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Chicago, Illinois

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Dear NAPS members and conference participants,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 2010 Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society. This will be the fourth time we have met in Chicago's Holiday Inn Mart Plaza; even for those of us with long memories of Loyola campus meetings, the hotel is starting to feel comfortably familiar! The conference promises to be, as always, a time of rich intellectual and social exchange among scholars of ancient Christianity and related fields. I would like to extend a special welcome to new members and first-time attendees.

NAPS Vice President Dennis Trout has done an extraordinary job of organizing the program, helping launch a new on-line paper proposal submission system (no small task in itself) and pulling together some 62 sessions of papers—our largest conference ever! We all owe him our tremendous gratitude for the many, many hours spent on our behalf. Thanks are surely also due to Debbie Cowen and the other staff members of Summit Meetings, Inc., for their excellent work in helping us plan this meeting.

As is our tradition, we will be welcoming two special guests for plenary lectures. Thursday evening, Philip Rousseau, Andrew W. Mellon Distinguished Professor of Early Christian Studies at The Catholic University of America, will deliver an address entitled “Homily and Exegesis: Reflections on their Intersection.” Saturday morning, Gillian Clark, Professor of Ancient History at the University of Bristol, will offer a lecture entitled “After Babel? Rome 410 and the Transformation of Patristics.” I myself will have the privilege of delivering this year's NAPS presidential address Friday morning. And at Friday evening's banquet, David Hunter, who holds the Cottrill-Rolfes Chair of Catholic Studies at the University of Kentucky and is a past president of NAPS, will enlighten and entertain us with some after-dinner remarks on a tantalizing topic.....

With all best wishes for a wonderful conference,

Virginia Burrus
Professor of Early Church History, Drew University
President, North American Patristics Society

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THURSDAY, MAY 27

9:00-11:00 Meeting of the NAPS Board of Directors—
Mansion House

10:00-5:00 Exhibits Open—Sauganash West

12:00-1:30 **Teaching Workshop:**
Organizing and Enjoying the Survey Course
Location: Sauganash East
Moderator: Andrew Jacobs, Scripps College

Panelists: William Tabbernee (Phillips Theological Seminary, Emeritus), Maureen A. Tilley (Fordham University), Becky Krawiec (Canisius College), and Caroline T. Schroeder (University of the Pacific)

Session 1	Taming Texts: Writing and Reading Location: Sauganash East Chair: Catherine Chin, University of California, Davis
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2:00-2:25 Michael Penn, Mount Holyoke College
“Marking Heresy: Manuscript Changes and the Reading of Orthodoxy”

2:25-2:50 Eric Scherbenske, Independent Scholar
“Euthalius’s Paratexts: Mimesis, Catechesis, and the Corpus Paulinum”

2:50-3:15 Nathan Crawford, Loyola University of Chicago
“The Improvisational Theology of Augustine”

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Session 2	Doctrines of Deification and Participation Location: Mansion House Chair: Anders Tune, Wittenberg University
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- 2:00-2:25 Vladimir Cvetkovic, University of Aarhus
“St. Maximus the Confessor on Participation”
- 2:25-2:50 Charles Meeks, Wycliff College, Toronto
“The Role of Deification in Augustine’s Combat with Pelagians”
- 2:50-3:15 Frederick Aquino, Abilene Christian University
“Love and Knowledge in Maximus the Confessor: A Regulative Matter”

Session 3	Cappadocian Theology I Location: Merchants Room Chair: Vasiliki Limberis, Temple University
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- 2:00-2:25 Adam Rasmussen, Catholic University of America
“What Exactly is Basil the Great’s Attitude toward Allegory?”
- 2:25-2:50 Brian Matz, Carroll College
“Uses of Scripture in Gregory Nazianzen’s *Oration 14*”
- 2:50-3:15 Andrew Hofer, O.P., University of Notre Dame
“The Mixtures of Christ and Gregory of Nazianzus”

Session 4	Other Latin Nicenes I Location: Steamboat Room Chair: Daniel H. Williams, Baylor University Organizer: Michel R. Barnes, Marquette University
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- 2:00-2:25 John Voelker, Independent Scholar
“Marius Victorinus’ Remembrance of the Nicene Council”
- 2:25-2:50 Rebecca Hylander, Marquette University
“*Dominus Maiestas-Homo Indutus*: The Christology of Gregory of Elvira”

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2:50-3:15

Ellen Concannon, Marquette University
“The Eschatology of Hilary of Poitiers’s *Tractatus super Psalms*: Eternal Life in the Body of Christ”

Session 5

Gender and Nag Hammadi I

Location: American House

Chair: Katherine Veach, Claremont Graduate University

**Organizers: Katherine Veach and Nathan Bennett,
Claremont Graduate University**

2:00-2:25

Ben Dunning, Fordham University
“Adam Typology and the Problem of Gender in Nag Hammadi and Other ‘Heterodox’ Texts”

2:25-2:50

M. Tyler Gillett, Claremont Graduate University
“The Role of Rape in Nag Hammadi Texts”

2:50-3:15

Mikael Haxby, Harvard University
“Martyrdom and Sexual Difference in the First Apocalypse of James”

Session 6

Tertullian and Athenagoras

Location: Shakespeare House

Chair: Kenneth Steinhauser, St. Louis

University

2:00-2:25

Nathaniel Marx, University of Notre Dame
“Tertullian on the Martyr’s Endurance and the Patience of Job”

2:25-2:50

Richard Tomsick, Ursuline College
“Tertullian’s Menagerie: *De Idololatria* and the Rule of Faith”

2:50-3:15

David Robinson, University of St. Michael’s College
“‘The Confidence of Christians’: Tertullian and Athenagoras on the Resurrection”

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Session 7	Love, the Mind, and Books: Exegetical Pedagogy and Noetic Exegesis I Location: Lake House Chairs: Blossom Stefaniw, University of Erfurt, and Michael V. Niculescu, Bradley University Organizers: Blossom Stefaniw and Michael V. Niculescu
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2:00-2:25 Grant Bayliss, St. John's College, Cambridge
"The High Price of Teaching: Adam, Pedagogy, and the Fall"

2:25-2:50 Gregorio Montejo, Marquette University
"The Deuterotic Hermeneutics of the Body in Origen's Mystical *Paideia*"

2:50-3:15 Richard Layton, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
"Moses the Pedagogue: Procopius of Gaza and Moral Education"

Session 8	Jerome's Public Relations Location: Western Stage House Chair: Ellen Muehlberger, University of Michigan
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2:00-2:25 Christine McCann, Norwich University
"Teacher and *Nutricius*: St. Jerome as Spiritual Mentor"

2:25-2:50 Young Kim, Calvin College
"In the Shadow of a Lion: The Life of Paulinian, the Brother of Jerome"

2:50-3:15 Thomas Clemmons, University of Notre Dame
"Jerome: *Vita Pauli* and *Vita Antonii*: Asceticism and the Desert"

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Session 9	Eusebius and the Locations of Authority in Philosophy Location: Bull's Head Chair: Jeremy Schott, University of North Carolina, Charlotte Organizer: Aaron P. Johnson, University of Chicago
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- 2:00- 2:25 Aaron P. Johnson, University of Chicago
"The Place of Hebrew Wisdom: Eusebius and Porphyry"
- 2:25-2:50 David Devore, University of California, Berkeley
"Writing Collective Philosophical Lives: Strategies of Intellectual Historiography in Eusebius and Diogenes Laertius"
- 2:50-3:15 Megan Hale Williams, San Francisco State University
"The Divine Emperor: The Sources and Reception of a Philosophical Topos in Eusebius"

Session 10	Sacred or Non-Sacred: Texts on the Margins Location: Sauganash East Chair: Susan Graham, Saint Peter's College Organizer: Jonathan Yates, Villanova University
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- 3:30-3:55 Jeffrey Bingham, Dallas Theological Seminary
"Irenaeus and the Other Books: Non-Canonical Texts in his Polemic"
- 3:55-4:20 Clayton Jefford, Saint Meinrad
"Accepting the Open-Ended: Marginal Texts among the Apostolic Fathers"
- 4:20-4:45 Jonathan Yates, Villanova University
"Christian Sacred Texts in Roman North Africa before 248 CE"

Session 11	Ignatius of Antioch Location: Mansion House Chair: Michael McCarthy, Santa Clara University
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- 3:30-3:55 Kevin Scull, University of California, Los Angeles
"Self-Effacement in the Letters of Ignatius and Paul"
- 3:55-4:20 Romulus Stefanut, University of Chicago
"Martyrdom as Eucharistic Discipleship in Ignatius of Antioch"
- 4:20-4:45 Carl Smith, Cedarville University
"Ministry, Martyrdom, and Other Mysteries: Pauline Influence on Ignatius"

Session 12	Cappadocian Theology II Location: Merchants Room Chair: Kelley Spoerl, St. Anselm College
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- 3:30-3:55 Zachary Kostopoulos, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
"The Holy Spirit as Unction and Trinitarian Life: A Patristic Perspective"
- 3:55-4:20 Stephen Hildebrand, Franciscan University of Steubenville
"Basil and Athanasius on the Holy Spirit: Is there Dependency?"
- 4:20-4:45 Morwenna Ludlow, University of Exeter
"Not Completely Evil: The Location of Demons in Cappadocian Theology"

Session 13	Other Latin Nicenes II Location: Steamboat Room Chair: Daniel H. Williams, Baylor University Organizer: Michel R. Barnes, Marquette University
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- 3:30-3:55 Alexander Huggard, Marquette University
"The Unity of Divine Substance in Isaac the Jew's *De Fides Isatis ex Iudaeo*"

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- 3:55-4:20 Michel R. Barnes, Marquette University
“The Place of Rufinus of Syria’s *De Fide* in Latin Pro-
Nicene Theology”
- 4:20-4:45 Lewis Ayres, University of Durham
“Augustine, Trinitarian Definition and the Forgotten
Western Tradition”

Session 14	Gender and Nag Hammadi II Location: American House Chair: Nathan Bennett, Claremont Graduate University Organizers: Katherine Veach and Nathan Bennett, Claremont Graduate University
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- 3:30-3:55 Jonathan Cahana, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
“Gnosticism and Radical Feminism: Can Two
Walk Together Except They Be Agreed?”
- 3:55-4:20 Nathan Bennett, Claremont Graduate University
“On the Origin of the World: A Tractate on
Virginity”
- 4:20-4:45 Katherine Veach, Claremont Graduate University
“The Case for Feminine Authorship of ‘On the
Origin of the World’”

Session 15	Syriac Homiletic Biblical Exegesis I Location: Shakespeare House Chair: Kristian Heal, Brigham Young University Organizers: Robert Kitchen, Knox Metropolitan United Church, and Kristian Heal
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- 3:30-3:55 Phil Botha, University of Pretoria
“Ephrem the Syrian’s Exegesis and Polemical Use
of Psalm 110”
- 3:55-4:20 Robert Kitchen, Knox-Metropolitan United Church
“Exegeting a Drink of Water: Syriac Exegesis on
Gideon”

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Yifat Monnickendam, Bar Ilan University
“Between Jerome and Ephrem: Roman Apology in Syriac Dress”

Session 16

Love, the Mind, and Books: Exegetical Pedagogy and Noetic Exegesis II

Location: Lake House

Chair: Robin Darling Young, University of Notre Dame

Organizers: Blossom Stefaniw, University of Erfurt, and Michael V. Niclescu, Bradley University

3:30-3:55

Blossom Stefaniw, University of Erfurt
“Noetic Exegesis as a Mode of Religious Life: Porphyry, Origen, and their Geographies of the Mind”

3:55-4:20

Michael V. Niclescu, Bradley University
“Origen Otherwise than Origen: An Alternative Approach to Origen's Incarnational View of the Bible and of Biblical Exegesis”

4:20-4:45

Discussion

Session 17

Second- and Third-Century Christianity

Location: Western Stage House

Chair: Ronald Heine, Northwest Christian University

3:30-3:55

Eric Wickman, Saint Louis University
“The Apocalypse of Peter: The Earliest Christian Witness to ‘Purgatory’”

3:55-4:20

Jared Secord, University of Michigan
“Galenic Medicine and Christianity at Rome”

4:20-4:45

Pier Franco Beatrice, University of Padua
“The Nature and Contents of Heracleon’s *Hypomnemata*”

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Session 18	Theodoret, Leontius, and Symeon Location: Bull's Head Chair: Mark DelCogliano, University of St. Thomas
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- 3:30-3:55 Stefana Laing, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
 “Peace (*eirene*) as a Criterion of Successful Christian Rulership in Theodoret’s *Ecclesiastical History*”
- 3:55-4:20 Thomas Cattoi, Graduate Theological Union
 “Relationship or Person? Reassessing Leontius of Byzantium’s Notion of Hypostasis”
- 4:20-4:45 Ashley Purpura, Fordham University
 “Symeon the New Theologian: Singing the Divine Reality”
- 5:00-7:30 Dinner Break (on your own)

Session 19	Plenary Lecture Location: Sauganash East Chair: Paul Blowers, Emmanuel School of Religion
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- 7:30-8:30
 “Homily and Exegesis: Reflections on Their Intersection”
 Philip Rousseau
 Andrew W. Mellon Distinguished Professor of Early Christian Studies,
 The Catholic University of America

- 8:30-10:30 Dessert Reception—Wolfe Point Ballroom, 15th floor
 Co-Sponsored by the Fordham University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Theology

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7:30-9:00 General Continental Breakfast—LaSalle Room,
15th floor

Graduate Student Continental Breakfast—Wolfe
Point Ballroom, 15th floor

*The Graduate Student Breakfast will be hosted by
NAPS President Virginia Burrus; past presidents of
NAPS are also invited and encouraged to attend!
This is mostly, however, a time and place for
graduate students to meet and talk with one
another.*

9:00-5:00 Exhibits Open— Sauganash West

Session 20	Touching Religion in Late Antiquity Location: Sauganash East Chair and Organizer: Douglas Boin, University of Texas at Austin
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9:00-9:25 Stephen Davis, Yale University
“Shenoute and a Newly Discovered Tomb Chapel
at the White Monastery”

9:25-9:50 Matthew Grey, University of North Carolina
“Liturgical Synagogue Architecture and Priestly
Ideology in Late Antiquity”

9:50-10:15 Steven Larson, Ohio Wesleyan University
“Constructing Constantine: Tangible Building
Projects vs. Eusebius’ Theological Portrait”

10:15-10:40 Theodore de Bruyn, University of Ottawa
“Amulets Invoking Mary and Dynamics between
‘Institutional’ and ‘Lived’ Religion”

Session 21	Providence and Free Will Location: Mansion House Chair: Ute Possek, Gordon College
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9:00-9:25 Ryan Woods, Emory University
“Providence, Punishment, and Perfection: Clement
and Basilides on Suffering”

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- 9:25-9:50 Diana Fruchtman, Indiana University
“Stoic Paradigms in Augustine’s Account of Grace and Free Will”
- 9:50-10:15 Thomas Scheck, Ave Maria University
“St. Jerome on Predestination, Free Will, and Divine Foreknowledge in his Exegesis of St. Paul”
- 10:15-10:40 Adam Ployd, Emory University
“Divine Contingency in Nemesius’ Rejection of Stoic Compatibilism”

Session 22	Constantine and Nicaea Location: Merchants Room Chair: Jane Merdinger, Independent Scholar
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- 9:00-9:25 Timothy Barnes, University of Edinburgh
“New Light on Constantine”
- 9:25-9:50 Matthew Recla, University of California, Santa Barbara
“Emperor and Apostle: Constantinian Theology in the Pauline Tradition”
- 9:50-10:15 Ilaria L.E. Ramelli, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan
“Origen, the ‘Arians,’ Nicaea, and Constantinople: A Reassessment”
- 10:15-10:40 Scott Rushing, Baylor University
“In Defense of Theodoret: Nicaea in the *Historia Ecclesiastica*”

Session 23	Policing Boundaries Location: Steamboat Room Chair: Walt Stevenson, University of Richmond
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- 9:00-9:25 Andrew Jacobs, Scripps College
“Matters (Un-)Becoming: Conversions in Epiphanius of Salamis”

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- 9:25-9:50 Geoffrey Dunn, Australian Catholic University
“Innocent’s Letter to Laurentius: Photinians,
Bonosians, and the *Defensores Ecclesiae*”
- 9:50-10:15 Demetrios Katos, Hellenic College
“Palladius on the (Questionably) Legal Reception
of Origenist Monks”
- 10:15-10:40 Shawn Keough, Catholic University of Leuven
“Theodosius, Patriarch in Exile: Alexandrian
Episcopal Authority and Ecclesial Identity in the
Age of Justinian”

Session 24	The Reception of Paul’s Letter to the Romans: Predestination and Divine Sovereignty Location: American House Chair: Patout Burns, Vanderbilt University Divinity School Organizers: George Kalantzis, Wheaton College, and Patout Burns
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- 9:00-9:25 Ellen Charry, Princeton Theological Seminary
“Rebecca's Twins: Augustine on Election in
Genesis”
- 9:25-9:50 Joshua Davis, Vanderbilt University Divinity School
“Relating Divine and Human Agencies in
Augustine's Doctrine of Election”
- 9:50-10:15 Marleen Verschoren, Augustinian Historical
Institute, Heverlee-Leuven
“The Concept of *Concupiscentia Carnis* in
Augustine's Sermons”
- 10:15-10:40 Sarah Byers, Boston College
“Cooperation with Grace as ‘Yielding’ to
‘Hormetic Impressions’ in Augustine”

Session 25	Syriac Homiletic Biblical Exegesis II Location: Shakespeare House Chair: Robert Kitchen, Knox-Metropolitan United Church Organizers: Robert Kitchen and Kristian Heal, Brigham Young University
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- 9:00-9:25 Jobi Patteruparampil, Catholic University of Leuven
“Rule of Faith in the *Doctrina Addai*”
- 9:25-9:50 Kristian Heal, Brigham Young University
“Syriac Homilies on Biblical Themes: Taking Stock”
- 9:50-10:15 Scott Fitzgerald Johnson, Washington and Lee University
“Beyond Quotation: Romanos and Jacob of Serugh on the Sinful Woman”
- 10:15-10:40 Open Panel Discussion with all speakers

Session 26	Early Augustine Location: Lake House Chair: Michael Slusser, Saint Paul, MN
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- 9:00-9:25 Naoki Kamimura, Tokyo Gakugei University
“The Evolving View of ‘Religion’ in Augustine’s Early Works”
- 9:25-9:50 David Alexander, Liberty Graduate School
“Sex, Universal Chastity, and True Religion: Augustine’s View of Sex in *De vera religione*”
- 9:50-10:15 Jared Ortiz, Catholic University of America
“*Fecisti Nos*: Creation in the *Confessions* of St. Augustine”
- 10:15-10:40 Michael Cameron, University of Portland
“Impersonation (*Prosopopoeia*) and Christ in Augustine’s Early *Enarrationes in psalmos*”

Session 27	A Practical Ascent: Theurgic Ritual Reconsidered Location: Western Stage Chair: Elizabeth Digeser, University of California, Santa Barbara Organizer: Joshua Brockway, Catholic University of America
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- 9:00-9:25 Joshua Brockway, Catholic University of America
“On the Wings of Words: Theurgic Language in Dionysius and Iamblichus”
- 9:25-9:50 Daniel Wade McClain, Catholic University of America
“The Erotics of the Remainder: Christology and the Creational Dynamic in Dionysian Theurgics”
- 9:50-10:15 Joshua Delpech-Ramey, Rowan University
“A Fully Realized Paganism? Milbank’s Theurgic Vision”
- 10:15-10:40 Patricia Cox Miller, Syracuse University
“Response”

Session 28	Representing Lives: Biography and Hagiography Location: Bull’s Head Chair: Arthur Urbano, Providence College
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- 9:00-9:25 Lois Gandt, St. Monica Institute for Patristic Studies
“Antony of Egypt: ‘A Pillar of the Church’”
- 9:25-9:50 Burcht Pranger, University of Amsterdam
“Kenosis and Abundance in Augustine’s *Confessions*”
- 9:50-10:15 Ellen Muehlberger, University of Michigan
“Gregory of Nyssa’s *Life of Moses* and Its Acetic Context”
- 10:15-10:40 Emanuel Fiano, Duke University
“Rabbula and His Doings”
- 10:40-11:00 Coffee Break—Exhibit Hall, Sauganash West

Session 29	NAPS Presidential Address Location: Sauganash East Chair: Elizabeth Clark, Duke University
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11:00-12:00

**“Fleeing the Uxorious Kingdom: Augustine’s Queer
Theology of Marriage”**
Virginia Burrus
**Professor of Early Church History and Chair
of the Graduate Division of Religion, Drew University**

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12:00-1:30 Lunch Break (on your own)—Tables for conversing are set up in the LaSalle Room, 15th floor

Session 30	Books and Boundaries: Christian Narrative Strategies of Inclusion and Exclusion Location: Sauganash East Chair: Aaron Johnson, University of Chicago Organizer: Jamie Wood, University of Manchester
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1:30-1:55 Kate Cooper, University of Manchester
“From Martyrdom to Christendom: Christian Identity and Boundary Construction”

1:55-2:20 James Corke-Webster, University of Manchester
“Belonging by the Book: Martyr Texts and Christian Community Building”

2:20-2:45 Jamie Wood, University of Manchester
“The Production of Communal Identity in Late Roman Spain”

2:45-3:10 Dirk Rohmann, University of Manchester
“Prudentius, Book Destruction, and the Cultivation of the Christian-Roman Reader”

Session 31	Origen and His Interlocutors Location: Mansion Room Chair: Khaled Anatolios, Boston College
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1:30-1:55 Ronald Heine, Northwest Christian University
“Origen and the Christian Canon of the Old Testament”

1:55-2:20 Brian Barrett, University of Notre Dame
“The Clothing of Divinity: Scripture as Incarnation According to Origen”

2:20-2:45 Karl Shuve, University of Edinburgh
“Origen and the ‘*Tractus de epithalamio*’ of Gregory of Elvira”

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2:45-3:10

Edmon Gallagher, Heritage Christian University
“Origen and Africanus on the Hebrew Criterion of
Canonicity”

Session 32

**The Reception and Interpretation of Sacred
Texts in Early Christianity: The
Transfiguration I**

Location: Merchants Room

Chair: Bogdan Bucur, Duquesne University

Organizers: Bogdan Bucur and Jeffrey

Bingham, Dallas Theological Seminary

1:30-1:55

Dragos Giulea, Marquette University
“Hellenization and *Visio Formae Dei*: Origen's
Transfiguration Accounts and the Vision of Christ
in the Form of God”

1:55-2:20

Timothy Becker, Union Theological Seminary
“The Appearance of Origen in Maximus on the
Transfiguration”

2:20-2:45

Cameron Partridge, Harvard University
“ ‘Clothed with Christ’: Maximus the Confessor on
the Transfiguration and Sexual Difference”

2:45-3:10

Joseph Mueller, Marquette University
“Gregory of Elvira on the Transfiguration”

Session 33

Ambrosiaster

Location: Steamboat Room

**Chair: Theodore de Bruyn, University of
Ottawa**

**Organizer: David G. Hunter, University of
Kentucky**

1:00-1:25

Stephen Cooper, Franklin and Marshall College
“The Opening of Ambrosiaster’s *Quaestiones
Veteris et Novi Testamenti*”

1:25-1:50

Junghoo Kwon, St. Michael’s College
“Question 125 of Ambrosiaster and the Pseudo-
Athanasian *De Trinitate*”

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1:50-2:15 Kevin Uhalde, Ohio University
“Ambrosiaster and ‘You’: Question 102, Contra Novatianum”

2:15-2:40 David G. Hunter, University of Kentucky
“ ‘I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins my mother conceived me’: Ambrosiaster and his Contemporaries on Psalm 50:7”

Session 34	The Rhetoric of Heaven I Location: American House Chair: Taylor Petrey, Harvard Divinity School Organizers: Candida R. Moss, University of Notre Dame, and Taylor Petrey
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1:30-1:55 Eric Daryl Meyer, Fordham University
“Gregory of Nyssa’s Bodies: Human, Animal, and Celestial”

1:55-2:20 Christine Luckritz Marquis, Duke University
“Remembering Heaven, Transforming the Desert: Paradisiacal Imaginings in Egyptian Asceticism”

2:20-2:45 Jonathan Zecher, University of Durham
“The Angelic Life in the Desert and John Climacus”

2:45-3:10 Charles Stang, Harvard Divinity School
“Apophatic Angelology and the Ontology of ‘Dissimilar Similarities’ in Pseudo-Dionysius”

Session 35	Christology and Trinitarian Theology in Context Location: Shakespeare House Chairs and Organizers: Mark DelCogliano, University of St. Thomas, and Mark Weedman, Crossroads College
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1:30-1:55 Mark DelCogliano, University of St. Thomas
“Asterius in Context: The Eusebians on the Fatherhood of God”

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- 1:55-2:20 Kelley Spoerl, St. Anselm College
“Apollinarius in Context: Homoiousians, Homoians, and Heteroousians”
- 2:20-2:45 Andrew Radde-Gallwitz, Loyola University
“Gregory of Nyssa in Context: The Spirit as the Glory of God”
- 2:45-3:10 Mark Weedman, Crossroads College
“Augustine in Context: Polemics and Grammar in Augustine’s *De Trinitate*”

Session 36	Augustine: Theology, Exegesis, and Translation Location: Lake House Chair: Lewis Ayres, University of Durham
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- 1:30-1:55 Douglas Finn, University of Notre Dame
“A Gracious Word: The Holy Spirit in Augustine’s Rhetoric of the Incarnation”
- 1:55-2:20 Dongsun Cho, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
“Augustine on the Immanent Trinity Revealed in the Economic Trinity”
- 2:20-2:45 Timo Nisula, University of Helsinki
“Changing Clothes: Augustine and Rhetorical Transfiguration in Romans 7”
- 2:45-3:10 Joseph T. Lienhard, S.J., Fordham University
“Augustine, *Quaestiones in Heptateuchum*: What a Translator Learns, II”

Session 37	Demons and Demonologies Location: Western Stage Chair: David Brakke, University of Indiana Organizer: Sophie Lunn-Rockcliffe, Kings College London
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- 1:30-1:55 Dayna Kalleres, University of California, San Diego
“Chastening Demons in Late Antique Hagiography”

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- 1:55-2:20 Heidi Marx-Wolf, University of Manitoba
“Daemons and the Body in the Secret Revelation of John”
- 2:20-2:45 Greg Smith, Central Michigan University
“Demons and Thoughts from Tatian to Philoponus”
- 2:45-3:10 Sophie Lunn-Rockliffe, Kings College London
“Demonizing the Messalians”

Session 38	Monks and Monasticism Location: Bull’s Head Chair: Stephen Shoemaker, University of Oregon
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- 1:30-1:55 William Harmless, SJ, Creighton University
“Were Monks Really Ascetics?”
- 1:55-2:20 Caroline Schroeder, University of the Pacific
“Ascetic Parenting Practices: Monks and Their Children in Latin Sources”
- 2:20-2:45 Stuart Squires, DePaul University
“The Authorship of Augustine’s *Rule* in Light of Possidius’ *Life*”
- 2:45-3:10 Ann Kuzdale, Chicago State University
“The Reception of Gregory the Great in the Middle Ages”
- 3:10-3:30 Coffee Break— Exhibit Hall, Sauganash West

Session 39	The Reception and Interpretation of Sacred Texts in Early Christianity: The Transfiguration II Location: Sauganash East Chair: Jeffrey Bingham, Dallas Theological Seminary Organizers: Bogdan Bucur, Duquesne University, and Jeffrey Bingham
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- 3:30-3:55 Joel Kalvesmaki, Dumbarton Oaks
“Counting on Jesus: The Byzantine Icon of the Transfiguration”
- 3:55-4:20 Bogdan Bucur, Duquesne University
“Matt. 17:1-9 as a Vision of a Vision: A Neglected Strand in the Patristic Exegesis of Transfiguration”
- 4:20-4:45 Aaron Johnson, University of Chicago
“The Ends of Transfiguration: The Importance of Eusebius' Luke Commentary”
- 4:45-5:10 William Wright, Duquesne University
“Patristic Exegesis of the Transfiguration and Literal Sense in de Lubac”

Session 40	Characterizing Jews and Jewish Characterization Location: Mansion House Chair: Blake Leyerle, University of Notre Dame
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- 3:30-3:55 Joel Willitts, North Park University
“Paul and Jewish Christians in the Second Century”
- 3:55-4:20 Richard Brumback, Baylor University
“The Authorship of the *Epistula ad Diognetum* and Characterizations of Judaism”
- 4:20-4:55 Carl Baechle, Fordham University
“Jews and Heretics in the Writings of Justin Martyr”
- 4:45-5:10 Jeremy Bergstrom, Durham University
“Gentiles, Jews, Christians, and Sacraments in Augustine's *De doctrina Christiana*”

Session 41	Negotiating the Body: Virginity, Marriage, and Widowhood Location: Merchants Room Chair: Patricia Cox Miller, Syracuse University
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- 3:30-3:55 Anne McGowan, University of Notre Dame
“Body Speaking and Spoken: The Widow as Altar of God”

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3:55-4:20 Michael Pettinger, Eugene Lang College, The New School "Redefining Marriage and Masculinity in Ambrose's *De Abraham*"

4:20-4:45 Despina Prassas, Providence College "The Audience of Ambrose of Milan's *De virginibus*"

4:45-5:10 John Penniman, Fordham University "Neither Male nor Female? Sexual Difference in Maximus the Confessor's *Ambiguum* 41"

Session 42	Jason BeDuhn's <i>Augustine's Manichaean Dilemma</i> Location: Steamboat Room Chair: Charles Stang, Harvard Divinity School
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3:30-5:10 Panelists:
Charles Stang, Harvard Divinity School
Elizabeth Clark, Duke University
Rebecca Lyman, Church Divinity School of the Pacific
Byard Bennett, Grand Rapids Theological Seminary

Respondent: Jason BeDuhn

Session 43	The Rhetoric of Heaven II Location: American House Chair: Candida R. Moss, University of Notre Dame Organizers: Candida R. Moss and Taylor Petrey, Harvard Divinity School
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3:30-3:55 Nicole Kelley, Florida State University
"Can a Heavenly Body be Disabled?"

3:55-4:20 Kristi Upson-Saia, Occidental College
"Resurrecting Deformities: Augustine on Scars and Marks on Heavenly Bodies"

4:20-4:45 Gerard McLarney, St. Joseph's College
"The Rhetoric of Heaven: Augustine's Exposition on the Psalms of Ascent"

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Session 44	Syriac Literature and Literary Themes Location: Shakespeare House Chair: Robin Darling Young, University of Notre Dame
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- 3:30-3:55 Jason Scully, Marquette University
“Jewish and Syrian Ascetical Backgrounds in the *Cave of Treasurers*”
- 3:55-4:20 Samuel Burleson, Duke University
“The Song of Songs in Fourth-Century Syriac Literature”
- 4:20-4:45 Kevin Kalish, Colgate University
“A Lament of the Devil by Ephrem Graecus”
- 4:45-5:10 Maria Doerfler, Duke University
“The Infant and the Martyr: Premature Death in Eastern Christianity”

Session 45	Augustine: Theology, Exegesis, and Chronology Location: Lake House Chair: Michael Cameron, University of Portland
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- 3:30-3:55 Daniel Doyle, OSA, Villanova University
“ ‘Twisted Hearts: Bad Theology’: Augustine’s Insights into Theological Error”
- 3:55-4:20 Paul Kolbet, Boston College
“Augustine on the Problem of Self-Knowledge”
- 4:20-4:45 Matthew Drever, University of Tulsa
“On the Origin of the Soul: Augustine’s Exegesis of Genesis 1-2 in Light of Recent Philosophical Trends”
- 4:45-5:10 Hubertus Drobner, Paderborn University
“Augustine’s Library and Possidius’ *Indiculum* on the Chronology of Augustine’s Sermons”

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Session 46	Monastic Reading and Monastic Discipline Location: Western Stage Chair: James Goehring, Mary Washington University
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3:30-3:55 Erik Kolb, The Catholic University of America
“Punishment and Purity: Expulsion and Ascetic Pedagogy in Shenoute’s Monastery”

3:55-4:20 Benjamin deLee, University of California, Los Angeles
“Reclaiming the Meadow: John Moschos’ *Spiritual Meadow* as Edifying Entertainment”

4:20-4:45 Janet Timbie, The Catholic University of America
“Shenoute Addresses Monastic Misplaced Confidence Through Romans 9 and 11”

4:45-5:10 Rebecca Krawiec, Canisius College
“John Cassian’s Monastic Reading Culture”

Session 47	Models of Writing: Authors and Texts Location: Bull’s Head Chair: Megan Hale Williams, San Francisco State University
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3:30-3:55 William McCarthy, The Catholic University of America
“Aspects of Rhetoric and Performance in Basil’s Hexaemeral Homilies”

3:55-4:20 Matthew Lootens, Fordham University
“Quoting Eunomius: The Hermeneutics of Gregory of Nyssa’s *Contra Eunomium*”

4:20-4:45 Elizabeth Penland, Yale University
“Imaginative Borrowing: Jerome and the Library at Caesarea”

4:45-5:10 Catherine Chin, University of California, Davis
“Rufinus of Rome: Authorship and the Latin *Recognitions* of Clement”

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Session 48	Instrumenta Studiorum
5:15-5:30	Location: Sauganash East Chair: Virginia Burrus, Drew University
Session 49	NAPS Business Meeting
5:30-6:30	Location: Sauganash East Chair: Virginia Burrus, Drew University

7:30-9:30 Banquet Buffet, Wolfe Point Ballroom, 15th floor

“NAPS and The History of Sexuality (or, ‘Virginia’s Tattoo’)”

David G. Hunter,
Cottrill-Rolfes Chair of Catholic Studies,
University of Kentucky

SATURDAY, MAY 29

7:30-9:00 Continental Breakfast—LaSalle Room, 15th floor

9:00-4:00 Exhibits Open— Sauganash West

Session 50	Sacred Spaces
	Location: Sauganash East Chair: Doug Boin, University of Texas at Austin

9:00-9:25 Tina Shepardson, University of Tennessee
“Legislating the Places of Religious Practice from
Constantine to Theodosius”

9:25-9:50 Elizabeth Digeser, University of California, Santa
Barbara
“Athena, Zosimus of Syracuse, and the Virgin
Mary: A Bishop’s Role in Temple Conversion”

9:50-10:15 Lindsey Scholl, University of California, Santa
Barbara
“The Artwork of Sixtus III: A Pelagian
Perspective”

10:15-10:40 Blake Leyerle, University of Notre Dame
“The Consolation of Nature: Trees and Gardens in
John Chrysostom’s Ascetic Program”

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Session 51	Patristic Legacies Location: Mansion House Chair: Ann Kuzdale, Chicago State University
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- 9:00-9:25 Catherine Kavanagh, Mary Immaculate College,
University of Limerick, Ireland
“The Western Dissemination of Maximus the
Confessor: The Translations of Grosseteste”
- 9:25-9:50 John Lorenc, University of Toronto
“Humbert of Romans on Preaching: The Reception
of Augustinian Rhetoric?”
- 9:50-10:15 H. Ashley Hall, Creighton University
“*Rabies Theologorum*: Melanchthon’s Appeals to
the Poetry of St. Gregory Nazianzen”
- 10:15-10:40 Eric Northway, Iowa State University
“‘*Crede et manducasti*’: Augustine, Eucharist, and
the Fledgling Basel Reformation”

Session 52	History and Imagination: The Place of Creative Narrative in Academic Historical Writing Location: Merchants Room Chair: Kevin Uhalde, Ohio University
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- 9:00-10:40 Panelists:
Everett Ferguson, Abilene Christian University
Vasiliki Limberis, Temple University
Michael Slusser, Saint Paul, MN
William Tabbernee, Emeritus, Phillips Theological
Seminary

Session 53	Origen and Theology Location: Steamboat Chair: Cameron Partridge, Harvard University
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- 9:00-9:25 Amy Hughes, Wheaton College
“The Beautiful Bride: Origen on the Song of
Songs”

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- 9:25-9:50 Anders Tune, Wittenberg University
“Plato Reinterpreted: Origen’s Use of the Notion of Participation”
- 9:50-10:15 John Meinert, University of Dallas
“The Pedagogue and the High Priest: The Logos in Origen’s Soteriology”
- 10:15-10:40 Ute Possekkel, Gordon College
“Spiritual Powers, Human Misfortune, and Free Will in Origen and Bardaisan”

Session 54	Trinitarian Themes Location: American House Chair: Michel R. Barnes, Marquette University
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- 9:00-9:25 Daniel Lloyd, Marquette University
“Novatian on the Nature of the Father and the Son”
- 9:25-9:50 Bonnie Brunelle, Catholic University of America
“Apophaticism and the Language of Revelation in Hilary of Poitiers’s *De Trinitate*”
- 9:50-10:15 Janet Sidaway, Edinburgh
“The First Person Singular in Hilary of Poitiers’s *De Trinitate*”
- 10:15-10:40 Daniel Williams, Baylor University
“The Evolution of Nicene Theology in the Church of the East”

Session 55	Ephrem as Teacher and Interpreter Location: Shakespeare House Chair: Susan Ashbrook Harvey, Brown University Organizer: Joseph Amar, University of Notre Dame
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- 9:00-9:25 Robin Darling Young, University of Notre Dame
“Problems in the Syriac Translation of the Letters of Evagrius”

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- 9:25-9:50 Jeffery Wickes, University of Notre Dame
“The Exegetical Shape of Ephrem’s Hymns on Faith”
- 9:50-10:15 Joseph Amar, University of Notre Dame
“Evidence of Doctrinal Development in the Life of Ephrem”
- 10:15-10:40 Mark Nussberger, University of Notre Dame
“The Embodied God as Anti-Idol in Ephrem’s Interpretation of the Golden Calf Incident (Ex 32)”

Session 56	Augustine, Africa, and Their Controversies Location: Lake House Chair: Mathijs Lamberigts, Catholic University of Leuven Organizer: Matthew Gaumer, Catholic University of Leuven
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- 9:00-9:25 Anthony Dupont, Catholic University of Leuven
“Augustine as Preacher in the Donatist and Pelagian Controversies: Do the *Sermones ad Populum* Furnish a Pastoral Perspective on Polemical Issues?”
- 9:25-9:50 Matthew Gaumer, Catholic University of Leuven
“Augustine’s Cyprian in *De Baptismo*”
- 9:50-10:15 Geert Van Reyn, Catholic University of Leuven
“Caught between *Fortuna* and *Fatum*: Augustine’s Concept of *Gratia* and Predestination under Attack by the Pelagians”
- 10:15-10:40 Mathijs Lamberigts, Catholic University of Leuven
“Pelagians in Africa?”

Session 57	The “Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy” Research Project Location: Western Stage House Chair and Organizer: Charles A. Bobertz, St. John’s University
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- 9:00-9:25 David Downs, Fuller Theological Seminary
“The Rhetoric of Almsgiving in “Thomasine Christianity””

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- 9:25-9:50 Hennie Stander, University of Pretoria
“Chrysostom on Hunger and Famines”
- 9:50-10:15 David O’Brien, Melbourne College of Divinity
“An Ecotheological Critique of Clement of
Alexandria’s Understanding of Self-Sufficiency
and Mutual Dependency”
- 10:15-10:40 Devin Singh, Yale University
“Money, Sovereignty, and Divine *Oikonomia*”

Session 58	Ascetic Practice and Theory Location: Bull’s Head Chair: William Harmless, SJ, Creighton University
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- 9:00-9:25 Kathleen Gibbons, University of Toronto
“Evagrius’s Aristotelian Demons”
- 9:25-9:50 Bradley Storin, Indiana University
“In a Silent Way: Innovation and Self-Fashioning
in Gregory of Nazianzus’s Ascetic Practice”
- 9:50-10:15 Thomas Humphries, Emory University
“Cassian’s Ascetic Pneumatology”
- 10:15-10:40 Clare K. Rothschild, Lewis University
“Elijah Redivivus: Baptist Traditions,
Transfiguration, and the Gospel of Mark”
- 10:40-11:00 Coffee Break— Exhibit Hall, Sauganash West

Session 59	Plenary Lecture Location: Sauganash East Chair: Dennis Trout, University of Missouri
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11:00-12:00

“After Babel? Rome 410 and the Transformation of Patristics”

Gillian Clark
Professor of Ancient History, University of Bristol, U.K.

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12:00-1:30 Lunch Break (on your own)—Tables for conversation are set in the LaSalle Room, 15th floor

Session 60	Baptism, Liturgies, and Liturgical Studies Location: Sauganash East Chair: Richard Layton, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
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1:30-1:55 Daniel Van Slyke, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
“Bridging the Gap between Early Christian Studies and Liturgical Studies”

1:55-2:20 Everett Ferguson, Abilene Christian University
“Macarius of Jerusalem: Letter to the Armenians”

2:20-2:45 Margaret Mitchell, University of Chicago
“Poetics and Politics of Christian Baptism in the Abercius Monument”

2:45-3:10 Paul Gavrilyuk, University of St. Thomas
“Did Pseudo-Dionysius Live in Constantinople?”

Session 61	Irenaeus Location: Mansion House Chair: Jeffrey Bingham, Dallas Theological Seminary
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1:30-1:55 Mary Charlotte Elia, Union Presbyterian Seminary
“Participation and the Renewal of Creation: Irenaeus on the Eucharist”

1:55-2:20 Anthony Briggman, Marquette University
“Revisiting Irenaeus’ Philosophical Acumen”

2:20-2:45 Jackson Lashier, Marquette University
“Irenaeus on the Fatherhood of God”

2:45-3:10 Michael McCarthy, Santa Clara University
“Apostolicity, Authority, and Ecclesial Consensus in Irenaeus”

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Session 62	Representing Martyrdom and Suicide Location: Merchants Room Chair: Wendy Mayer, Australian Catholic University
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- 1:30-1:55 Katherine Milco, University of Chicago
“The Passion of Sts. Perpetua and Felicity as a Dramatic Performance”
- 1:55-2:20 Sheila McCarthy, University of Notre Dame
“*De Civitate Dei*: Lucretia and the Women of Rome”
- 2:20-2:45 Maureen Tilley, Fordham University
“Dying for the Faith: Suicide in Donatist North Africa”
- 2:45-3:10 David Riggs, Indiana Wesleyan University
“Constructing North African Hagiography in a Post-Roman World”

Session 63	Ecclesiology and Unity: Ideals and Realities Location: Steamboat Room Chair: Joseph Mueller, Marquette University
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- 1:30-1:55 Michael Harris, Marquette University
“Rival Name Christologies in Second-Century Syria and Asia Minor”
- 1:55-2:20 Walt Stevenson, University of Richmond
“John Chrysostom on Particular and Universal Churches”
- 2:20-2:45 Gregory Hillis, Bellarmine University
“Cyril of Alexandria on Ecclesial Unity and the Holy Spirit”
- 2:45-3:10 Eric Fournier, West Chester University of Pennsylvania
“The ‘Medical Metaphor’: Concern for Purity in Patristic Writings”

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Session 64	Christology Location: American House Chair: Mark Weedman, Crossroads College
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- 1:30-1:55 Christopher Beeley, Yale University
“Athanasius’ Christology: Early Versus Late”
- 1:55-2:20 Kevin Hill, Durham University
“The Pneumatological Principles in Athanasius’
Contra Arianos I”
- 2:20-2:45 Troy Stefano, University of Notre Dame
“ ‘*Hypostasis*’ and ‘*Physis*’ in the Christological
Writings of Cyril of Alexandria”
- 2:45-3:10 Scott Ables, George Fox University
“The Anti-Monophysite Trinitarian Christology of
John of Damascus”

Session 65	Apology and Persuasion Location: Shakespeare House Chair: Morweena Ludlow, University of Exeter
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- 1:30-1:55 Zachary Smith, Fordham University
“Shifting Discourse in Clement of Alexandria’s
Protrepticus”
- 1:55-2:20 Michael B. Simmons, Auburn University
“The Soteriological Use of Common Savior of All
in Book Five of Eusebius of Caesarea’s
Theophany”
- 2:20-2:45 Kenneth Steinhauser, St. Louis University
“Deconstructing Justice: From Cicero’s *De
Republica* III to Lactantius’ *Divine Institutes* V, 14,
1-20”
- 2:45-3:10 Jangho Jo, Baylor University
“Augustine on Roman History: Debunking
Ciceronian ‘Social Memory’”

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Session 66	Augustine and the Donatist Church Location: Lake House Chair: Paul Kolbet, Boston College
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- 1:30-1:55 Patout Burns, Vanderbilt University Divinity School
“Augustine and Petilian: Just How Pure Must a Bishop Be?”
- 1:55-2:20 Gavril Andreicut, Marquette University
“Augustine’s Church: Territorial Expansion and Numerical Superiority Shows Authority”
- 2:20-2:45 Erica Hermanowicz, University of Georgia
“Augustine and the Enforcement of Heresy Law on Private Estates”
- 2:45-3:10 Jane Merdinger, Independent Scholar
“Augustine, Emeritus, and the Troubled Mauretian Church”

Session 67	Scripture, Pity, and Affective Piety Location: Western Stage House Chair: Brian Matz, Carroll College
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- 1:30-1:55 Matthew Bell, University of Durham
“United by the Spirit: An Early Christian ‘Doctrine’ of Biblical Inspiration”
- 1:55-2:20 Khaled Anatolios, Boston College
“*Ousia, Hypostasis*, and the Rules of Trinitarian Contemplation: Gregory of Nyssa’s *Ep. 38*”
- 2:20-2:45 Paul Blowers, Emmanuel School of Religion
“The Problem of Social Parasites: John Chrysostom and Valerian of Cimiez”
- 2:45-3:10 Stephen Shoemaker, University of Oregon
“The Compassionate Mother: The Earliest Life of the Virgin and the Beginnings of Affective Piety in Late Antiquity”

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Session 68	Constructing Orthodox Subjects Location: Bull's Head Chair: Jeremy Schott, University of North Carolina, Charlotte Organizer: Peter Anthony Mena, Drew University
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- 1:30-1:55 Brantley Dean, Drew University
 "Christianity Under the Knife: Augustine's *De Correctione Donatistarum* and the Aesthetics of Empire"
- 1:55-2:20 Peter Anthony Mena, Drew University
 "Resurrecting Origen in Epiphanius' *Panarion* 64"
- 2:20-2:45 Jenny Barry-Lenger, Drew University
 "Athanasius of Alexandria's *Apologia de fuga*: Exile and the Production of Orthodox Subjects"
- 2:45-3:10 Jeremy Schott, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
 "Response"

History of the North American Patristics Society

The North American Patristic 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 meeting in May 2009 is the twenty-first independent meeting.

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. In 1999 The Catholic University of America Press became the publisher of the series. The first editor was Frederick Norris, who was succeeded by Joseph T. Lienhard in 1993 and thereafter by Philip Rousseau in 2002; in 2008 David Hunter was named interim editor.

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 first edited by Michael Slusser and L. Michael White. Subsequently, Louis Swift of the University of Kentucky edited book reviews, and in 2008 this task was assumed by Richard Layton of the University of Illinois. Ultimately, Patout Burns replaced Ferguson as co-editor of *JECS*. Burns himself was succeeded in 2004 by David Brakke, who became sole editor in 2005. The *JECS* currently has a circulation of around 1500.

In 1997 John O’Keefe created a web page for the organization, which may now be found 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 “Distinguished Service Award,” which was first presented to Elizabeth A. Clark.

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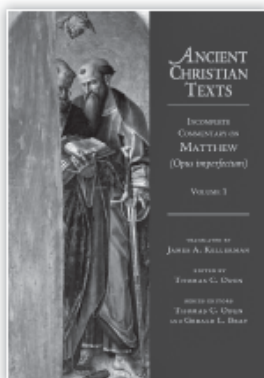
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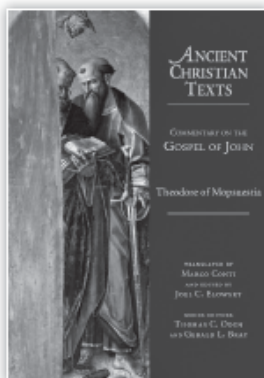


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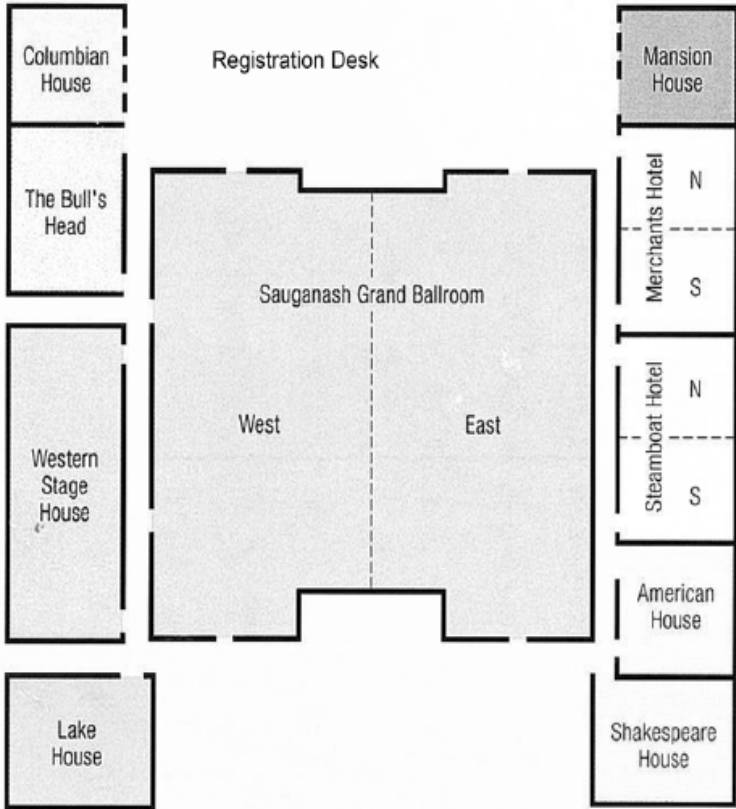
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