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ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

May 24-26, 2012
Holiday Inn Mart Plaza
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear NAPS members and conference participants,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2012 Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society. Two years have passed since our last meeting in Chicago's Holiday Inn Mart Plaza. Though many of us gathered happily in Oxford last August for the 16th International Patristics Conference, it is good to be back home. Once more, our conference promises to be 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 Kenneth Steinhauser has organized another remarkable program. 2010's record of 62 sessions of papers was short lived. This year's program boasts 72 – (once again) our largest conference ever. We all owe Ken and his research assistant, Scott Dermer, our gratitude for the many hours spent on our behalf. Thanks are also due to Debbie Cowen, Caitlin Cowen, and the other staff members of Summit Meetings, Inc., for their excellent work in helping us plan this event. It is no less important, however, to recognize here the vitality of our membership. Due to your enthusiasm and dedication to our disciplines we scrambled to find extra rooms and more video projectors!

We will be welcoming two special guests for plenary lectures. Thursday evening, Allan D. Fitzgerald, Professor and Director of The Augustinian Institute at Villanova University, will deliver an address entitled "Ambrose of Milan on the Christian in the world: Job's plight and David's psalms interpret one another." Saturday morning, Olof Brandt, Professor and Secretary of the Pontifical Institute of Christian Archaeology in Rome, will speak on "Understanding the shape of early Christian baptisteries." I myself will deliver this year's NAPS presidential address on Friday morning. And at Friday evening's banquet, Patout Burns will help us to honor Lou Swift with the Society's Distinguished Service Award.

With all best wishes for a wonderful conference,

Dennis Trout
Classical Studies, The University of Missouri
President, North American Patristics Society

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

2:00-5:00 Meeting of the NAPS Board of Directors—
Lake House

THURSDAY, MAY 24

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

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

12:00-1:30 **Teaching Workshop:**
Thinking Outside the Text: Incorporating Visual
Culture in the Classroom
Location: Sauganash East
Organizer: Sandy Haney, Temple University

Panelists: Vasiliki Limberis (Temple University),
Maureen A. Tilley (Fordham University), Robin M. Jensen
(Vanderbilt University)

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Session 1	North African Christianity I Location: Sauganash East Chair: Alden Bass, Saint Louis University
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- 2:00-2:25 David Riggs, Indiana Wesleyan University
“Grace, Piety and Divine Patronage in Tertullian and Cyprian”
- 2:25-2:50 Edwina Murphy, Morling College, Sydney, Australia
“Clothed with Christ: Galatians in the Writings of Cyprian”
- 2:50-3:15 Bradley Daugherty, Vanderbilt University
“North African Catholics and the Enduring Cyprianic Theology of the Bishop”

Session 2	Gregory of Nyssa I Location: Mansion House Chair: Ilaria Ramelli, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart
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- 2:00-2:25 Matthew Lootens, Fordham University
“The Rhetoric of the ‘Ordinary’ in Gregory of Nyssa’s *Contra Eunomium*”
- 2:25-2:50 Andrew Chronister, Saint Louis University
“St. Gregory of Nyssa and Humanity’s Vocation of Unity”
- 2:50-3:15 John Gavin, College of the Holy Cross
“Imitating God’s Love of Men: Divine Accommodation in Gregory of Nyssa’s *De Beatitudinibus*”

Session 3	Dionysius the Areopagite Location: Merchants North Chair: Alexis Torrance, Princeton University
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- 2:00-2:25 Brendan Sammon, Georgetown University
“You’re Not the One for Me: Dionysius and Plotinus on Divine Beauty”
- 2:25-2:50 Zachary Kostopoulos, Saint Louis University
“Christ as Unifying Light: The Christological Imperative of Dionysius the Areopagite”

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2:50-3:15 Ashley Purpura, Fordham University
“Divine Realization: Rites of Order in (Pseudo)-
Dionysius’ *Ecclesiastical Hierarchy*”

Session 4	Trinitarian Themes I Location: Merchants South Chair: D. H. Williams, Baylor University
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2:00-2:25 Anders Tune, Wittenberg University
“Athanasius and *homoousios*: Christian conversion of a
hellenistic idea”

2:25-2:50 Gregory Hillis, Bellarmine University
“Athanasius and Cyril of Alexandria on the Spirit and
Salvation”

2:50-3:15 Charles Meeks, Wycliffe College, University of Toronto
“Exegeting Theophany: A Comparative Study of Julian the
Arian and John Chrysostom on Job 38”

Session 5	Plato and the Poetics of Patristic Production: Plato’s Influence on the Theological Use of Literary Form I Location: American House Chair: Scot Douglass, University of Colorado, Boulder Organizers: Morwenna Ludlow, University of Exeter, and Scot Douglass, University of Colorado, Boulder
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2:00-2:25 Sergey Trostyanskiy, Union Theological Seminary
“Plato’s Philosophical Rhetoric and the Soul of Jesus in
Origen”

2:25-2:50 Virginia Burrus, Drew University
“Does Methodius Do Dialogue?”

2:50-3:15 Peter Schadler, Holy Cross Graduate School of Theology
“Shifting Conditions for Dialectic in Christian Discourse”

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Session 6	The <i>Song of Songs</i> in Late Antiquity: Exploring Contexts of Interpretation Location: Steamboat Chair: Andrew Jacobs, Scripps College Organizer: Karl Shuve, University of Virginia
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2:00-2:25 Scott Dermer, Saint Louis University
“The Latin Fathers on Song of Songs 1:5”

2:25-2:50 Karl Shuve, University of Virginia
“The Song of Songs and Virginité in Ambrose of Milan”

2:50-3:15 John Penniman, Fordham University
“Gregory of Nyssa at the Breast of the Bridegroom”

Session 7	Ambrose Location: Shakespeare House Chair: Ellen Scully, Seton Hall University
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2:00-2:25 Stewart Clem, Duke University
“Passions and the ‘Double Soul’ in Ambrose’s *De Abraham*”

2:25-2:50 Joseph Mueller, Marquette University
“Ambrose’s Mystagogies in the Church Order Tradition”

2:50-3:15 Kari Kloos, Regis University
“Migration in late fourth-century spiritual writings”

Session 8	Space, Place, and Exile: Peripheral Bodies in Late Antiquity Location: Lake House Chair: Kristina Meinking, Elon University Organizer: Jennifer Barry, Drew University
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2:00-2:25 Jennifer Barry, Drew University
“Re-placing the Displaced Bishop: Gregory of Nazianzus’ *Oration 21* (In Praise of Athanasius)”

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- 2:25-2:50 Christine Luckritz Marquis, Duke University
“Displaced Ascetic Bodies: Foucauldian Monsters and the ‘Barbarian’ Raids of Fifth-Century Scetis in the Late Ancient Imagination”
- 2:50-3:15 Jennifer Kaalund, Drew University
“‘Always Flying’: Strange Bodies and Christian Identity in John Chrysostom’s Homily 28 on Hebrews”

Session 9	Origen’s <i>Contra Celsum</i> Location: Western Stage House Chair: David Griffin, University of Virginia
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- 2:00-2:25 Clayton Coombs, Wheaton College
“Origen’s Implicit Critique of Montanism in *Contra Celsum*”
- 2:25-2:50 Hannah Hemphill, University of Notre Dame
“Forming a Prophetic People: Prophecy in Origen’s *Contra Celsum*”
- 2:50-3:15 Roberto Alejandro, Durham University
“Jewish Antiquity in Origen: A Postcolonial Critique of *Contra Celsum*”

Session 10	The (Trans)Formative Use of Ascetic and Monastic Literature in Fourth-and Fifth-Century Egypt Location: The Bull’s Head Chair: Sophie Lunn-Rockliffe, King’s College London Organizer: Blossom Stefaniw, Mainz University
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- 2:00-2:25 Hugo Lundhaug, Oslo University
“The Teachings of Silvanus and Ascetic Deification in Fourth- and Fifth-Century Upper Egypt”
- 2:25-2:50 Lance Jenott, Princeton University
“Recovering Adam’s Lost Glory: Nag Hammadi Codex II in the Egyptian Monastic Environment”

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2:50-3:15 Blossom Stefaniw, Mainz University
“Making the Sojourner a Solider: shifting programs of ethical formation in the Letters of Antony and the *Life of Antony*”

3:15-3:30 Break on own

Session 11	Smackdown!: Julian vs. Christianity Location: Sauganash East Chair: Edwina Murphy, Morling College, Sydney, Australia Organizer: Jason Linn, University of California Santa Barbara
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3:30-3:55 Jason Linn, University of California Santa Barbara
“Julian’s Laws: The Pagan Counteroffensive”

3:55-4:20 Carly Maris, University of California Irvine
“Julian’s *Misopogon*: The Invective of a Fourth-century Hipster”

4:20-4:45 Peninah Wolpo, University of California Santa Barbara
“The Conversion Factor: Julian the True Believer and the Birth of Paganism”

Session 12	Gregory of Nyssa II Location: Mansion House Chair: Ellen Muehlberger, University of Michigan
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3:30-3:55 Emily Cain, Fordham University
“Gregory of Nyssa: Moses’ Journey through the Mirror Darkly”

3:55-4:20 Hans Boersma, Regent College
“‘Numbed with grief’: Gregory of Nyssa’s Anagogical Hope”

4:20-4:45 Martin Wenzel, University of Goettingen
“Lessons from the Afterlife: Eschatology in Gregory of Nyssa’s *Oratio Catechetica*”

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Session 13 **Augustine and Scripture**
Location: Merchants North
Chair: Stuart Squires, DePaul University

3:55-4:20 Andrew Selby, Baylor University
“Developing Trinitarian Patterns of Creation in
Augustine’s Interpretations of Genesis 1:1-4”

4:20-4:45 Monica Mata, University of Notre Dame
“Augustine on the Struggle to Understand Scripture”

Session 14 **Trinitarian Themes II**
Location: Merchants South
**Chair: A. Edward Sicienski, The Richard Stockton
College of New Jersey**

3:30-3:55 Richard Brumback, Baylor University
“Gregory of Elvira, *De Fide Orthodoxa*, and the
Luciferians”

3:55-4:20 Tarmo Toom, The Catholic University of America
“The Creeds of Marcellus of Ancyra and Priscillian of
Avila”

4:20-4:45 Thomas Humphries, Saint Leo University
“Opposing the (Unsophisticated) Arians: The *Breviarium
Fidei*”

Session 15 **Plato and the Poetics of Patristic Production: Plato’s
Influence on the Theological Use of Literary Form II**
Location: American House
**Chair: Sergey Trostyanskiy, Union Theological
Seminary**
**Organizers: Morwenna Ludlow, University of Exeter,
and Scot Douglass, University of Colorado, Boulder**

3:30-3:55 Morwenna Ludlow, University of Exeter
“*Ekphrasis*, rhetoric and philosophy in Plato and Gregory of
Nyssa”

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3:55-4:20 Scot Douglass, University of Colorado, Boulder
“Plato’s Legacy of Desire and Poetry in Gregory of Nyssa’s
Production of Theology”

4:20-4:45 Discussion

Session 16	Negotiating the Body I: Sexuality Location: Steamboat Chair: Sandy Haney, Temple University
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3:30-3:55 Michael F. Pettinger, Eugene Lang College, The New
School
“The Use and Abuse of Sodomites in Late Antique
Christianity”

3:55-4:20 Jennifer Collins-Elliott, Florida State University
“The meaning of ‘rape’ in early Christian literature”

4:20-4:45 Ashley Edewaard, University of Notre Dame
“Basil of Ancyra and Aetius of Amida: Food, Semen, and
Sexual Desire in Galenic Dietary Theory”

Session 17	North African Christianity II Location: Shakespeare House Chair: Patout Burns, Vanderbilt University
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3:30-3:55 Nathaniel Marx, University of Notre Dame
“Contract Rituals and Baptism in Roman North Africa”

3:55-4:20 Jane Merdinger
“In League With the Devil? Donatist Perspective on
Catholic Baptism”

4:20-4:45 Alden Bass, Saint Louis University
“Donatist Catechesis in the Early Fourth Century: New
Evidence from ÖNB lat. ms. 4147”

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Session 18	Tertullian Location: Lake House Chair: David Wilhite, Baylor University
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3:30-3:55 John Elmer Abad, University of Toronto
“Individuality as an apologetic discourse in Tertullian’s *Apologeticum*”

3:55-4:20 Everett Ferguson, Abilene Christian University
“Tertullian’s Use of Scripture in *De virginibus velandis*”

4:20-4:45 Taylor Petrey, Kalamazoo College
“Semen Stains: Tertullian and the Incarnation”

Session 19	Early Christian Economic Practices Location: Western Stage House Chair: Kevin Uhalde, Ohio University
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3:30-3:55 Christopher Hays, University of Oxford
“Asceticism, Socialism, Charity and Euergetism: Early Egyptian-Christian Wealth Ethics”

3:55-4:20 Brian Dunkle, S.J., University of Notre Dame
“Almsgiving in Cyril of Alexandria’s Exegesis of Luke 16”

4:20-4:45 Steven Larson
“The Challenge of Christian Materiality under Constantine”

Session 20	Origen and Scripture I Location: The Bull’s Head Chair: Ronald Heine, Northwest Christian University
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3:55-4:20 Jordan Wood, Saint Louis University
“Body, Soul, Spirit: Origen’s Doctrine of Divine Inspiration”

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4:20-4:45 David Griffin, University of Virginia
“Origen’s Polymorphic Christ and his Polymorphic Bible”

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

Session 21 Plenary Lecture
Location: Sauganash East
Chair: Joseph T. Lienhard, SJ, Fordham University

7:30-8:30

**“Ambrose of Milan on the Christian in the world:
Job’s plight and David’s psalms interpret one another”**

Allan D. Fitzgerald
Professor and Director
The Augustinian Institute
Villanova University

8:30-10:30 Dessert Reception—Wolfe Point Ballroom, 15th floor
J. Francis, University of Kentucky
“In honor of Lou Swift”

**The Cottrill-Rolfes Chair of Catholic Studies and the Department of
Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures, and Cultures of the
University of Kentucky have contributed to the reception.**

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2012

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 Dennis Trout; 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.*

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8:00-8:45 JECS Business Meeting—Edgewater Room, 15th floor

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

Session 22	Narratives of Religious Conflict in Late Antiquity I Location: Sauganash East Chair: George Bevan, Queen's University Organizer: Bronwen Neil, Australian Catholic University
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9:00-9:25 Stephen Cooper, Franklin & Marshall College
“*Separatio legis et evangelii*: Marcion and the Ways
Already Parted”

9:25-9:50 David Olster, University of Kentucky
“Josephus and Origen: Religious Competition and
Rhetorical Composition”

9:50-10:15 Robert Chenault, Willamette University
“The Altar of Victory and Intra-Christian Conflict in Milan
and Rome”

10:15-10:40 Kristina Meinking, Elon University
“Lactantius’ *De ira Dei* and the Rhetoric of Conflict”

Session 23	Church Leadership Location: Mansion House Chair: Nathan Howard, University of Tennessee at Martin
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9:00-9:25 Jason Robert Combs, University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill
“Exception as Power: Reading Agamben in the Apostolic
Fathers”

9:25-9:50 Andrew Jacobs, Scripps College
“*Fatuus senex, Pater episcoporum*: Epiphanius of Cyprus
and Episcopal Fame”

9:50-10:15 Geoffrey D. Dunn, Australian Catholic University
“Did Zosimus travel to Turin in 417?”

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10:15-10:40 Pauline Allen, Australian Catholic University and University of Pretoria
“Rationales for Episcopal Letter-Collections from Late Antiquity”

Session 24	Augustine and the Augustinian Tradition Location: Merchants North Chair: Hubertus Drobner, Theologische Fakultät Paderborn
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9:00-9:25 John Meinert, The Catholic University of America
“*Perversa Imitatio Christi*: Augustine and Imitation’s Moral Ambivalence”

9:25-9:50 Naoki Kamimura, Tokyo Gakugei University
“Spiritual Exercises in Augustine’s Later Works”

9:50-10:15 Raul Marin Villegas, École pratique des hautes études, Paris
“Augustinian Spiritual Direction: Prosper’s *Epistula ad Demetriadem*”

10:15-10:40 Joshua Davies, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
“Nietzsche Reads Augustine: The Hostility of One Transvaluator to Another”

Session 25	Patristic Legacies Location: Merchants South Chair: Dennis Quinn, Cal Poly Pomona
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9:00-9:25 Joshua Papsdorf, Newman University
“Food and Eating in Early Latin Biblical Commentaries”

9:25-9:50 Daniel McClain, The Catholic University of America
“The Patristic Spring of Medieval Hexaemera”

9:50-10:15 Jennifer Jamer, Fordham University
“Fourteenth Century Navel Gazing? Palamas and the Omphalos in Patristic Tradition”

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Session 26

Baptism, Eucharist, and Penance

Location: American House

Chair: Gregory Hillis, Bellarmine University

- 9:00-9:25 Steven Surrency, University of South Florida
“The Object of Sacrifice in the Second Century Eucharist”
- 9:25-9:50 Donna Hawk-Reinhard, Saint Louis University
“Cyril of Jerusalem’s Pedagogical Use of Paradise and Heaven”
- 9:50-10:15 Alexis Torrance, Princeton University
“Repentance in Hebrews: Counter-Intuitive Exegesis from Three Patristic Commentators”
- 10:15-10:40 Kevin Uhalde, Ohio University
“The Rise of Christian Penance”

Session 27

Belief, Ritual, and Devotion

Location: Steamboat

Chair: Tina Shepardson, University of Tennessee

- 9:00-9:25 Catherine Chin, University of California Davis
“What Was Early Christian Belief? Ambrose, Rufinus, and Nicetas’s Creeds”
- 9:25-9:50 Rebecca Stephens Falcasantos, Brown University
“Living Up to Homer: Julian’s Normative Model of Ritual Expression”
- 9:50-10:15 Stephen Shoemaker, University of Oregon
“The Kollyridians, the Assumption of the Virgin, and the Six Books Apocryphon: Evidence from the Hypomnestikon of Joseph (ca. 400)”
- 10:15-10:40 Richard Barrett, Indiana University
“Civic Marian Devotions in Late Antique Rome and Constantinople”

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Session 28	John Chrysostom I Location: Shakespeare House Chair: Chris De Wet, University of South Africa
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- 9:00-9:25 Blake Leyerle, University of Notre Dame
“The Swearing of Oaths in Chrysostom’s Baptismal Instructions”
- 9:25-9:50 Jacob Van Sickle, Saint Louis University
“Reading Scripture with a Rhetor: John Chrysostom on Psalm 44”
- 9:50-10:15 Ashish Naidu, Talbot School of Theology, Biola University
“Motifs of Grace in John Chrysostom’s Exposition of Hebrews”
- 10:15-10:40 Thomas Clemmons, University of Notre Dame
“Demonic hate and human anger in Chrysostom and Cassian”

Session 29	Monks and Monastic Theology Location: Lake House Chair: Paul Dilley, University of Iowa
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- 9:00-9:25 David Brakke, Indiana University
“Visionary Experience and Textual Authority in the Works of Shenoute”
- 9:25-9:50 Maria Doerfler, Duke University
“A Gaul in the Desert: Texts, Readers and the Ascetic Imagination”
- 9:50-10:15 Joshua Lollar, University of Kansas
“Evagrius, Maximus, and the Pauline Christ”
- 10:15-10:40 Robin Darling Young, University of Notre Dame
“Friendship among Ascetics in the *Letters* of Evagrius”

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Session 30

Jerome

Location: Western Stage House

Chair: Edmon Gallagher, Heritage Christian University

- 9:00-9:25 Thomas Hunt, Cardiff University, UK
“Ephesians 1:10, recapitulation and Jerome: contexts and consequences”
- 9:25-9:50 Stuart Squires, DePaul University
“Jerome: via Media Between Augustine and Pelagius”
- 10:15-10:40 Peter Anthony Mena, Drew University
“Late Ancient Mestizaje: An Anzaldúan Reading of Jerome”

Session 31

Representing Martyrdom I

Location: The Bull’s Head

Chair: Nicole Kelley, Florida State University

- 9:00-9:25 Jesse Hoover, Baylor University
“False Lives, False Martyrs: Redating the Colophons of ‘Pseudo-Pionius’”
- 9:25-9:50 Kyle Smith, University of Toronto
“Judas Maccabeus as Christian Priest: Ideology and Interpretation in the Acts of the Persian Martyrs”
- 9:50-10:15 Eliezer Gonzalez, Macquarie University
“Refrigerium in Early Christianity: Its Ideology and Suppression”
- 10:15-10:40 Nathan Lunsford, Marquette University
“Augustine, the Martyrs, and the Fear of Death”
- 10:40-11:00 Coffee Break—Exhibit Hall, Sauganash West

Coffee Break Sponsored by Wipf and Stock Publishers

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Session 32	NAPS Presidential Address Location: Sauganash East Chair: Virginia Burrus, Drew University
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11:00-12:00

“*Fecit ad astra viam: Daughters, Wives, and the Metrical Epitaphs of Late Ancient Rome*”

Dennis Trout
Professor and Chair
Department of Classical Studies, University of Missouri

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

Session 33	Narratives of Religious Conflict in Late Antiquity II Location: Sauganash East Chair: Bronwen Neil, Australian Catholic University Organizer: Bronwen Neil, Australian Catholic University
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1:30-1:55 Anthony Martini, La Salle University
“Nicaea: A Revisionary Account of the Patristic Narrative”

1:55-2:20 Ulrich Volp, Mainz University
“Conflict or Consolidation: The *Apocriticus* by Macarius
Magnes – a pagan-Christian slanging match or intra-Christian
validation?”

2:20-2:45 Wendy Mayer, Australian Catholic University
“Controlling narrative: Media manipulation as a tool in
religious conflict”

2:45-3:10 Adam Schor, University of South Carolina
“Narrative Constructions of Clerical Relations of the Mid-
Third Century”

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Session 34	Augustine's Christology Location: Mansion Room Chair: Kari Kloos, Regis University
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- 1:30-1:55 Adam Ployd, Emory University
"Pro-Nicene Prosopology and the Church in Augustine's Reading of Jn 3:13"
- 1:55-2:20 Joseph Lam, Australian Catholic University
"*Exemplum Christi*": The Use of Aristotle's Categories in the Christological Debate between Augustine and Julian of Aeclanum"
- 2:20-2:45 Travis Ables, Eden Theological Seminary
"Divine Illumination as a Christological Problem in Augustine"
- 2:45-3:10 Patout Burns, Vanderbilt University
"Christ and Christians: Augustine and Cyril of Alexandria"

Session 35	Origen and Scripture II Location: Merchants North Chair: Joseph Mueller, Marquette University
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- 1:30-1:55 Vlad Niculescu, Bradley University
"Gesture, Voice, Word: On Origen's Linguistics of Prophecy"
- 1:55-2:20 Brian Barrett, University of Notre Dame
"To Reveal the Depth of this Love from God': The Literal Sense and Origen's *Comm. in Cant.*"
- 2:20-2:45 Travis Proctor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
"In Defense of Paul's Perfection: Origen's Rhetorical Analysis of the Adam-Christ Typology in Romans 5:12-21"
- 2:45-3:10 Ronald Heine, Northwest Christian University
"Rhetoric and Law in Origen's Discussion of Matthew's Divorce Pericope"

Session 36	Khaled Anatolios's <i>Retrieving Nicaea: The Development and Meaning of Trinitarian Doctrine</i> Location: American House Chair: Kelley Spoerl, Saint Anselm College Organizer: James Ernest, Baker Publishing Group
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1:30-3:10 Panelists:
Paul Blowers, Emmanuel Christian Seminary
Jon Robertson, Multnomah University
Sara Parvis, University of Edinburgh
Michael Slusser, Duquesne University

Respondent: Khaled Anatolios, Boston College

Session 37	Christians and Jews Location: Steamboat Chair: Stephen Cooper, Franklin & Marshall College
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1:30-1:55 William Rutherford, Houston Baptist University
"Jews Worship Angels: Scribal Reception of a New Testament Trope"

1:55-2:20 Jennifer Otto, McGill University
"Origen on Philo and Ebionites: A study of identity attribution"

2:20-2:45 Richard Bishop, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
"Anti-Jewish Rhetoric in Patristic Ascension Sermons of the Greek-Speaking World"

2:45-3:10 James Walters, Princeton Theological Seminary
"Judaizing and Judas-izing: Ephrem's Polemic of Religious Identity"

Session 38	John Chrysostom II Location: Shakespeare House Chair: Richard Layton, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
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1:30-1:55 Joseph T. Lienhard, S.J., Fordham University
"*Locutio* and *sensus*, and Augustine's Hermeneutics"

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- 1:55-2:20 Chris De Wet, University of South Africa
“Power/Domination/Reformation: John Chrysostom’s Advice to Slaveholders”
- 2:20-2:45 Jonathan Stanfill, Fordham University
“Rethinking the Audience(s) of John Chrysostom’s Homily to the Goths”
- 2:45-3:10 Xueying Wang, University of Notre Dame
“John Chrysostom on Premature Death of Children and Parental Grief”

Session 39	Scenes From the Development of Early Christian Exegesis Location: Lake House Chair: Michel R. Barnes, Marquette University Organizer: Lewis Ayres, Durham University
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- 1:30-1:55 Lewis Ayres, Durham University
“Monarchianism and the shaping of Christian Doctrinal Exegesis”
- 1:55-2:20 Mark DelCogliano, University of St. Thomas
“Synoptic Discrepancies as Solution Not Problem in Pneumatological Exegesis”
- 2:20-2:45 Peter Martens, Saint Louis University
“Antiochene Exegetical Advice: Adrian’s *Introduction to the Divine Scriptures*”
- 2:45-3:10 Matthew Crawford, Durham University
“Theology and Exegesis in Cyril of Alexandria’s *Commentary on Hebrews*”

Session 40	Representing Martyrdom II Location: Western Stage House Chair: David Brakke, Indiana University
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- 1:30-1:55 Robin Jensen, Vanderbilt University
“Roman Image Veneration and the Trials of Christian Martyrs”

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- 1:55-2:20 Vitaly Permiakov, Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary
“‘This Is the Gate of Heaven’: Liturgical Epiphanies in the Seventh-Century Coptic Narrative on the Consecration of a Church”
- 2:20-2:45 Jesse Alexander IV, CJ
“Imitators of Christ: Are the Martyrs Sacraments?”
- 2:45-3:10 Matthew Recla, University of California Santa Barbara
“‘*Semen est sanguis Christianorum*’: Institutionalizing the Christian Martyr”

Session 41	Second-Century Christianity Location: The Bull’s Head Chair: Christopher Hays, University of Oxford
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- 1:30-1:55 Carl Smith, Cedarville University
“Marking History with Ignatius of Antioch”
- 1:55-2:20 Jared Secord, University of Michigan
“Tatian’s Opposition to Greek Culture in Context”
- 2:20-2:45 Allan Georgia, Fordham University
“Aitia and Legitimacy in Tatian’s *Against the Greeks*”
- 2:45-3:10 Courtney Friesen, University of Minnesota
“Citation as Subversion: Clement of Alexandria’s Use of Euripides’ *Bacchae*”
- 3:10-3:30 Coffee Break— Exhibit Hall, Sauganash West

Session 42	Narratives of Religious Conflict in Late Antiquity III Location: Sauganash East Chair: Wendy Mayer, Australian Catholic University Organizer: Bronwen Neil, Australian Catholic University
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- 3:30-3:55 Eugenia Constantinou, University of San Diego
“Dualing Eschatologies: Strategic Positioning to Influence Eastern Apocalypse Interpretation”
- 3:55-4:20 Bronwen Neil, Australian Catholic University
“The Earliest Greek Understandings of Islam: John of Damascus’ *Heresies*”

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- 4:20-4:45 Joshua Powell, University of Kentucky
“‘Heretics, living or dead’: Origen and the Three Chapters”
- 4:45-5:10 George Bevan, Queen’s University
“Deep Politics and the Fifth Century: Chalcedon and Beyond”

Session 43	Early Christianity and Philosophy Location: Mansion House Chair: Peter Schadler, Holy Cross Graduate School of Theology
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- 3:30-3:55 Jonathan Morgan, Marquette University
“Forgetfulness in Cyril of Alexandria’s Festal Letter 6.8”
- 3:55-4:20 Michael Simmons, Auburn University Montgomery
“The ‘*virī novi*’ of Arnobius, *Adv. nat.* II.15.2f.: New Evidence from Eusebius”
- 4:20-4:55 Bradley Storin, Indiana University
“The Multivalence of *Philosophia* in Gregory of Nazianzus’s Letters”

Session 44	Negotiating the Body II: Virginity and Marriage Location: Merchants North Chair: Elizabeth Clark, Duke University
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- 3:30-3:55 Julia Kelto Lillis, Duke University
“Paradox in partu: Verifying Virginity in the Protogospel of James”
- 3:55-4:20 Amy Hughes, Wheaton College
“‘With Sober and Virile Heart’: The Virginal Champion in Methodius’s *Symposium*”
- 4:20-4:45 Kate Wilkinson, Towson University
“‘What Is Virginity But Singular Liberty?’: Virginity, Freedom, and Feminism”
- 4:45-5:10 Sandy Haney, Temple University
“Marital Celibacy in Gregory of Nazianzus’ Family”

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Session 45

Athanasius

Location: American House

Chair: Blossom Stefaniw, Mainz University

- 3:30-3:55 Rebecca Lyman
“Athanasius and Porphyry”
- 3:55-4:20 Lois Gandt, Sacred Heart University
“The Influence of Athanasius’s Correspondents on the *Vita Antonii*”
- 4:20-4:45 Jonathan Zecher, University of Houston
“Athanasius’ *Vita Antonii* and traditional Egyptian mortuary religion”
- 4:45-5:10 Marijana Vukovic, Central European University, Budapest; American Research Center, Sofia
“Understanding of Martyrdom by Athanasius of Alexandria”

Session 46

Augustine and Orosius

Location: Steamboat

Chair: Joseph T. Lienhard, S.J., Fordham University

- 3:30-3:55 Hubertus Drobner, Theologische Fakultät Paderborn
“New manuscript identifications for Augustine’s sermons”
- 3:55-4:20 Kenneth Steinhauser, Saint Louis University
“Was there a Carthaginian Circle?”
- 4:20-4:45 Stefan Hodges-Kluck, Penn State University
Adversus Paganos Doctiores: Educated non-Christians in Augustine’s Dolbeau Sermon no. 26”
- 4:45-5:10 Victoria Leonard, University of Cardiff
“Orosius and the Construct of Time in the *Historia adversus paganos*”

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Session 47	Scripture: Commentary and Translation Location: Shakespeare House Chair: Mischa Hooker, Augustana College
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- 3:30-3:55 D. H. Williams, Baylor University
“The First Gospel in Service of the Early Fathers”
- 3:55-4:20 Thomas Scheck, Ave Maria University
“A Brief Introduction to Jerome’s Commentary on Isaiah with a sample from Isaiah”
- 4:20-4:45 Edmon Gallagher, Heritage Christian University
“Why Did Jerome Translate Tobit and Judith?”
- 4:45-5:10 Paul Blowers, Emmanuel Christian Seminary
“Anastasius of Sinai’s *Hexaemeron*: Negotiating an Exegetical Via Media”

Session 48	Christianity and Empire Location: Lake House Chair: Brendan Sammon, Georgetown University
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- 3:30-3:55 Philip Forness, Princeton Theological Seminary
“Ousting Emperors from their Throne: Ephrem’s Hymns against Julian”
- 3:55-4:20 David DeVore, University of California Berkeley
“Rome and Christ as Civilizers in Eusebius’ Apologetic Works”
- 4:20-4:45 Young Kim, Calvin College
“‘You are also creatures of God’: Toward a Pro-Nicene Political Theory”
- 4:45-5:10 Jangho Jo, Baylor University
“Augustine’s re-conceptualization of Rome”

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Session 49

Justin Martyr

Location: Western Stage House

Chair: Anthony Briggman, Emory University

- 3:30-3:55 Deborah Forger, University of Michigan
“Hermeneutic Skepticism and Incarnational Claims: Why Trypho Rejected Justin’s Exegesis”
- 3:55-4:20 Noël Pretila, Saint Louis University
“Case for a ‘Guarded’ Typology using Greek Myth: Justin’s 1 *Apology*”
- 4:20-4:45 Tyler Vandergaag, Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary
“God’s plan in Justin Martyr’s *Dialogue with Trypho*”
- 4:45-5:10 Geoffrey Smith, Princeton University
“Justin, the *Syntagma*, and the Formation of the Christian Heresiological Tradition”

Session 50

Early Christological Issues

Location: The Bull’s Head

Chair: Dana Iuliana Vieuxre, Seton Hall University

- 3:30-3:55 David Wilhite, Baylor University
“Was Marcion a Docetist? Evidence of Incarnation in Marcion’s Theology”
- 3:55-4:20 J. D. Atkins, Marquette University
“Editing Out Post-Resurrection Doubt: Revisiting Ignatius, Luke, and Anti-Docetic Apologetics”
- 4:20-4:45 Bogdan Bucur, Duquesne University
“Clement of Alexandria’s Angelomorphism of the Son and the Spirit in Relation to his Exegesis of Biblical Theophanies”
- 4:45-5:10 Jarred Mercer, University of Oxford
“Hilary of Poitiers on Christ’s Humanity: Docetism or Soteriological Imperative”

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Session 51	Instrumenta Studiorum
5:15-5:30	Location: Sauganash East Chair: Dennis Trout, University of Missouri

Session 52	NAPS Business Meeting
5:30-6:30	Location: Sauganash East Chair: Dennis Trout, University of Missouri

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

**The North American Patristics Society
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will be presented to
Louis Swift,
Professor Emeritus of the University of Kentucky
by J. Patout Burns, Vanderbilt University**

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

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

Session 53	Holy Persons and Places
	Location: Sauganash East Chair: Pauline Allen, Australian Catholic University and University of Pretoria

9:00-9:25 Tina Shepardson, University of Tennessee
“Going to the Cemetery: Remembering the Saints in
Fourth-Century Antioch”

9:25-9:50 Zachary Yuzwa, Cornell University
“(Re)reading Martin: Genre and the Reader in Sulpicius’
Martinian Corpus”

9:50-10:15 Dennis Quinn, Cal Poly Pomona
“Besieged by the Enemy: Demonic Encounters in Gregory
of Tours”

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10:15-10:40 George Demacopoulos, Fordham University
“Every Holy Man Needs a Barbarian: Goths and Lombards
in Gregory’s *Dialogues*”

Session 54	The Cappadocians Location: Mansion House Chair: Bradley Storin, Indiana University
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9:00-9:25 Eric Meyer, Fordham University
“Holy Light, Sacred Life: Animality in Gregory
Nazianzen’s 39th Oration”

9:25-9:50 Thomas McGlothlin, Duke University
“The Perils of Partially Appropriating Origen: Providence
and Embodiment in Gregory of Nyssa’s *De anima et
resurrectione*”

9:50-10:15 Maria Dasios, University of Toronto
“Seals, Scars, and other Signs: Corporeal Media in the *Vita
Macrina*”

10:15-10:40 Nathan Howard, University of Tennessee at Martin
“Cultural Capital in Fourth-Century Cappadocia”

Session 55	Negotiating the Body III: Power, Identity, and Heresy Location: Merchants North Chair: Amy Hughes, Wheaton College
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9:00-9:25 Tara Baldrick-Morrone, Florida State University
“Bodies: The Locus of Power in the Apocryphal Acts”

9:25-9:50 A. Edward Siecienski, The Richard Stockton College of
New Jersey
“Holy Hair: The Church Fathers on Beards”

9:50-10:15 Nicole Kelley, Florida State University
“Congenital Blindness in Early Christian Writings”

10:15-10:40 Lindsey Mercer, Fordham University
“Castration as Heresy in the First Origenist Controversy”

Session 56	Imagining Demons in Early Christian Culture Location: American House Chair: Anders Tune, Wittenberg University Organizer: Sophie Lunn-Rockliffe, King's College London
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- 9:00-9:25 Kate Gibbons, Wilfrid Laurier University
“Demons and dualism: rethinking anthropological dualism in late antique asceticism”
- 9:25-9:50 Sophie Lunn-Rockliffe, King's College London
“Discord in hell: Ephrem on the devil and demons”
- 9:50-10:15 Dayna Kalleres, University of California San Diego
“Violence against virgins: demons in erotic magic”
- 10:15-10:40 Elisabeth R. O'Connell, The British Museum
“Using the dead and daimons: magical texts from the Theban necropolis”

Session 57	Syriac Christianity I Location: Steamboat Chair: Kyle Smith, University of Toronto
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- 9:00-9:25 Michael Petrin, University of Notre Dame
“The Pastoral Dimension of St. Ephrem's Hymns on Paradise”
- 9:25-9:50 Robert Morehouse, The Catholic University of America
“Sensing Heresy: Passion, Sexuality, and the Senses in Ephraem of Nisibis' Polemics against Bar Daysan and Mani”
- 9:50-10:15 Phil J. Botha, University of Pretoria
“Orthodox Ventriloquism in the Pseudo-Ephremitic Sermon on Palm Sunday?”
- 10:15-10:40 Jason Scully, Marquette University
“Dadisho as Historical Marker: Two Syriac Theories of Perfection Collide”

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Session 58	Pre-Nicene Trinitarian Theology Location: Shakespeare House Chair: Lewis Ayres, Durham University Organizer: Anthony Briggman, Emory University
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- 9:00-9:25 Michael Harris, Marquette University
“Theological Connections between 1 Clement and the Similitudes of Enoch”
- 9:25-9:50 Jackson Lashier, Marquette University
“Irenaeus on the Generation of the Logos”
- 9:50-10:15 Anthony Briggman, Emory University
“Mixture Theory and Irenaeus’ Anti-Modalist Polemic”
- 10:15-10:40 Dan Lloyd, Marquette University
“Romans 11:36 and Novatian’s Theology of the Holy Spirit”

Session 59	Augustine’s Theology Location: Lake House Chair: Brian Matz, Carroll College
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- 9:25-9:50 Joshua Evans, The Catholic University of America
“Augustine on Pre-Lapsarian Sexual Desire in *City of God*, Book XIV”
- 9:50-10:15 Phillip Anderas, Marquette University
“Baptism’s Threefold Grace in Augustine’s Works *contra Iulianum*”
- 10:15-10:40 Ellen Scully, Seton Hall University
“Jerusalem’s Lost Etymology: How Augustine Changed Latin Eschatology”

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Session 60	Antiochene Exegesis Location: Western Stage House Chair: Paul Blowers, Emmanuel Christian Seminary
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- 9:00-9:25 Richard Layton, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
“The Problem with the *Pragma*: Diodore’s Exegesis in Hermeneutical Perspective”
- 9:25-9:50 Benjamin Wayman, Saint Louis University
“*Prónoia*: Understanding Diodore of Tarsus’ *Commentary on the Psalms*”
- 9:50-10:15 Mischa Hooker, Augustana College
“Lost in Translation: Polychronius on Biblical Obscurity and Hebrew Text”
- 10:15-10:40 Han-luen Kantzer Komline, University of Notre Dame
“From History to Hymnody: Theodore of Mopsuestia on Psalm 40”

Session 61	Ascetic Practice and Theory Location: The Bull’s Head Chair: Jonathan Zecher, University of Houston
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- 9:25-9:50 Robert Simkins, The Catholic University of America
“Pride and Potentially Destructive *askesis* in Syncretica and Palladius”
- 9:50-10:15 Nathan Bennett, Claremont Graduate University
“Education and Toil in the *Lausiac History*”
- 10:15-10:40 Niki Clements, Brown University
“The Embodied Ethics of Asceticism: A Case Study of John Cassian”
- 10:40-11:00 Coffee Break— Exhibit Hall, Sauganash West

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Session 62	Plenary Lecture Location: Sauganash East Chair: Robin M. Jensen, Vanderbilt University
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11:00-12:00

“Understanding the shape of early Christian baptisteries”

Olof Brandt
Professor and Secretary
Pontifical Institute of Christian Archeology
Rome, Italy

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

Session 63	Christological Controversies Location: Sauganash East Chair: Thomas Humphries, Saint Leo University
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1:30-1:55 Vasilije Vranic, Marquette University
“The Christology of Eusebius of Dorylaeum in the Eutychean Controversy”

1:55-2:20 Dana Iuliana Viezure, Seton Hall University
“A Recontextualization of the Forged Correspondence with Peter the Fuller”

2:20-2:45 Micah Miller, Saint Louis University
“Maximus the Confessor: Defender of the Chalcedonian Definition”

2:45-3:10 Eric Lopez, Durham University
“*Theologia, Oikonomia* and Maximus the Confessor’s Trinitarian Presuppositions in the *Disputatio cum Pyrrhus*”

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Session 64 **Syriac Christianity II**
Location: Mansion House
Chair: Phil J. Botha, University of Pretoria

- 1:30-1:55 Paul Smith, Wycliffe College
“Birth and Death Baptismal Theology in Ephrem the Syrian”
- 1:55-2:20 Blake Hartung, Saint Louis University
“Arians and Muslims in Theodore Abu Qurrah’s *Refutations of the Saracens*”
- 2:20-2:45 Benjamin de Lee, University of California Los Angeles
“A Patristic Apologia for the Christian Faith”

Session 65 **Clement and Origen**
Location: Merchants Hotel North
Chair: Noël Pretila, Saint Louis University

- 1:30-1:55 Ryan Woods, Emory University
“Irenaeus in Egypt: The Reception of *Adversus Haereses* in Alexandria”
- 2:20-2:45 Ilaria Ramelli, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart
“Origen’s True Philosophy in the *Dialogue of Adamantius*”
- 2:45-3:10 Lee Sytsma, Marquette University
“Origen: A Universalist Molinist?”

Session 66 **Ecclesiology, Unity, and Sacred Space**
Location: American House
Chair: Jane Merdinger

- 1:30-1:55 Benjamin White, Clemson University
“Ecclesial Hybridity in Justin Martyr and Paul of Tarsus”

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- 1:55-2:20 John Sehorn, University of Notre Dame
“Monica as Synecdoche for the Catholic Church in
Confessions IX”
- 2:20-2:45 David Meconi, Saint Louis University
“Learning to Leave the Wheat: Forgiving Charity in Early
Ecclesiologies”

Session 67	Negotiating the Body IV: Men, Women, and Gender Location: Steamboat Chair: Kate Wilkinson, Towson University
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- 1:30-1:55 Brooke Nelson, Claremont Graduate University
“Romancing Paul: Feminist Alternatives to Pauline
Scripture”
- 1:55-2:20 Brantley Dean, Drew University
“Grief, consolation, and masculinity in the Acts of
Andrew”
- 2:20-2:45 Harold Short, Florida State University
“Malevolent Motherhood in the Apocalypse of Elijah”
- 2:45-3:10 Ellen Muehlberger, University of Michigan
“Simeon and Other Women in Theodoret’s *Religious
History*”

Session 68	Varieties of Nicene Trinitarian Theology Location: Shakespeare House Chair: Lewis Ayres, Durham University Organizer: Michel R. Barnes, Marquette University
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- 1:30-1:55 Michel R. Barnes, Marquette University
“Kinds of Nicene Theology”
- 1:55-2:20 Alexander Huggard, Marquette University
“The Pro-Nicene Latin Trinitarian Response to Priscillianism”
- 2:20-2:45 Kellen Plaxco, Marquette University
“Revisiting the Trinitarian Writings of Didymus the Blind”
- 2:45-3:10 Mark Weedman, Cross Roads College
“Augustine’s Turn to Scripture and Pro-Nicene Exegesis”

Session 69	Desert Christianity Location: Lake House Chair: George Demacopoulos, Fordham University
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- 1:30-1:55 Scott Rushing, Baylor University
“The Apostolic Heritage of the (Pro-Nicene) Desert Fathers”
- 1:55-2:20 Zachary Smith, Fordham University
“Angels as a Rhetorical *Typos* in the *Apophthegmata Patrum*”
- 2:20-2:45 Kyle Schenkewitz, Saint Louis University
“Citing ‘He who must not be named’: Evagrius in Dorotheus”
- 2:45-3:10 Brenda Llewellyn Ihssen, Pacific Lutheran University
“Forewarned is Forearmed: Predetermination in John Moschos’ *Pratum Spirituale*”

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Session 70

Digital Patristics

Location: Western Stage House

Chair: John O'Keefe, Creighton University

Organizer: Joel Kalvesmaki, Dumbarton Oaks

- 1:30-1:55 Caroline Schroeder, University of the Pacific
"Shenoute of Atripe on the Digital Frontier"
- 2:20-2:45 Paul Dilley, University of Iowa
"Introducing 'Hieroi Logoi:' A Blog on Late Antique Religion"
- 2:45-3:10 Joel Kalvesmaki, Dumbarton Oaks
"Digital tools to decipher Evagrius"

Session 71

Reception of Augustine in the Early Middle Ages

Location: The Bull's Head

Chair: Catherine Chin, University of California Davis

Organizer: Brian Matz, Carroll College

- 1:30-1:55 Frank Gumerlock, Providence Theological Seminary
"Arnobius against the 'Predestined One': Arnobius the Younger's Theology of Grace and Free Will in His Commentary on Psalm 146"
- 1:55-2:20 Alex Hwang, Vanderbilt Divinity School
"Augustine's Influence on Caesarius of Arles"
- 2:20-2:45 Jonathan Yates, Villanova University
"The Nature of 'Post-Augustinian' North African Exegesis"
- 2:45-3:10 Brian Matz, Carroll College
"Reception of Augustine in the Ninth-Century Predestination Debate"

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Session 72

Rhetorical Strategies

Location: Merchants South

Chair: Matthew Lootens, Fordham University

- 1:30-1:55 C. Andrew Ballard, Fordham University
“Ignorance as ‘the Other’ in Wisdom of Solomon, Paul, and Macrina”
- 1:55-2:20 Stefana Laing, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
“Liminal Crossings: Encountering the Devil in the Hagiographical Eulogies of Monnica and Macrina”
- 2:20-2:45 Jeremy Wallace, Princeton Theological Seminary
“Maximus Confessor as Architect: The Structure of *Quaestiones ad Thalassium*”
- 2:45-3:10 Catherine Kavanagh, Mary Immaculate College
“Hermeneutics and Dialectic in Johannes Scottus Eriugena”

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 2012 is the twenty-third 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. From 2008 to 2011 David Hunter was interim editor. In 2011 Christopher Beeley was appointed editor of the series.

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 and subsequently in 2008 to Everett Ferguson.

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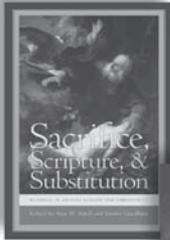
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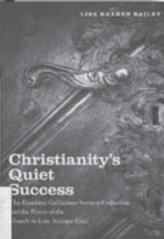
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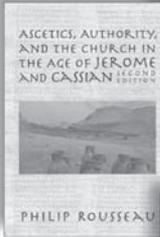
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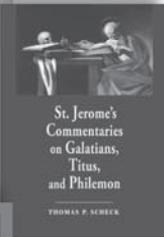
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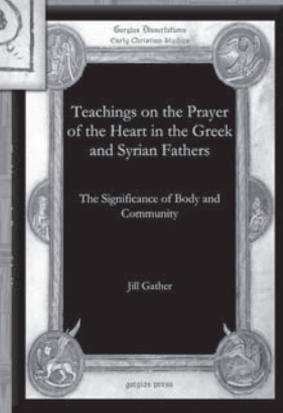
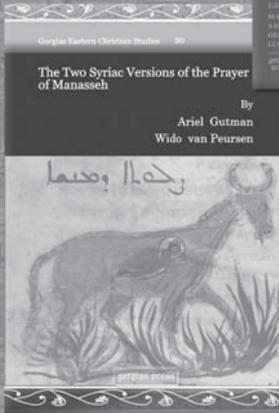
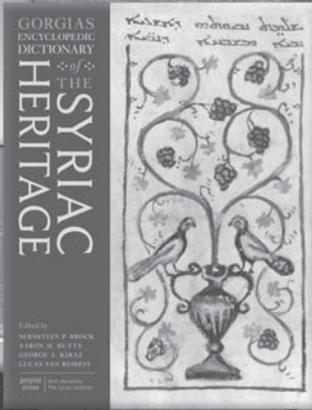
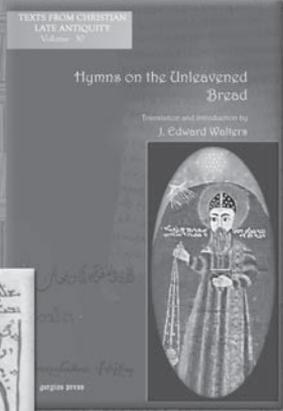
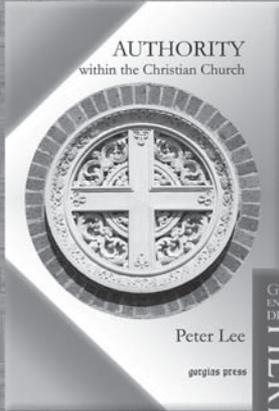
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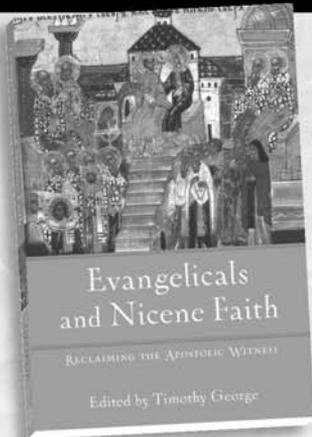
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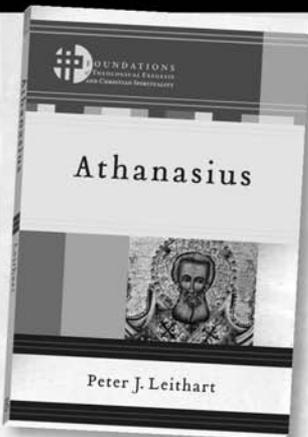
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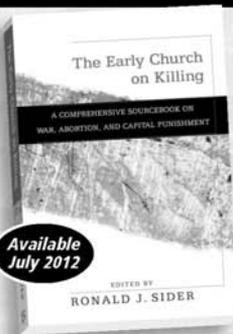
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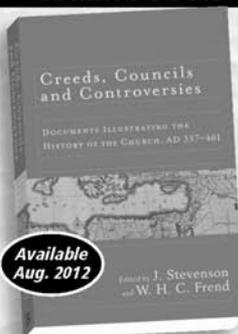
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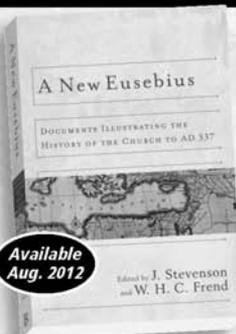
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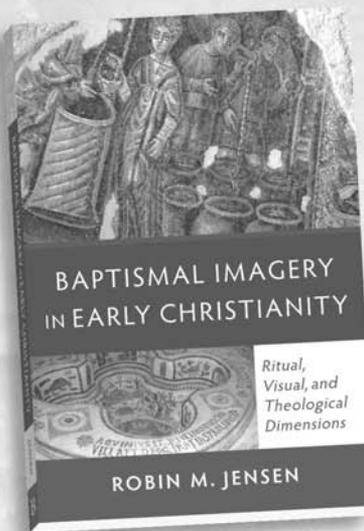


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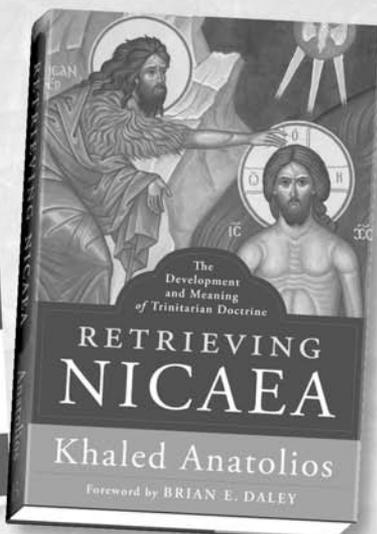
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