

## **NAPS PROGRAM 2024**

### **Friends:**

Please note that in this, final version of the program there have been a few minor changes. Participants in sessions 1I and 4G please take note, as well as participants in Session 10K. These changes were made in order to have a more equal number of sessions that require A/V facilities in each time slot. This affects the overall bill that NAPS must pay for A/V assistance.

### **Thursday, May 23**

Pre-conference workshop	9am – 12pm
Exhibits Open	10am – 5pm
Lunch (on own)	12pm – 1:30pm

### **SESSION 1 1.30 – 3.10**

#### **SESSION 1A**

#### **Themes in the Historians**

Chair: Ellen Muehlberger

Archives of Providence: Translation and Temporality in the Church Historians  
Philostorgios, Sokrates, and Sozomenos

- David Maldonado Rivera

From the Mouth of Emperors: Constantine's Speech in Anonymous Cyzicenus and the  
Church of the Holy Fathers

- Sean Tandy

A Phrygian Temper: An Ethnography of Schism in Socrates of Constantinople's  
Ecclesiastical History  
Rebecca Falcasantos

New Evidence on the Composition of Eusebius' Ecclesiastical History  
David DeVore

## SESSION 1B

### **Augustine and Exegesis**

Chair: Thomas Clemmons

Exegesis and Eloquence: Augustine and the Persuasive Art of Scriptural Interpretation  
Gregory Cruess

“The Weight of Authority”: Augustine’s Response to Problems in the New Testament  
Michael Dinsmore

Philippians 2 in the Anti-Homoian Polemic of Sts. Hilary and Augustine  
Christopher Howard

Probing the Rhetoric of Scripture Quotation in Augustine’s Confessions  
Michael Cameron

## SESSION 1C

### **Early Christianity and Greek Philosophical Traditions**

Chair: Karl Shuve

Exegetical Footings for Aristotelian Categories in Theodore of Raïthu  
Nicholas Proksch

Individuation’s Role in Philoponus’ *De aeternitate mundi contra proclum*  
Philip Quinn

Universals in Cyril of Alexandria’s *First Dialogue on the Trinity*  
John Kegley

Porphyry Transformed: The Fifth Century Appeal of a Platonist’s Corpus  
Aaron Johnson

## SESSION 1D

### **Philosophy and Early Christianity**

Chair: Gregory Lee

Trying to Die for Philosophy: Lucian, Athenagoras, and the Acts of the Martyrs  
Alex Istok

Flirting Rhetorically with Fate and Fortune: A Parenthesis in Early Christian Reflection on the Character of Divine Providence  
Paul Blowers

Ancient and Christian Philosophy in Cassian's *Collationes*  
Marianne Djuth

Tatian's Attack on Astrology (*Oratio ad Graecos* 9.2)  
Bert Harrill

## SESSION 1E

### **Fourth Century Trinitarian Controversies**

Chair: Anthony Briggman

Liberius's *Studens paci* and the Athanasius Affaire

- Emanuel Fiano & Glen L. Thompson

Athanasius' Theological Memory of Displacement by Violence in *de Fuga* and *ad Constantium*

Jonatán Simons

Who Were the *Digamoi* Of Canon 8 of the Council Of Nicaea?

David Hunter

*Exousia* in Eusebius of Caesarea's Trinitarian Theology

Grant Sutherland

## SESSION 1F

### **The Liturgical and the Musical**

Chair: Scott Moringiello

"One is Holy, One is Lord": Meletius of Antioch and the Origins of the Byzantine Communion Acclamation

- Nathan Porter

Behold! Montanus the Lyre: Musical Analogy within the Montanist Logia and its Broader Christian Context

- Jonelle Weier

*Celebratio* and *Commemoratio*: Augustine and The Liturgical Memory of the Church in Time

Joseph Grone

Music in Clementine Research: State of the Question

Daniel Webster

## SESSION 1G

### **Themes in Apocryphal Texts**

Chair: Clayton Jefford

The Fate of a Hebrew Flute-girl: Conceptions of Ethnicity and Peoplehood in Bardaisan and the *Acts of Thomas*

- Mikail Berg

A Prayer to the dead in the *Acts of Paul*?

- Vasili Antoniadis

Mandaeans and Christians in Late Antiquity: Points of Contact and Possibilities for Study

- Blake Hartung

Prostitutes and Pipes: The Hebrew Flute Player in the *Acts of Thomas*

- Christy Cobb

## SESSION 1H

### **Beyond 'Liturgics'**

Chair: Maria Doerfler

A Compelling Motive for Mixing

- Michelle Freeman

Affective Labor in Ritual Formularies

- Rikki Liu

Martyria and Early Christian Ways of Seeing Ritual Dying  
Michael Motia

The Liturgical Creation of Christian Scripture:  
David Brakke

## SESSION 11

### **Early Christian Creativity and Cultural Production**

Chair: Jeremiah Coogan

The Scandal of a New Story: The Narrative about Jesus Christ as a New Mythical Paradigm and its Reception among Non-Christians  
Teresa Morgan

Envy: *Phthonos* in Four Objects  
Laura Nasrallah

Speaking Unnoticeably, Revealing Hiddenly, and Showing Silently: Clement of Alexandria and the Limits of Literary Production  
Cody Glen Barnhart

Un-Christian Creativity? Magic and Warfare in Julius Africanus's *Cesti*  
Jared Secord

Respondent: Mark DelCogliano

## SESSION 11

### **Transforming Gospel Traditions in Coptic Literature**

Chairs: Francis Watson and Kimberly Fowler

Roots of Galaktotrophusa Iconography in Coptic Literature and Scripture

- Benjamin Zachary

Politicized Piety: Apocryphal Censure in Episcopal and Monastic Egypt  
Jonah Bissell

*The Gospel of Philip* and its Apostolic Namesake

- Kimberly Fowler

Divine Word as Divine Speech? *The Gospel of Truth* and the Johannine Prologue in Dialogue

- Francis Watson

**Afternoon Break**

**3:10pm – 3:30pm**

**SESSION 2 3.30-5.10**

SESSION 2A

**Gregory of Nyssa**

Chair: David Brakke

Dignity and Humility in Gregory of Nyssa

Thomas Breedlove

Genre Blending: Reading Virtue in the Life of Moses

Logan Prettyman

Gregory of Nyssa and the Spiritual Senses Reconsidered

Warren Smith

Contest, Wit, and Manhood in the Letters of Gregory of Nyssa

- Nathan Howard

SESSION 2B

**Prudentius**

Chair: Rick Brumback

Meteorological Morality: Prudentius's Reading of Sunlight in *Cathemerinon* 2

Kathleen Kirsch

Prudentius and Bishop Valerian: The Christianization of Calagurris' Urban Space through the Hymns of the *Peristephanon*

- Marina Murillo

*Christianorum Maro et Statius*: The Classical Poetic Tradition in Prudentius

Luke Maschue

## SESSION 2C

### **Themes in Syriac Christianity**

Chair: Emmanuel Fiano

Under the Influence: Severus, Syrian Orthodoxy, and the Greek Miaphysites of Gaza  
Tina Shepardson

Limits of Language, Limits of Humanity: Philological and Theological Reflections on Translation in Sixth-Century Syriac Sources

- Philip Forness

The Epistemology of Childbirth Metaphors in Ephrem the Syrian's *Hymns on the Nativity*

- Mariamni Plested

## SESSION 2D

### **Maximus the Confessor**

Chair: Blake Hartung

The "Thickness" of the Flesh in Gregory of Nazianzus and Maximus the Confessor  
Brendan Harris

Creating a Christological Diptych: Maximus the Confessor's Symphonic Exegesis of Dionysius and Gregory Nazianzen  
Andrew Summerson

We've Been Getting Maximos (Almost All) Wrong on Sexual Difference  
Luis Sales

## SESSION 2E

### **Liturgical Studies**

Chair: Eric Vanden Eykel

Breath and Fire: The Holy Spirit in Late Ancient Liturgical Poetry  
Jillian Marcantonio

Romanos' Reveling Irony Prompts Paschal Joy: Rhetorical Strategies and Liturgical Formation in the Melodist's *Kontakion on the Resurrection 1*  
Andrij Hlabse

Religious Literacy in the Late Ancient Near East: Liturgical Catechesis and Not-So-Simple Believers of Roman Arabia  
Stephen Shoemaker

Ritual Dying: The Performative Function of the Panegyric in the Late Ancient Cult of the Martyrs  
Paige Spencer

## SESSION 2F

### **Agency and the Non-Human**

Chair: Ethan Laster

Revisiting Relic Mixtures in Late Ancient Syriac Sources

- Sunil Persad

Symbolic Object or Living Being? Images of the Cross in Late Antique Egypt

- Eric Yingling

The Natural World as a Teacher of the Soul: Resonance of Clement's διδάσκαλος in Maximus' Natural Contemplation  
Sarah Griffin

## SESSION 2G

### **Religion, Power, and Rulership in Late Antiquity**

Chair: Carl Rice

The Imperial Enforcement of the Scythian Theological Formula, namely, "One of the Holy Trinity suffered in flesh (ἓνα τῆς ἁγίας Τριάδος πεπονηθέναι σαρκί)," through the Imperial Edicts of Justinian (CJ I,1,5-8) and his Theological Writings.

- Teodor Tăbuș

Princes and Prophecy: Subversive Biblical Allusion in Jordanes' *Histories*  
Ryan Wilkinson



The Church of Late Antique Iran and the Roman Emperors: History or Forged Memory?

- Annunziata Di Rienzo

Tyrant, Sinner, King: Herod in Late Antique Literature

Erin Galgay Walsh

## SESSION 2H

### **Shifting Discourses of (Non)Authority in Late Antique Patristics**

‘Fill the Earth and Subdue it:’ Epiphanius, Genesis, and the Development of Nicene Christian Cultural Authority

Jordan Swanson

“Using Origen to Reinterpret Nag Hammadi Cosmogonies”

Daniel Zimmerman,

“Christian Amulet-Makers? Authority and Ritual in Late Ancient Oxyrhynchus”

- Evan Andersson

## SESSION 2I

### **Asceticism and Monasticism**

Chair: TBA

Remembering Death: St John Climacus and Eugene Vodolazkin’s *Laurus*

Lance Green

The Canonization of Shenoute: Literacy, Memory, and the Body in an Egyptian Monastery

Rebecca Krawiec

Monastic Worlds: *Conversio*, *Conversatio*, and the Ontological Turn

Matthew Baker

Dinner Break (on own)

5:10pm – 7:30pm

Graduate Student Reception

5:30pm – 6:30pm

**SESSION 3 (Presidential Address)**

**7:30pm – 8:30pm**



- Jeff Wickes

Did Angels Create Heretics? Joseph Hazzaya, Angelic Servants, and the Messalian Crisis in the Church of the East  
Ethan Laster

Strategies for Empowering Scriptures  
Peter Martens

Vibrant Alphabet: Pachomian Letters, Angelic Encounters, and the Agency of Letter Forms

- Lydia Bremer-McCollum

#### SESSION 4C

#### **Teaching the ReMedHe *Sourcebook***

- Chair: Susan R. Holman

Co-Presenters:

Kendra Eshleman  
Molly Jones-Lewis  
Brenda Llewellyn Ihssen  
Heidi Marx  
Tara Mulder  
Catherine van Reenen

#### SESSION 4D

#### **Dionysius's Analogous Participation in God**

Chair: Dominic V. Cassella

Hierarchical Participation from Paul to Dionysius  
Dominic V. Cassella

Dionysian Analogy: Bridging the Abyss between God and Creation  
Pavlos Panagiotis

“Monsieur saint Denis” in 16<sup>th</sup>-century France: Guillaume Briçonnet's Reception of Ps.-Dionysius in his Correspondence with Marguerite of Alençon

- Maria Fallica

Immaterial Theurgy and Liturgical Validity in Proclus and Pseudo-Dionysius  
Bruce McCuskey

#### SESSION 4E

### **Origen and Clement**

Chair: Sophie Lunn-Rockcliffe

Cosmology and Exegesis: Using Telos and Apokatastasis to Understand Origen's  
Exegetical Method  
Christopher Albert

Human Nature and Cosmic Hierarchy in Methodius's Critique of Origen  
Austin Foley Holmes

Love and Philosophy in Clement of Alexandria  
Scott Moringiello

Vulgar Blockheads and Pious Fools: The Rhetorical Construction of Simple Believers in  
Origen of Alexandria's *Contra Celsum*

- Alex Lopez

Origen and the Religious Interest of Julia Mamaea  
Robert Williams

#### SESSION 4F

### **Fourth Century Trinitarian Controversies**

Chair: Rebecca Stephens Falcasantos

Always Son: A Point of Consensus in the Fourth-Century Alexandrian Crisis  
Jean-Paul Juge

Arian and Nicene Christologies in Phoebadius of Agen's *Contra Arrianos*  
Mark DeCogliano

Through "Arian" Eyes: Later Homoian Perspectives on Church History

Mattias Gassman

“The Father is Greater than I”: Conflicting Traditions of Pro-Nicene Exegesis at the Council of Constantinople (381)

- Nathan Porter

SESSION 4G

### **Miscellanea**

Contextualizing the homiletic commentary

- Hildegund Muller

Homilist As Hierophant: Ekphrasis As Formation Of The Spiritual Senses In Andrew Of Crete

- Lucas Christensen

John Chrysostom [and his Listeners] on the Lord's Prayer  
Blake Leyerle

SESSION 4H (NVC)

### **Religion, Power, and Rulership in Late Antiquity**

Chair: Carl Rice

Pulcheria, the Virgin Empress Who Gave Birth to God: A History of Political Power and Religious Influence in Late Antiquity

- Dina Gillham

The King's Evil Twin: Church-State Succession Crises and the Deaths of Arius and Constantine  
Samuel Allen

“Scripture accuses you”: Lucifer of Cagliari's Invective against Constantius II and the Limits of Imperial Authority

- Johnathan Stutz

Divine Providence and Rulership in Eusebius' *de Laude Constantini* and the *Oratio Constantini*

- Marc Bergemann

## SESSION 4I

### **Themes in Augustine**

Chair: Michael Cameron

Rethinking the Structure of Augustine's *Confessions*  
Mark Weedman

The Lady Reappears: Reconsidering Monica in Augustine's Early Works  
Tom Holsteen

Augustine and Epictetus on Will and Choice  
Jonathan Milad

Augustine from 388-392  
Thomas Clemmons

## SESSION 4J (NVC)

### **Historical Theology: Its Enduring Value and Place Today**

Chairs: Ellen Scully and Anthony Briggman

Matt Crawford  
Brian Dunkle, SJ  
Susan Harvey, Brown  
Andy Radde-Gallwitz  
Gabrielle Thomas

Coffee Break

10:40am – 11am

### **During Coffee Break: Lightning Talks**

Cyril of Alexandria on the Spirit's Unifying and Empowering Work in the Incarnate Christ  
Donnie DeBord

Recycling Saint Job from the dung heap of historical criticism – translating LXX  
commentaries on the book of Job by Didymus the Blind and Olympiodorus of Alexandria  
Peter Steiger

Confluences of Color, Blood, Power, and Light  
Austin Andrews

**SESSION 5 (Plenary Lecture)**

**11am – 12pm**

Chair: Lewis Ayres

Morwenna Ludlow                      Holy Speech? Parrhesia, Power and Wonder

Lunch (on own)

12pm – 1:30pm

**SESSION 6 (Plenary Lecture)**

**1:30pm – 2:30pm**

Chair: Lee Jefferson

- Robin Jensen                      The New Jerusalem in the Old Rome

**SESSION 7 3pm-5.10pm**

**SESSION 7A (NVC)**

**Philosophical and Theological Arguments**

Chair: Andrew Summerson

Trinitarian Analogy and Dionysius the Areopagite's Ninefold Hierarchies  
Michael Wiitala

The *Divine Names* and Principles of Analogical Predication?

- Jack Boczar

Divine Participation and Ontological Hierarchy: Dionysius and African Philosophy in  
Comparative Perspective  
Daniel Lowry

Approaching the Eschatology of Evagrius of Pontus through Philosophical Debates about  
Change  
Nathan Tilley

Animal Souls and Intelligence among Christian Authors: An Overview of the Evidence

- Jonathan Young

## SESSION 7B

### **Themes in Second and Third Century Theology**

Chair: Brian Dunkle, SJ

Seeing Succession: The Visible Church as Cultural Memory in Irenaeus

- Philip Abbott

Christology Through Anthropology in Theophilus' *Ad Autolyicum*

Richard Brumback III

Preliminary Remarks on the Seeds of a Theological Aesthetics in the Apostolic Fathers

Daniel Hanna

Rebuilding Community: Cyprian's Use of Biblical Models in *De lapsis* and *De unitate*

Edwina Murphy

Transformation and Accomodation: Proto-Orthodox Christianity as an Adaptive Reform of Gnosticism

Jonathan Cahana-Blum

## SESSION 7C

### **Gregory of Nyssa**

Chair: Warren Smith

Speaking of God: A Reevaluation of Gregory of Nyssa's *Ad Ablabium*

Zakarias Gram

Theology by Guesswork: Gregory of Nyssa and Stochastic Reasoning

John Reilly

Figural Exegesis in Gregory of Nyssa's Homily on the Ascension of Christ

Milanna Fritz

## SESSION 7D



## **Asceticism and Monasticism**

Chair: Tina Shepardson

The Transformation of Pride in the Capital Vice Tradition: John Cassian, Augustine, and Gregory the Great  
Carl Vennerstrom

Circling the Wagons: John Cassian's Rhetorical Establishment of Monastic Authority

- Joshua Schachterle

"Take Away the Fruit of My Sin Which I Have Borne": Maternal Regret in Early Female Asceticism

- Candace Buckner

Evagrius' Ascetic Corpus: Bodies and Beings in the Foundations and Eulogios

- SN Yeager

## SESSION 7E

### **Miscellanea**

Chair: Matthew Crawford

Justification by Icons: John Damascene's Appropriation of Patristic Readings of Paul  
Jackson Shepard

The Reception of Evagrius in Armenian Monastic Schools

- Jesse Arlen

The Anathemas against Origen of 553 Re-examined

Joel Kalvesmaki

The Incarnation in Fifth-Century Christian Apologetic Literature

Austin Steen

## SESSION 7F

## **Fathers and Fatherhood in Early Christianity**

Chair: Marcin Wysocki

The Concept of Father and Fatherhood in Bollandist Publications  
Constantin Oprea

Οἱ πατέρες καταφρονοῦσι τῶν νόθων παίδων: Chrysostom and Theodoret on  
Fatherhood in the Letter to the Hebrews  
Benjamin Aiche

“I remember my father” (Aug. ep. 7, 1): Father and Fatherhood in the Letters of St.  
Augustine  
Marcin Wysocki

Father and Fatherhood in the letters between Isidore of Pelusium and Cyril of Alexandria

- Prelipcean Alexandru

In Absence of Fathers: Legal and Ecclesiastical Interventions to Protect the Vulnerable in  
the Late Antique Roman Empire  
Stacie Beach

## **SESSION 7G (NVC)**

### **Early Christian Exegesis**

Chair: Jennifer Ebbeler

Text and History: Revisiting Patristic Nonliteral Hermeneutics  
Corine Milad

Eucherius' Enigmatic Formulas of Spiritual Knowledge

- Tarmo Toom

Somewhere between Earth and Heaven: The Death of Moses in the Synoptic  
Transfiguration Narratives and their Reception

- Eric Vanden Eykel

## **SESSION 7H**

## **Themes in Augustine's Theology**

Chair: Gregory Cruess

The Body of Death and the Christ of Life: Augustine on Bodily Health and Eternal Life in the Tractates on the Gospel of John

Alex Fogleman

Augustine's Doctrine of Consoling Grace: The Pastoral Function of Predestination in Augustine's *In Iohannis Euangelium Tractatus*

Adam Estes

Words and the Word in Augustine's *Homilies on the Gospel of John*

Adam Ployd

Paternal Relationship in Augustine: The Role of Physical Fatherhood in Augustinian Theology and Thought

Kevin Franke

### SESSION 7I

#### **Roads not Taken: *Ressourcement sans nostalgie***

Chair: Paul Blowers

Augustine: Christian Sacraments Effective *ex opere operantis Christi totius*

J. Patout Burns

Engagement without Coercion: Origen the Philosopher

Joseph Trigg

At a Loss in the Cosmos

Robin Darling Young

Eusebius of Caesarea, Origenist *Manqué?*

Michael Hollerich

### SESSION 7J

**Book Panel on Michal Bar-Asher Siegal, *Jewish-Christian Dialogues on Scripture in Late Antiquity: Heretic Narratives of the Babylonian Talmud* (2019)**

**Chair:** Paula Fredriksen

**Panellists:**

Michal Bar-Asher Siegal

Maria Doerfler

Naomi Koltun-Fromm

Sophie Lunn-Rockcliffe

JECS Business Meeting 5:15pm – 6:30pm

CLA Business Meeting 5:15pm – 6:30pm

SESSION 8 (*Instrumenta Studiorum*) 6:30pm – 6:45pm

SESSION 9 (NAPS Business Meeting) 6:45pm – 7:30pm

Dinner Reception 7:30pm – 9:30pm

After Dinner Speaker: Prof Robin Darling Young

SATURDAY May 25th

Continental Breakfast 7:30am – 9am

Exhibits Open 8am – 1pm

**SESSION 10 9-10.40**

SESSION 10A

**Religion, Power, and Rulership in Late Antiquity**

Chair: Carl Rice

Who's to Say? Thinking Back on the Authority of Imperial Decisions with Theodoret of  
Cyrhus

Ellen Muehlberger

Patristic Supersessionism, the Nation-Angels, and the Origenian Tradition

- Samuel Pomeroy

Leading by Example: Community Influence and Visibility in the Sermons of Augustine and John Chrysostom

- Caspian Goggin

Rule by Kindness and Discipline: Gregory the Great's Approach to Divine, Civil and Spiritual Power

Benjamin Vanderhyde

## SESSION 10B

### **Themes in Early Christian Theology**

Chair: Brendan Harris

The Origin of Human Mortality According to Theodoret of Cyrrhus

Vasilije Vranic

The Rise of the Creationist Ensoulment Model and its Detrimental Effect on Corporate Conceptions of Humanity, Original Sin, and Soteriology

Ellen Scully

“Two natures have been united after the union”: The Metaphysics of Cyril of Alexandria's Christology and his Use of *mia physis*

Shawn Wilhite

Toward a Symbolic Theology

Jordan Parro

## SESSION 10C

### **Gregory of Nyssa**

Chair: Morwenna Ludlow

The Spirituality of Labour and Caring in Gregory of Nyssa: The Ascetic Path of Imitating Divine Perfection

- Ibuki Yamane

Word and Work: The Plotinian Natural Philosophy of Gregory of Nyssa

Timm Heinbokel

On Becoming Diabolic in Gregory of Nyssa's *On the Beatitudes* and *On the Lord's Prayer*

Gabrielle Thomas

The Origin of Evil and the Virtuous Life: Gregory of Nyssa's Second Homily on Ecclesiastes  
Alyssa Elliott

## SESSION 10D

### **Themes in Augustine**

Chair: Adam Ployd

Bishop Lazarus Goes to Hippo  
Jennifer Ebbeler

Monica's Friendship: The Holy Spirit and the Church in St. Augustine's Confessions  
Br Robert McFadden CSC

"Be a spectacle yourself": Imitation for Moral Formation in Augustine's *en. Ps. 39*  
Zach Howard

## SESSION 10E

### **Miscellanea**

Chair: TBA

Polycarp and Perpetua in the Emir's Court: Recasting Martyrologies in Response to Early Islam  
Anthony Baldwin

Bourdieu and the Cult of the Saints as Cultural Theology  
• David Eastman

Thecla Triumphatrix (or, What did Thecla do to Alexander in that street in Antioch?)  
Margaret Mitchell

Chrysostom's "Ἀνάθεια of the Angels": the Form of Salvation  
Samantha Miller

## SESSION 10F

## **Themes in Syriac Christianity**

Chair: Joel Kalvesmaki

Confessional Boundary Crossing in the Manuscript Transmission of Isaac's *Memre on Faith*

- Andrew Tucker

The Voice and the Word in Early Syriac Theology

- David Kiger

Ephrem and Basil in the *Encomium in Basilium*: An Examination  
Daniel Edwards

War and Persecution: Aphrahat and the Historiography of Early Syriac Christianity  
James Walters

## SESSION 10G

### **The Development of Sacramental Theology in the North African Church**

Chair: J Patout Burns

The Sacramentology of Tyconius  
Alden Bass

The Right to Baptize, Supreme and Otherwise:  
Reading Paul in Tertullian of Carthage's *De Baptismo*  
J. Columcille Dever

*E contrario latere tractatus huius: De rebaptismate* and the Dialectics of History  
Geoffrey D Dunn

## SESSION 10H

### **Dionysius and Maximus**

"He Thirsts to be Thirsted for": Maximus the Confessor's Dionysian Exegesis of Gregory Nazianzen  
Andrew Summerson

Bearing Theandry: Dionysius and Maximus in *Ambiguum* 5  
David Shaw

St. Maximus' Christological transformation of Platonic cosmic analogy  
Carson Shaw

## SESSION 10I

### **Christianity and the Medical**

Chair: Brian Matz

The Emergence and Development of Healing and Health Care in the Second and Third Centuries  
Naoki Kamimura

Crafting a Sexual Villain: The Sex Worker as Source of Disease and Danger in Early Christian Thought  
Alexander Perkins

Pandemics Then and Now: The Plague of Cyprian and Christian Ascendancy  
• Lee Jefferson

## SESSION 10J

### **Origen and His Reception in Cappadocia**

Chairs: Ky Heinze & John Solheid

The *Philocalia* of Origen: *Status Quaestionis*  
• John Solheid

Basil of Caesarea's Use of the *Philocalia*  
• Adam Rasmussen

Sin and Free Will in Origen and the Cappadocians  
Jerome Falk

Πρόνοια and Free Will in the *Philocalia*  
Ky Heinze



Coffee Break 10:40am – 11am

SESSION 11 (plenary lecture) 11am – 12pm

Chair: Lewis Ayres

Christoph Markschies

Time in Antiquity – Ancient Times: What We Can Learn about Early Christianity  
from the Synchronizing of Time in Antiquity

Lunch (on own)

## **SESSION 12 1.30-3.10**

SESSION 12A

### **Themes in Augustine**

Chair: Zachary Howard

Getting to “Ought” from “Is”: Augustine on the Gradation of Being  
John Copas

The Development of Augustine’s Thought on the Beauty of Eternal Punishment  
Trevor Rickenbrode

The Sabbath Rest and the Poetics of Time in Augustine’s *Enarrationes in Psalmos*  
• Marie-Ange Rakotoniaina

The Myth of Augustine’s Political Ambivalence  
Gregory Lee

SESSION 12B

**Gregory Nazianzen**

Chair: Michael Magree SJ

The Structure and Purpose of Gregory's "First Theological Oration"  
Brayden Hirsch

Disability Theologies in Gregory of Nazianzus  
Brian Matz

Sin as Chosen Disease in Gregory of Nazianzus  
Caleb Little

Gregory of Nazianzus's Περὶ τῆς ἀνθρωπίνης φύσεως (1.2.14) in its Poetic Context  
Milanna Fritz

## SESSION 12C

### **Fourth Century Theology**

Chair: Peter Martens

Marius Victorinus' Sacramental Theology  
Christopher McLaughlin

Is the Father *Principium* or *Praeprincipium*? An Anomaly in Marius Victorinus's Trinitarian Treatises  
Stephen Cooper

*Ressourcement* Ambrose  
Robert Grant

*De Decretis* 1224: Nicaea's First Orthodoxy  
Miche René Barnes

## SESSION 12D

### **Early Christian Exegesis**

Chair: Alex Fogleman

Chewing the Cud with Barnabas and Origen: A Comparison of Allegorical Interpretations on Dietary Law

Br. John Baptist Santa Ana

Origen, Isidore and Junilla: New Data in the Reception History of Rom 16:7

- Bridget Jeffries

The Vine and the Branches: Patristic Interpretations of John 15

- Charles Schulz

The Twelve Apostles in Late Antique Art and Text

- Deborah Deliyannis

## SESSION 12E

### **Un/problematic Masculinities**

Chair: Erin Galgay Walsh

Monastic Tales of Abduction: Animacy, Alterity, and the Spatialized Construction of Sexuality in Late Antiquity

- Camille Angelo

Reading the Song, Re-Writing Plato: Origen's Commentary on the *Song of Songs*

- Karl Shuve

'Spectatorship as Drag': Male Audiences and Gender Play in Early Christian Hagiography  
Katie Kleinkopf

To Be Man, To Be Divine: Masculinity in the Pseudo-Clementine Homilies  
Joshua King

## SESSION 12F

### **Fourth Century Christianity**

Chair: Jared Secord

The Role of Cyprian in Lactantius' *Divine Institutes*  
Peter Fraser-Morris

Saint Spyridon, Saint of Social Justice  
Young Kim

Picturing the Poor in the Pages of Scripture: A Sample from John Chrysostom's Homilies  
on Matthew  
Becky Walker

## SESSION 12G

### **Texts and Composition**

Chair: Heidi Marx

Excessively Clementine? Revisiting the Stylometry of Letter to Theodore

- Michael Zeddies

Julian the Apostate and the (Re)compositional Contexts of Christian Texts

- Brad Boswell

Constantine and the Codification of Christian Culture  
Matthew Bertels

Identification Documents: Sacrificial Libelli and Christian Textual Practices in the Third  
and Fourth Centuries

- Jeremiah Coogan

Keeping the Conversation Going or, How Scholia Made Early Christian Writings  
Traditional

- Jonathan Zecher

## SESSION 12H

### **Dionysius's Analogous Participation in God**

Chair: Dominic Cassella

The κατά δύναμιν in St Dionysius the Areopagite and Plato

- Jonathan Gardner

The Dionysian-Thomistic Doctrine of the Imparticipability of the Divine Essence  
Theresa Ryland

The Good & the Beautiful: Moral Exemplarism in Dionysius  
Noah Karger

The Hierarchy of Pseudo-Dionysius's *The Divine Names*  
Karl Taps

SESSION 12I

**Reconfiguring the Inner Life: Christian Asceticism and the Construction of an Ordered Subjectivity**

Chair: Clifton Huffmaster

Respondent: Paul Blowers

The Relational Agency of Monks in Gaza  
Theodore de Bruyn

Pneumatic *diakrisis*: Diadochos of Photiki on Discrimination, the Holy Spirit, and the Purification of the Intellect

- Thomas Cattoi

Time and Subjectivity in Early Western Monastic Hymns  
Brian Dunkle, SJ

Psalmic Appropriation and the Configuration of Subjectivity in Augustine's *Confessions*  
Michael Glowasky

**VIRTUAL SESSION I**

Saturday 1.30-3.10

Mimesis, Mime, and Monasticism in the Life of Eupraxia  
Paul Dilley

Signs of Confession: Rethinking Augustinian Ethics  
Joshua Blanchard

Between Christianity, Gnosticism, and Manichaeism: Views on Foreign Languages  
Yuliya Minets

The Funeral Liturgy of a Christian Woman in 4th Century Cappadocia. Cross, Prayer and  
Therapy in Vita Macrinae.

- Gabriel Jaramillo

## **VIRTUAL SESSION II**

Saturday 3.30-4.45

Constantius Philologos and the Image of the Learned Man in Mid-Fourth Century  
Literature and Art  
Arthur Urbano

Confluences of Color, Blood, Power, and Light  
Austin Andrews

Unpublished Syriac Version of The Discourse of Timothy the Presbyter of Jerusalem on  
Simeon the Elder and the Presentation of Our Lord into the Temple  
Iskander Bcheiry

Signs of Jonah in Early Christian Reception  
Alberto Solano Zatarain