2022 Annual Meeting Program Booklet

Thursday, May 26 – Saturday, May 28, 2022

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Dear NAPS Members and Conference Participants,

Welcome to the 2022 Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society! It is with great pleasure that we once again plan to meet in person, face-to-face, at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago for the first time since 2018. Through the diligent efforts of our Vice President, Andrew Jacobs, a wide-ranging program has been created that includes a new hybrid format for participants at the meeting. I know you will want to express your gratitude to him and his team of assistants (Rebecca Stephens Falcasantos, David Maldonado Rivera, and Shawn Wilhite) for their many contributions to this massive effort.

Plenary speakers for this year’s meeting include Paula Fredriksen (emerita, Boston University; Visiting Professor, Hebrew University in Jerusalem), who will speak on the topic “The Subject Vanishes: Jews, Martyrs and Heretics after the ‘Rhetorical Turn’” on Thursday evening. On Saturday morning we are slated to hear from our Immediate Past President, Robin Darling Young (The Catholic University of America), who will present a Presidential Address deferred from 2021: “The Lady Advances: Women Imagined and Actual in Late Antiquity.”

This year’s program has presented very real challenges as we confront the realities of a world reshaped by the demands of Covid. At the beginning of the pandemic in 2020, the annual meeting of NAPS was cancelled for the first time in Society history and, later, the 2021 program faced a new challenge that has become typical of large gatherings of all professional societies—a virtual program. Happily, this year’s meeting is scheduled to include almost 250 in-person presenters and over 30 virtual presenters in addition to plenary and banquet speakers and other celebratory moments. A diverse selection of panels, presentations, and discussion opportunities await all who are able to attend.

We eagerly anticipate this renewed opportunity to celebrate the history of the Society and, more importantly, the research and professional careers of its members and guests. I hope you will be a part of who we are, what we have been in past days, and what we seek to be as a consortium of researchers facing the future of various academic fields of interest. I look forward to sharing our work together. Welcome!

Clayton N. Jefford
President, North American Patristics Society
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Location: Dusable
Chair: Clayton N. Jefford

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10:00am–5:00pm - Exhibits Open
Location: Crystal C

9:00am – 12:00pm - Pre-Conference Workshop
Digital Humanities Workshop: Coptic Scriptorium Project
Location: Addams
Chairs: Caroline T. Schroeder, Christine Luckritz-Marquis, Lance Martin, and Rebecca Krawiec

This workshop will provide training in how to use the resources from the Coptic Scriptorium project in your research and also how to publish texts, translations, or annotations with the Coptic Scriptorium Project. By the end of the workshop, participants will have learned how to run basic and complex searches in our database; how to leverage features of the online Coptic Dictionary for research; and how to use our online annotation environment to a) transcribe text to be published online and/or b) add annotations or translations to Coptic texts already online in our public platform. If there is interest, we can also demonstrate how to use our tools to analyze text of your own that is not published online.

This will be a hands-on, interactive workshop with everyone actively participating and “learning as we do.”

Some prior experience with the Coptic language is helpful but we welcome participants of all backgrounds. No programming or other technical experience is required. Please bring a laptop to the session. We will also send materials in advance to registrants so that we can utilize the full session time for activities.

Please RSVP here: https://forms.gle/r3skbZxjSN57kxU6
**Sessions 1A-1J: 1:30pm – 3:10pm**

**Session 1A**  
**Facing Death**  
**Location:** Addams  
**Chair:** Young Richard Kim, University of Illinois at Chicago

Jonathan Zecher, Australian Catholic University  
“Jesus Wept: Learning and Contesting Emotions in Late Antiquity”

Michael Peppard, Fordham University  
“Is No One Immortal? Christian Adaptations of Greek Epitaphs in Late Antiquity”

Sarah F. Porter, Harvard University  
“Pleasure and Psychagogy in the Koimeterion”

**Session 1B**  
**Letters and Authority**  
**Location:** Soldier Field  
**Chair:** James E. Walters, Hill Museum & Manuscript Library

Musembi Ndaita, United Lutheran Seminary  
“To Such a Teacher Thou Shall Not Listen’: Athanasius of Alexandria’s Thirty-Ninth Festal Letter and the Question of a Teacher’s Authority in Fourth Century Egypt”

Marcin Wysocki, Catholic University of Lublin  
“Crossing the Genres? Letter as the Historical Testimony - a Study of the Early Christian Letters of the 4th and 5th Century (Ambrose, Jerome, and Paulinus of Nola)”

Geoffrey Dunn  
“Boniface I and Jerome’s Women”
Session 1C
Traditions and Transmissions in Syriac Literature
Location: Burnham
Chair: Rebecca Stephens Falcasantos, Amherst College

Andrew Hayes, University of St. Thomas
“The Blessings of Paradise: Blessing and Other Praise Formulas as a Key to Poetic Intent in Ephrem the Syrian's Hymns on Paradise 13-14”

Nathan Tilley, Duke University/Dumbarton Oaks

Session 1D
Rethinking Christians and Violence
Location: Field
Chair: Kyle Smith, University of Toronto

James Corke-Webster, King’s College, London
“The Persecution of the Early Christians: The Legal Question... Again”

David Eastman, McCallie School
“Under Caesar’s Sword: Modern and Ancient”

Ben Sheppard, University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill
“The Martyrdom of Polycarp's Problems with Martyrdom”
Session 1E
Minority Reports in the Fourth-Century Trinitarian Controversies
Location: Crystal B
Chair: Daniel Williams, Baylor University

Kelley Spoerl, Saint Anselm College
“Photinus of Sirmium: Original Heretic or Marcellus Redivivus?”

Mark DelCigliano, University of St. Thomas
“Phoebadius of Agen and the Council of Ariminum”

Michel Barnes, The Augustine Agency Research Library
“Marius Victorinus: Sirmium 357 and the Latin Defense of ‘Homoousios’ Theology”

Lewis Ayres, Durham University
“Training the Eyes of the Soul: Trinitarian Theology and the Cultivation of Concepts in Gregory of Nyssa's Ad Petrum”

Session 1F
Classical Latin Receptions
Location: Gold Coast
Chair: Stephen Carlson, Australian Catholic University

J. Columcille Dever, Creighton University
“Perpetua’s Metamorphoses: Echoes of Ovid in the Passio Perpetuae et Felicitatis”

Will Dilbeck, Florida College
“Lactantius and the Vehicle of the Soul”

Michael Boler, University of St. Thomas
“The Duel of St. Martin: A Retelling of the Combat between Aeneas and Turnus in Book 12 of Virgil’s Aeneid”
Session 1G
Rhetoric and Education
Location: Horner
Chair: Charles Kim, Saint Louis University

Nathan Howard, University of Tennessee at Martin
“Semantics and the Weaponization of Rhetoric in Philostratus, Eunapius, and Gregory Nazianzen”

Michael Motia, University of Massachusetts
“How to Learn From a Cell: Education in the Desert and the City”

Mark Weedman, Johnson University
“Rhetoric, Education, and Pedagogical Authority in Augustine’s Confessions”

Jimmy Chan, Carey Theological College
“Teaching in Turmoil: Augustine’s Learner-centered Approach in Psalm 61”

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Session 1H
A Compendium, a Council, a Colloquy, and Combat: Assessing New Developments in Donatist Studies
Location: McCormick
Chair: David G. Hunter, Boston College

Matthew Gaumer, United States Army
“Crisis Convergence Point: Honorius, the Colloquy of 411, and the End of Empire”

Jesse Hoover, Baylor University
“The Earliest Hebrew-Latin Glossary?”

Alden Bass, Oklahoma Christian University
“Spiritual Combat in the Donatist Escorial Sermons”
Session 1I
Alternative Christianities: Rethinking the Boundaries of “Patristics”
(I)
Location: Ogden
Chair: David Jorgensen, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

Lydia Bremer-McCollum, Harvard University
“Material Boundaries: Egerton Gospel Fragments and the Materiality of Orthodoxy and Heresy”

Peter Martens, Saint Louis University

Session 1J (virtual session)
Remembering Saints
Location: Virtual (see digital program for Zoom link)
Chair: Mary Farag, Princeton Theological Seminary

Lois Gandt, Sacred Heart University
“The Biblical Jacob as Monastic Exemplar in the Vita Antonii”

Erin Walsh, University of Chicago & Emanuel Fiano, Fordham University
“Holy Man, Holy City: Rabbula and Edessa in Fifth-Century Syriac Literature”

Iskandar Bcheiry, Atla
“Did the Syriac author, Sa‘īd bar Ṣabūnī (d. 1096) adapt the Islamic concept of the inimitability of the Qur’an and the illiteracy of Muhammad in depicting the life and teaching of Jacob of Serugh (d. 521)? An examination of an unpublished homily on Jacob of Serugh by Sa‘īd bar Ṣabūnī”

Justin Arnwine, University of Toronto
“So, we have emended the error of a scribe…’: How an Early Modern Scholar changed the Perception of Jacob of Serugh”

3:10pm – 3:30pm - Coffee Break
Location: Crystal Foyer & Founders Foyer
Sessions 2A-2J: 3:30pm – 5:10pm

Session 2A
Anxious Sexualities
Location: Addams
Chair: Benjamin Dunning, Fordham University

Alexander Perkins, Fordham University
“Rethinking παιδοφθορία: Sexual Ethics and ‘the Protection of Children’ in Clement of Alexandria”

Samuel Cho, Wheaton College
“Perpetua and Felicity, Nursing Martyrs: Blood or Breast Milk?”

Jeannie Sellick, University of Virginia
“‘Let him Suck your Learned Bosom’: Metaphor, Milk, & Masculinity in Jerome’s Letter 66”

Katie Kleinkopf, University of Louisville
“The Gentleman Vanishes: Masculinity As a Detriment to Ascetic Perfection in the Tales of the ‘Holy Harlots’”

Session 2B
Evagrius of Pontus: Fragments and Constructions
Location: Burnham
Chair: Andrew Hayes, University of St. Thomas

Carl Vennerstrom, Catholic University of America
“Evagrius of Pontus among the Bishops: Pre-Egyptian Possibilities”

Joona Salminen, University of Eastern Finland
“Evagrius the Deacon and the διακονία of the Desert”

Thirza Buijkx, Radboud University Nijmegen
“False Illuminations: The Delusional Vision of Light in Evagrius of Pontus’ Chapters On Prayer”

Joel Kalvesmaki, Catholic University of America
“New Fragments of Evagrius: A Survey of Byzantine Definitions”
Panelists:
Ellen Scully, Seton Hall University
John Cavadini, University of Notre Dame
Warren Smith, Duke University
Lewis Ayres, Durham University
Michel R. Barnes, The Augustine Agency Research Library

Session 2D
Imagined Scenarios and Real Feelings
Location: Soldier Field
Chair: Paul Blowers, Milligan University

Maria Doerfler, Yale University
“Speaking with the Dead, Speaking as the Dead: Eidolopoeia in Syriac Funerary Poetry”

Blake Leyerle, University of Notre Dame
“Imagine the Table, the Bed, the Shoes! John Chrysostom on the Affective Power of Imaginary Objects”

Morwenna Ludlow, University of Exeter
“What Sarah Did Not Say: Imagined Speeches in Gregory of Nyssa”

Paul Blowers, Milligan University
“Grieving with and for the Forerunner: John the Baptist as a Tragic Hero in Late Ancient Christian Literature”
Session 2E  
*Auctoritas* in Augustine’s Life and Legacy  
**Location:** Water Tower  
**Chair:** Maureen Kelly, University of Chicago

Christopher West, Yale University  
“Augustine’s Sacramental Theology: Threading the African and Roman Positions”

David Bennett, University of Oxford  
“Authority and the Created Good in Augustine’s Ascetical Theology of Humility: A Consideration of *Epistle* 188 to Juliana”

Alberto Garzoni, University of Oxford  
“*Doctor suavissimus et martyr beatissimus*: Augustine’s Appropriation of Cyprian’s Voice and the Stirring of Holy Emotions”

Michael Petrin, Marywood University  
“The Procession of the Holy Spirit and the Authority of Augustine between East and West”

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Session 2F  
*Apologetics in the Fourth Century (I)*  
**Location:** Field  
**Chair:** Candace Buckner, Virginia Tech University

Jonelle Weier, Boston College  
“Military Virtue and Triumph in *De Mortibus Persecutorum*”

David Riggs, Indiana Wesleyan University  
“The Apologetics of Grace and Divine Patronage in Arnobius’ *Adversus Nationes*”
Session 2G
Second-Century Terminology
Location: Horner
Chair: Travis Proctor, Wittenberg University

Matthew Kemp, Loyola University Chicago
“The Bishops, the Presbyters, and the Other Presbyters in Irenaeus of Lyons”

Matthew Albanese, Union University
“Greek Syntax and Literary ‘Unity’ in Ignatius to the Magnesians”

Pavel Dudzik, Charles University, Prague
“Justin Martyr, His Use of the Verb ‘Beget’ (γεννάω) in the Statements of the Father-Son Relationship and Possible Biblical Witness(es)”

Scott Moringiello, DePaul University
“Agape in the Shepherd of Hermas”

Session 2H
Alternative Christianities: Rethinking the Boundaries of “Patristics” (II)
Location: McCormick
Chair: M. David Litwa, Australian Catholic University

Elizabeth Anderson, Catholic University of America
“Mani’s Pauline Identity in the Kephalaia of the Teacher”

Jae Han, Brown University
“Mani and the Myth of the Perpetual Foreigner: Manicheism as the Limits of ‘Christian Diversity’?”

Karl Heiner Dahm, King’s College, London
“Seeing Ourselves in Others—The Rise and Fall of the ‘Macedonians’ in Socrates of Constantinople’s Ecclesiastical History”
Session 2I
Human Flourishing and Well-Being in Early Christianity:
Flourishing and Positive Psychology
Location: Ogden
Chair: Thomas Breedlove, Baylor University

Ed Chan Stroud, University of Oxford
“Humility: An Encounter between St. Augustine and Positive Psychology”

Andrew Crislip, Virginia Commonwealth University
“Joy, Well-being, and Community in Early Christianity”

Ryan Gilfeather, University of Cambridge
“Desire: A Barrier to Human Flourishing in Gregory of Nyssa?”

Session 2J (Virtual session)
Non-Christians and Christians
Location: Virtual (see digital program for Zoom link)
Chair: Andrew Hillaker, Rawlings School of Divinity

Sarah Griffis, Hamilton College
“A Tragi-Christian Mashup: Lucian’s Death of Peregrinus”

Jonathan Young, University of Oxford
“Zoomorphic Divinities and Opinions of Animals: A Study of Plutarch, Clement and Origen of Alexandria, and Porphyry”

Arthur Urbano, Providence College
“Dressing Down the Philosophers: Contesting Pedagogies and Masculinity in the Homilies of John Chrysostom”

Sean Daly, Centenary University
“Demons and Oracles in Theodoret’s Account of the Emperor Julian”

5:10pm – 7:30pm - Dinner Break (on your own)
5:30pm – 6:30pm - Graduate Student Networking Reception  
Location: Founders Foyer  
Refreshments Provided

**Session 3: 7:30pm – 8:30pm**

**Plenary Lecture**  
Location: Crystal B  
**Chair:** Christine Shepardson, University of Tennessee at Knoxville

“The Subject Vanishes: Jews, Heretics, and Martyrs after the ‘Linguistic Turn’”  
Paula Fredriksen, Aurelio Professor of Scripture emerita, Boston University, and Distinguished Visiting Professor of Comparative Religion, Hebrew University in Jerusalem

8:45pm-10:30pm - Dessert Reception  
*(Ticketed Event – advance purchase required)*  
Location: Crystal A  
Presentation of *Augustine and Tradition: Influences, Contexts, Legacy* (ed. David G. Hunter and Jonathan P. Yates) to J. Patout Burns

**Friday, May 27, 2022**

7:30am – 9:00am - Continental Breakfast  
Location: Crystal Foyer

8:00am – 8:45am - Graduate Student Caucus Meeting  
Location: Addams

8:00am – 5:00pm - Exhibits Open  
Location: Crystal C
Sessions 4A-4J: 9:00am – 10:40am

Session 4A
Patristic Receptions: Medieval to Modern
Location: Gold Coast

Chair: Shawn Wilhite, California Baptist University/Durham University

Br. Robert McFadden, Holy Cross College
“Knowing and Loving Christ: Augustine in Anselm’s *Proslogion*”

Greg Wiebe, Canadian Mennonite University
“Augustine, Descartes, and the Angels of Enlightenment”

Young Richard Kim, University of Illinois at Chicago
“Konstantinos Paparrigopoulos on the Council of Nicaea”

Session 4B
Local Expressions of Early Christianity (I): The East (and Beyond)
Location: Addams

Chair: Sarah Parkhouse, University of Manchester

Kimberley Fowler, University of Glasgow
“The Dishna Papers and Local Monasticism in Upper Egypt”

Julia Schwarzer, Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg
“Lay People in the Alexandrian Church”

Elizabeth Schrader, Duke University
“The Multiple Meanings of ‘Magdalene’ in the Patristic Milieu”

Julie Less, University of Chicago
“When the Map is a Territory: Queen Tryphaena’s Dynastic Family as ‘New’ Data for the Northern, Eastern, and Southern Expansion of Early Christianity in Asia Minor”
Session 4C
Human Flourishing and Well-Being in Early Christianity:
Flourishing and Asceticism
Location: Burnham
Chair: Jonathan Zecher, Australian Catholic University

Niki Clements, Rice University
“Arts of Ascetic Living in Gregory of Nyssa”

Allison Gray, St. Mary’s University
“Beautiful Virtue: Dio Chrysostom’s Melanomas and Gregory Nazianzus’
Gorgonia”

Michael Magree, Boston College
“Flourishing in Fasting: Ascetical Theology in Cyril of Alexandria’s Festal
Letters”

Samantha Miller, Whitworth University
“The Struggle of Apatheia: John Chrysostom on the Earthly Heavenly Life”

Session 4D
Irenaeus, Doctor (I)
Location: Soldier Field
Chair: Susan L. Graham, Saint Peter’s University

Grant Gasse, University of Notre Dame
“Irenaeus and the Other Ptolemy: Music, Astronomy, Hypothesis, and
Kanōn”

Stephen O. Presley, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
“A Living (rule of) Faith: The regula fidei and the Early Christian Spiritual
Life in Irenaeus of Lyons”

Paul Saieg, University of Notre Dame
“The Foundation of Irenaeus’ Theology: Asceticism, Gospel, and the Rule
of Truth”

Cody Barnhart, University of Aberdeen
“The Lord Spat on the Ground and Made Clay: Irenaeus’s Reading of John
9 and the Demonstration of Divine Identity”
Session 4E
Apologetics in the Fourth Century (II)
Location: Field
Chair: Peter Fraser-Morris, University of Virginia

Daniel Kimmel, Syracuse University
“Written on ‘Empire’s Palimpsest’ Alone?: Defining Religio(n) in Lactantius’ Divine Institutes”

Candace Buckner, Virginia Tech University
“Late Antique Rhetorics of Misinformation: The Charge of Misleading Information in the Christian Controversies of the Fourth and Fifth Centuries”

Mattias Gassman, University of Oxford
“Who is this God? Framing the History of Religions in De consensu evangeliistarum 1”

Session 4F
Late Antique Apocryphal Acts
Location: Horner
Chair: Karl Shuve, University of Virginia

Kelly Holob, University of Chicago
“Aren’t you casting magic on me?” Some Unusual Procedures in the Acts of Philip”

Nathan Hardy, University of Chicago
“Monsters, Margins, and Monks: Who are the Cannibals in the Acts of Andrew and Matthias?”

Tony Burke, York University
“Revisiting Latin Accounts of the Martyrdom of Andrew”

Respondent: Janet Spittler, University of Virginia
Session 4G
Augustinian Visions
Location: Water Tower
Chair: Jimmy Chan, Carey Theological College

Adam Ployd, Wesley House Cambridge
“Augustine and the Language of Flourishing”

Davi Chang Ribeiro Lin, Servo de Cristo Seminary
“Augustine’s Confessions as Narrative Meaning Making for Mental Health”

Session 4H
Liturgy and Community
Location: Wrigley
Chair: Marius van Willigen, Theological University of Apeldoorn

Robert Edwards, University of Göttingen
“The Liturgical Preaching of John Chrysostom”

Mary Porter, Cornell University
“Singing Together: The Performance of Self, Community, and Intimacy in Ambrosian Hymnody”

Brian Dunkle, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry
“Anonymous Ambrosiana and the Sung Formation of Monastic Experience”
Session 4I
Viewers and Viewing
Location: McCormick
Chair: Nathan Tilley, Duke University/Dumbarton Oaks

Robin Jensen, University of Notre Dame
“Do You See What I See? Assessing the Experiences of Viewers and Viewing in the Past and Present”

Linda Fuchs, University of Florida
“Wisdom at Play: Who Can Laugh at Death?”

Richard Zaleski
“The Exegetical Moses in Byzantine Illuminated Manuscripts”

Christina Ananias, Duke Divinity School
“Painting Reality: Hypostatic Likeness as a Realist Aesthetic Theory in Theodore the Studite”

Session 4J (Virtual session)
Producing Gender
Location: Virtual (see digital program for Zoom link)
Chair: Ellen Muehlberger, University of Michigan

Emily Gathergood, University of Nottingham
“Gendered Fluids of Salvation: The Father’s Seminal Lactation and the Virgin’s Masculine Maternity in the Odes of Solomon 19”

Sarah Eckert, Claremont Graduate University
“Sexual Anxieties: A Reexamination of Women in Tertullian”

Jennifer Barry, University of Mary Washington
“Dreaming Mothers: Reading Against the Violence of the Late Ancient Text”

Julie Kelto Lillis, Union Theological Seminary
“Virgins Threatened by Violence: (Mis)Reading Patristic Writers on the Location and Resilience of Virginity”

10:40am – 11:00am - Coffee Break
Location: Crystal Foyer & Founders Foyer
Session 5: 11:00am – 12:00pm

2022 NAPS Presidential Address
Location: Crystal B
Chair: Andrew S. Jacobs, Harvard Divinity School

“How Shaky a Foundation: The Apostolic Fathers”

Clayton N. Jefford, Professor of Scripture,
Saint Meinrad Seminary

12:00pm – 1:30pm – Lunch (on your own)
Tables for conversing will be set up in Crystal A (limited seating)

Sessions 6A-6J: 1:30pm – 3:10pm

Session 6A
Irenaeus, Doctor (II)
Location: Gold Coast
Chair: Susan L. Graham, Saint Peter’s University

Awet Andemicael, Yale Divinity School and Institute of Sacred Music
“Irenaeus on Order”

Jonatan Simons, Fundación Universitaria Seminario Bíblico de Colombia
“Daemons, Cups of Forgetfulness, and Eternality of the Soul in Irenaeus, haer. 2.33”

Don Springer, McMaster Divinity College
“Irenaeus on Theosis and Divine Ascent”
Session 6B
Porphyry in the School of Origen
Location: Water Tower
Chair: Aaron Johnson, Lee University

Joseph Wilson Trigg, Retired
“Porphyry’s Application of Origen’s Exegetical Method”

Mark Randall James
“Semantics and the Task of Philosophy: Origen, Porphyry, and Linguistic Supersessionism”

Robin Darling Young, Catholic University of America
“The Civic Virtues and Vicious Kingship: Gregory of Nazianzus and Evagrius on Politeia”

Session 6C
Philo of Alexandria and Early Christian Literature (I)
Location: Addams
Chair: Justin Rogers, Freed-Hardeman University

Marius van Willigen and Geert de Korte, Theological University of Apeldoorn
“Ambrose’s Unwillingness to Use Philo’s Work”

Marketa Dudzikova, Charles University, Prague
“Insatiable Desire of Soul in Philo of Alexandria”
Session 6D
Before and After Origen
Location: Wrigley
Chair: Michael Motia, University of Massachusetts

Ky Heinze, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College
“Origen’s Christology”

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

Michael Ennis, Harvard University
“Translation, Textual Authority, and the Origenist Controversy”

Session 6E
Heresy and Discipline
Location: Burnham
Chair: David Maldonado Rivera, Kenyon College

Maroun El Houkayem, Duke University
“‘Foreign to divine order and ecclesiastical rule’: The Career of Melitius of Lycopolis”

Charles Rivera, Wake Forest Divinity School
“A World of Moles and Fishes: The Critique of Dualist Cosmology in Ephrem’s Discourses to Hypatius”

Jessica van ’t Westeinde, University of Bern
“Ephesus 431 CE and the Rhetoric of Urbanity”

Jenny Yang, University of Edinburgh
“Two Cities Idea as Augustine’s Response to the Conflict between the Donatists and the Catholics”
Session 6F
Spiritual Perception in Late Antiquity
Location: Comiskey
Chair: Kelli Gibson, Abilene Christian University

Paul L. Gavrilyuk, University of St. Thomas
“Philo as the Initiator of the Spiritual Senses Tradition”

Marcus Plested, Marquette University
“The Spiritual Senses in Macarius-Symeon”

Alexis Torrance, University of Notre Dame
“The Interface of the Physical and Spiritual Senses in Maximus the Confessor”

Frederick D. Aquino, Abilene Christian University
“Dispassion and the Proper Function of the Spiritual Senses in Symeon the New Theologian”

Session 6G
Apocryphal Texts in Transmission
Location: Field
Chair: Janet Spittler, University of Virginia

Jeannie Sellick, University of Virginia
“Temptresses, Tongues, & Titillation: Apocryphal Afterlives in the Narratives of Jerome”

Brandon W. Hawk, Rhode Island College
“A Medieval Composite Apocryphal Infancy Gospel: Madrid, Biblioteca nacional 9783”

James E. Walters, Hill Museum and Manuscript Library
“The Transmission of a Collection of Apocryphal Testimonia in Syriac Manuscripts”

Respondent: Karl Shuve, University of Virginia
Session 6H
Interpretations in Maximus
CANCELLED

Session 6I
Human Flourishing and Well-Being in Early Christianity:
Flourishing and the Common Good
Location: Horner
Chair: Dawn LaValle, Australian Catholic University
Matthew Crawford, Australian Catholic University
“Cyril of Alexandria’s Rejection of Religious Violence”

Thomas Breedlove, Baylor University
“‘Let Hunger Be Your Delicacy’: Gregory of Nyssa on Prayer, Labor, and Human Flourishing in *De oratione dominica* 4”

Theodore de Bruyn, University of Ottawa
“Meaning and Efficacy in the Routines of Christian Ascetics in Sixth-Century Gaza”

Session 6J
Local Expressions of Christianity (II): The West
Location: Crystal B
Chair: Kimberley Fowler, University of Glasgow
Sarah Parkhouse, University of Manchester
“The Carthaginian Amphitheatre in the Local Christian Imagination”

Julia Nations-Quiroz, Yale University
“Martyr Iconography and Memorialization in a Roman Home”

Rebecca Grose, Royal Holloway, London
“Adopting and Debating Religious Kinship in the Late Roman West: Gaul and North Africa Compared”

Discussion: Local Expressions and Future Directions
Session 6K (Virtual session)
Reading and Writing
Location: Virtual (see digital program for Zoom link)
Chair: Edwina Murphy, Australian College of Theology

Jennifer Ebbeler, University of Texas, Austin
“The Epistolary Habit of Cyprian of Carthage”

Joseph Slama, Catholic University of America
“Two Acrostics in the Hymns of St. Ambrose”

Thomas Humphries, Saint Leo University
“Sacra Lectio (Lectio Divina) as one key to Cassian’s Contra Nestorium”

Cillian O’Hogan, University of Toronto
“Crafting Poetry: Proba, Eudocia, and the Aesthetic Categories of Late Antiquity”

3:10pm – 3:30pm - Coffee Break
Location: Crystal Foyer & Founders Foyer
Sessions 7A-7J: 3:30pm – 5:10pm

Session 7A
Monastic Formations in and out of Egypt
Location: Addams
Chair: Niki Clements, Rice University

Caroline T. Schroeder, University of Oklahoma
“Girls and Girlhood in the White Monastery Federation”

Rebecca Krawiec, Canisius College
“Besa: The non-author”

Vince Bantu, Fuller Theological Seminary
“One is the God of this Egyptian Elder: Shifts in Christology and Ethnic Identity in Fifth-Century Egyptian Christianity”

Gabriel Gauci, Pontifical Gregorian University
“Doceo, erudio, formo, instruo. Elucidating Some of John Cassian’s Pedagogical Concerns”

Session 7B
Celibacy, Sexuality, and Authority
Location: Gold Coast
Chair: Brian Dunkle, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

Joseph Grone, Saint Louis University
“Christ, the Mother of Virgins: Ambrose of Milan and the Subversive Character of Virginal Integritas”

Matthew Klem, University of Notre Dame
“Competing Interpretations of Eve in 1 Timothy and Gregory of Nazianzus”

Joshua Schachterle, University of Denver
“The Power of the Cell: The Intersection of Power and Place in the Monastic Cells of the Desert Fathers”

Luis Salés, Scripps College
“Rethinking Maximos the Confessor’s Eschatology and Sexual Difference”
Session 7C
Textual Transmissions
Location: Burnham
Chair: David Eastman, McCallie School

Paul Bradshaw, University of Notre Dame
“Christological Titles in the Prayer-Texts of the Apostolic Tradition”

James Hamrick, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität
“The Reception of Hippolytus of Rome in an Ethiopic Commentary on Daniel”

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Session 7D
Authors, Teachers, and Learners in Late Antiquity (I):
Pedagogical Programs
Location: Field
Chair: Eugenia Torrance, University of Notre Dame

Stevie Henry, University of Pennsylvania
“The ‘Popularity’ of ‘Platonic’ Creation Stories”

Jordan Parro, Boston College
“The Pedagogical Metaphysics of Origen’s Homilies on the Psalms (CMG314)”

Michelle Freeman, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
“Learning Lament, Producing Presence: Emotional Education in the Pseudo-Dionysian Epistle to Timothy on the Death of the Apostles Peter and Paul”

Tiggy McLaughlin, Gannon University
“Orthodoxy Without Controversy: The Pedagogical Christologies of Hesychius of Jerusalem and Romanos the Melodist”
Session 7E
Human Flourishing and Well-Being in Early Christianity: Flourishing and Family, Marriage, and Sex
Location: Soldier Field
Chair: Brendan Case, Harvard University

Alex Pierce, University of Notre Dame
“Augustine on Marriage as Friendship: Possibilities for Human Flourishing Then and Now”

Christy Cobb, Wingate University
“Flourishing Families: Gender, Asceticism, and Community in the Acts of Thomas”

Natalie Reynoso, Fordham University
“Virginity as a Pathway for Human Flourishing in Early Christianity”

Session 7F
Philo of Alexandria and Early Christian Literature (II)
Location: Horner
Chair: Marketa Dudzikova, Charles University, Prague

John Solheid, Independent Scholar
“Philo in Origen’s Greek Homilies on the Psalms: Philosophical and Exegetical Considerations”

Romulus Stefanut, University of the South
“Two Lofty Liturgies of Life: Philo’s Therapeutae and their Friendly Polemics with the Essenes”

Justin Rogers, Freed-Hardeman University
“Divine Anthropomorphism in Philo and Origen”
Session 7G
Cyril’s *Contra Julianum* Book 7: Angles of Inquiry
Location: Water Tower

**Chairs:** Matthew Crawford, Australian Catholic University, and Aaron Johnson, Lee University

*Note:* NAPS conference attendees who would like to attend the session and join the discussion are welcome to contact Crawford and Johnson to obtain a copy of the translation to read in advance

Lewis Ayres, Durham University
“Cyril Against Julian: Hellene Against Hellene?”

Margaret M. Mitchell, University of Chicago
“Snacking on Greek Learning”

Sarah Klitenic Wear, Franciscan University of Steubenville
“Julian on Baptism”

Brad Boswell, Duke University
“Solomon between Julian and Cyril”

Session 7H
Jewish Roots of Eastern Christian Mysticism: Honoring Alexander Golitzin
Location: Wrigley

**Chairs:** Bogdan Bucur, St. Vladimir’s Seminary, Silviu Bunta, University of Dayton, Andrei Orlov, Marquette University

**Panelists:** Contributors to Andrei Orlov, ed., *Jewish Roots of Eastern Christian Mysticism: Studies in Honor of Alexander Golitzin* (VigChrSup 160; Leiden:Brill, 2020)
Session 7I
Ecological Thought and Encounter in Late Ancient Christianity
Location: Comiskey
Chair: Matthew Westermayer, Cornell University

Travis Proctor, Wittenberg University
“Animacy and Anti-Judaism in the Gospel of Peter”

Claire Koen, Fordham University
“Landscapes and Mindscapes in the Writings of Shenoute of Atripe”

Benjamin Hansen, University of Minnesota
“‘Deep and Difficult to Grasp’: Climate, Plague, and Providence in Anastasius of Sinai’s Questions and Answers”

Session 7J (Virtual session)
Human Beginnings and Endings
Location: Virtual (see digital program for Zoom link)
Chair: Jonathan Young, University of Oxford

James Thomas, University of Ghana, Legon
“Is the So-called ‘Irenaean’ Theodicy Fictitious?”

Doru Costache, Sydney College of Divinity
“The Principle of Synergy and Nonhuman Created Agency in Clement of Alexandria, Basil of Caesarea, and John Chrysostom”

Enrico Beltramini, Notre Dame de Namur University
“The Pope and the Katechon: Gregory The Great’s Eschatology Retold”

Sebastian Mateiescu, Leiden University
“Maximus the Confessor on the Sexual Difference and Division”

5:15pm – 6:30pm, CLA Business Meeting
Location: Addams
Session 8: 6:30 – 6:45pm

*Instrumenta Studiorum*
Location: Crystal A
Chair: Clayton N. Jefford,
Saint Meinrad Seminary

Session 9: 6:45pm – 7:30pm

NAPS Business Meeting
Location: Crystal A
Chair: Clayton N. Jefford,
Saint Meinrad Seminary

7:30pm – 9:30pm, Banquet Buffet
*(Ticketed Event – advance purchase required)*
Location: Crystal B

After Dinner Presentation:
“NAPS and the Republic of Letters”
Joseph W. Trigg

Saturday, May 28, 2022

7:30am – 9:00am, Continental Breakfast
Location: Crystal Foyer

8:00am – 1:00pm - Exhibits Open
Location: Crystal C
Sessions 10A-10J: 9:00am – 10:40am

Session 10A
Human Time from Theophilus of Antioch to Marcellus of Ancyra
Location: Addams
Chair: Tiggy McLaughlin, Gannon University

Jesse Colbert, Toccoa Falls College
“Creation and Human Capability: Theophilus of Antioch and Irenaeus of Lyon’s Contrasting Views of Providence and Human Flourishing”

Micah Miller, East Central College
“Origen’s and Eusebius’s Interpretations of Isaiah 6:2-3: A Case Study”

Maria Theotokos Adams, Catholic University of America
“Pascha and Eusebius of Caesarea: The Theology behind the Science of Time”

Austin Holmes, Boston College
“Divine Oneness and Deification After Nicaea: Contested Interpretations of John 17 and 1 Cor. 15”

Session 10B
Maximos the Confessor and Greek Philosophy
(organized by the Pappas Patristic Institute)
Location: Gold Coast
Chair: Kelley Spoerl, Saint Anselm College

Fr. Demetrios Harper, Holy Trinity Seminary
“Mapping Subjectivity and Self-perception in Late Antiquity: The Epistemology of the Self in Maximos the Confessor and Plotinus”

John Whitty, University of Oxford
“Reading the Theologian through the Philosopher? The Neoplatonic Contexts of Maximus’ account of the ascent of the intellect to God in Ambigua 7 & 10”

Joshua Robinson, Dumbarton Oaks Library
“Maximus the Confessor on Motion”

Jonathan Greig, KU Leuven/Flemish Research Council
“Ambiguum 17, Gregory of Nyssa, and Maximus the Confessor’s Denial of the ‘Bundle Theory’ of Sensibles”
Session 10C
Deifications
Location: Soldier Field
Chair: J. Columcille Dever, Creighton University

Charles Schulz, Concordia University
“Arguing over the ‘Gods’: Apologetic Interpretations of Ps. 82:6 in the Fourth Century”

Andrew Hofer, Dominican House of Studies
“Gregory of Nazianzus, Deification, and Peace in the Church”

Charles Kim, Saint Louis University
“Ekphrasis, Deified Eyes, and Participation: How Hearers become ‘See-ers’ in the Pedagogical Preaching of Augustine”

Jason Scully, Seton Hall University
“John the Solitary and Isaac of Nineveh on the Role of the Holy Spirit in Knowledge-Based Deification”

Session 10D
Jews and Judaism in Christian Discourse
Location: Burnham
Chair: M Adryael Tong, University of Michigan/ITC

Marie Ange Rakotoniaina, Yale Institute of Sacred Music
“Circumcision and the Invention of the Christian People in Augustine’s *Enarrationes in Psalmos*”

Jonathan Morgan, Indiana Wesleyan University
“Circumcision of the Mind in Cyril of Alexandria’s Soteriology”

Lee Jefferson, Centre College
“Horns of Moses, Hanging Judas: Christian Anti-Judaism in Visual Art”
Session 10E  
Platonic Patristics  
Location: Field  
Chair: Peter Steiger, Chaminade University of Honolulu

Gabriel Jaramillo, Pontifical Xavierian University  
“Education as a Heart-to-Heart Dialogue: The Horse and the Eyes in the Dialogue Between Macrina and Gregory”

Matthew Bertels  
“Athanasius Use of Logos to the Pagans”

Benjamin De Vos, Ghent University  
“Interpreting Philosophical Myth: Plato’s Myth of the Charioteer in the Pseudo-Clementines”

Alexander Earl, St. Vladimir’s Seminary  
“Divine Henads and Uncreated Energies? Procline Henadology in Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite”

Session 10F  
The Self and Society  
Location: Horner  
Chair: Alden Bass, Oklahoma Christian University

John Ladouceur, Princeton University  
“The Bodily Marks of the Church: Physiognomy and Comportment as a Means of Community Policing in Clement of Alexandria”

Hans Feichtinger, St. Paul University  
“Augustine and the Death Penalty”

Sebastian Hanstein, Universität Siegen  
“Salvian of Marseilles’ On the Governance of God as a Major Source for the Upheaval in Gaul Caused by the Great Migration (410-430s)”
Session 10G
Authors, Teachers, and Learners in Late Antiquity (II):
The Role of the Teacher
Location: McCormick
Chair: Stevie Henry, University of Pennsylvania

Dawn LaValle, Australian Catholic University
“Mothers and Daughters: Female Lines of Teachers in Thecla Literature and Lucian's *Dialogues of the Courtesans*”

Edward Creedy, King’s College, London
“Pedagogy in Performance: Clement of Alexandria’s *Protrepticus* and the Call to Perform Rightly”

Eugenia Torrance, University of Notre Dame
“No Stranger’s Voice: Gregory of Nyssa as Teacher of Anatomy in *De hominis opificio*”

Francis Watson, Durham University
“You Have One Teacher, Christ: Athanasius on Teaching and Learning”

Session 10H
Scriptural Exempla
Location: Water Tower
Chair: Patout Burns, University of Notre Dame

Becky Walker, Saint Louis University
“Models of Repentance: A Comparison between John Chrysostom’s *Ad Theodorum Lapsum I* and Jerome’s *Ad Oceanum (Ep. 77)*”

Michael Cameron, University of Portland
“The Rhetorical Role of Inhabiting Scripture in Augustine’s *Confessions*”

Jonathan Yates, Villanova University
“Did Jesus Deceive? Augustine’s Exegesis of John 7:2-13”

Mathieu Cuijpers, KU Leuven
“Shaping Mind and Model: John Chrysostom’s Method of Exemplification in *De Davide et Saule I*”
Session 10I
Disciplining Augustine
Location: Dusable
Chair: Thomas Clemmons, Catholic University of America

Maureen Kelly, University of Chicago
“Augustine’s Confessions as Spiritual Exercise: On Hadot, Foucault, and the Politics of Genre”

Makiko Sato, Tokyo Gakugei University
“Dilemma of Domination and Subordination in Augustine”

Austin Murphy, St. Procopius Abbey
“Three Focal Points: An Interpretive Key for Understanding Augustine”

Session 10J
Demons, the Demonic, and Ritual Power
Location: Crystal B
Chair: Maria Doerfler, Yale University

Andrea Antenan Peecher, Princeton University
“Painting the Fathers: The Ritual Use of Eyepaint in Late Antiquity”

Blake Jurgens
“Demons against Empire: The Dynamics of Demonic Discourse in Eusebius's Vita Constantini”

Gabrielle Thomas, Emory University
“The Role of Hostile Powers in Gregory of Nyssa’s Homilies on the Song of Songs”

Philip Abbott, Stanford University
“Battle of the Bands: The Psalter vs. Demonic Noises”

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Session 10K
Authorship and Genre

Location: Virtual (see digital program for Zoom link)

Chair: Cassandra Perry, Regent University/New York Theological Seminary

Chance Bonar, Harvard University
“Did an Early Christian Attribute the *Shepherd of Hermas* to Paul?”

Janelle Peters, Loyola Marymount University
“Presbyters, Pedagogues, and Authors in the Second Century”

Carl Johan Berglund, Åbo Akademi University

Tarmo Toom, Georgetown University
“Creed as *verbum breviatum*”

10:40am – 11:00am - Coffee Break – Crystal Foyer

Session 11: 11:00am – 12:00pm

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Location: Crystal B

Chair: Susan Ashbrook Harvey, Brown University

“The Lady Advances: Women Imagined and Actual in Late Antiquity”

Robin Darling Young, Associate Professor of Church History,
The Catholic University of America

12:00pm – 1:30pm – Lunch (on your own)
Sessions 12A-12J: 1:30pm – 3:10pm

Session 12A
The Virgin Mary
Location: Gold Coast
Chair: Rebecca Krawiec, Canisius College

Andrew Koperski, Ohio State University

Mikail Berg, Brown University
“The Conversion of Nubia and the Divine Feminine”

Bailey Freeburn, Yale Divinity School
“‘Better to Not Have Been Born’: On the Affective Nature of Sensory Torture in the Greek Apocalypse of the Virgin”

Session 12B
Human Possibilities and Difference in Gregory of Nyssa
Location: Addams
Chair: Amy Hughes, Gordon College

Emily Cain, Loyola University Chicago
“Artist of Your Image in Gregory of Nyssa”

Nathan Pederson, Loyola University Chicago
“Nyssa and the Black Bride: A Developing Hermeneutics of Skin Color in Early Christian Reflection on the Ethiopian”

David Kiger, Emmanuel Christian Seminary
“Marriage and the Vision of Divine Light in Gregory of Nyssa’s De Virginitate”

Clifton Huffmaster, Graduate Theological Union
“Re-thinking the Schema of Gregory of Nyssa’s De Vita Moysis”
Session 12C
Maximus the Confessor in the Medieval Latin West
Location: Soldier Field
Chair: Corey Stephan, Marquette University

Jonathan Bieler, University of Zürich
“A Comparison of Boethius, Maximus the Confessor, and Aquinas on the Transcendental Features of Being”

Vladimir Cvetkovic, University of Belgrade
“Boethius, Maximus the Confessor, and the Porphyrian Tree”

Brendan Case, Harvard University
“Robert Grosseteste’s Recapitulation of Maximus Confessor’s Cosmic Christology”

Benjamin Heidgerken, University of Dayton
“Porous and Buffered Selves in Maximus the Confessor and Thomas Aquinas: A Critique of Charles Taylor’s A Secular Age”

Corey Stephan, Marquette University
“Thomistic Maximianism: A Theology for Catholic and Orthodox Re-communion”

Respondent: Thomas Cattoi, Graduate Theological Union
Session 12D
Citation and Imitation
Location: Burnham

Chair: Han-luen Kantzer Komline, Western Theological Seminary

Joshua Miller, Marquette University
“The ‘Fathers’ in the Fathers: A Consideration of Fourth-Century Florilegia”

Hayden Hagerman, Marquette University
“Basil as Sacred Text: Gregory of Nazianzus’ Theological Defense of Basil the Great and Its Immediate Legacy”

Nathan Porter, Duke University
“Trinitarian Theology on the Road to Chalcedon: Rival Exegetical Practices in Cyril of Alexandria and Theodoret of Cyrus”

Mitchell Stevens, Saint Louis University
“New Words but Old Masters: Anastasius of Sinai and Hapax Legomena as Pious Imitation”

Session 12E
Literary Genres in Syriac
Location: Field

Chair: Christine Shepardson, University of Tennessee at Knoxville

Yuliya Minets, Jacksonville State University
“An Attempt in Taxonomy: What Is at Stake When We Speak about Genres in Syriac?”

Andrew Tucker, Saint Louis University
“‘O Sea of wisdom’: The Perception of Ephrem in the Syriac Poetic Tradition”

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Andrew Hochstedler, University of Oxford
“Genre Assumptions about the Virgin Mary’s Departure: The Influence of Modern Literary Categories on the Study of the Syriac Six Books”
Session 12F
Augustine the Preacher
Location: Water Tower
Chair: Ed Chan Stroud, University of Oxford

Zachary Howard, Durham University
“‘Wake Christ up, let him talk to you’ (serm. 63): The Role of the Imagination in Augustine’s Exegesis and Exhortations”

Hubertus Drobner, University of Paderborn
“‘Beyond Reasonable Doubt’: The Core of the Debate on the Chronology of Augustine’s Sermons”

Thomas Clemmons, Catholic University of America
“Augustine’s Early Sermons”

Session 12G
Exegesis and Innovation in the Second and Third Centuries
Location: Wright
Chair: Richard Brumback, Freed-Hardeman University

Donnie DeBord, Freed-Hardeman University
“Resurrection on the Third Day and the Hermeneutical Presuppositions li Behind Patristic Exegesis”

Jackson Lashier, Southwestern College
“‘Visible of the Invisible’: The Disparate Interpretations of Theophany in Irenaeus and Tertullian”

Samuel Mullins, Emory University
“The Rules of Typology: Hermeneutical Principles in Origen and Irenaeus”

Joshua Hebert, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
“The Challenge of Competing Textual Traditions in the Dialogue with Trypho”
Session 12H
Interpretations in Cyril of Alexandria
Location: Ogden
Chair: Andrew Summerson, University of Toronto

Thomas Pietsch, Australian Catholic University and Australian Lutheran College
“St Cyril of Alexandria and the mysteries of Isis in De adoratione”

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Joseph Ananias, Duke University
“‘Do Not Cut the Birds in Two’: Cyril of Alexandria’s Early Unitive Christology in the Glaphyra on the Pentateuch”

Shawn Wilhite, California Baptist University/Durham University
“He attributes to the economy with the flesh the words which suit the emptying: Cyril’s Partitive Reading Strategy and his Dogmatic Exegesis”

Ellen Scully, Seton Hall University
“Agency and Universality in Cyril of Alexandria’s Narrative of Fall and Redemption”

Session 12I
Free Will and Predestination in the Late Latin West
Location: McCormick
Chair: Jonathan Yates, Villanova University

Andrew Chronister, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
“Augustine and the Beginnings of the Pelagian Controversy”

Christopher R. Mooney, Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology
“What Exactly Changes in ad Simplicianum? The Inner and Outer Effect of Grace on the Will”

Patout Burns, University of Notre Dame
“Predestination and the Holiness of the Church in Augustine Teaching”

Michael Lovell, University of Tennessee
“Was There a Ban on Preaching Priests in Southern Gaul, 431-529?: The Controversy over Predestination and the Legacy of Caesarius of Arles”
Session 12J
Interpreting Fathers

Location: Virtual (see digital program for Zoom link)
Chair: Carl Johan Berglund, Åbo Akademi University

Cristian Cardozo Mindiola, UNAC
“Satanizing Herod: One Episode from the Wirkungsgeschichte of Mat 2,13–16”

Adam Renberg, Anderson University
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Evenia Moiseeva, Salzburg University
“What Did Augustine Learn about the Old Testament as a Manichaean Hearer?”

Naoki Kamimura, Tokyo Gakugei University
“The cura animarum of Augustine in the City of God”

Christopher McLaughlin, Boston College
"'Non enim videbit me homo et vivet': Marius Victorinus's Mysticism of Death.'
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 at 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 around 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 Series’ transition from CUA Press to University of California Press in 2014 under the new name Christianity in Late Antiquity. In 2021, Joel Kalvesmaki become the new editor of the 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, NAPS 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.patriotics.org](http://www.patriotics.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.” In 2014, interest and growth in the Society’s annual meeting necessitated a move to a larger venue, the Hyatt Regency in Chicago.

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