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## Call For Papers

**Twelfth Annual NAPS Meeting, Loyola, Chicago,**

**Thurs., May 29 - Sat., May 31, 1997**

If you wish to read a paper at the conference, please submit your paper title along with an abstract of approx. 200 words.

**These should be sent by February 15, 1997 to:**

Brian E. Daley, S.J.  
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**Queries and other correspondence** may be sent to that address, or by e-mail to: daley.3@nd.edu

Abstracts, however, should be submitted in hard copy only.

**If you are willing to chair a session at the conference**, please let Brian Daley know. You need not be reading a paper to chair a session, but it would be helpful to know in what field of interest you would prefer to be involved. Proposals for entire sessions, usually made up of three papers, are also welcome, as are proposals for special sessions - discussions, for example, by several people of a recent book. Our goal is to make the conference as valuable as possible for all members, and we welcome all suggestions for improving the program of the annual meeting.

Meanwhile, thank you for your continuing interest, and for your help in making the annual NAPS conference an interesting and enjoyable gathering of scholars of early Christianity.

## Books

Stephen Cooper. Metaphysics and Morals in Marius Victorinus' Commentary on the Letter to the Ephesians: A Contribution to the History of Neoplatonism and Christianity. New York: Peter Lang, 1995.

Augustine J. Curley. Augustine's Critique of Skepticism: A Study of Contra Academicos. New York: Peter Lang, 1996.

Terrence G. Kardong, O.S.B. Benedict's Rule: A Translation and Commentary. Liturgical Press, 1996.

## Announcements

### Best First Article Prize.

At its meeting in May 1996, the Board of Directors of NAPS voted to revive the award of a prize (\$250.00) for the first article published in a scholarly journal by a member of the Society.

For this year's competition, articles published no earlier than January 1994 will be accepted for consideration for the prize, which will be announced at the Society's annual meeting in May 1997. The group of Associate Editors of the Journal of Early Christian

Studies will serve as the panel of judges. Any member of NAPS may submit an article for consideration, including authors. Articles should be submitted in the form of an offprint or a photocopy.

Send submissions to Patricia Cox Miller, Dept. of Religion, 501 Hall of Languages, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244-1170, by February 1, 1997.

**History, Apocalypse and the Secular Imagination: Augustine's City of God, Its Precursors and Sequels.** 20-minute papers on all relevant topics are invited for an interdisciplinary symposium on this general theme, to be held at the university of British Columbia, Vancouver, 18-20 September 1997. Deadline for abstracts: 15 January 1997. Contact: Mark Vessey, Dept. of English, University of British Columbia, 397-1873 East Mall, Vancouver, British Columbia. Phone: 604-224-6681. Fax: 604-822-6906. E-mail: [mvessey@unixg.ubc.ca](mailto:mvessey@unixg.ubc.ca)

## Elections

At the general meeting we must elect:

**Vice Pres/Pres-Elect**, who coordinates our Thirteenth Annual Meeting (1998) and takes over as President in 1998-99

**2 Members-at-large:** Our revised constitution calls for 4 members-at-large. These individuals represent the general membership. The terms are for three years and staggered for continuity. Feel free to submit names of candidates to the members of the nominating committee: Mark Vessey, Jim Goehring, and Rebecca Weaver.

## Misc.

**Directory:** Most of you should have received a membership directory this summer. If you did not and would still like one, I have some extra copies. If any information in the directory is incorrect, please send corrections to me. If you have already sent corrections to Tom

Finn, please send them again to me. (I was a bit un-organized in July and August).

### **Communication with the Secretary/ Treasurer:**

If at all possible, please communicate with me via e-mail: [jokeefe@creighton.edu](mailto:jokeefe@creighton.edu). I will answer more quickly and it streamlines the preparation of this newsletter.

If you have published a book of interest to the members of the society, please forward the information to me, and I will include it in the next issue of Patristics.

Thanks. John O'Keefe