

2025 Annual Meeting Program

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*Schedule and Room Locations Subject to Change

Thursday, May 22

Sessions 1A-1Online

1:30 PM – 3:10 PM

Session 1A

Crystal Room B

*Digital Humanities Committee's Practicalities Session:
Tutorials in Workflows, Front-end Software, and Efficient
Digital Scholarship*

Session Chair: Paul Dilley

- **1:30 PM**
“Efficient Vocabulary Discovery in Late Antique Texts at the UNIX Command Line”
By: Andrew Hayes
- **2:05 PM**
“Morphological Tagging and Discerning Authorship”
By: Jack Bull and Mark Bilby
- **2:40 PM**
“Constructing a Free and Open-Source Scholarly Digital Workflow in GNU/Linux or BSD”
By: Corey Stephan

Ephrem Syrus

Session Chair: Nathan Tilley

- **1:30 PM**
“Ephrem: Verse & Poetry”
By: Charles Carman
- **1:55 PM**
“Disaster and Public Lament in Late Antiquity: The Case of Ephrem’s ‘Poems on Nisibis’”
By: Blake Hartung
- **2:20 PM**
“Liturgy, Procession, School, and Cell: Considering the Performative Context(s) of Ephrem’s ‘Hymns against Julian’”
By: A.J. Lopez
- **2:45 PM**
“Fluid Boundaries, Mediating Walls: Reconsidering Ephrem’s Anti-Eunomian Theology”
By: Cody Strecker

Considering the Birds of the Air: Birds and Avian Imagery in Early Christian and Patristic Thought (Part 1)

Session Chair: Dennis Trout

- **1:30 PM**
“Columbination as Pneumatic Deification: The Symbol of the Dove between the Phaedrus and the Gospels in St. Gregory of Nyssa”
By: Micah Hogan
- **1:55 PM**
“The Safety of the Air: Avian Imagery and Paraenesis in the Macarian Writings”
By: Daniel Edwards
- **2:20 PM**
“Mar Isaac’s ‘Bird Decoy of Faith’”
By: Andrew Tucker
- **2:45 PM**
“Birds in the Cosmological Vision of Maximus the Confessor”
By: Samuel Lau

Christians, Jews, and Israel

Session Chair: J. Patout Burns

- **1:30PM**
“Synodality and the Temple”
By: Joseph Ahmad
- **1:55 PM**
“Commodian’s Anti-Jewish Patripassianism”
By: Charles “Austin” Rivera
- **2:20 PM**
“Judaism and the Early Christian Cult of Saints”
By: Vasili Antoniadis
- **2:45 PM**
“‘Drink the Blood You Shed’: Sin, Rhetoric, and Jewish Witness in Augustine’s *Enarrationes in Psalmos*”
By: John Y. B. Hood II

Trinitarian Controversies

Session Chair: Scott Stevens

- **1:30 PM**
“Augustine’s Letter to the Homoian Elpidius”
By: Austin Steen
- **1:55 PM**
“Homoians and Heteroousians: Charting the ‘Arian’-Eunomian Divide in the Fifth Century”
By: Mattias Gassman
- **2:20 PM**
“*Una substantia*, or the Latin Arguments of Nicean Theology”
By: Krisztián Fenyves
- **2:45 PM**
“Theological Culures and Language Games: Ayers, Gregory, and Wittgenstein”
By: Brian Wagers

Gregory of Nyssa

Session Chair: Andrew Summerson

- **1:30 PM**
“Bodies of Hope: Gregory of Nyssa on the Resurrected Life”
By: Amy Brown Hughes
- **1:55 PM**
“Athanasius & Nyssen on the Pro-Nicene Presupposition of Divine Plenitude”
By: John Kegley
- **2:20 PM**
“The Problem of Post-Baptismal Sin in the Theology of Gregory of Nyssa”
By: Michael Petrin

Augustine's Confessions

Session Chair: Jen Ebbeler

- **1:30 PM**
“Tragedy and Healing in the Midst of Time: The Therapeutic Memory of Grief in Augustine’s *Confessions*”
By: Douglas Finn
- **1:55 PM**
“Discovering Cicero’s Heart in *Confessions* 3.4.7”
By: Michael Glowasky
- **2:20 PM**
“The Art of Confession: St. Augustine, Cicero, and Friendship”
By: Br. Robert McFadden, CSC
- **2:45 PM**
“The Role of the Teacher as ‘Re-Signifier’ in Augustine’s Confessions”
By: Mark Weedman

Tertullian

Session Chair: Geoffrey D. Dunn

- **1:30 PM**
“Tertullian’s Attempt to Render Irrelevant the Titulus of Ephesians”
By: J. Albert Harrill
- **1:55 PM**
“Heresy as Methodological in Tertullian’s *De Praescriptione Haereticorum*”
By: Matthew Kemp
- **2:20 PM**
“*Totum Statum Salutis*: Tertullian on Discipline”
By: Jonelle Weier
- **2:45 PM**
“The Euxine Monster: The Absurd ‘Otherizing’ of Tertullian’s *Against Marcion*”
By: Jennifer Wolfe

Irenaeus of Lyon: Relationship and Redemption

Session Chair: Susan L. Graham

- **1:30 PM**
“Spirit in Irenaeus’ Anthropology: A Diachronic Approach”
By: Grayden McCashen
- **1:55 PM**
“Redemption and Rebirth in *Adversus haereses* 3”
By: Grant W. Gasse
- **2:20 PM**
“Irenaeus’s Doctrine of the Fall? Dialoguing with John Behr on the Role of Death and Counterfactuals in God’s One Economy”
By: Nathan A. Adams
- **2:45 PM**
“Simultaneity in God and Metaphors of Generation: Finding Irenaeus in Noetus”
By: Jonatán C. Simons

Christianity and the Classical Tradition

Session Chair: Shawn Wilhite

- **1:30 PM**
“The Dangerous Ways of Imagination and the Question of Creativity in Ascetic Literature”
By: Evangelos Bartis
- **1:55 PM**
“*Sed quia mihi es alter ego*: In Search of Augustine’s Friends in his Letter Collection”
By: Carmen-Angela Cvetkovic
- **2:20 PM**
“Individuality and the Body in Dionysius the Areopagite”
By: Phillip Quinn
- **2:45 PM**
“Gregory the Great on the Darkness of Job”
By: Jacqueline Durant

Sessions 2A-2Online

3:30 PM – 5:10 PM

Session 2A

Crystal B Room

Kaleidoscopes of Learning in Late Antiquity: Papers in Honor of Susan Ashbrook Harvey

Session Chair: Jeffrey Wickes

- **3:30 PM**
“The Encyclopedia in the Itinerary: Egeria and the Habits of Late Antique Education”
By: Rebecca Stephens Falcasantos
- **3:51 PM**
“Learning and Monastic Craft Production”
By: Darlene L Brooks Hedstrom
- **4:12 PM**
“Conversion as Craft: Apprentice Learning in Early Christian Preaching”
By: Georgia Frank
- **4:33 PM**
“Shaping the Next Generation of Ecclesial Leadership: Syriac Preaching on the Priesthood”
By: Erin Galgay Walsh
- **4:54 PM**
Response
Susan Ashbrook Harvey

Material Culture

Session Chair: Sunil Persad

- **3:30 PM**
“Life and Death in Rural Sicily: The Domestic and Mortuary Landscapes of Christianity in the Countryside”
By: Madeliene Kraft
- **3:55 PM**
“Imagining Early Christian Cooks”
By: Dana Robinson
- **4:20 PM**
“Animating Ancestries: An Archaeology of the Monastery of Apa Jeremias’ Refectory”
By: Camille Angelo
- **4:45 PM**
“Domesticating a Saint: New Perspectives on the Thecla Altarpiece in Tarragona”
By: Joseph Foltz

Considering the Birds of the Air: Birds and Avian Imagery in Early Christian and Patristic Thought (Part 2)

Session Chair: Daniel Edwards

- **3:30 PM**
“Ravens and Doves: Birds as Mnemonic Pedagogy in Augustine’s Homiletical Paraenesis”
By: Matthew Burden
- **3:55 PM**
“Gregory’s Pastoral Ecosystem from Fowls to Eagles”
By: Joseph Diaz
- **4:20 PM**
“*Turtur vera fuisti*: Art, Poetry, and Christian Widowhood in the *Coemeterium Commodilliae*”
By: Dennis Trout
- **4:45 PM**
Discussion

Gregory of Nazianzus

Session Chair: Amy Brown Hughes

- **3:30 PM**
“Τοιαύτη γὰρ ἡ τοῦ Πνεύματος δύναμις (Greg. Naz. Or. 41,11): The Work of the Holy Spirit as Proof of his Divinity in Gregory of Nazianzus”
By: Notker Baumann
- **3:55 PM**
“*Respice finem*: Gregory Nazianzen's Teleological Apologia for the Wise Providence of the Logos (*caerm.* 1.1.6)”
By: Jens Marius Gehri
- **4:20 PM**
“How to Read a Father: Interpreters of Gregory of Nazianzus at the End of Late Antiquity”
By: Andrew Summerson
- **4:45 PM**
“Gregory of Nazianzus and Libanius: Rhetoric, Competing Story Worlds, and the Transformation of Worldview in Late Antiquity”
By: Ole Vinther

Irenaeus and His Legacy

Session Chair: Michael Petrin

- **3:30 PM**
“Irenaeus’ Reading of New Testament Texts”
By: Jeremy Hudson
- **3:55 PM**
“Exploring the Incarnation as Salvation’s Efficient Cause in Early Christian Thought”
By: Scott Stevens
- **4:20 PM**
Don Springer
“Recapitulate, Emulate, Innovate: The Irenaeian Legacy of the 3rd and 4th Centuries”
By: Don Springer
- **4:45 PM**
“Cyril of Alexandria on Irenaeian Recapitulation in his Commentary on John”
By: Li-Wei Liu

Christology and Anthropology in the Fourth Century

Session Chair: Grayden McCashen

- **3:30 PM**
“Mixture in Nemesius’ Anthropology and Christology”
By: Anthony Briggman
- **3:55 PM**
“Christology, Heresy, and Orthodoxy in the Fourth Dialogue on the Trinity Attributed to Athanasius”
By: Mark DelCogliano
- **4:20 PM**
“A Greater Grace for a Higher Race: John Chrysostom on the Human Capacity for Salvific Virtue”
By: Bobby Douglas
- **4:45 PM**
“Gregory of Nazianzus on Christ’s Defeat of the Devil”
By: Gabrielle Thomas

Cyprian of Carthage

Session Chair: Jonelle Weier

- **3:30 PM**
“The Effects of the Initiation Ritual: Cyprian’s Reading of Scripture”
By: Geoffrey D. Dunn
- **3:55 PM**
“Eucharistic Communion in Roman African Christianity: Necessity and Efficacy”
By: J. Patout Burns
- **4:20 PM**
“Dating Pontius’s *Vita et Passio Cypriani*”
By: Jen Ebbeler
- **4:45 PM**
“The Reception of Cyprian of Carthage in the Byzantine Canonical Tradition”
By: Leo Grabowski

The Reception of Augustine

Session Chair: Mark Weedman

- **3:30 PM**
“Athens and Jerusalem in Late Roman Gaul: The Corporeal Soul and the Hesitant Reception of Augustinianism”
By: Thomas A. Smith
- **3:55 PM**
“Augustine’s Homiletic Dubia and Spuria: A New Hypothesis on the Present State of Research”
By: Hubertus Drobner
- **4:20 PM**
“The Reception of Augustine of Hippo in the Writings of Gennadius Scholasticus”
By: Matthew Neumann
- **4:45 PM**
“Do Androids Dream of God? An Augustinian Critique of Generative AI”
By: Seung Heon Sheen

Prudentius and Asceticism in Hispania

Session Chair: Kathleen M.Kirsch

- **3:30 PM**
“Fasting as Fighting: Martial Imagery in Prudentius’s *Hymn of the Fasting* (*Cath.* 7)”
By: Kathleen M.Kirsch
- **3:50 PM**
“*Parasti in conspectu meo mensam*: Spiritual Nourishment in Prudentius’s *Hymn after Fasting* (*Cath.* 8)”
By: Elena Castelnovo
- **4:10 PM**
“Feasting and Fasting in Paradise: Eden, Genesis, and *Cathemerinon* IV”
By: Christine Ascik Sanders
- **4:30 PM**
“Martyrdom and Fasting as Witness: Fructuosus of Tarragona and Late Antique Devotion in *Peristephanon* VI”
By: Marina Murillo Sanchez
- **4:50 PM**
Discussion

Plenary Session _____ **7:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

Crystal B Room

Session Chair: David Maldonado Rivera

“How to Read Origen's Commentary on the Gospel of John in the 21st Century: An Open Debate in Patristic Studies”

By: Patricia Ciner, National University of San Juan, Argentina

Friday, May 23

Sessions 4A-4Online

9:00 AM – 10:40 AM

Session 4A _____ **Crystal B Room**

North Africa

Session Chair: Jane Merdinger

- **9:00 AM**
“Faith and Games: A Consideration of Christian Attitudes toward Gladiatorial Games in Roman North Africa”
By: Br. John Baptist Santa Ana
- **9:25 AM**
“Concubine, Prostitute, Adulterer: The Shifting Rhetoric of Adultery in Late Antique North Africa”
By: Brittany Joyce
- **9:50 AM**
“Let’s Start a Riot: Opposition to Jerome’s Translation of Jonah in Roman North Africa”
By: Adam Estes
- **10:15 AM**
“A Matter of Substance: Vigilus of Thapsus’s Dialogue Against the Arians, Sabellians, and Photinians”
By: Pablo J. Cabán Bonet

Beyond Fragments: Mining Patristic Data Patterns to Reconstruct Pre-Canonical Pauline Letters

Session Chair: Jason BeDuhn

- **9:00 AM**
“Reconstructing the Greek Text of the Pauline Corpus”
By: Jason BeDuhn
- **9:20 AM**
“Distinguishing Marcionite and non-Marcionite Vocabulary in the Pauline Corpus”
By: Markus Vinzent
- **9:40 AM**
“Data Mining Greek Reconstructions of the Marcionite Pauline Corpus”
By: Mark Bilby
- **10:00 AM**
“Removing Barriers between New Testament and Patristic Studies”
By: Jack Bull
- **10:20 AM** Discussion

Ephrem’s Hymns on the Church

Session Chair: Erin Galgay Walsh

- **9:00 AM**
“Human Dignity and Divine Judgment in Ephrem the Syrian’s *Hymns on the Church*”
By: Andrew Hayes
- **9:20 AM**
“Ephrem the Syrian on Gehazi in the *Hymns on the Church*”
By: David Kiger
- **9:40 AM**
“The Tablets of the Law and the Tablets of the Mind: Ephrem’s Tablets of God”
By: Armando Elkhoury
- **10:00 AM**
Response
Blake Hartung
- **10:20 AM**
Discussion

Session 4D

McCormick Room

The Oxford Handbook of Deification: A Review Panel

Session Chair: Paul Blowers

- **9:00 AM**
Paul Blowers
- **9:10 AM**
Hans Boersma
- **9:25 AM**
Brendan Harris
- **9:40AM**
Paul Gavriluk
- **9:55 AM**
Andrew Hofer, O.P.
- **10:10 AM**
Discussion

Session 4E

Burnham Room

Scott Harrower's Trauma and Recovery in Early North African

Session Chair: Edwina Murphy

- **9:00 AM**
David Willhite
- **9:20 AM**
David Eastman
- **9:40AM**
Edwina Murphy
- **10:00 AM**
Response
Scott Harrower
- **10:20 AM**
Discussion

Early Christian Apocalypticism: Contours, Contexts, and Social Functions (Part 1)

Session Chair: Lorenzo DiTommaso

- **9:00 AM**
“To What extent are the Sibylline Oracles Apocalyptic?”
By: Jean-Michel Roessli
- **9:15 AM**
“Start at That End: Thinking Teleologically about Apocalyptic, Patristics, and a Problem of Late Antique Literary Coherence”
By: Nathan Betz
- **9:30AM**
“Genre Theory and the Late Ancient Christian Apocalypse”
By: Chance Bonar
- **9:45 AM**
Response
Lorenzo DiTommaso
- **10:00 AM**
Discussion

Comedy, Satire, and Humor in Late Antique Polemic

Session Chair: Blake Leyerle

- **9:00 AM**
“‘You Have Given Birth to Satan!’ Witty Comebacks in Anti-Heretical Sayings (*chreiai*)”
By: Sophie Lunn-Rockliffe
- **9:15 AM**
“‘Act a Fool with Those Who Are Acting the Fool’: Exegetical Humor in Gregory of Nazianzus’ Oration 4 against Julian”
By: Lydia Herndon
- **9:30AM**
“‘All the World is a (Comic) Stage?’ The Epistles of Jerome and Augustine, the *Theatrum Mundi*, and the Reception of Terence’s Comedy through the *servus callidus* as an Intertextual Character”
By: Marcello Peres Zanfra
- **9:45 AM**
“‘The Most Obvious Lies’: Fact, Humor, and Mendacity in the Fifth-Century Ecclesiastical Histories”
By: David Maldonado Rivera
- **10:00 AM**

Response
Jeremy Schott

- **10:15 AM**
Discussion

Session 4H **Wright Room**

New Frontiers in Maximus the Confessor: Dubious, Spurious, or Lesser-Known Writings

Session Chair: Kevin Clarke

- **9:00 AM**
“Maximus the Confessor (and Others) ‘On the Soul’”
By: Bart Janssens
- **9:20 AM**
“*Disputatio cum Pyrrhus and Opusculum Theologicum et Polemicum* I: St. Maximus the Confessor on the Will”
By: Panagiotis G. Pavlos
- **9:40 AM**
“*The Disputatio cum Pyrrho* as Maximus’s Christology *ipsissima voce*”
By: Corey Stephan
- **10:00 AM**
“*The Life of the Virgin* Attributed to Maximus and the Hymnography of Late Ancient Jerusalem”
By: Stephen Shoemaker
- **10:20 AM**
“Re-evaluating the Evidence for a Maximian Life of the Virgin”
By: Kevin Clarke

Session 4I **Addams Room**

Gender and the Cappadocians

Session Chair: Bradley K. Storin

- **9:00 AM**
“Not Like Other Girls’: A Feminist Approach to Re-Reading Depictions of the Cappadocian Mothers”
By: Alice Candy
- **9:25 AM**
“What’s In a Text? Gregory of Nyssa ‘Bringing Life before the Eyes’ in his *Ta Makriniá*”
By: Timm Heinbokel
- **9:50 AM**
“Beauty and Virtue in Male and Female Cappadocian Hagiography”
By: Nathan D. Howard

- **10:15 AM**

“Pausing for a Sacred Death: Gregory of Nazianzus on the Woman with the Flow of Blood”

By: Maya Levine

Session 4J

Water Tower Room

Clement of Alexandria and Origen

Session Chair: Justin Rogers

- **9:00 AM**

“The Choir of Chaste Harmonies (*Paedagogus* II 4,44,5): The Ecclesiological Metaphor of the Choir in the Works of Clement of Alexandria”

By: Karuhije Leon-Ferdinand

- **9:25 AM**

“‘No One Possesses Blessedness by Nature’: Origen’s Counter-Valentinian Exegesis of John 8”

By: Samuel Korb

- **9:50 AM**

“‘The Law of Christ’: Soteriology and Politeia in Origen’s Pauline Exegesis”

By: Austin Foley Holmes

- **10:15 AM**

“Origen on Christ’s Apparent Ignorance”

By: Christopher Howard

Session 4Online

Zoom

Questionable Virgins

Session Co-Chairs: Julia Kelto Lillis & Natalie Reynoso

- **9:00 AM**

“Virginité as Polemics: Reexamining the Sources for Female Virginité in Late Antique Syriac Christianity”

By: Natalie Reynoso

- **9:20 AM**

“Mani’s Questionable Virgins: Tensions Between Manichaean Theology and Sexual Practice”

By: Lindsay Ruth

- **9:40 AM**

“Thinking with (Male) Virgins: Men’s Sexual Status in Rabbinic Literature”

By: Michael Rosenberg

- **10:00 AM**
 “‘He was Truly a Virgin’: Measuring Virginitude and Surpassing Gender in the *Apophthegmata Patrum*”
 By: Candace Buckner and Julie Kelto Lillis
- **10:20 AM**
 Discussion

Presidential Address **11:00 AM-12:00 PM**
Crystal B Room

Session Chair: Ellen R. Scully

“On Not Being Peter”

By: Lewis Ayres, University of Durham, England

Sessions 6A-6Online: 1:30 PM – 3:10 PM

Session 6A **Crystal B Room**

Burrus’ Hand: Virginia Burrus’ Impact on the Studies of Late Antiquity

Session Chair: Jennifer Barry

- **1:30 PM**
 “Diocletian / Romance: Martyrology and Desire”
 By: C. Michael Chin
- **1:50 PM**
 “Jerome’s Evil Eye: The Limits of Late Ancient Sainthood”
 By: Andrew Jacobs
- **2:10 PM**
 “‘The Pleasure of the Text’: Celebrating the Scholarship of Virginia Burrus”
 By: Patricia Cox Miller
- **2:30 PM**
 “Virginia Burrus and the More-Than-Human World of Late Antiquity”
 Charles M. Stang
- **2:50 PM**
 “Touching Hearing”
 By: Karmen MacKendrick

Mapping Early Christianity from the Margins

Session Chair: Kimberley Fowler

- **1:30 PM**
“Mapping the work of Evagrius (without Evagrius)”
By: S. N. Yeager
- **1:55 PM**
“Theodicy and Manichaeism in the *Book of Steps* and Titus of Bostra”
By: Elizabeth Anderson
- **2:20 PM**
“Same-Sex Relationships in the White Monastery in Egypt”
By: Rebecca Lloyd-Hagemann
- **2:45 PM**
“Slavery and Social Exclusion: Female Landowners and their Dependents in Anonymous Christian Advice Manuals”
By: Kate Cooper

Didymus the Blind and Evagrius of Pontus

Session Chair: Joshua Wong

- **1:30 PM**
“‘Didymus the Seeing’: Early Christian Representations of Didymus’ Blindness”
By: Justin Rogers
- **1:55 PM**
“Why Was Didymus Condemned with Origen and Evagrius?”
By: Joel Kalvesmaki
- **2:20 PM**
“The Heresy of Evagrius of Pontus”
By: Carl Vennerstrom
- **2:45 PM**
“The Byzantine Evagrius: Early Christian Literature Received, Remixed, Recreated”
By: Jonathan Zecher

Anger, Shock, Fear, and Despair

Session Chair: Anna Petrin

- **1:30 PM**
“Anger in Fourth-Century Egypt”
By: Andrew Crislip
- **1:55 PM**
“Chrysostom on the Personality of Christ: Shock and its Effects”
By: Blake Leyerle
- **2:20 PM**
“The Deaths of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1–11) in John Chrysostom’s Homily 12 on Acts 5:1–11”
By: Bradley K. Storin
- **2:45 PM**
“Christ’s Cry of Dereliction as a Model for Prayer in the *Tractatus super Psalmos* of Hilary of Poitiers”
By: Vincent Dávila, OP

Syriac Traditions

Session Chair: Tina Shepardson

- **1:30 PM**
“A Bodily Anthropology: Death and Resurrection in St. Aphrahat’s *Demonstrations*”
By: Michael Giovanni Necochea St Marie
- **1:55 PM**
“Order, Paradox, and Wonder: Pseudo-Dionysius as a Reader of Ephrem”
By: John Reilly
- **2:20 PM**
“Narsai and the Ongoing Covenant of Israel”
By: Gabriel Gordon
- **2:45 PM**
“Ephrem the Syrian in the Later East Syriac Tradition”
By: Nathan Tilley

Christological Themes

Session Chair: Thomas Clemmons

- **1:30 PM**
“Identifying the Son: Appellations and their Significance in Church Life”
By: Richard A. Brumback III
- **1:55 PM**
“Nestorius and Theodore on the Cross of Christ”
By: Joshua R. McManaway
- **2:20 PM**
“Pagan Paideia and the Contested Ressourcement of the Cappadocian Fathers”
By: Gerald Boersma

Christology and Pneumatology in the Fourth Century

Session Chair: Nathan Porter

- **1:30 PM**
“Gregory of Nazianzus’ Reception of Jesus of Nazareth”
By: Brian Matz
- **1:55 PM**
“Bridging Divinity and Humanity: Gregory Nazianzen’s Christology through Themistius’s Aristotelian Philosophy”
By: Dominic V. Cassella
- **2:20 PM**
“The Interaction of Scripture and Creed in John Chrysostom’s Christology”
By: Beatrice Victoria Ang
- **2:45 PM**
“Angelomorphic Pneumatology and its Aftermath”
By: Micah Miller

Early Christian Apocalypticism: Contours, Contexts, and Social Functions (Part 2)

Session Chair: Tony Burke

- **1:30 PM**
“Unveiling Strange Worlds: Apocalypses and Other Exotic Discourses of the Late Ancient Roman Empire”

By: Daniel C. Smith

- **1:45 PM**
“Ambiguity and Early Christian Apocalyptic Literature”
By: Meghan Henning
- **2:00 PM**
“Christian Apocalypse after Islam: Textual and Thematic Reception of Early Christian Apocalypse in the Arabic *Apocalypse of Peter*”
By: Gio DiRusso
- **2:15 PM**
Response
Tony Burke
- **2:30 PM**
Discussion

Session 6I **Addams Room**

Hilary of Poitiers’s Tractatus in Psalmos: Insights from the English Translation

Session Chair: David Hunter

- **1:30 PM**
“Nicaea and Hilary’s Reception of Origen’s Preaching on the Psalms”
By: Brian Dunkle, SJ
- **1:55 PM**
“Hilary’s Christological Exegesis of LXX Psalm 138”
By: Dunstan Enzor, OSB
- **2:20 PM**
“Origen and Hilary among Patristic Interpreters of the διάψαλμα (Selah)”
By: Brayden Hirsch
- **2:45 PM**
Response
David Hunter
- **2:55 PM**
Discussion

Session 6Online **Zoom**

Greek Fathers

Session Chair: Yifat Monnickendam

- **1:30 PM**
“A Theological Schema of Baptism and Martyrdom in Origen: Correlations and Stages of Progression”
By: Nicholas Galvan

- **1:55 PM**
“Cyril the Diplomat: Overcoming Christological Formalism in the Formula of Reunion (433)”
By: Irene Gobbi
- **2:20 PM**
“‘The Spirit is God according to Substance’: A Description of the Holy Spirit in Cyril of Alexandria’s *Thesaurus* 33–34”
By: Shawn Willhite
- **2:45 PM**
“Identifying Maximus the Confessor’s Commentaries on the Corpus Dionysiacum: A Puzzle within a Puzzle”
By: Georgios Savoidakis

Sessions 7A-7Online

3:30 PM – 5:10 PM

Session 7A

Crystal B Room

Virginia Burrus’s Earthquakes and Gardens: Saint Hilarion’s Cyprus: A Review Panel

Session Chair: Peter Mena

- **3:30 PM**
Midori Hartman
- **3:42 PM**
Michael Motia
- **3:54 PM**
John Penniman
- **4:06 PM**
Rob Seesengood
- **4:18 PM**
Paige Spencer
- **4:30 PM**
Response
Virginia Burrus
- **4:42 PM**
Discussion

Religion, Medicine, Disability, Health & Healing in Late Antiquity 1

Session Chair: Eugenia Torrance

- **3:30 PM**
“Therapy Underfoot: Medicine and Waters in Sixth-Century Petra”
By: Susan Holman
- **3:55 PM**
“By Virtue of Deification: Interpreting Health as Cosmic Movement in Maximus the Confessor”
By: Travis Myers
- **4:20 PM**
“Hippocratic Medicine and Theological Discourses on the Body in the Umayyad Caliphate: The Naturalism of Anastasius of Sinai”
By: Paul Ulishney
- **4:45 PM**
“Against the Galenists: Counter-Intellectualism in Late Antique Mesopotamia”
By: Omri Matarasso

Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha

Session Chair: Meghan Henning

- **3:30 PM**
“The Functions of Pseudonymity in Early Church Orders”
By: David Brakke
- **3:55 PM**
“Salvian’s ‘Forgery’ Reconsidered”
By: Stephen C. Carlson
- **4:20 PM**
“Thinking with the Female Body and Sexuality in the *Acts of John* by Prochorus: Procliane’s Sin and Repentance”
By: Ciara Mulcahy
- **4:45 PM**
“John Toland’s *Amyntour*: A Renewed Engagement with Extracanonical Texts”
By: Lexxi Toufas

Liturgical Themes

Session Chair: Lucas Christensen

- **3:30 PM**
“Liturgy and Exegesis in Origen: Questioning the Prevailing Assumptions”
By: John C. Solheid
- **3:55 PM**
“Early Christian Mystagogy: Content and Audience”
By: Anna Petrin
- **4:20 PM**
“*Remedium Aeternum*: The Eucharist as Healing in the Historic Roman Liturgy”
By: David McCready
- **4:45 PM**
“Geoghegan on Computing the Date of Easter”
By: George Kiraz

Reassessing Cyril of Alexandria's Thesaurus de Trinitate: A Link between 4th and 5th Century Theology

Session Chair: Michael C. Magree, SJ

- **3:30 PM**
“Updating Athanasius for the Theodosian Era: Cyril of Alexandria's Rewriting of the *Orations against the Arians*”
By: Matthew R. Crawford
- **3:50 PM**
“The Whole Cyril: Reading the Controversial Writings in Light of the *Thesaurus*”
By: Nathan Porter
- **4:10 PM**
“Divine Simplicity and Soteriological Unity in the *Thesaurus*”
By: Austin Steen
- **4:30 PM**
Response
Ellen R. Scully
- **4:50 PM**
Discussion

Augustine's De Trinitate: Theological Questions

Session Chair: Gregory Cruess

- **3:30 PM**
“‘My Pen is On Guard!’ A New Approach to the Prologue of Augustine’s *De trinitate*”
By: John Cavadini
- **3:55 PM**
“‘*Ecce Dei cultus est sapientia*’: Worship and the Totus Christus in Augustine’s *De trinitate*”
By: Joseph Grone
- **4:20 PM**
“A Reconsideration of Book 13 of *De trinitate*”
By: Thomas Clemmons
- **4:45 PM**
“The Word Made Flesh: The Incarnation in Augustine’s *De trinitate* and *In Iobannis Euangelium Tractatus*”
By: Gregory Cruess

Jacob of Serugh (and Ephrem)

Session Chair: Matthew Keil

- **3:30 PM**
“From Civic to Christian: Reimagining the Virtue of Almsgiving in Jacob of Serugh’s *Hymns on Fasting*”
By: Rodrigue Constantin
- **3:55 PM**
“Concepts of Greatness and Authority in Jacob of Serugh’s *Memra on the Mustard Seed*”
By: J. Darren Duke
- **4:20 PM**
“‘Call Not to the Dead in their Graves’: Care of the Dead at the Eucharistic Liturgy in Jacob of Serugh’s *On the Loaf for the Departed*”
By: Rachel Edney
- **4:45 PM**
“Sexual Theft and the Two Tamars: Seminal Stories in Ephrem and Jacob of Serugh”
By: Tina Shepardson

First and Second Centuries**Session Chair:** Dirk Rohmann

- **3:30 PM**
“The Metaphysics of Interpretation: Reexamining the Exempla in 1 Clement”
By: Logan Prettyman
- **3:55 PM**
“Did John the Elder and Aristion Exist? The Problems with Papias’s Witnesses”
By: Hugo Mendez
- **4:20 PM**
“Justin Martyr and Roman Provincial Courtrooms”
By: Alex Istok
- **4:45 PM**
“The Development of the Theology of Death in Theophilus of Antioch: Human Condition and Soteriology in 2nd-Century Antioch”
By: Ioannis Kaliampos

Theology and Philosophy in Early Byzantium**Session Chair:** Emanuel Fiano

- **3:30 PM**
“Natural Philosophy and Divine Anagoge in John Philoponus’s *De Opificio Mundi*”
By: Nathan McClenaghan
- **3:55 PM**
“Identifying Theodore of Pharan’s Treatise Criticized by Maximus the Confessor”
By: Nicholas Proksch
- **4:20 PM**
“Free Will, Obedience, and the Restoration of Human Nature: The Economy of Salvation in John Damascene’s *Expositio fidei*”
By: Joshua Wong

Ethical Issues

Session Chair: Shawn Wilhite

- **3:30 PM**
“Theophilus of Antioch’s Non-Exploitative Anthropocentrism”
By: Thomas D. McGlothlin
- **3:55 PM**
“Voluntary Poverty Taken for Granted in the *Acts of Paul and Thecla*”
By: Carl Johan Berglund
- **4:20 PM**
“Augustine of Hippo and the Natural Law”
By: Katherine Chambers
- **4:45 PM**
“Follow the Money: The Adulteress, the Cretio, and the Prenuptial Gift in Roman and Christian Legal Discourse”
By: Yifat Monnickendam

Instrumenta Studiorum

5:25 PM – 5:40 PM

Crystal B Room

Session Chair: Lewis Ayers

NAPS Business Meeting

5:40 PM- 6:40 PM

Crystal B Room

Session Chair: Lewis Ayers

Saturday, May 24

Sessions 10A-10Online

9:00 AM – 10:40 AM

Session 10A

Crystal Room B

Martyrdom Traditions

Session Chair: Nathan Alexander Scott

- **9:00 AM**
“Persuading through Sarcasm: Religious and Political Motives of Ridicule in Early Christian Martyrology”
By: Kwaku Boamah
- **9:25 AM**
“Contextual and Comparative Reading in Augustine’s Three Sermons on the Holy Maccabean Martyrs (300, 301, 301A): What Was at Stake?”
By: Jimmy Chan
- **9:50 AM**
“Caught by the Servant Breezes: An Exploration of Allusions to *The Golden Ass* in Donatist Martyrdom Accounts”
By: Sam Henthorn
- **10:15 AM**
“The Cult of Criminals and the Continuities of Executed Bodies in Martyrdom Traditions”
By: Sunil Persad

Session 10B

Dusable Room

Early Byzantine Themes

Session Chair: Carl Vennerstrom

- **9:00 AM**
“The Word as Microcosm and Mediator: St. Maximus the Confessor’s Theological Anthropology of Language”
By: Christopher Barnard
- **9:25 AM**
“Sensing Pneuma: How the Spirit Comes Alive in Constantinople”
By: Jillian Marcantonio
- **9:50 AM**
“Ritual Location in Anastasios of Sinai’s *Homily on the Transfiguration*”
By: Lucas Christensen

- **10:15 AM**

“In the Shadow of Calvin: The Myth of a Universal Ban on Images in Early Christianity”

Michael Copas

Session 10C

Field Room

Origen

Session Chair: D. Hayden Hagerman

- **9:00 AM**

“Origen on the God of Murder and Mercy: An Analysis of Key Arguments in Homilies 5 and 6 on Ps 77(78)”

By: Margaret M. Mitchell

- **9:25 AM**

“Becoming an Angel to Restore the Angels: The Angelic Christ in Origen’s First Homily on Psalm 15(16)”

By: Garrett Lincoln Ashlock

- **9:50 AM**

“The Beginning and End of the Church in Origen’s First Homily on Psalm 73”

By: Jean-Paul Juge

- **10:15 AM**

“Death Comes Like a Thief in the Night: Reading the ‘Second Coming’ with Origen of Alexandria”

By: Josh Roach

Session 10D

McCormick Room

Augustine of Hippo 1

Session Chair: Hubertus Drobner

- **9:00 AM**

“Sex, Marriage, and Time in Augustine’s Early Works”

By: Zinan Zhang

- **9:25 AM**

“The Christological Roots of Augustine’s Shift on Grace in 396”

By: Michael Cameron

- **9:50 AM**

“What Does It Mean to Pray? The Changing Landscape of *Orare* in Classical Latin through Augustine’s *Sermones ad Populum*”

By: Charles G. Kim, Jr.

Literary History

Session Chair: Peter Fraser-Morris

- **9:00 AM**
“Historical Fragments in Patristic Texts: Investigating Contexts and Early Christian Reading Interests”
By: Dirk Rohmann
- **9:25 AM**
“*Per cola et commata*: How the Latin Fathers Reinvented Rhetorical Prose”
By: Hildegund Müller
- **9:50 AM**
“*Electus Christo locus est*: Sanctified Place and Sanctifying Space in Prudentius’s *Pe. XII* and *VII*”
By: Theresa Rice
- **10:15 AM**
“Educational Homilies and Exemplary Martyrs: Exploring Late Antique Christian Usage of Exemplarity in Enconiums on Stephen”
By: Amanda Becker

Christology after Chalcedon

Session Chair: Joshua McManaway

- **9:00 AM**
“Renewing the Nicene Faith: The Canons of Councils and the Development of Doctrine”
By: Joshua Miller
- **9:25 AM**
“The Word Died in His Flesh: Simplicity in Cyril’s Christology amid Post-Chalcedonian Complexity”
By: Benjamin Zakhary
- **9:50 AM**
“The Three Chapters Controversy and Christological Doctrine in the Latin West”
By: Trevor Rickenbrode
- **10:15 AM**
“Walking with Unmoistened Feet: Perichoresis and the Dyothelite Theology of St. Maximus the Confessor”
By: Jack Booker

Religion, Medicine, Disability, Health & Healing in Late Antiquity 2

Session Chair: Heidi Marx

- **9:00 AM**
“The Use of the Executed in Late Antique Medicine and Magic”
By: Kelly Holob
- **9:25 AM**
“Pliny’s Razor and Whether or Not Someone Had Died”
By: Paul Snow
- **9:50 AM**
“An Impaired, Disabled, and Liberated Body: A Phenomenological Reading of Mary in the *Protoevangelium of James*”
By: Nathan Houstin
- **10:15 AM**
“The Procreative Potential of the Female Gaze and Desire”
By: Jennifer Hunter

Portraits of Holiness 1

Session Chair: Erin Galgay Walsh

- **9:00 AM**
“Holiness in the Funerary Epigrams of Gregory of Nazianzus”
By: Louis Marie Desclèves
- **9:25 AM**
“Identifying with Martyrs: Imitation and Affect in Late Antique Greek and Syriac Homilies on Martyrs”
By: Michelle Freeman
- **9:45 AM**
“A Poet of the Forgotten: Eudocia’s Homeric Cento”
By: Katherine Painter
- **10:05 AM**
Discussion

Scripture and the Arts in Clement of Alexandria

Session Co-Chairs: Cody G. Barnhart & Edward Creedy

- **9:00 AM**
“At the End of a Meal a Rich Dessert?: The Place of Scripture and Poetry in Clement and Paul”
By: Ben Gardner
- **9:25 AM**
“Dramatic Gnosis in Clement of Alexandria: The Use of Tragedy and Comedy”
By: Enrico Piergiacomi
- **9:50 AM**
“Competing Choirs in Clement of Alexandria’s *Protrepticus*”
By: Daniel Aaron Webster
- **10:15 AM**
“Clement and Cosmic Harmony: On the Paradigmatic Use of Musical Imagery in Clement of Alexandria’s *Protrepticus*”
By: Brendan DePhillippeaux

Prayer and the Life of the Mind from Origen to Maximus

Session Chair: Robin Darling Young

- **9:00 AM**
“The Role of the Body in Origen’s Understanding of Prayer”
By: Joseph W. Trigg
- **9:25 AM**
“Prayer after Porphyry: Mind, Brain and Katastasis in Evagrius of Pontus”
By: Robin Darling Young
- **9:50 AM**
“The Principle of ‘Use’ (χρησις) in Maximus the Confessor’s Understanding of the Dynamics of Prayer”
By: Paul Blowers
- **10:15 AM**
Discussion

Useful and Personal Objects as Evidence for Early Christian Belief

Session Chair: Robin Jensen

- **9:00 AM**
“Troubled Waters: Painting Baptism in Dura-Europos”
By: Marie-Ange Rakotoniaina
- **9:20 AM**
“Snapshots of the Past: Rethinking Material Culture in the Transition to Christianity beneath the Basilica of SS. Giovanni e Paolo on the Caelian Hill”
By: Andres Frischeisen
- **9:40 AM**
“Statues of Orators and the Christianization of Paideia in Mid-Fourth-Century Rome and Constantinople”
By: Arthur Urbano
- **10:00 AM**
Discussion

Plenary Session

11:00 AM –12:00 PM

Crystal B Room

Session Chair: Ellen Muehlberger

Ambrose, Symmachus, and the Interchronological History of Roman Religion and Politics

By: Edward Watts, University of California, San Diego

Sessions 12A-12Online

1:30 PM – 3:10 PM

Session 12A

Crystal B Room

Cappadocian Thought and its Legacy

Session Chair: Timm Heinbokel

- **1:30 PM**
“Sea Monsters in Soteriology: The Misconception of Gregory of Nyssa as a Ransom Theorist”
By: Hannah Black
- **1:55 PM**
“Immaterialism: A Cappadocian Proposal”
By: Hans Boersma

- **2:20 PM**
“A Ressourcement Moment for Philosophical Theologians? How Basil and Gregory of Nyssa Offer an Alternative Theology of God’s Simplicity to Aquinas Which Rescues the Doctrine of Simplicity in Modernity”
By: Nathan Coundon
- **2:45 PM**
“An Oriental Orthodox Appraisal of Basil the Great’s Letter 234 as the Basis for the Palamite Concept of *Energieia*”
By: Michael Meshreki

Session 12B _____ **Dusable Room**

Greek and Syriac

Session Chair: George Kiraz

- **1:30 PM**
“The Greek Sources of the Denḥa-Grigor Commentary”
By: Seth M. Stadel
- **1:55 PM**
“Some Problems in the Syriac Fragments of Paul of Samosata”
By: Emanuel Fiano
- **2:20 PM**
“A Syriac Witness to the Sermon New Sunday by Proclus of Constantinople (Hom. 13)”
By: Iskander Bcheiry
- **2:45 PM**
“‘True Dye’: A Case of Sporadic Authenticity from Ephrem Graecus *De paenitentia*”
By: Matthew Keil

Session 12C _____ **Field Room**

The Egyptian Mind

Session Chair: Evan Andersson

- **1:30 PM**
“Heresiologists and Defining Egyptian Thought”
By: Daniel Zimmerman
- **2:02 PM**
“Epiphanius the Egyptian Healer? The Egyptian Healing Culture and the *Panarion*”
By: Jordan Swanson
- **2:34 PM**
“The Cross of Life to Come: Christian uses of the Ankh at

Oxyrhynchus”

By: Evan Andersson

Session 12D

McCormick Room

Augustine of Hippo 2

Session Chair: Michael Cameron

- **1:30 PM**
“Peace in Augustine’s Anti-Manichean Works”
By: Andrew Hofer, O.P
- **1:55 PM**
“Augustine’s Critique of Allegorical Interpretation”
By: Corine Milad
- **2:20 PM**
“The Contemplative as Cartographer in Augustine’s Thought”
By: Austin Murphy
- **2:45 PM**
“Heaven(s) and Light in Augustine’s *De Genesi ad litteram*”
By: Su-Yuan Yang

Session 12E

Burnham Room

Discovering Gospel Thrillers (Cambridge, 2023): A Book Panel for Andrew S. Jacobs

Session Chair: Caroline T. Schroeder

- **1:30 PM**
Andrew S. Jacobs
Author
- **1:35 PM**
Jennifer Barry
- **1:50 PM**
Christy Cobb
- **2:05 PM**
Ellen Muehlberger
- **2:20 PM**
Shaily Patel
- **2:35 PM**
Bradley K. Storin
- **2:50 PM**
Discussion

Women and Gender

Session Chair: J. Albert Harrill

- **1:30 PM**
“*Aeiiparthenos*, a Philonic Inheritance? Reconsidering Early Christian Accounts of Mary’s Ever Virginity”
By: D. Hayden Hagerman
- **1:55 PM**
“The Ministry of Deaconesses in the Patristic Period”
By: Vasilije Vranic”

Latin Fathers

Session Chair: Trevor Rickenbrode

- **1:30 PM**
“Astrology and Fate in Firmicus Maternus, *De errore profanum religionum*”
By: Dennis P. Quinn
- **1:55 PM**
“Punitive Arithmetic: Orosius, Algesic Quantification, and Theodicean Certainty”
By: Samuel Allen
- **2:20 PM**
“Toward an Interpretive Framework for a Christian Reading of Job: Comparing Gregory the Great, Augustine and Ambrose on Job, His Friends and Elihu”
By: Benjamin Vanderhyde

Portraits of Holiness 2

Session Chair: Michelle Freeman

- **1:30 PM**
“The Kontakion ‘On the Holy Fathers’ and Orthodox Self Fashioning in the Seventh-Century Greek East”
By: Sean Tandy
- **1:50 PM**
“From Homily to Hymn: The Liturgical Afterlife of Basil’s Homily on the Forty Martyrs of Sebaste”
By: Susan Francino

- **2:10 PM**
“Witnessing the Martyr Witness Christ in the Hymns of the Šhimo of the Syriac Orthodox Church”
By: Asha Mathai
- **2:30 PM**
Response
Jeffrey Wickes
- **2:45 PM**
Discussion

Session 12I **Addams Room**

The Fathers and the Classics

Session Chair: Hildegund Müller

- **1:30 PM**
“Lactantius’ *Divine Institutes* as a Ciceronian Project”
By: Peter Fraser-Morris
- **1:55 PM**
“Augustine’s Golden Farmer: Lucretian Echoes in Augustine’s Explanation of Human Perfection and Fall”
By: Nathan Alexander Scott
- **2:30 PM**
“Cyril and the Polemical Uses of the Poets”
By: Aaron Johnson

Session 12Online **Zoom**

Religion, Medicine, Disability, Health & Healing in Late Antiquity 3

Session Chair: Julia Keltolillis

- **1:30 PM**
“Evagrius’ Disabled Demons Are ‘Very Cold, Indeed’”
By: Helena Martin
- **1:55 PM**
“Sufferers’ Choices and Christian Cure in Augustine’s *Sermones ad Populum*”
By: Murdo Homewood
- **2:20 PM**
“‘Medicus’ and ‘Mediator’ Relationships in Augustine’s *City of God*”
By: Naoki Kamimura
- **2:45 PM**
“Popular Medicine and Subversion in Early Medieval Sources”
By: Lilian Diniz