

**Chair:** Nathan D. Pederson, Loyola University Chicago

Brendan A. Harris, Oxford University:
“Gregory Nazianzen on Universal Salvation”

Bert Harrill, The Ohio State University:
“Basil of Caesarea’s Exegesis on Ephesians 1:1 (*Against Eunomius* 2.19): The Significance of a Lacunate Text”

Ty Monroe, Assumption College Worcester:
“*Etsi pascha non daretur?* Exploring the Anomaly in Nyssen’s *On the Soul and Resurrection*”

Charles Schmidt, Rice University:
“The Medical Imagination in Gregory of Nyssa’s *De hominis opificio*”

Nathan D. Pederson, Loyola University Chicago:
“Opacity and *Epektasis*: Aesthetic Formation in Gregory of Nyssa”

**Session 12C**

**Strategies of Piety and Authority**

**Chair:** Clayton N. Jefford, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology

Alyssa Cady, Princeton University:
“If Not with Deeds, Then with Words: Textual Tombs and Interpretive Guides in Prudentius”

Yuliya Minets, Jacksonville State University:
“Holy Men Speaking: Languages and Authority in Late Antique Christianity and Beyond”

Anne McGowan, Catholic Theological Union:

Anthony Thomas, University of Minnesota:
“Do you fear the narrow house? Heresy and Private Worship in Ambrose’s *De Cain et Abel*”
Sessions 13A – 13B: Wednesday 1:30pm

Session 13A
Gregory of Nazianzus
Chair: Allison L. Gray, St. Mary’s University

J. Caleb Little, Baylor University:
“‘A stronger remedy’: Healing and Soteriology in Gregory of Nazianzus”

Gabrielle Thomas, Yale Divinity School:
“The Place of Personified Evil and Human Suffering in the Theology of Gregory Nazianzen”

Cody Barnhart, Midwestern Baptist Seminary:
“Rising Up to Spiritual Realities: The Use of Partitive Exegesis in Gregory Nazianzen’s Anti-Eunomian Polemic in Orations 29 and 30”

Brian Matz, Fontbonne University:
“Deacons and their Work in the Writings of Gregory Nazianzen”

Allison L. Gray, St. Mary’s University:
“A Brother and a Sister’s Keeper: Grief as Knowledge in Gregory of Nazianzus”

Session 13B
The Use of the Term ‘Person’ in Pre-Chalcedonian Theology (Persona or Prosōpon): Section II
Chair: Joshua McManaway, University of Notre Dame

Derek King, University of St. Andrews:
“Knowing the Father in the Church: Jesus Christ as Prosōpon in Gregory of Nyssa”

Ross M. Twele, The Catholic University of America:
“The Term Persona in Latin Theological Discourse under Constantius II”

Michael Cameron, University of Portland:
“Becoming persona veritatis: Christ, Self-Dispossession and Voicing Scripture in Augustine’s Confessiones”

J. Patout Burns, University of Notre Dame:
“Augustine’s Christological Use of the Term Persona”
Sessions 14A – 14C: Wednesday 3:45pm

Session 14A
Augustine: Section V
Chair: Christopher R. Mooney, University of Notre Dame

Matthew Drever, University of Tulsa:
“Augustine and the Quest for Self-Knowledge”

John Y. B. Hood, Independent Scholar:
“‘Drink the blood which you shed’: Sin, Witness, and Rhetoric in Augustine’s Enarrationes in Psalmos”

Coleman Ford, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary:
“Augustine’s Conversion as Aesthetic Journey: A Reappraisal of Beauty in Augustine’s Confessions”

Christopher R. Mooney, University of Notre Dame:
“‘Converted to such a saving faith’: fides and credere in Augustine’s de vera religione”

Session 14B
Alternative Christianities – Sethian, Marcionite, Valentinian
Chair: M. David Litwa, Australian Catholic University

Jason BeDuhn, Northern Arizona University:
“Demiurgical Tipping Points in the First Centuries CE”

Sarah Parkhouse, Australian Catholic University:
“I am not of this world” (John 8:23): Jesus’ Self-proclaimed Superiority in John and its Effect on Early Christian Interpretation of the Creator”

Stephen A. Cooper, Franklin and Marshall College:
“Contempt for the Creator in Marcion’s Christianity”
Sessions 15A – 15B: Wednesday 7:00pm

Session 15A
Syriac Literature: Section II
Chair: Erin G. Walsh, University of Chicago

Natalie M. Reynoso, Fordham University:
“Animals Fit for Consumption and Desirous of Flesh in Syriac Christian Narratives from the Sassanian Empire”

Tracy Russell, Saint Louis University:
“The Celibate Martyr: Discourses of Martyrdom and Asceticism in Late Ancient Syriac Virgin Martyr Narratives”

Justin Arnwine, University of Toronto:
“Jacobites or Severians? Controversial Eponyms in East Syrian Literature

Erin G. Walsh, University of Chicago:
“My Body, My Self: Addressing the Body in Syriac Poetry”

Session 15B
The Cappadocian Fathers: Section II
Chair: Nathan D. Howard, University of Tennessee Martin

Clifton Huffmaster, Graduate Theological Union:
“The Importance of the Unknowability of God’s Essence in Gregory of Nyssa’s Contra Eunomium”

Alexander B. Miller, Fordham University:
“Christ the Prototype: Embodiment and Divine Simplicity in Gregory of Nyssa”

Midori Hartman, Albright College:
“Conversion as Hunting in Basil of Caesarea’s Letter 10”

Nathan D. Howard, University of Tennessee Martin:
“Sensing Friendship: Masculinity and Materiality in Cappadocian Epistles”
Sessions 16A – 16B: Thursday 9:00am

Session 16A
Origen – Principles of Theology
Chair: Matthew Kemp, Loyola University Chicago

Micah Miller, Emory University:
“The Epinoiai of Christ as Powers in Origen”

Mark Therrien, University of St. Mary of the Lake:
“Origen’s ‘Myth of Souls’? A Re-Reading of Peri archōn 2.8 in its Theological and Biblical Context”

Ky Heinze, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College:
“Origen’s Ransom to the Devil and Porphyry’s Sacrifices to Evil Daemons”

Matthew Kemp, Loyola University Chicago:
“John Henry Newman’s Rehabilitation of Origen”

Session 16B
Imagining the Self and Other: Section III
Chair: Brian Dunkle, S.J., Boston College

Christian Gers-Uphaus, University of Notre Dame:
“Pagan Monotheism in Late Antiquity”

Chris de Wet, University of South Africa:
“Nemesius of Emesa on Pleasure, Desire, and Sex: A Case of the Medical Making of Christian Sexual Culture”

Rangar H. Cline, University of Oklahoma:
“Eulogia in Motion: GIS Modelling of the Distribution Patterns of Late Antique Pilgrimage Souvenirs”

Nathan J. Hardy, University of Chicago:
“The Riddle of the Sphinx: Vision and Materiality in the Acts of Andrew and Matthias in the City of the Cannibals”

Brian Dunkle, S.J., Boston College:
“Christianizing the ‘Jewish Affect’: Ambrose’s Reception of Philo on Grace”
Sessions 17A – 17B: Thursday 10:30am

Session 17A
Archives and Beyond – Reading Ecclesiastical Histories
Chair: David Maldonado Rivera, Kenyon College

Sr. Maria Theotokos Adams, SSVM, The Catholic University of America:
“Liturical Time for a New Historiography: The Rhetoric of Synchronic Dating in Eusebius of Caesarea’s ‘Martyrs of Palestine’”

Matthew Chalmers, Washington and Lee University:
“Time for the Samaritans: Reading Socrates and Sozomen on the Date of Easter”

Jennifer Barry, University of Mary Washington:
“We Didn’t Start the Fire: Remembering Alexandria on Fire”

Jeremy M. Schott, Indiana University Bloomington:
“Middle Byzantine Readers of Ecclesiastical History: The Case of the Scholia of Plut. 70.7”

Session 17B
Doctrinal Considerations
Chair: Richard A. Brumback III, Freed-Hardeman University

Dean Gjorcheski, Durham University:
“Dualistic Anthropology: ὁ ἐσω ἀνθρωπος (‘the inner man’) of the Pseudo Macarian Homilies”

Kevin Clarke, St. Patrick’s Seminary and University:
“Maximus the Confessor’s Anti-Severan Polemics in the Opuscula”

Teodor Tabus, University of Bonn:
“The Reception and Defense of the Chalcedonian definitio fidei through the Scythian Monks and their Writings”

Tarmo Toom, Georgetown University:
“An Expedient Doctrine: Separation of Church and State in the Donatist Controversy”

Ethan Laster, Saint Louis University:
“Embodied Christology: Miaphysitism and Ascetic Suffering in John of Ephesus’ Lives of the Eastern Saints”
Sessions 18A – 18B: Thursday 1:30pm

Session 18A
Augustine: Section VI
Chair: Vince L. Bantu, Fuller Theological Seminary

Stevie Hull, Brown University:
“The Rhetorical ‘Art of Memory’ in Augustine’s De ordine”

Jimmy Chan, University of Toronto:
“Domestic Peace (pax domestica) as the Critical Component of Pax in a Just Society: Augustine’s Socio-Rhetorical and Theological Turn in Book XIX of De ciuitate Dei”

Vince L. Bantu, Fuller Theological Seminary:
“Optatum Gildonianum: Social and Theological Identity in Late Antique North Africa”

Session 18B
Participation and Metaphysics in the Cappadocian Tradition
Chair: Andrew Radde-Gallwitz, University of Notre Dame

Kirsten Anderson, University of Notre Dame:
“Ontology and Human Invention in Gregory of Nyssa”

Luke Togni, Marquette University:
“Genera of Participation in the Dionysian Corpus”

Andrew Radde-Gallwitz, University of Notre Dame:
“Gregory of Nyssa and the Metaphysics of Body”

Michel Barnes, Marquette University:
“Power Causality and Divine Productivity in Gregory of Nyssa”
**Sessions 19A – 19C: Thursday 3:45pm**

**Session 19A**  
**Exorcism, Exsufflation, and the End of the Donatist Church**  
**Chair:** Jesse Hoover, Baylor University

Jane Merdinger, Independent Scholar:  
“Augustine’s Repudiation of the Donatist Rite of Re-exsufflation”

Geoffrey Dunn, University of Pretoria:  
“The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats in Augustine’s Eschatological Arguments with the Donatists”

Jesse Hoover, Baylor University:  
“Was Tyconius a Millenarian?”

**Session 19B**  
**Evagrius of Pontus – Life and Legacy**  
**Chair:** Ian Gerdon, University of Notre Dame

Carl Vennerstrom, The Catholic University of America:  
“A Gnostikos Reading Gnostikos: Evagrius Ponticus as an Interpreter of David and Solomon”

Columba Stewart, OSB, St. John’s University:  
“New Manuscript Evidence for the Letter to Melania of Evagrius of Pontus”

Jesse Siragan Arlen, University of California Los Angeles:  
“Reading Evagrius at the Monastery of Narek”

Ian Gerdon, University of Notre Dame:  
“The Chapters of the Disciples of Evagrius and the Evagrian Legacy”

**Session 19C**  
**Texts and Manuscripts – Dates and Genres**  
**Chair:** Luke Drake, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

Zachary M. Keith, The Catholic University of America:  
“Reexamining Vat.gr. 2200 as an Early Edition of St. John Damascene’s Liber de haeresibus”

Nathan I. Smolin, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill:  
“Clement Said What? History and Fiction in the Clementine Homilies”

Edwina Murphy, Morling College:  
“Constructing Ad Quirinum: Cyprian’s Use of Connection and Association in Book 3”

Luke Drake, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill:  
“The Coptic Act of Peter in Late Antiquity: Virginity, Disability, Intertextuality”
**Session 20A: Thursday 7:00pm**

**Session 20A**  
**John Chrysostom – The Nature of Sanctity**  
**Chair:** Becky Walker, Saint Louis University

Michael A. Tishel, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki:  
“‘Suddenly we have become saints and sons’: The Centrality of the Sudden (Ἐξαίφνης) in John Chrysostom’s *Homilies on Romans*”

Junghun Bae, Kosin University:  
“Almsgiving, the Therapy of the Soul, and Salvation: John Chrysostom and the Christianization of Ancient Philosophical Therapy”

Michelle Sdao, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill:  
“Seeing him from afar: Embodied Sanctity and John Chrysostom’s Use of Optical Theory”

Becky Walker, Saint Louis University:  
“Almsgiving makes one like God: Almsgiving’s Role in the Acquisition of Virtue according to John Chrysostom”
Sessions 21A – 21C: Friday 9:00am

Session 21A
Augustine: Section VII
Chair: Thomas Humphries, Saint Leo University

Erik Estrada, Texas Christian University:
“The Common Identity of the Anonymous Opponents Critiqued in Augustine’s On Faith and Works and the Writings of Pelagius and his Followers”

Andrew Chronister, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary:
“Augustine, Honesty, and the Pelagian Controversy in De gestis Pelagii”

Jordan J. Wales, Hillsdale College:
“On Being ‘Sons’ of God: Imitation, Indwelling, and Augustine’s Developing Divergence from Pelagius”

Thomas Humphries, Saint Leo University:
“Resisting the Will of God: Cassian and Augustine Reconsidered”

Session 21B
Building and Breaching Boundaries in Late Ancient Discourses
Chair: Maria E. Doerfler, Yale University

Sara Misgen, Yale University:
“Eternal Pain, Eternal Witness: Hell and Cosmology in the City of God and the Apocalypse of Paul”

Julia Nations-Quiroz, Yale University:
“Judgment and Vindication: New Insights on the Brescia Casket’s Visual Program and its Relationship to Text”

Camille Angelo, Yale University:
“From Periphery to Center: Reviewing the Place of the Holy Man in the Ritual Landscape”

C.J. Rice, Yale University:
“The Curious Case of Eunomianism and the Law, 389-399 CE”

Session 21C
Wisdom, Nature, and Providence
Chair: Matthew C. Briel, Assumption College

Stanley P. Rosenberg, Wycliffe Hall Oxford:

Paul M. Blowers, Milligan University:
“George of Pisidia’s Hexameron: Cosmic Wisdom for Emperors, Patriarchs, and All the Rest of Us”

Daniel J. Stauffer, University of Notre Dame:
“Equivocal Predication and Knowledge of God in John of Damascus”

Matthew C. Briel, Assumption College:
“Pseudo-Dionysius, an Outlier in the Greek Theological Tradition on the Question of Providence”
Sessions 22A – 22B: Friday 10:30am

Session 22A
Irenaeus of Lyons – New Directions in Scholarship: Section II
Chair: Don Springer, Sioux Falls Seminary

Christopher A. Graham, Criswell College:
“(Mis)Naming God in Second-Century Christian Polemics: Irenaeus and the Tetragrammaton”

Ryan L. Scruggs, McGill University:
“Gift and Gratitude: Divine Economy as Gift Exchange in Irenaeus of Lyons”

Nicole Chen, University of Oxford:
“The Devil as Progenitor of Irenaeus’ Genealogy of Heresy”

Olena G. Therrien, University of Notre Dame:
“Toward a Reconsideration of the Role of Sin in Irenaeus”

Session 22B
The Alexandrian World
Chair: Shawn J. Wilhite, California Baptist University / Durham University

Romulus D. Stefanut, University of the South:
“Literacy, Literary Community, and Literary Canon in Jewish Alexandria: The Puzzling Case of Philo’s Therapeutae”

Joel Kalvesmaki, Text Alignment Network:
“The Earliest Christian Scholiasts: Didymus or Evagrius?”

Nathan Porter, Duke Divinity School:
“Christology in the Hermeneutics of Cyril of Alexandria”

Brad Boswell, Duke University:
“The Pistis of Abraham in Early Christian Apologetics: Genesis 15 between Julian and Cyril”

Shawn J. Wilhite, California Baptist University / Durham University:
“He divides his narrative between two seasons: ΚΑΙΡΟΣ as an Exegetical Rule in Athanasius and Cyril of Alexandria”
Session 23A: Friday 1:30pm

Session 23A  
Texts and Manuscripts – Authors and Writings  
Chair: Hugo Mendez, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

Paul Smith, Nipawin Bible College:  
“Apostolic Constitutions as Collaborative Writing”

Nicholas E. Wagner, Duke University:  
“The Coptic Marginalia in P.Beatty 6(7) (Greek Isaiah): Biliteracy, Grammar, and Disambiguation”

Abby Kulisz, Indiana University Bloomington:  
“Books, Bishops, and Caliphs: The ‘Book’ in Timothy I’s Disputation with the Caliph al-Mahdi”

Hugo Mendez, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill:  
“Jewish Christianity and the Making of the Armenian Lectionary”

Session 24A: Friday 3:45pm

Session 24A  
Augustine: Section VIII  
Chair: David Riggs, Indiana Wesleyan University

Patricia L. Grosse, Independent Scholar:  
“From Flesh to Bones: The Entanglement of Love and Desire in the Life and Afterlife of St. Monica”

Corey Stephan, Marquette University:  
“‘Et superiorum et posteriorum’: Difficulties Dating St. Augustine’s De consensu evangelistarum”

John O’Callaghan, University of Notre Dame:  
“How Mercy Became Compassionate”

David Riggs, Indiana Wesleyan University:  
“The ‘Genius of Carthage’ is a False God: Is Augustine Tilting at ‘Pagan’ Windmills?”