

# PATRISTICS

Newsletter of the North American Patristics Society  
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## NAPS Conference 2008

**The NAPS 19th Annual Meeting** will be held on 22-24 May 2008 at the Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza. The event will once again be organized by SMI of Denver, who will coordinate housing, travel needs, and registration. Registration will be held by forms distributed via USPS and email, as well as a web link at [www.patristics.org](http://www.patristics.org).

## Call for Papers

If you wish to read a paper at the annual meeting, send a title and abstract by **15 January** to:

Dr. Paul M. Blowers  
Emmanuel School of Religion  
One Walker Drive  
Johnson City, TN 37601  
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Only NAPS members in good standing may read papers.

Abstract pages should show a paper title but no author's name. Committee members consider abstracts along the following criteria:

- (1) clear thesis
- (2) knowledge of sources
- (3) awareness of relevant methods, historiographical, or philosophical issues
- (4) originality
- (5) subject matter that falls within the parameters of late

antiquity and patristic studies. Please indicate scheduling constraints or whether Power Point and AV equipment are needed. Also indicate if you would chair a session. You need not read a paper in order to serve as chair. Proposals for new or special sessions, such as a discussion of recent books, are welcome.

## Best First Article

NAPS will again award a prize of \$250 for the best first article in the field of patristics published by a NAPS member in a scholarly journal. Articles should have been published **no earlier than January 2007**.

Any member may submit an article, regardless of whether that person is the author. A short letter should state that the article is the author's first scholarly work and include an email address. Members of the *J ECS* Board will serve as judges, with a winner to be announced at the annual meeting. Send 2 copies of the article, either as off prints or photocopies, **by 1 March** to:

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## Call for Nominations

The Nominating Committee of NAPS seeks names for the positions of **Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer**, and two **Members-at-Large**. Elections will take place at the annual meeting in May. Send nominations to the committee members at:

Andrew Jacobs  
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## Announcements

Congratulations to this year's winner of the **best first article prize**, Paul R. Kolbet, for his article "Athanasius, the Psalms, and the Reformation of the Self," *Harvard Theological Review* 99 (2006): 85-101.

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A new project entitled **Early Christianity & the Economy in Antiquity** was launched by John Fitzgerald (University of Miami) & Fika Van Rensburg (University of the North-West; South Africa). The project will hopefully be registered both with the SBL and NAPS as a standing program unit. For those who may wish to

participate in the project,  
please contact:

Hennie Stander  
([hennie.stander@up.ac.za](mailto:hennie.stander@up.ac.za))

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An international conference on **Sanctified Violence in Ancient Mediterranean Religions: Discourse, Ritual, Community** will be held at the Univ. of Minn., Twin Cities on 6-8 October 2007. Aiming at a better view of the genealogy of “religious violence” via its diverse ethnic, linguistic, and political roots in the Mediter-

anean world, the conference covers early Rome to the rise of Islam (c. 150 BCE to 750 CE). For paper abstracts, go to the conference website at [www.sanctifiedviolence.umn.edu](http://www.sanctifiedviolence.umn.edu). For details, contact:

Kate Gallagher  
([svc@umn.edu](mailto:svc@umn.edu))

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The **33rd Annual Byzantine Studies Conference** will be held at the Univ. of Toronto from 11-14 October 2007. The conference is an annual forum for presentation and discussion

on all aspects of Byzantine Studies. For more information, go to [www.byzconf.org](http://www.byzconf.org) or contact Glenn A. Peers (Univ. of TX) 512-232-2594.

### New Books

Hildebrand, Stephen M. *The Trinitarian Theology of Basil of Caesarea: A Synthesis of Greek Thought and Biblical Truth*. Washington, DC: CUAP, 2007.

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