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ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

May 21-23, 2009  
Holiday Inn Mart Plaza  
Chicago, Illinois

# **North American Patristics Society**

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Cover: Roman fresco, Adam and Eve, Catacombs of St. Peter and  
Marcellinus, late third century CE

## WELCOME FROM THE 2009 NAPS PRESIDENT

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2009 Annual Meeting, held once again in the beautiful Holiday Inn Mart Plaza here in the Chicago Loop. The conference promises to be, as always, a time of rich exchange and of celebration of the diverse scholarship of our NAPS constituents. I extend a special welcome to new NAPS members and to those attending the conference for the very first time.



Prof. Virginia Burrus, our Vice-President, has done an extraordinary job of organizing the conference program, a complicated task by any measure, so that once again we have a marvelous line-up of sessions covering a broad variety of themes in the study of early Christianity. I am grateful also to Debbie Cowen and other staff from Summit Meetings, Inc., for their excellent work in helping us plan this ever larger NAPS conference.

We welcome two special guests for plenary lectures. Prof. Daniel Boyarin of the University of California at Berkeley, a prolific Talmudist and scholar of the interface of early Christianity and Judaism, will speak Thursday evening, and Dame Averil Cameron of Keble College in Oxford University, a leading historian of early Byzantine Christianity, will speak Saturday morning. I myself have the privilege of delivering the presidential address Friday morning. And at Friday evening's banquet, always a joyous time of kicking back, Prof. David Brakke of Indiana University, editor of the *Journal of Early Christian Studies* and renowned for his good wit, will provide us with welcome levity.

On behalf of the NAPS advisory board members, I wish you a great conference and hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to build friendships and to network with other scholars. If there is anything we can do to make this conference even more enjoyable for you, please let us know.

Respectfully yours,  
Paul M. Blowers  
President, North American Patristics Society

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**THURSDAY, MAY 21**

9:30-11:30      Meeting of the NAPS Board of Directors—  
Mansion House

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

12:00-1:30      **Publishing Workshop—Sauganash East**

Panelists: David Brakke (Journal of Early Christian Studies); David Hunter (Patristic Monograph Series); Virginia Burrus (Divinations Series at University of Pennsylvania Press); other press representatives

<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Religious Life at Carthage in Late Antiquity, 200-700 CE—Workshop (I)</b> <b>Location: Sauganash East</b> <b>Chair: Jane Merdinger, Lake Tahoe, Nevada (volume editor)</b>
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2:00-3:15      David Riggs, Indiana Wesleyan  
“Berber, Punic, and Graeco-Roman Cults”

William Tabbernee, Phillips Theological Seminary  
“Origins of Christianity”

Richard Tomsick, Ursuline College  
“Early Christians and Culture”

Geoffrey Dunn, Australian Catholic University  
“Conflict in Mid-Third-Century Carthage”

Richard Miles, Cambridge University  
“Archaeological Perspectives”

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<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Augustine the Reader</b> <b>Location: Merchants Room</b> <b>Chair: Dennis Trout, University of Missouri at Columbia</b>
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| 2:00-2:25 | Kenneth Steinhauser , St. Louis University<br>“Augustine and Terence: The Plot Thickens”   |
| 2:25-2:50 | Matthew Briel, University of Minnesota<br>“ <i>Ratio per historiam</i> : The Influence of Cicero’s <i>De re publica</i> on the Historical Method Used by Augustine in his <i>De civitate Dei</i> ” |
| 2:50-3:15 | Gregory Lee, Duke University<br>“Republics and their Loves: Rereading <i>City of God</i> 19”   |

<b>Session 3</b>	<b>Gregory of Nazianzus and the Art of Self-Fashioning</b> <b>Location: Steamboat Room</b> <b>Chair: Susanna Elm, University of California at Berkeley</b>
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| 2:00-2:25 | Bradley K. Storin, Indiana University<br>“The Sick Self in the Letters of Gregory of Nazianzus” |
| 2:25-2:50 | Andrew Hofer, OP, University of Notre Dame<br>“The Stonings of Christ and Gregory of Nazianzus” |
| 2:50-3:15 | Suzanne Abrams Rebillard, Cornell University<br>“Gregory of Nazianzus, Prophetic Historian”     |

<b>Session 4</b>	<b>Movement and Place: Travel, Ritual, Networks</b> <b>Location: Lake House</b> <b>Chair: Caroline Schroeder, University of the Pacific</b>
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| 2:00-2:25 | Nancy R. Heisey, Eastern Mennonite University<br>“‘ <i>Domine Iuimus</i> ’: Perspectives on Egeria and Melania as Pilgrims and Tourists” |
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2:25-2:50 Vitalijs Permiakov, University of Notre Dame  
“New Temple in the New Jerusalem: Hymns on the Feast of Dedication in the Hagiopolite Georgian Tropologion”

2:50-3:15 Pauline Allen, Australian Catholic University  
“Synesius of Cyrene and Augustine of Hippo: Responses to Crisis”

<b>Session 5</b>	<b>English Patristics: Reflecting on the Work and Legacy of Henry Chadwick, Christopher Stead, and Maurice Wiles</b> <b>Location: Western Stage House</b> <b>Chair: Rebecca Lyman, Church Divinity School of the Pacific</b>
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2:00-3:15 Panelists:

Brian Daley, SJ, University of Notre Dame  
Michael Slusser, Duquesne University  
Richard Vaggione, OHC, Incarnation Priory, Berkeley  
Peter Widdicombe, McMaster University

*All former students and colleagues are especially welcome to join this session of remembrance and reflection.*

<b>Session 6</b>	<b>Sex, Shame, Punishment</b> <b>Location: Bull's Head</b> <b>Chair: Ben Dunning, Fordham University</b>
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2:00-2:25 Erik Kolb, Catholic University of America  
“*De lapsu virginis consecratae*: Sex, Shame, and Ascetic Punishment in an Anonymous Late Antique Sermon”

2:25-2:50 Jenny Barry-Lenger, Drew University  
“So Easy to Forget: Augustine’s Treatment of the Sexually Violated in *De civitate Dei*”

2:50-3:15 Ellen Muehlberger, DePauw University  
“Shenoute’s Estimation of the Experience of Death in *de iudicio*”

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<b>Session 7</b>	<b>Jews as Other</b> <b>Location: Sauganash East</b> <b>Chair: Andrew Jacobs, University of California at Riverside</b>
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- 3:30-3:55 Will Rutherford, University of Edinburgh  
“Judaism as Friend or Foe? An Attempt to Reconstruct Aristides’s *Apology* 2, 14, & 15”
- 3:55-4:20 Maria Doerfler, Duke University  
“Ambrose’s Jews: Creation of Judaism and Heterodox Christianity in Ambrose of Milan’s *Expositio evangelii secundam Lucam*”
- 4:20-4:45 Todd Berzon, Columbia University  
“Making Christianity and (Un)Making Judaism: John Chrysostom’s *First Sermon Against the Jews*”

<b>Session 8</b>	<b>Key Augustinian Themes, Revisited (I)</b> <b>Location: Merchants Room</b> <b>Chair: Kenneth Steinhauser, St. Louis University</b>
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- 3:30-3:55 William Harmless, SJ, Creighton University  
“‘We Cannot Peer into the Human Heart’ (s. 279.10): Indecipherability as Fundamentum in Augustine’s Theology”
- 3:55-4:20 Austin G. Murphy, OSB, University of Notre Dame  
“Why Does Augustine Treat Memory in *Confessions* 10?”
- 4:20-4:45 Ronnie Rombs, University of Dallas  
“Time and History in the Development of Augustine’s Thought”

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<b>Session 9</b>	<b>John Chrysostom</b> <b>Location: Steamboat Room</b> <b>Chair: Richard Layton, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</b>
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3:30-4:45 Christine Shepardson, University of Tennessee  
“The Rhetoric of Civil Chaos: Social and Geographical Inversion in John Chrysostom’s *De Statuis*”

3:55-4:20 Benjamin Safranski, Catholic University of America  
“‘The First as for Mortals, the Latter as for Angels’: St. John Chrysostom and the Relationship of the Old and New Priesthoods”

<b>Session 10</b>	<b>Hilary of Poitiers</b> <b>Location: American House</b> <b>Chair: Mark Weedman, Crossroads College</b>
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3:30-3:55 Tarmo Toom, Catholic University of America  
“Calling Christ ‘God’: Hilary’s *De Trinitate* and the Ancient *Nomos/Physis* Debate about Language”

3:55-4:20 Ellen Concannon, Marquette University  
“The Assumption of All Humanity in Hilary of Poitiers’ *Tractatus super Psalmos*”

4:20-4:45 Matthew Bell, University of Durham  
“Hilary of Poitiers’ Hermeneutics of Faith and the Transformation of Mortal Reason”



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<b>Session 11</b>	<b>Religious Life at Carthage in Late Antiquity, 200-700 CE—Workshop (II)</b> <b>Location: Lake House</b> <b>Chair: Jane Merdinger, Lake Tahoe, Nevada (volume editor)</b>
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3:30-4:45 William Tabbernee, Phillips Theological Seminary  
“Montanism at Carthage”

Eric Rebillard, Cornell University  
“Pagan, Christian, and Jewish Funerary Practices”

Jane Merdinger, Lake Tahoe, Nevada  
“Donatist-Catholic Conflict”

Jonathan Yates, Villanova University  
“Christian Scripture and its Transmission”

Hubertus Drobner, Paderborn University  
“Augustine's Sermons”

David Riggs, Indiana Wesleyan  
“Vandals, Byzantines, and Tribalism”

<b>Session 12</b>	<b>Ascetic Culture (I): Ascetic Places and Spectacles</b> <b>Location: Western Stage House</b> <b>Chair: Robin Darling Young, University of Notre Dame</b>
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3:30-3:55 Susanna Elm, University of California at Berkeley  
“The Ascetic and the City (Gregory of Nazianzus' Or. 25 and 26)”

3:55-4:20 James E. Goehring, Mary Washington University  
“Remembering for Eternity: Ascetic Landscape as Cultural Discourse in Early Christian Egypt”

4:20-4:45 Joel Kalvesmaki, Dumbarton Oaks  
“Pachomius and the Mystery of the Letters”

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<b>Session 13</b>	<b>Translating Basil of Caesarea's <i>On the Holy Spirit</i></b> <b>Location: Bull's Head</b> <b>Chair: Stephen Hildebrand, Franciscan University</b>
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3:30-4:45      Panelists:  
Stephen Hildebrand, Franciscan University  
Joseph Lienhard, Fordham University  
Kelley Spoerl, Anselm College

5:00-7:30      Dinner Break (on your own)

<b>Session 14</b>	<b>Plenary Lecture</b> <b>Location: Sauganash East</b> <b>Chair: Paul Blowers, Emmanuel School of Religion</b>
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7:30-8:30

**“Does the Talmud Accuse Christians of Sexual Immorality?”**

**Daniel Boyarin**  
**Taubman Professor of Talmudic Culture**  
**University of California at Berkeley**

8:30-10:30      Dessert Reception—Wolfe Point Ballroom, 15<sup>th</sup> floor

## FRIDAY, MAY 22

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

Graduate Student Continental Breakfast—Wolfe Point  
Ballroom, 15<sup>th</sup> floor

*The Graduate Student Breakfast will be hosted by NAPS President Paul Blowers; 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.*

8:00-9:00                      JECS board meeting—Edgewater Room, 15<sup>th</sup> floor

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

<b>Session 15</b>	<b>Ascetic Culture (II): Ascetic Tasks and Identities</b> <b>Location: Sauganash East</b> <b>Chair: Blake Leyerle, University of Notre Dame</b>
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9:00-9:25                      Janet Timbie, Catholic University of America  
“Writing Rules and Quoting Scripture in Early Coptic Monastic Texts”

9:25-9:50                      Patricia Cox Miller, Syracuse University  
“Adam, Eve, and the Elephants: Asceticism and Animality”

9:50-10:15                      Catherine Chin, University of California at Davis  
“John Cassian's Ascetic Machine: The Soul and the Common Life”

10:15-10:40                      Daniel Caner, University of Connecticut  
“From the Pillar to the Prison: Penitential Practices in John Climacus' Monastic World”

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**Session 16**

**Jerome and Friends**

**Location: Merchants Room**

**Chair: Adam Serfass, Kenyon College**

- 9:00-9:25 Michael Graves, Wheaton College  
“The Biblical Interpretation of Marcella of Rome as an Expression of her Rigorous Piety”
- 9:25-9:50 David Hunter, University of Kentucky  
“Ambrosiaster and Jerome: New Evidence of Their Interaction”
- 9:50-10:15 Andrew J. Cain, University of Colorado at Boulder  
“Was Patrick’s *Confessio* Influenced by Jerome?”
- 10:15-10:40 Catherine Kavanagh, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick  
“Western Approaches to the Corpus Dionysiacum: The Significance of Jerome”

**Session 17**

**Ethics and Exemplarity**

**Location: Steamboat Room**

**Chair: Joseph Mueller, SJ, Marquette University**

- 9:00-9:25 John Elmer P. Abad, University of Toronto  
“‘*Vir eximius et sanctus*’: Exemplification in the *Octavius* of Minucius Felix”
- 9:25-9:50 Joshua Lollar, University of Notre Dame  
“Evagrius of Pontus and the Pauline Christ”
- 9:50-10:15 Frederick Aquino, Abilene Christian University  
“On the Beginning and End of Rational Creatures: Maximus the Confessor and Regulative Virtue Epistemology”
- 10:15-10:40 Ulrich Volp, Johannes-Gutenberg-Universität Mainz  
“A Liturgical Foundation for Christian Ethics? A New Reading of the *Apostolic Constitutions*”

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<b>Session 18</b>	<b>Ancient Texts, New Theories</b> <b>Location: American House</b> <b>Chair: Paul Kolbet, Boston College</b>
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| 9:00-9:25   | Dana Robinson Lampe, Catholic University of America<br>“‘A Reciprocal Rejoicing’: A Narratological Analysis of Recapitulation in <i>Ad. Haer.</i> 4.7.1-2”                          |
| 9:25-9:50   | Joshua Brockway, Catholic University of America<br>“The Rule of Faith: Dogma or Embodied Practice?”   |
| 9:50-10:15  | Blossom Stefaniw, University of Erfurt<br>“‘Is There a Text in this Bible?’ The Interpretive Assumptions of Origen, Evagrius, and Didymus the Blind”                                |
| 10:15-10:40 | Shannon Berry, Catholic University of America<br>“The Trinity as the Transcendental Signified: St. Augustine’s Ideas of Semiotics Seen through Jacques Derrida’s <i>Positions</i> ” |

<b>Session 19</b>	<b>Eschatologies at the Margin</b> <b>Location: Shakespeare House</b> <b>Chair: Ellen Muehlberger, DePauw University</b>
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| 9:00-9:25   | Daniel Lloyd, Marquette University<br>“Novatian’s Eschatological Vision of the Father”   |
| 9:25-9:50   | Daniel Keating, Sacred Heart Major Seminary<br>“Cyril of Alexandria on the Despoiling of Hades”  |
| 9:50-10:15  | Craig H. Caldwell, University of Georgia<br>“Hesychius of Salona, Augustine of Hippo, and the Illyrian Apocalypse”                                 |
| 10:15-10:40 | Francis X. Gumerlock, Providence Theological Seminary<br>“ <i>Chiliasmus Mutatus</i> : An Unusual Form of Millennialism in the Late Fifth Century” |

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<b>Session 20</b>	<b>Biblical Interpretation (I): Jews and Christians in Alexandria</b> <b>Location: Lake House</b> <b>Chair: John O’Keefe, Creighton University</b>
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| 9:00-9:25   | Marc Hirshman, Hebrew University of Jerusalem<br>“Worlds Apart? Learning Scripture in Jewish and Christian Classrooms in Late Antiquity”                |
| 9:25-9:50   | Susanna Drake, Macalaster College<br>“Read Like a Man: Origen’s Spiritual Exegesis as Masculine Performance”  |
| 9:50-10:15  | Gerardo Rodriguez-Galarza, Saint Louis University<br>“Priest, Page, and Power: The Cultic Role of Scripture in Origen’s <i>Homilies on Leviticus</i> ”  |
| 10:15-10:40 | Eric Scherbenske , University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill<br>“Euthalius’s ‘Divine Testimonies’: Paratextual Signifiers of a Christian Hermeneutic” |

<b>Session 21</b>	<b>“If These Stones Could Speak...”: A Special Session Honoring Dennis E. Groh</b> <b>Location: Western Stage House</b> <b>Chair: George Kalantzis, Wheaton College</b>
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| 9:00-9:25   | Robin M. Jensen, Vanderbilt University<br>“Baptism ad Sanctos?”  |
| 9:25-9:50   | Jason Moralee, Illinois Wesleyan University<br>“Dying in the Era of Destruction: Epigraphy, Time, and Polemics in Late Antique Palestine”                            |
| 9:50-10:15  | Rebecca Lyman, Church Divinity School of the Pacific<br>“Colonial Arius? The Reception and Methodological Legacies of Gregg and Groh’s <i>Early Arianism</i> (1981)” |
| 10:15-10:40 | Respondent: Dennis E. Groh   |

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**Session 22**

**Mariology (I)**

**Location: Bull's Head**

**Chair: Brian Daley, University of Notre Dame**

- 9:00-9:25 Mary Charlotte Elia, Union-PSCE  
“Untying the Knot of Eve’s Disobedience: Irenaeus on Mary, the Restoration of Society, and the Establishment of the Church”
- 9:25-9:50 Zach Smith, Fordham University  
“Doctrines of Mary’s Virginity as Contextual: Tertullian and Clement of Alexandria”
- 9:50-10:15 Matthew J. Pereira, Columbia University  
“Preaching Mary: An Examination of Origen’s Reflections on the Virgin Mary in the *Homilies on Luke*”
- 10:15-10:40 Timothy Becker, Union Theological Seminary  
“The Uniqueness of Mary in Jacob of Serug: Its Extent, Effects, and Conditions”
- 10:40-11:00 Coffee Break—Exhibit Hall, Sauganash West

**Session 23**

**NAPS Presidential Address**

**Location: Sauganash East**

**Chair: David Hunter, University of Kentucky**

11:00-12:00

**“Pity, Empathy, and the Tragic Spectacle of Human Suffering:  
Exploring the Emotional Culture of Compassion in Late Ancient  
Christianity”**

**Professor Paul Blowers  
Emmanuel School of Religion**

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

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<b>Session 24</b>	<b>Material Culture: Image, Place, Politics</b> <b>Location: Sauganash East</b> <b>Chair: Robin Jensen, Vanderbilt University</b>
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- 1:30-1:55 James A. Francis, University of Kentucky  
“Image and Text in Early Christianity: A ‘Classic’ Disjunction?”
- 1:55-2:20 David Eastman, Yale University  
“A Space Disputed: Alternative Roman Accounts of the Location of Paul’s Martyrdom”
- 2:20-2:45 Yonatan Moss, Yale University  
“Constructing Fathers: Liturgy, Identity and Politics in the Brescia Diptych”
- 2:45-3:10 Adam Serfass, Kenyon College  
“The Power of the *Pallium* in the Letters of Gregory the Great”

<b>Session 25</b>	<b>Jerome, Jovinian, Augustine</b> <b>Location: Merchants Room</b> <b>Chair: David Hunter, University of Kentucky</b>
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- 1:30-1:55 Laura Schweiger, Catholic University of America  
“Jerome’s Heresiology and Jovinian’s Agenda: The Complexities between the Lines of the Jovinianist Controversy”
- 1:55-2:20 Thomas P. Scheck, Ave Maria University  
“St. Jerome’s Interpretation of Paul’s Rebuke of Peter at Antioch (Galatians 2:11-14) and Augustine’s Reaction”
- 2:20-2:45 Kent Lasnoski, Marquette University  
“*De bono coniugali*: A ‘Middle Way,’ or a More Radical Alternative? Reconsidering Augustine’s Polemical Context”



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<b>Session 26</b>	<b>Word and Wind: Christ, Spirit, and Binitarianism in Early Christianity (I)</b> <b>Location: Steamboat Room</b> <b>Chair: Ronald Heine, Northwest Christian University</b>
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- 1:30-1:55      Stephen O. Presley, University of St. Andrews  
                  “The Son, The Spirit, and the Old Testament in Justin Martyr”
- 1:55-2:20      D. Jeffrey Bingham, Dallas Theological Seminary  
                  “Christ, the Spirit, and the Water in Irenaeus of Lyons”
- 2:20-2:45      Anthony Briggman, Marquette University  
                  “Reevaluating Angelomorphism in Irenaeus: The Case of *Proof 10*”
- 2:45-3:10      Michel René Barnes, Marquette University  
                  “Topography and Causality: Irenaeus and the End of High Pneumatology”

<b>Session 27</b>	<b>Biblical Interpretation (II): The Latin West</b> <b>Location: American House</b> <b>Chair: Patout Burns, Vanderbilt University</b>
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- 1:30-1:55      Nienke Vos, University of Amsterdam  
                  “Scripture in the Letters of Cyprian of Carthage: The Case of Letter 58”
- 1:55-2:20      David Robinson, University of St. Michael’s College, Toronto  
                  “Keys and Windows to the Apocalypse: The *regulae mysticae* of Scripture and Tyconius’s Apocalypse Commentary”
- 2:20-2:45      Joseph G. Mueller, SJ, Marquette University  
                  “A Tradition behind Tyconius’s Doctrine of the Church as *Corpus Bipertitum*”
- 2:45-3:10      Peter Martens, Yale University  
                  “The Title, Structure, and Purpose of Hadrian’s *Introduction to the Divine Scriptures*”

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<b>Session 28</b>	<b>Martyrdom and Identity</b> <b>Location: Shakespeare House</b> <b>Chair: Daniel Boyarin, University of California at Berkeley</b>
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- 1:30-1:55      Jordan Smith, University of Iowa  
“A Complete Christian Martyrdom: Origen’s *Exhortation to Martyrdom* 21”
- 1:55-2:20      Kyle Smith, Duke University  
“Constantine’s Letter to Shapur and the Letter of Simeon bar Sabba’e to Caesar: A Reappraisal of the Persian Persecution”
- 2:20-2:45      Edward A. Naumann, Catholic University of America  
“The Contest and the Prize in Gregory of Nyssa’s *Encomium for the Great Martyr Theodore*”
- 2:45-3:10      Daniel G. Van Slyke, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary  
“Peter the Exorcist? Fitting a Martyr into Ecclesiastical Hierarchy”

<b>Session 29</b>	<b>Platonisms, Alexandria and Beyond</b> <b>Location: Lake House</b> <b>Chair: Arthur Urbano, Providence College</b>
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- 1:30-1:55      Albertus Horsting, University of Notre Dame  
“Clement of Alexandria and the Conversion of Paedia: The Audience and Aims of the *Protrepticus*”
- 1:55-2:20      Paul Kolbet, Boston College  
“Origen: Common Misreadings and their Remedies”
- 2:20-2:45      Elizabeth Digeser, University of California at Santa Barbara  
“Who was Ammonius Saccas?”
- 2:45-3:10      Kate Gibbons, University of Toronto  
“Plotinus, Evagrius, and Memory”

Friday, May 22, 2009

<b>Session 30</b>	<b>Reading Forwards and Backwards: The Place of Postmodern Thinking in Patristic Scholarship (I)</b> <b>Location: Western Stage House</b> <b>Chair: Morwenna Ludlow, Exeter University</b>
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| 1:30-1:55 | Scot Douglass, University of Colorado<br>“Linkage in Gregory of Nyssa’s Production of Meaning: Suntheoreo and Sumphero” |
| 1:55-2:20 | Jon Robertson, Multnomah Biblical Seminary<br>“Athanasius’ Hermeneutical Horizon: A Precursor to Gadamer?”              |
| 2:20-2:45 | Scott D. Moringiello, Villanova University<br>“The Dead Return in Irenaeus and Harold Bloom”                            |
| 2:45-3:10 | Horace Six-Means, Hood Theological Seminary<br>“Hybrid Identities: Augustine in Context and Controversy”                |

<b>Session 31</b>	<b>Desire and Difference</b> <b>Location: Bull’s Head</b> <b>Chair: Catherine Chin, University of California at Davis</b>
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| 1:30-1:55 | Taylor Petrey, Harvard Divinity School<br>“Virtue and Sexual Difference in Athenagoras, <i>On the Resurrection</i> ”                                  |
| 1:55-2:20 | Ben Dunning, Fordham University<br>“Desire and the Feminine in Clement of Alexandria”   |
| 2:20-2:45 | Andrew Radde-Gallwitz, Loyola University Chicago<br>“Gregory of Nyssa on ‘The Loving Disposition’: The Definition of Love in the Making of an Author” |
| 2:45-3:10 | Zachary Yuzwa, Cornell University<br>“‘Why Do We Not Adorn Ourselves?’ Aesthetics and Ascetics in the <i>Life of Pelagia</i> ”                        |
| 3:00-3:30 | Coffee Break— Exhibit Hall, Sauganash West  |

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<b>Session 32</b>	<b>Historiographical Figures: Jews, Holy Men, Church Fathers</b> <b>Location: Sauganash East</b> <b>Chair: James Goehring, Mary Washington University</b>
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- 3:30-3:55 Andrew Jacobs, University of California at Riverside  
“Patristic Jews: Biographical Otherness from Antiquity to the Present”
- 3:55-4:20 Philip Rousseau, Catholic University of America  
“Ludwig Bieler Revisited: The Case of the Theios Aner”
- 4:20-4:45 Elizabeth Clark, Duke University  
“Teaching Early Church History in Nineteenth-Century Protestant America”

<b>Session 33</b>	<b>Cyprian, Donatism, Augustine</b> <b>Location: Merchants Room</b> <b>Chair: Maureen Tilley, Fordham University</b>
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- 3:30-3:55 Katherine Dyer, Claremont Graduate University  
“*Militum Christi Cors Candida*: Cyprian’s Persecuted Church as the Roman Army”
- 3:55-4:20 Alden Bass, St. Louis University  
“On the Separation of Church and Church: The Politics of Donatist Dissent in the Works of Parmenian and Tyconius”
- 4:20-4:45 Gavril Andreicut, Marquette University  
“Augustine of Hippo: The Keys of the Anti-Donatist Polemic”
- 4:45-5:10 Mathieu Alan Gaumer, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven  
“Augustine’s Use of Cyprian in the Donatist and Pelagian Conflicts: Nuanced Appropriations of North African Authority”

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<b>Session 34</b>	<b>Word and Wind: Christ, Spirit, and Binitarianism in Early Christianity (II)</b> <b>Location: Steamboat Room</b> <b>Chair: Ronald Heine, Northwest Christian University</b>
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- 3:30-3:55 Bogdan G. Bucur, Duquesne University  
“‘Binitarian Monotheism’ & Co: Between Scholarly Concepts and Early Christian Phenomena”
- 3:55-4:20 Respondent: Ronald Heine
- 4:20-5:10 Panel discussion and general discussion of “Word & Wind,” Parts I and II

<b>Session 35</b>	<b>Economy, Society, and Ancient Christianity</b> <b>Location: American House</b> <b>Chair: Charles Bobertz, St. John’s University</b>
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- 3:30-3:55 Helen Rhee, Westmont College  
“Divine Judgment and Acts of Charity as Acts of Justice in Pre-Constantine Christian Texts”
- 3:55-4:20 Susan Holman, Harvard School of Public Health, and Brian Matz, Carroll College  
“A Ps.-Basil Homily ‘On Beneficence’: A Voice on Social Action?”
- 4:20-4:45 Katherine Bain, Harvard University  
“A Socio-Economic Analysis of Female Celibacy and Marriage”
- 4:45-5:10 Hennie Stander, University of Pretoria  
“Theft and Robbery in Chrysostom’s Time”

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**Session 36**

**Orthodoxies and Heresies**

**Location: Shakespeare House**

**Chair: Nancy Weatherwax, Albion College**

- 3:30-3:55 Benjamin L. White, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
“On Reclamation, Reconfiguration and Remembrance: The Image of Paul in *3 Corinthians* and Irenaeus of Lyon”
- 3:55-4:20 Young Richard Kim, Calvin College  
“How to Respond to a Heresy-Hunter: Basil’s *Letter* 258 to Epiphanius of Cyprus”
- 4:20-4:45 Robert Morehouse, Catholic University of America  
“You Will Know Them by Their Fruits: Orthodoxy vs. Orthopraxy in Ephraem of Nisibis’s Heresiography”
- 4:45-5:10 Eric Fournier, West Chester University  
“The Legal Construction of ‘Orthodoxy’ in Vandal Africa”

**Session 37**

***Lives of Philosophers and Saints***

**Location: Lake House**

**Chair: Susan Ashbrook Harvey, Brown University**

- 3:30-3:55 Arthur Urbano, Providence College  
“A Catalogue of the Wise: Philosophic Succession and Competition in Eunapius’s Lives”
- 3:55-4:20 Robert Simkins, Catholic University of America  
“The Politics of Asceticism: Palladius of Helenopolis and the *Historica Lausiaca*”
- 4:20-4:45 Lois Gandt, St. Monica Institute for Patristic Studies  
“‘The Life of Holy Antony’: A Monastic Portrayal of the Desert Abba”
- 4:45-5:10 Jeanne-Nicole Saint-Laurent, Brown University  
“Mythologizing Syrian Monasticism: The Example of the Vita of St. Febronia of Nisibis”

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<b>Session 38</b>	<b>Reading Forwards and Backwards: The Place of Postmodern Thinking in Patristic Scholarship (II)</b> <b>Location: Western Stage House</b> <b>Chair: Scot Douglass, University of Colorado</b>
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| 3:30-3:55 | David Newheiser, University of Chicago<br>“Origen on Text and Alterity”   |
| 3:55-4:20 | Morwenna Ludlow, Exeter University<br>“Anatomy: Investigating the Body of Texts in Origen and Gregory of Nyssa” |
| 4:20-4:45 | Edward Morgan, Australian Catholic University<br>“Voices Across Time – The Problem With Reading the Fathers”    |
| 4:45-5:10 | Discussion of “Reading Forwards and Backwards,” Parts I and II  |

<b>Session 39</b>	<b>Not Your Grandmother’s Pope: Sex, Power, Paganism and the Roman Bishop</b> <b>Location: Bull’s Head</b> <b>Chair: Kristina Sessa, The Ohio State University</b>
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| 3:30-3:55 | Geoffrey Dunn, Australian Catholic University<br>“The Early Roman Perspective on the Pelagian Controversy”  |
| 3:55-4:20 | Bronwen Neil, Australian Catholic University<br>“Leo the Great’s Preaching on Sun Worship”  |
| 4:20-4:45 | Kristina Sessa, The Ohio State University<br>“Roman Bishops and the Problems (and Possibilities) of the Married Clerical Household”                                       |
| 4:45-5:10 | George Demacopoulos, Fordham University<br>“The Life of St. Gregory of Agrigentum as an Unexplored Source for Opposition to Roman Authority in the Early Seventh Century” |

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<b>Session 40</b>	<b>Instrumenta Studiorum</b>
5:15-5:30	<b>Location: Sauganash East</b> <b>Chair: Paul Blowers, Emmanuel School of Religion</b>
<b>Session 41</b>	<b>NAPS Business Meeting</b>
5:30-6:30	<b>Location: Sauganash East</b> <b>Chair: Paul Blowers, Emmanuel School of Religion</b>

7:30-9:30 Banquet Buffet, Sauganash East

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**David Brakke**  
**Professor and Chair, Religious Studies**  
**Indiana University**

**SATURDAY, MAY 23**

7:30-9:00 Continental Breakfast—LaSalle Room, 15<sup>th</sup> floor

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

<b>Session 42</b>	<b>Patricia Cox Miller’s <i>The Corporeal Imagination: Signifying the Holy in Late Ancient Christianity</i></b> <b>Location: Sauganash East</b> <b>Chair: Elizabeth Clark, Duke University</b>
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9:00-10:40 Panelists:  
Catherine Chin, University of California at Davis  
Dennis Trout, University of Missouri at Columbia  
Rebecca Lyman, Church Divinity School of the Pacific  
Susan Ashbrook Harvey, Brown University

Respondent: Patricia Cox Miller, Syracuse University



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<b>Session 43</b>	<b>Key Augustinian Themes, Revisited (II)</b> <b>Location: Merchants Room</b> <b>Chair: Brian Matz, University of Dallas</b>
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| 9:00-9:25   | Naoki Kamimura, International Christian University, Japan<br>“The Significance of the ‘Religious’ in Augustine’s Early Works” |
| 9:25-9:50   | Joseph Clair, Cambridge University<br>“Reconsidering the ‘Secular’ in Augustine’s <i>City of God</i> ”                        |
| 9:50-10:15  | Nathan M. Herum, Beeson Divinity School<br>“Augustine’s Theology of the Miraculous”   |
| 10:15-10:40 | Patout Burns, Vanderbilt University<br>“The Symbols of Evil in Augustine’s Theology”  |

<b>Session 44</b>	<b>Writing at the Border of Orality: Homiletics and Exegesis</b> <b>Location: Steamboat Room</b> <b>Chair: David Brakke, Indiana University</b>
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| 9:00-9:25   | Andrew Langford, University of Chicago<br>“Origenic Exegesis and προσωποποιία in <i>Hom. Jer. 1</i> ”                               |
| 9:25-9:50   | Richard Layton, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign<br>“Chrysostom’s <i>Sermons on Genesis</i> in the Mirror of Reception”   |
| 9:50-10:15  | Scott Shoger, St. Louis University<br>“From <i>De Sacramentis</i> to <i>De Mysteriorum</i> : Ambrose of Milan as Author and Editor” |
| 10:15-10:40 | Joseph T. Lienhard, SJ, Fordham University<br>“Augustine of Hippo, <i>Questiones in Heptateuchum</i> : What a Translator Learns”    |

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<b>Session 45</b>	<b>Latin Trinitarian Theologies</b> <b>Location: American House</b> <b>Chair: Michael Slusser, Duquesne University</b>
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| 9:00-9:25   | Rick Brumback, Baylor University<br>“Monarchianism Reconsidered: Tertullian’s Trinitarian Monarchy in <i>Adversus Praxean</i> ” |
| 9:25-9:50   | Junghoo Kwon, St. Michael’s College<br>“Did Eusebius of Vercelli Write the Pseudo-Athanasian <i>De Trinitate</i> ?”             |
| 9:50-10:15  | Mark Weedman, Crossroads College<br>“Augustine’s <i>Confessions</i> and the Trinitarian Controversy”                            |
| 10:15-10:40 | Thomas Humphries, Emory University<br>“Fulgentius’s (Somewhat) Failed Pneumatology: Inappropriate Listening”                    |

<b>Session 46</b>	<b>Christology in the Greek East</b> <b>Location: Shakespeare House</b> <b>Chair: Richard Vaggione, OHC, Trinity College, Toronto</b>
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| 9:00-9:25   | Robert Schreiber, Marquette University<br>“Apollinaris of Laodicea on the Prophetic Visions of Christ”                          |
| 9:25-9:50   | David Mahfood , Abilene Christian University<br>“An Epistemological Analysis of Athanasius’s <i>On the Incarnation</i> ”        |
| 9:50-10:15  | Mark DelCogliano, Emory University<br>“Eunomius of Cyzicus on the Word of God”  |
| 10:15-10:40 | David Kneip, University of Notre Dame<br>“The Holy Spirit’s Inspiration of the Nicene Council according to Cyril of Alexandria” |

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**Session 47**

**Pre-Nicene Texts and Themes**

**Location: Lake House**

**Chair: Jordan Smith, University of Iowa**

- 9:00-9:25      Trey Gilliam, University of Edinburgh School of Divinity  
“William Whiston and Ignatius of Antioch: Revisited and Revised”
- 9:25-9:50      Carl Baechle, Fordham University  
“What’s in a Name? The Name of Jesus in the Writings of Justin Martyr”
- 9:50-10:15      Aza Goudriaan, University of Amsterdam  
“The Apologetic Art of Persuasion: Anthropology, Argument, and Grace in Justin Martyr, Athenagoras, and Theophilus of Antioch”
- 10:15-10:40      Chris Bounds, Indiana Wesleyan University  
“The Understanding of Charis/Gratia in Origen”

**Session 48**

**Rhetoric, Rivalry, and the Late Ancient City**

**Location: Western Stage House**

**Chair: Susan Holman, Harvard School of Public Health**

- 9:00-9:25      Demetrios Katos, Hellenic College  
“Rhetoric in Defense of the Indefensible? Palladius of Helenopolis and Extra-Jurisdictional Episcopal Actions”
- 9:25-9:50      Nancy Weatherwax , Albion College  
“‘Who Was Crucified for us’: Worship as a Fulcrum of Theological Conflict in Post-Chalcedonian Antioch”
- 9:50-10:15      Shawn W. J. Keough, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven  
“Timothy Aelurus: Ecclesial Identity and Episcopal Rivalry in Post-Chalcendonian Alexandria”
- 10:15-10:40      Ute Possekkel , Gordon College  
“Rhetoric and Urban Competition: Christians and Pagans in Late Antique Harran”

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<b>Session 49</b>	<b>Mariology (II)</b> <b>Location: Bull's Head</b> <b>Chair: Vasiliki Limberis, Temple University</b>
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- 9:00-9:25 Michelle Weedman, Lourdes High School, Minnesota  
“The Background to Ephrem’s Mariology in the Eve Tradition”
- 9:25-9:50 Leroy Huizenga, Wheaton College  
“The Rhetoric of the Barren: Sarah as Marian Type in Tradition and Scripture”
- 9:50-10:15 A. Edward Siecienski, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey  
“Mariology in Antioch: Mary in the Writings of Chrysostom, Theodoret, and Nestorius”
- 10:15-10:40 George Bevan, Queen’s University, Canada  
“Proclus and the Liturgical Celebration of Mary”
- 10:40-11:00 Coffee Break— Exhibit Hall, Sauganash West

<b>Session 50</b>	<b>Plenary Lecture</b> <b>Location: Sauganash East</b> <b>Chair: Virginia Burrus, Drew University</b>
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11:00-12:00

**“Not the End of the Affair: Discourse and Resistance in Late Antiquity”**

**Dame Averil Cameron**  
**Professor of Late Antique and Byzantine History**  
**Warden of Keble College, Oxford University**

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

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<b>Session 51</b>	<b>Spiritual Life and Disciplines</b> <b>Location: Sauganash East</b> <b>Chair: William Harmless, SJ, Creighton University</b>
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| 1:30-1:55 | Everett Ferguson, Abilene Christian University<br>“ <i>Paradosis</i> in Clement of Alexandria”  |
| 1:55-2:20 | Greg Voiles, Catholic University of America<br>“Giving Wings to the Soul: Epectasis in Gregory of Nyssa and its Implications for the Practice of Spiritual Direction” |
| 2:20-2:45 | Jason Scully, Marquette University<br>“Angelic Pneumatology in the Egyptian Desert: The Role of Angels and the Holy Spirit in Evagrian Asceticism”                    |
| 2:45-3:10 | Brock Bingaman, Loyola University Chicago<br>“Mystical Ecclesiology: Maximus the Confessor’s <i>Mystogogy</i> ”   |

<b>Session 52</b>	<b>Augustine and Scripture</b> <b>Location: Merchants House</b> <b>Chair: Leroy Huizenga, Wheaton College</b>
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| 1:30-1:55 | Noël Pretila, St. Louis University<br>“Justin, Augustine, and Changing Interpretations of Genesis 6:1-4”  |
| 1:55-2:20 | David C. Alexander, Liberty Theological Seminary<br>“Early Antecedents for Augustine’s Use and View of the Biblical Canon”  |
| 2:20-2:45 | John A. Lorenc, University of Toronto<br>“The Authority of the Deuterocanonical Books According to Augustine: A Case Study in Sirach”                             |
| 2:45-3:10 | Doug Finn, University of Notre Dame<br>“Speaking in Tongues, Speaking in Bodies: The Unity of Apostolic Preaching and Martyrdom Following Pentecost in Augustine” |

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**Session 53**

**Syrian Christianities**

**Location: Steamboat Room**

**Chair: Ute Possek, Gordon College**

- 1:30-1:55 Emanuel Fiano, Duke University  
“Older and Prior in Conception to Creatures: Elements of Adamitic Christology in Aphrahat’s Seventeenth *Demonstration*”
- 1:55-2:20 Jeffrey Wickes, University of Notre Dame  
“Reading and Rhetoric in Ephrem the Syrian’s *Contra Julianum*”
- 2:20-2:45 Brian Dunkle, SJ, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry  
“Ephrem on Christ’s Threefold Office”
- 2:45-3:10 James Walters, Abilene Christian University  
“The Philoxenian Version of the New Testament”

**Session 54**

**Tertullian of Carthage**

**Location: American House**

**Chair: William Tabbernee, Philips Theological Seminary**

- 1:30-1:55 Edoth M. Mukasa, SJ, University of Notre Dame  
“Clothing and Boundaries in Tertullian”
- 1:55-2:20 Thomas Clemmons, University of Notre Dame  
“Tertullian: The New Wine”
- 2:20-2:45 Kellen Plaxco, University of Notre Dame  
“Tertullian’s Use of *Sacramentum*: Church as *Militia Christi* in North Africa”

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**Session 55**

**Patristic Theologies**

**Location: Shakespeare House**

**Chair: Ronnie Rombs, Carroll College**

- 1:30-1:55 Seth Harshman, Asbury Theological Seminary  
“Irenaeus and Lindbeck”
- 1:55-2:20 Joshua Papsdorf, Newman University  
“Christus Victor Today”
- 2:20-2:45 Matt Drever, University of Tulsa  
“The Augustinian Person and the Worship of God”
- 2:45-3:10 Daniel J. Lattier, Duquesne University  
“The Orthodox Reception of the Canon of Vincent of  
Lérins and Doctrinal Development”

**Session 56**

**Texts in Context: Rereading the Literature of  
Theological Controversy**

**Location: Lake House**

**Chair: Young Richard Kim, Calvin College**

- 1:30-1:55 Allan Fitzgerald, OSA, Augustinian Patristic Institute in  
Rome  
“Ambrose’s *de virginibus*: Rebuilding the Community  
through Lived Christology”
- 1:55-2:20 Gregory Hillis, Bellarmine University  
“Baptism and Pneumatology in the Nestorian  
Controversy”
- 2:20-2:45 Michael B. Simmons, Auburn University  
“The Soteriological Use of Common Savior of All in Book  
Five of Eusebius of Caesarea’s *Theophany*”
- 2:45-3:10 Joshua M. Powell, University of Kentucky  
“Origenism and the Letters of Barsanuphius and John”

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<b>Session 57</b>	<b>Vision, Image, and Salvation</b> <b>Location: Western Stage House</b> <b>Chair: James A. Francis, University of Kentucky</b>
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| 1:30-1:55 | Paul Gavriluk, University of St. Thomas<br>“Clement of Alexandria on Seeing God”   |
| 1:55-2:20 | Janelle Peters, Emory University<br>“Image as Spiritual Guide: Neoplatonist Theories of Reading and Sight in Gregory of Nazianzus”   |
| 2:20-2:45 | Dragos A. Giulea, Marquette University<br>“Refashioning at the Eschaton the Impaired Primeval Image: Eikonic-Soteriology in Irenaeus, Athanasius, and the Cappadocians”          |
| 2:45-3:10 | Thomas Cattoi, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley<br>“Salvific Asymmetry: Anhypostasy and Spiritual Practice in Theodore the Studite’s <i>Refutation of the Iconoclasts</i> ” |

<b>Session 58</b>	<b>Ancient Eco-Theologies and Their Legacies</b> <b>Location: Bull’s Head</b> <b>Chair: Jeffrey Bingham, Dallas Theological Seminary</b>
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| 1:30-1:55 | John J. O’Keefe, Creighton University<br>“Irenaeus: The First Theologian of Nature”  |
| 1:55-2:20 | Anders Tune, Wittenberg University<br>“Against the Gnostics: Irenaeus’s Doctrine of Creation in <i>Adversus Haereses</i> ”     |
| 2:20-2:45 | Bonnie M. Brunelle, Catholic University of America<br>“Man Meets World in Augustine’s <i>De Genesi contra Manichaeos</i> ”     |
| 2:45-3:10 | Stan Rosenberg, SCIO and Wycliffe Hall, Oxford<br>“Which Augustine? What Nature? Augustinian Influence on Galileo’s Cosmology” |



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**Session 59**

**Doctrine of the Will**

**Location: Mansion House**

**Chair: Joseph Lienhard, SJ, Fordham University**

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| 1:30-1:55 | Adam Ployd, Emory University<br>“Rethinking the Origins of the Will: <i>autexousia</i> and<br>Romans 9.13-18 in the Thought of Origen of Alexandria” |
| 1:55-2:20 | Paul Patterson, St. Louis University<br>“Not My Own Will, but the Will of Him Who Sent Me:<br>John 6:38 in Patristic Exegesis”                       |
| 2:20-2:45 | Sarah Klitenic Wear, Franciscan University of<br>Steubenville<br>“Being and Potency in Augustine’s Commentary on the<br>Gospel of John”              |
| 2:45-3:10 | George Berthold, Manchester, New Hampshire<br>“The Stakes of Monothelitism”  |

## 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](http://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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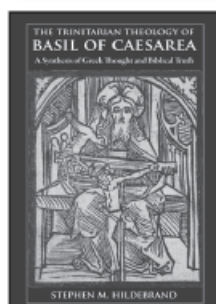
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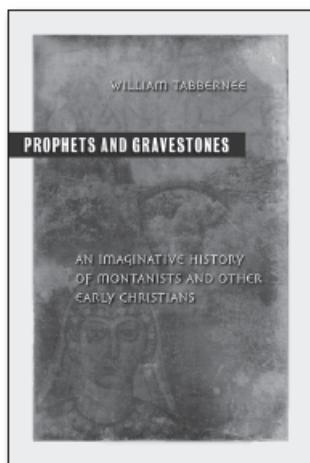
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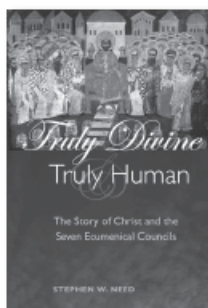
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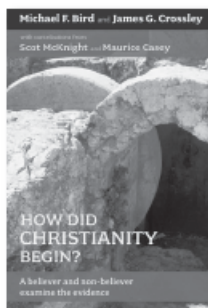
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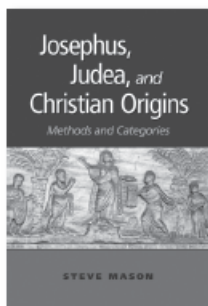
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