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2021 Annual Meeting Program Booklet

Monday, May 24 - Friday, May 28, 2021
Virtual Conference
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Dear NAPS Members and Conference Participants,

Welcome to the 2021 Annual Meeting of the NAPS! Our Vice President, Clayton Jefford, has worked with tireless deliberation to assemble a sterling program. Please join me in expressing our heartfelt gratitude to him for all of his time and effort, without which this conference could not proceed.

I am pleased to introduce the plenary speakers for this year. We hear from Jonathan Draper (University of KwaZulu-Natal), who will speak on “‘You Shall be Perfect’: Restoration of the Covenant, the Messiah and the Gentiles in the Deuteronomic Tradition and the Didache.” Also Clare K. Rothschild (Lewis University/University of Stellenbosch) will lecture on “The Lovers Miniature of the Muratorian Codex (Ambr. I 101 sup.).”

This year’s program offers an extensive and diverse selection of panels, presentations, and discussions, plus a special panel review of our NAPS history to mark the Society’s fiftieth anniversary (plus one). Over five days there will be almost fifty sessions, carefully organized into twenty-three time slots.

We return eagerly to our annual meeting after a pause in 2020 and are marking the fiftieth anniversary of our Society, which we hope to celebrate in a spirit of scholarly friendship and generosity, grateful that we have endured in these times and rejoicing in each other’s accomplishments in this expression of that wider, ancient, and venerable company of scholars.

Robin Darling Young
President, North American Patristics Society
# Schedule at a Glance

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NAPS 2021 PROGRAM
May 24-28, 2021
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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”

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 with Live Schedules = The Week of the Meeting]

Sessions 1A – 1B: Monday, May 24, 2021 - 9:00am CDT

**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 Bider, 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”
Session 2A: Monday, May 24, 2021 - 10:30am CDT

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:
“Cruce 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 3A**

**Origen – Texts and Theology**

**Chair:** Samuel Johnson, University of Notre Dame

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

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, May 24, 2021 – 3:45pm CDT

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”
Sessions 5A: Monday, May 24, 2021 - 7:00pm CDT

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”

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Sessions 6A – 6C: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 - 9:00am CDT

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

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’”

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

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, May 25, 2021 - 10:30am CDT

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, nantis 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
Coping Strategies in Late Antiquity
Chair: Brendan Lupton, St. Mary of the Lake

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”

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

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

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**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, May 25, 2021 - 3:45pm CDT

**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 Iudaeos* Dialogues”

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

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

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”

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

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 Beheiry, 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”

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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”

Scott D. Moringiello, DePaul University:
“Agape in the Community: 1 Clement’s Praise of God’s Love”

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 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 paradoxa 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”

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”
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”
Corey Stephan, Marquette University:
“’Et superiorum et posteriorum’: Difficulties Dating St. Augustine’s De consensu evangelistarum”
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
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:
“Eisi pascha non daretur? Exploring the Anomaly in Nyssen’s On the Soul and Resurrection”
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
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”
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, May 26, 2021 - 1:30pm CDT

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”

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”

NAPS 2021 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Prize Awardee
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 reritatis: 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 – 14B: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 – 3:45pm CDT

**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 Psalms*”

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”
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”

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”
**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 II**

**Chair:** Brian Dunkle, S.J., Boston College

Emanuel Fiano, Fordham University:
“Reading Theodoret Closely: Was the Council of the Thebaid (362) a Rigorist Gathering?”

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

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

Dean Gjorcheski, Durham University:
“Dualistic Anthropology: ὁ ἐσω ἠθνησκος (‘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”

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”
**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 cinitate 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”
Sessions 19A – 19C Thursday, May 27, 2021 – 3:45pm CDT

**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 Gnostikoi: 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

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”

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
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”

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, May 28, 2021 – 9:00am CDT

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

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”
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”

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
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”

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

Business Meeting: Friday, May 28, 2021 – 7:00pm CDT

NAPS General Business Meeting
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Location: Zoom, pre-registration required
(Registration link within the platform – you must be an attendee of the conference and a NAPS member in good standing to attend the NAPS General Business Meeting, registration for the general meeting will close on Friday, May 28 at 12pm CT).
Chair: Robin Darling Young, The Catholic University of America
History of the North American Patristics Society

The North American Patristics Society was founded on December 29, 1970 at a convention of the American Philological Association in New York City. When the first meeting was held, 75 persons attended and heard a program of three papers. The idea for a Society had begun with a conversation between Michael P. McHugh and Robert D. Sider at a meeting of classicists in April 1969. The founders believed that “more effective teaching and research could be carried out in patristics by bringing into one forum scholars in such varied fields as classical philology, theology, church history and ancient history, and philosophy” (McHugh, 1971). In the year following the first meeting, Louis J. Swift drafted a constitution, which was approved by the members at the next meeting of the APA in 1971 in Cincinnati.

The first president, Bruce M. Metzger, was elected for the year 1972. In 1973 the Society was incorporated in the state of Kentucky as a non-profit organization.

Through 1980, the Society met each year in late December in conjunction with the APA. In those same years the Society often held joint sessions with the Medieval Institute in Kalamazoo and with the American Society of Church History in order to expand its presence and seek a suitable home. The beginnings were small. Often only ten or twelve people attended a session. Louis Swift wrote of the early years, “Nobody knew whether we would even survive, let alone flourish.”

William R. Schoedel and Louis Swift, in consultation with Joseph F. Kelly, planned the First Independent Conference for Chicago in May 1981. The initial idea was to meet every two years, and the meetings that took place in 1983 and 1985 were called the Biennial Meeting. The first printed program was produced in 1985 by Robert L. Wilken. J. Patout Burns served as the local coordinator at Loyola University Chicago for these meetings, except in Oxford years. In 2002 the Society officially changed its name to The North American Patristics Society, Inc.

The Society’s first publication was the newsletter Patristics, first edited by Louis Swift and then successively by Frederick W. Norris, Thomas M. Finn, John J. O’Keefe, and Clayton N. Jefford. Beginning ca. 1980, the newsletter came to include book reviews with Joseph Kelly and then Michael Slusser serving as book review editors.

In 1986, the Society took over the Patristic Monograph Series. Twelve volumes in the series had been published by the Philadelphia Patristic Foundation in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Mercer University Press was engaged as publisher and brought out four volumes between 1988 and 1997. The first editor was Frederick Norris, who was succeeded by Joseph T. Lienhard in 1993 and thereafter by Philip Rousseau in 2002. In 1999, The Catholic University of America Press became the publisher of the series. In 2008, editorship of the Series passed to David Hunter. In 2011, Christopher Beeley became its editor, and he oversaw the transition of the series from CUA Press to the University of California Press in 2014. The series was subsequently renamed as the Christianity in Late Antiquity Series.

In 1993, the Society began the publication of a journal entitled The Journal of Early Christian Studies, edited by Everett Ferguson and Elizabeth Clark. From 1981 to 1992, Ferguson had edited nine volumes of an independent journal called The Second Century: A Journal of Early Christian Studies, which became the foundation of the new JECS. The book review functions of the Patristics newsletter were incorporated into the journal and were directed by Louis Swift. Ultimately, Patout Burns replaced Ferguson as co-editor. Burns himself was succeeded in 2004 by David Brakke, who became sole editor in 2005. Upon completion of David Brakke’s term in
2015, the NAPS Board appointed Stephen Shoemaker as the new editor of *JECS*. The *JECS* currently has a circulation of around 1500.

In 1997, John O'Keefe created a web page for the organization at www.patristics.org. In 2006, NAPS moved the site of its annual meeting from Loyola University in Chicago to the Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza. In the same year the Society instituted its “Lifetime Achievement Award” (see below). In 2014, interest and growth in the Society’s annual meeting necessitated a move to a larger venue, the Hyatt Regency in Chicago.

Bibliography


Periodic amendments and updates by Clayton N. Jefford, David G. Hunter, Brian J. Matz, Kenneth B. Steinhauser, and Richard Brumback III.

Recipients of the NAPS Lifetime Achievement Award 2006 Elizabeth Clark
2008 Everett Ferguson
2012 Louis Swift
2016 Kenneth Steinhauser
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