

North American Patristics Society
Annual Meeting
May 22-24, 2008
Holiday Inn Mart Plaza Hotel
Chicago, Illinois

THURSDAY, MAY 22

9:30-11:30	Meeting of the NAPS Board of Directors— Mansion House
10:00-5:00	Exhibits Open— Sauganash West

Session 1	**Clement of Alexandria's *Protrepticus* and *Paedagogus*** **Location: Shakespeare House** **Chair: Kelley Spoerl, St. Anselm College**
2:00-2:25	William McCarthy, Catholic University of America "Undetected Anti-Aristotelian Jibes in Clement of Alexandria's *Protrepticus*"
2:25-2:50	Edward Naumann, Catholic University of America "Impurity: Woven into the Patchwork of the *Protrepticus"*
2:50-3:15	Jacob Latham, UCLA "From Pagan Body to Christian Flesh: The Logic of Clement of Alexandria's *Paidagogos*"

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Session 2	**Art and Archaeology of Early Christianity** **Location: Sauganash East** **Chair: Robin Jensen, Vanderbilt University**
2:00-2:25	Linda Fuchs, Cornell University "Resurrection as a Paradigm for Interpreting Third-Century Christian Art"
2:25-2:50	Lee Jefferson, Vanderbilt University "Appropriating Asclepius, Appropriating Christ: Pagan-Christian Conflict in Word and Image"
2:50-3:15	Antonia Atanassova, Boston College "Perperikon: The New Golden City of Antiquity?"

Session 3	**Issues in Early Christian Ethics** **Location: Bulls Head** **Chair: David Eastman, Yale University**
2:00-2:25	Helen Rhee, Westmont College "Who Are the Poor That Are Saved? Descriptions of the Poor in the Pre-Constantinian Christian Literature"
2:25-2:50	Jayakiran Sebastian, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia "The Joy of Almsgiving: Reading Cyprian Today"
2:50-3:15	Brian Matz, Catholic University of Leuven "The Principle of Detachment from Private Property in Basil of Caesarea's Homily 6 and Its Context"

Session 4	**Christology before and after Chalcedon (I)** **Location: Merchants Room** **Chair: Christopher Beeley, Yale Divinity School**
2:00-2:25	Richard Bishop, University of Virginia "*Affectus Hominis*: The Human Psychology of Christ according to Ambrose of Milan

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2:25-2:50 Eric Phillips, Washington, DC
"Theodore of Mopsuestia on the Mode of the Prosopic Union"

2:50-3:15 George Bevan, Queen's University
"The Order of the Sessions of Chalcedon"

Session 5 **Ascetical Traditions and Texts (I):**
Location: Steamboat Room
Chair: Ellen Muehlberger, Indiana University

2:00-2:25 Lois Gandt, Fordham University
"'*Secundum Dominum*': The Anonymous Translator of the *Vita Antonii* on Early Egyptian Monasticism

2:25-2:50 Debra Bucher, University of Pennsylvania
"'Will the Real Spiritual Marriage Please Stand Up?!' Solitary Asceticism and Cohabitation in the *Epistle of Titus*"

2:50-3:15 Lillian Larsen, University of Redlands
"Reading Rhetoric in the *Apophthegmata Patrum*"

Session 6 **Reading Forwards and Backwards: The Place of Postmodern Thinking in Patristic Scholarship (I)**
Location: Western Stage House
Chair: Scot Douglass, University of Colorado

2:00-2:25 Virginia Burrus, Drew University
"Seeing God in Bodies: Augustine's Postmodern Insight"

2:25-2:50 Morwenna Ludlow, University of Exeter
"Origen's Exegesis: Reading Back to the Past and Forward to the Future"

2:50-3:15 David Newheiser, University of Chicago
"Tense and Tension—Derrida and Dionysius"

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Session 7	**Miscellanea Augustiniana** **Location: American House** **Chair: Marianne Djuth, Canisius College**
2:00-2:25	Matthew Lootens, Fordham University "The Spiritual Senses in Augustine"
2:25-2:50	Daniel Lattier, Duquesne University "War and Marriage Go Together for Augustine"
2:50-3:15	Tarmo Toom, John Leland Center "'I Was a Boy with Power to Talk" (*Conf*. 1.8.13): Augustine and Ancient Theories of Language Acquisition'"

Session 8	**Pope Gregory the Great** **Location: Lake House** **Chair: George Demacopoulos, Fordham University**
2:00-2:25	Tommy Humphries, Emory University "Shut Up and Talk to Me: *Locutio intima* in Gregory the Great's Pneumatology"
2:25-2:50	Eileen Jacxsens, Brown University "*Scienter nescuis et sapienter indoctus*: Gregory the Great's Dialogue on the Life of St. Benedict and His Vision of Monastic Education"

Session 9	**Roman Pasts and Christian Futures (I)** **Location: Bull's Head** **Chair: Michael Simmons, Auburn University**
3:30-3:55	Mary Hope Griffin, Oakton Community College "Christian Hagiography and Greco-Roman Mythology: A Few Examples of Christian Incorporation of Mythological Motifs"

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3:55-4:20	Jonathan Lace, Seton Hall Preparatory School "Citizens of Heaven: Military Service, Public Office and Civic Responsibility in Origen"
4:20-4.45	Stephen Lloyd-Moffett, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo "Julian in the Shadows of the Basileiados: Rethinking the Link between Basil of Caesarea and Julian 'the Apostate'"

Session 10	**Patristic Heresiology** **Location: Lake House** **Chair: William Tabbernee, Phillips Theological Seminary**
3:30-3:55	Eric Scherbenske, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill "The Marcionite Prologues: Authenticity and the Effects of Heresiological Constructs"
3:55-4:20	James Kelhoffer, St. Louis University "Hippolytus of Rome on the Magic of 'Heretical' Miracle Workers: *Elenchos (Refutatio)* IV.28-42 and Related Passages in the Light of the *Greek Magical Papyri*"
4:20-4:45	Young Kim, Calvin College "Epiphanius the Naturalist: Heretics, Creepy-Crawlies, and the Poems of Nicander"

Session 11	**Panel Discussion of David Brakke's *Demons and the Making of the Monk* (Harvard University Press, 2006)** **Location: Merchants Room** **Chair: Georgia Frank, Colgate University**
3:30-4:45	Panelists: Derek Krueger, University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Caroline Schroeder, University of the Pacific; Columba Stewart, OSB, St. John's University Response: David Brakke, Indiana University

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Session 12	**Prophecy and Oracle in Early Christianity** **Location: Shakespeare House** **Chair: Jeffrey Trumbower, St. Michael's College**
3:30-3:55	Thomas McGlothlin, Christian Academy in Japan "Scriptural Inspiration and the Early Christian Encounter with Oracles"
3:55-4:20	Andrew Dinan, Ave Maria University "Clement of Alexandria on Prophecy"
4:20-4:45	Dominique Côté, University of Ottawa "Prophecy in the *Pseudo-Clementines*: The Neoplatonic Background"

Session 13	**Reading Forwards and Backwards: The Place of Postmodern Thinking in Patristic Scholarship (II)** **Location: Western Stage House** **Chair: Morwenna Ludlow, University of Exeter**
3:30-3:55	Scot Douglass, University of Colorado "'The Origin of the Work of Texts': Truth in the Writings of Gregory of Nyssa"
3:55-4:20	Tamsin Jones, Harvard University "Jean-Luc Marion's Retrieval of Dionysius the Areopagite"
4:20-4:45	Scott Moringiello, University of Notre Dame "The Rhetoric of Irenaeus of Lyon"

Session 14	**Ambrose's Episcopal Foreground** **Location: Steamboat Room** **Chair: Dennis Trout, University of Missouri**
3:30-3:55	Kenneth Steinhauser, St. Louis University "Auxentius or Mercurinus: The Name of Ambrose's Nemesis in Milan"

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3:55-4:20 Robert Frakes, Clarion University
"Butheric and the Charioteer"

4:20-4:45 Dayna Kalleres, University of California, San Diego
"Demoniacs, Exorcism, and the Battle for the Milanese Episcopacy: Reading Ambrose While Listening to Jonathan Z. Smith"

Session 15	**Origen: Scholar, Exegete, Preacher** **Location: American House** **Chair: Jeanne-Nicole Saint-Laurent, Brown University**

3:30-3:55 François Beyrouti, Saint Paul University
"Origen the Teacher"

3:55-4:20 Gerardo Rodríguez-Galarza, St. Louis University
"Origen's Rhetoric of Women in His *Homilies on Leviticus*"

4:20-4:45 Ronald Heine, Northwest Christian College
"Origen and 'the Hebrew'"

Session 16	**Pilgrimage and the Holy Places** **Location: Sauganash East** **Chair: Stephen Shoemaker, University of Oregon**

3:30-3:55 Blake Leyerle, University of Notre Dame
"Genre and Fragment in Early Christian Pilgrimage Accounts"

3:55-4:20 Susan Graham, St. Peter's College
"The Building of Jerusalem: Sacred Places and Episcopal Politics under Cyril and John"

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

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Session 17	**Plenary Lecture** **Location: Sauganash East** **Chair: David G. Hunter, University of Kentucky**

7:30-8:30

"Remembering Constantine at the Milvian Bridge"

Professor Raymond Van Dam
University of Michigan

8:30-10:30 Dessert Reception—Wolfe Point Ballroom, 15th floor

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

8:00-9:00 *JECS* board meeting—Edgewater Room, 15th floor

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

Session 18	**Syriac Christian Texts and Traditions** **Location: Sauganash East** **Chair: Robin Darling Young, University of Notre Dame**

9:00-9:25 Jeanne-Nicole Saint-Laurent, Brown University
"Twinning and Descent: The Syriac *Acts of Thomas* and the Representation of Orthodoxy"

9:25-9:50 Susan Harvey, Brown University
"Holy Impudence, Sacred Desire: The Women of Matthew 1:1-16 in Syriac Tradition"

9:50-10:15 Michael Penn, Mt. Holyoke College
"Monks, Manuscripts, and Muslims"

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10:15-10:40 Jonathan Loopstra, Catholic University of America
"The Use of Pseudo-Epiphanius in Ninth- through Thirteenth-Century Miaphysite Pedagogy"

Session 19	**Exploring Augustine's *Confessions* Location: Merchants Room Chair: Michael Cameron, University of Portland**

9:00-9:25 John Lorenc, McMaster University
"God as *Dulcedo Mea* in Augustine's *Confessions*"

9:25-9:50 Marianne Djuth, Canisius College
"Augustine, Monica, and the Love of Wisdom"

9:50-10:15 Jason BeDuhn, Northern Arizona University
"Augustine the Apostate: Reconstructing a Paradigmatic Case of Conversion"

10:15-10:40 Andrei Antokhin, Graduate Theological Union
"Augustine's Encounter with the *Vita Antonii* in Book Eight of His *Confessions*"

Session 20	**Trinitarian Theology in the Greek Tradition (I) Location: Western Stage House Chair: Joseph Lienhard, SJ, Fordham University**

9:00-9:25 Christopher Beeley, Yale Divinity School
"Eusebius and Marcellus: Anti-Modalist Doctrine and Orthodox Christology"

9:25-9:50 Sara Parvis, University of Edinburgh
"Marcellus of Ancyra's *Contra Asterium*: The Main Source for Athanasius' *Orationes Contra Arianos* I-III?"

9:50-10:15 Charles Kannengiesser, Concordia University, Montreal
"Athanasius of Alexandria in Quest of Trinity"

10:15-10:40 Brian Daley, SJ, University of Notre Dame
"The Enigma of Meletius of Antioch"

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10:40-11:00 Response: Joseph Lienhard, SJ, Fordham University

Session 21	**Tertullian and Cyprian** **Location: Steamboat Room** **Chair: J. Patout Burns, Vanderbilt University**

9:00-9:25 Bryan Stewart, Valparaiso University
"Guardians of Sacred Space: The Levitical Priest as a *Figura* for the Christian Bishop in Tertullian of Carthage"

9:25-9:50 David Wilhite, George W. Truett Theological Seminary
"Tertullian on Widows: A North African Appropriation of Household Economics"

9:50-10:15 Richard Tomsick, Ursuline College
"What, Then, *Can* We Do? Symmetry and Substance in Tertullian's Early Disciplinary Works"

10:15-10:40 Andy Alexis-Baker, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary
"*Ad Quirinum* Book III and Cyprian's Catechumenate"

Session 22	**Roman Episcopal Authority at Home and Abroad** **Location: American House** **Chair: Everett Ferguson, Abilene Christian University**

9:00-9:25 Kristina Sessa, Ohio State University
"Constructing the Clerical Household: An Episcopal Technique of Government in Late Antique Rome"

9:25-9:50 Kevin Uhalde, Ohio University
"Leo I on the 'True Justice of the Perfect'"

9:50-10:15 George Demacopoulos, Fordham University
"When Peter Speaks, Does Anyone Listen? The Sicilian Reception of Roman Authority during the Tenure of Pope Gregory I"

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10:15-10:40 Amy Tiilikainen, Catholic University of America
"The Synod of Hatfield and the Rehabilitation of the Papacy at the Sixth Ecumenical Council"

Session 23	**Biblical and Pagan Language in Early Christian Theology** **Location: Bulls Head** **Chair: James Ernest, Baker Academic**

9:00-9:25 Anthony Briggman, Marquette University
"Comparing Justin and Irenaeus: Pneumatological Reflections on 1 Corinthians 12"

9:25-9:50 Jeffrey Bingham, Dallas Theological Seminary
"Tradition and Polemic in Early Christian Exegesis: Irenaeus Reads Matthew 25:41"

9:50-10:15 Angela Russell Christman, Loyola College in Maryland
"Biblical Exegesis and Virgil's *Aeneid* in Ambrose of Milan's *Expositio psalmi CXVIII*"

10:15-10:40 Jonathan Yates, Villanova University
"Augustine and the 'Disease' of Sexual Desire: The Sources, Reasons and Impact of His Idiosyncratic Reading of 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5"

Session 24	**Constructing Identities and Boundaries** **Location: Shakespeare House** **Chair: Elizabeth Clark, Duke University**

9:00-9:25 Andrew Jacobs, University of California, Riverside
"Between the Lines: Jesus' Circumcision and Early Christian Commentary"

9:25-9:50 Peninah Wolpo, University of New Mexico
"Pelagius, Augustine, and the Formation of Imperial Christian Identity"

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9:50-10:15 Eric Fournier, University of California, Santa Barbara
"Writing History from Hagiography: The Case of Victor of Vita"

Session 25	**Late Antique Latin Theologians** **Location: Lake House** **Chair: Kenneth Steinhauser, St. Louis University**

9:00-9:25 Christine McCann, Norwich University
"Health and the Spiritual Physician: Evidence from Paulinus of Nola"

9:25-9:50 David Meconi, SJ, St. Louis University
"The Soteriological Claims of Peter Chrysologus: Toward a Theology of Deification"

10:00-11:00 Coffee Break—Exhibit Hall, Sauganash West

Session 26	**NAPS Presidential Address** **Location: Sauganash East** **Chair: Paul Blowers, Emmanuel School of Religion**

11:00-12:00

"The Significance of Ambrosiaster"

Professor David G. Hunter
University of Kentucky

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

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Session 27	Trinitarian Theology in the Latin Tradition (I) Location: Sauganash East Chair: Lewis Ayres, Emory University
1:30-1:55	Jim Papandrea, Holy Family Catholic Community, Inverness, Illinois "Novatian of Rome: Reclaiming and Redeeming an Anti-Pope"
1:55-2:20	Kari Kloos, Regis University "Novatian on Divine Distinctiveness"
2:20-2:45	Michel Barnes, Marquette University "A Night at the OPERA: That the Father is Seen in the Son"
2:45-3:10	John Voelker, Trinity Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, Minnesota "Marius Victorinus' Earliest Latin Trinitarian Commentary"

Session 28	Patristic Spirituality and Mysticism Location: Lake House Chair: Thomas Martin, OSA, Villanova University
1:30-1:55	Michael McCarthy, SJ, Santa Clara University "'I Lay Down and Slept' (Ps. 3:6): Patristic Spiritualities of Sleep"
1:55-2:20	John Penniman, Emory University "Pilgrims in the Valley of Weeping: Augustine, the Psalms, and the Function of Sorrow in the Life of Faith"
2:20-2:45	William Harmless, SJ, Creighton University "Calligraphers of the Ineffable: New Perspectives on Mysticism in Early Christian Studies"
2:45-3:10	Brock Bingaman, Loyola University of Chicago "Loving the Beautiful: The Orthodox *Philokalia's* Promise for Contemporary Constructive Theology"

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Session 29	**Roman Pasts and Christian Futures (II)** **Location: Bulls Head** **Chair: Harold Drake, University of California, Santa Barbara**
1:30-1:55	Dennis Trout, University of Missouri "Symmachus and the *Amor Consuetudinis*"
1:55-2:20	David Eastman, Yale University "Prudentius and the Christian Re-Foundation of Rome"
2:20-2:45	Thomas Sizgorich, University of New Mexico "From the Memory and Evidence of Good Fortune: The Newly Contested Past and Fourth-Century Roman *Lieux de Mémoire*"
2:45-3:10	James Patterson, University of Texas, Austin "Christian Morality and Pagan Literature: Clarifying Augustine's Attitude toward Terence"

Session 30	**Greek Patristic Perspectives on Deification (*Theôsis*)** **Location: Steamboat Room** **Chair: Paul Blowers, Emmanuel School of Religion**
1:30-1:55	Andrew Hofer, OP, University of Notre Dame "Christ and the Mind in Gregory Nazianzen's *De rebus suis*"
1:55-2:20	Paul Gavrilyuk, University of St. Thomas "The Spiritual Senses in the Illuminationist Epistemology of Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite"
2:20-2:45	Fred Aquino, Abilene Christian University "Deified Intellect: Maximus the Confessor and Virtue Epistemology"
2:45-3:10	Catherine Kavanagh, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick "The Fate of Maximian *Theôsis* in Early Medieval Western Theology"

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Session 31	John Chrysostom and Theodoret of Cyrus Location: American House Chair: Angela Russell Christman, Loyola College in Maryland

1:30-1:55 Stephen Black, University of San Francisco
"John Chrysostom in Constantinople: A Reassessment"

1:55-2:20 Walter Stevenson, University of Richmond
"John Chrysostom, Ethnography and Foreign Missions"

2:20-2:45 Stefana Laing, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
"Exegeting David: Theodoret's *Historia Ecclesiastica* as a *specula princeps*"

Session 32	Judaism and Christianity in Antiquity Location: Merchants Room Chair: Andrew Jacobs, University of California, Riverside

1:30-1:55 Nancy Heisey, Eastern Mennonite University
"Revisiting *The Jewish-Christian Schism Revisited*"

1:55-2:20 Lee Blackburn, University of Notre Dame
"A Self-Incriminating Witness: Cyril of Alexandria on the Cultic Law of Moses"

2:20-2:45 Aaron Johnson, University of Chicago
"Without an Introduction: Eusebius' *General Elementary Introduction* on the Jews"

Session 33	Ascetical Traditions and Texts (II) Location: Western Stage House Chair: George Bebawi, Indianapolis, Indiana

1:30-1:55 Columba Stewart, OSB, St. John's University
"The Use of Biblical Texts in Prayer and the Formation of Early Monastic Culture"

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1:55-2:20 Marcus Plested, Cambridge University
Macarius and Messalianism: The *status quaestionis*

2:20-2:45 Clark Carlton, Tennessee Tech University
"Doctrinal Polemics as 'Language Game' in Mark the Monk"

Session 34	**The Body and Bodily Identity** **Location: Shakespeare House** **Chair: Caroline Schroeder, University of the Pacific**

1:30-1:55 William Tabbernee, Phillips Theological Seminary
"Tertullian, Priscilla, and the Oracles of the New Prophecy: 'Anti-Gnostic' and 'Gnostic-Like' Aspects of the 'Montanist' Understanding of the Body"

1:55-2:20 Kate Wilkinson, Emory University
"Conflicting Knowledge of Bodies: An Inquiry into the Question of Origen's Manhood"

2:20-2:45 Catherine Chin, University of California, Davis
"Body and Identity in Ambrose's Funeral Orations"

2:45-3:10 Erik Kolb, Catholic University of America
"Zosimas Reconsidered: Constructions of Sanctity in the *Life of Mary of Egypt*"

3:00-3:30 Coffee Break— Exhibit Hall, Sauganash West



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Session 35	**Liturgy and Preaching in the Early Church** **Location: Sauganash East** **Chair: J. Rebecca Lyman, Church Divinity School of the Pacific**
3:30-3:55	Vitaly Permiakov, University of Notre Dame Encaenia on Holy Sion: The Fourth-Century Homily by John II of Jerusalem"
3:55-4:20	Robin Jensen, Vanderbilt University "The Arrival of the Magi (and the Feast of the Epiphany) in the West"
4:20-4:45	David Robinson, University of St. Michael's College "Informed Worship and Empowered Mission: The Integration of Doctrine and Liturgy in Leo the Great's Sermons on Ascension and Pentecost"

Session 36	**Augustine: Exegete and Theologian** **Location: Steamboat Room** **Chair: Jane Merdinger, Lake Tahoe, Nevada**
3:30-3:55	Thomas Martin, OSA, Villanova University "*Vetus Homo*: Exploring Augustine's Early Use of Paul against the Manichaeans"
3:55-4:20	Joshua Davies, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga "Beatific Vision in Augustine's Eden"
4:20-4:45	Roland Teske, SJ, Marquette University "Augustine's Inversion of Saint John's 'God is Love'"
4:45-5:10	Adam Ployd, Emory University "The Unity of the Dove: *Io. Ev. Tr*. 6 and Augustine's Trinitarian Solution to the Donatist Controversy"

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Session 37	**Didymus the Blind and Evagrius Ponticus** **Location: Shakespeare House** **Chair: Richard Layton, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana**
3:30-3:55	Robin Darling Young, University of Notre Dame "Being a Stranger and a Guest in Evagrius' Description of the Monastic Life"
3:55-4:20	Peter Steiger, Chaminade University of Honolulu "Didymus the Blind and the Spirituality of the Gnostic Christian Teacher"
4:20-4:45	Blossom Stefaniw, University of Erfurt "The Education of the Mind in Didymus the Blind and Evagrius Ponticus"

Session 38	**Translating Basil's *Contra Eunomium*** **Location: Bulls Head** **Chairs: Andrew Radde-Gallwitz, Loyola University of Chicago, and Mark DelCogliano, Emory University**
3:30-5:15	Respondents: Lewis Ayres, Emory University John Behr, St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary Stephen Hildebrand, Franciscan University

Session 39	**Late Antique Platonisms** **Location: Lake House** **Chair: Aaron Johnson, University of Chicago**
3:30-3:55	Elizabeth Digeser, University of California, Santa Barbara "Origen on the *Limes*: Rhetoric and the Polarization of Identity in the Late Third Century"
3:55-4:20	Heidi Marx-Wolf, University of California, Santa Barbara "Ordering the Realm of Spirits: Third-Century Daimonologies in Context"

4:20-4:45	Todd Krulak, University of Pennsylvania "Athanasius, Late Platonists, and the Place of the Cult Image in Fourth-Century Alexandria"
4:45-5:10	Stephen Cooper, Franklin and Marshall College The Platonism of Marius Victorinus: New Discoveries, New Proposals, New Prospects"

Session 40	**Trinitarian Theology in the Latin Tradition (II)** **Location: Western Stage House** **Chair: Kari Kloos, Regis University**
3:30-3:55	Carl Beckwith, Beeson Divinity School "Hilary of Poitiers' Revision of the *De Fide*"
3:55-4:20	Mark Weedman, Crossroads College "Hilary, Ambrose and the Development of Latin Trinitarian Theology"
4:20-4:45	Daniel Williams, Baylor University "A Commentary on the Nicene Creed"

Session 41	**Economics and Poverty in the Early Christian World: Boundaries, Realities, and Frameworks** **Location: Merchants Room** **Chair: Bronwen Neil, Australian Catholic University**
3:30-3:55	Edward Morgan, Australian Catholic University "Apophatics and Economics: The Limits of Speech on Ancient Economy"
3:55-4:20	Wendy Mayer, Australian Catholic University "Economic Poverty and Contemporary Frameworks"
4:20-4:45	Geoffrey Dunn, Australian Catholic University "Why Care for the Poor? The Role of Almsgiving in Jerome's Asceticism"

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Session 42	**Instrumenta Studiorum**
	Location: Sauganash East
5:15-5:30	**Chair: David G. Hunter, University of Kentucky**
Session 43	**NAPS Business Meeting**
	Location: Sauganash East
5:30-6:30	**Chair: David G. Hunter, University of Kentucky**

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



The Madaba Map, floor mosaic, Jordan, sixth century CE

SATURDAY, MAY 24

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

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

Saturday, May 24

Session 44	Trinitarian Theology in the Greek Tradition (II) Location: Merchants Room Chair: Stephen Hildebrand, Franciscan University
9:00-9:25	Dragos Giulea, Marquette University "Origen between the Jewish and Greek Representations of the Godhead: *Princ*. 2.4.3 and the Reshaping of the *Kabod* Tradition into an Anti-Anthropomorphite Epistemology"
9:25-9:50	J. Rebecca Lyman, Church Divinity School of the Pacific "Image and Changeability in Eusebius, Porphyry, and the Arians"
9:50-10:15	Mark DelCogliano, Emory University "Basil of Caesarea, Didymus the Blind, and the Anti-Pneumatomachian Exegesis of Amos 4:13 and John 1:3
10:15-10:40	David Kneip, University of Notre Dame "The Holy Spirit and the Unity of the Church in Cyril of Alexandria"

Session 45	Evagrius Ponticus and Maximus the Confessor Location: Shakespeare House Chair: Robert Wilken, University of Virginia
9:00-9:25	Fr. Theophanes Constantine, Mt. Athos, Greece "Preliminary Remarks on the Analysis of Internal Evidence in Basil *Letter* 8 for Evagrian Authorship and Dating, with Reference to the *Theological Orations* of St. Gregory the Theologian
9:25-9:50	Joel Kalvesmaki, Dumbarton Oaks "Did Evagrius of Pontus Really Write the *Epistula Fidei* in 381? Testing an Athonite Monk's Hypothesis"
9:50-10:15	Paul Blowers, Emmanuel School of Religion "The World as 'Text': Origen, Evagrius, Maximus…and Oliver Davies"

10:15-10:40 Adrian Guiu, University of Chicago
"Neo-Platonic Categories and the Refutation of Origenism in Maximus' *Ambigua* 7 and 15

Session 46	**The Cappadocian Fathers** **Location: Sauganash East** **Chair: Vasiliki Limberis, Temple University**

9:00-9:25 Peder Solberg, St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary
"Love for the Good and the Beautiful: An Argument for the Cappadocian Production of the *Philocalia* of Origen"

9:25-9:50 Celica Milovanovic, Millersville University
"Gregory of Nazianzus' *De rebus suis* (*Carm*. 2.1.1) and the Tradition of Classical Didactic Epic"

9:50-10:15 Jaclyn Maxwell, Ohio University
"Friends, Enemies and Education in Gregory of Nazianzus' *Orations*"

10:15-10:40 Hubertus Drobner, University of Paderborn
"The Critical Edition of Gregory of Nyssa, *In Hexaemeron*: Final Report"

Session 47	**Constantine and His Legacies** **Location: Steamboat Room** **Chair: Elizabeth Digeser, University of California, Santa Barbara**

9:00-9:25 Hallie Meredith, Bard Graduate Center
"Constantine's Labarum as Miraculous Material Culture: The Making of Agents of Holy Power on Earth in Eusebius of Caesarea's *Vita Constantinii*"

9:25-9:50 Harold Drake, University of California, Santa Barbara
"How Many Enemies Are There in Constantine's 'Oration to the Saints'?"

9:50-10:15 Santiago Castellanos, University of León
"Creating a New Constantine: The Conversion of Reccared in Visigothic Spain"

Session 48	**Second-Century Themes and Literature** **Location: Lake House** **Chair: Chris Frilingos, Michigan State University**

9:00-9:25 Chris Bounds, Indiana Wesleyan University
"The Understanding of *Charis/Gratia* in the Apostolic Fathers"

9:25-9:50 Everett Ferguson, Abilene Christian University
"Images for the Church in Early Christian Literature"

9:50-10:15 Bogdan Bucur, Duquesne University
"The Holy Spirit and the Angelic Powers in Justin Martyr"

10:15-10:40 Aza Goudriaan, Free University, Amsterdam
"*Philosophia* in Second-Century Greek Apologists and in Theodoret's *Graecarum affectionum curatio*"

Session 49	**Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy** **Location: Western Stage House** **Chair: Charles Bobertz, St. John's University**

9:00-9:25 Nathan Howard, University of Tennessee at Martin
"An Economy of Obligation: Letters as Commodities in Fourth-Century Cappadocia"

9:25-9:50 J. Patout Burns, Vanderbilt University
"The Regulation of the Property of the Church and Clergy in Fifth-Century Africa"

9:50-10:15 Rod Stearn, University of Kentucky
"Treasure in Heaven: The Socio-Economic Conditions of Judean Desert Monasteries in Late Antiquity

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Session 50	**Hagiography and the Cult of the Saints** **Location: Bulls Head** **Chair: Susan Harvey, Brown University**
9:00-9:25	Heather Gorman, Abilene Christian University "A Shadow of Things to Come: The Legacy of St. Thecla in the *Life of St. Macrina*"
9:25-9:50	David Riggs, Indiana Wesleyan University "'Saint Stephen of Uzalis' and the Dynamics of Christianization in Late Roman Africa"
9:50-10:15	James Goehring, University of Mary Washington "The Life and Miracles of Abraham of Farshut"

Session 51	**Virginity and Marian Devotion in Antiquity** **Location: American House** **Chair: Joseph Kelly, John Carroll University**
9:00-9:25	Stephen Shoemaker, University of Oregon "Mary the Apostle: A New Dormition Fragment in Coptic and Its Place in the History of Marian Literature"
9:25-9:50	Ben Dunning, Fordham University Virginity and Sexual Difference in Irenaeus
9:50-10:15	Joseph Lienhard, SJ, Fordham University "The Early Uses of the Title *Theotokos*"
10:15-11:00	Coffee Break— Exhibit Hall, Sauganash West

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Session 52	**Plenary Lecture** **Location: Sauganash East** **Chair: Paul Blowers, Emmanuel School of Religion**

11:00-12:00

"Gifts and Giving: Modelling Evergetism in the Fifth Century"

Dr. Bronwen Neil
Australian Catholic University

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

Session 53	**Fresh Perspectives on Athanasius** **Location: Shakespeare House** **Chair: James Goehring, University of Mary Washington**

1:30-1:55 Ellen Muehlberger, Indiana University
"Seeing the Light: A Re-Evaluation of *Life of Antony* 10

1:55-2:20 David Brakke, Indiana University
"A New Fragment of Athanasius 39th *Festal Letter*: Heresy, Apocrypha, and the Canon"

Session 54	**Christology before and after Chalcedon (II)** **Location: Sauganash East** **Chair: Brian Daley, University of Notre Dame**

1:30-1:55 Robert Morehouse, Catholic University of America
"What Can Be Said of Christ: The Role of Christological Scripture Citations in Fifth-Century Egypt"

1:55-2:20 Robert Kitchen, Knox-Metropolitan United Church, Regina, Saskatchewan
"Teaching Between the Lines: Christological Comments in Philoxenus of Mabbug's *Discourses*"

2:20-2:45 Mischa Hooker, Loyola University of Chicago
"An Oracle on Christology in the 'Theosophical' Tradition"

2:45-3:10 Joshua Lollar, University of Notre Dame
"The *Ambigua ad Thomam* of Maximus the Confessor"

Session 55	**Pauline Themes in Patristic Interpretation** **Location: Merchants Room** **Chair: Stephen Cooper, Franklin and Marshall College**

1:30-1:55 Thomas Scheck, Ave Maria University
"Origen's Interpretation of Romans"

1:55-2:20 Tia Jamir, Dallas Theological Seminary
"Romans 5:1-11, The Call to Peace: Paul and Origen's Protreptikos"

2:20-2:45 Mark Ellingsen, Interdenominational Theological Center
"Does Augustine Ever Teach Forensic Justification, External Righteousness, and a Reason-Faith Dialectic?"

2:45-3:10 Ashley Hall, Fordham University
"Philipp Melanchthon's Appeals to St. Basil of Caesarea to Justify the Lutheran Doctrine of Grace"

Session 56	**Augustine: Priest and Bishop** **Location: Western Stage House** **Chair: William Harmless, SJ, Creighton University**

1:30-1:55 Allan Fitzgerald, OSA, Instituto Patristico Augustinianum
"Pride, Common Good and Donatism: When Augustine Was Priest"

1:55-2:20 Jane Merdinger, Lake Tahoe, Nevada
"On the Eve of the Council of Hippo, 393 AD"

2:20-2:45 Michael Cameron, University of Portland
"Bishop Valerius of Hippo and Augustine's Biblical Turn"

Session 57	**Theological Anthropology in the Cappadocian Fathers** **Location: Steamboat Room** **Chair: John Behr, St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary**

1:30-1:55 Doug Finn, University of Notre Dame
"The Spectacular Contradition: Vision and the Anthropological Background to Gregory of Nyssa's *Orationes de Pauperibus Amandis*"

1:55-2:20 Michel Barnes, Marquette University
"Snowden's Secret: Gregory of Nyssa on the Effect of Original Sin"

2:20-2:45 Valerie Karras, Perkins School of Theology, SMU
"*Imago Dei* or Microcosmic Rational Animal? The Protological Anthropology of Gregory of Nyssa"

2:45-3:10 Sr. Nonna Verna Harrison, St. Paul School of Theology
"Gregory of Nazianzus on Pastoral Care for Diverse People"

Session 58	**Christology and the Doctrine of Atonement** **Location: Bulls Head** **Chair: Daniel Williams, Baylor University**

1:30-1:55 Carl Baechle, Fordham University
"The Presentation of the Cross and the Sacraments in the Writings of Justin Martyr"

1:55-2:20 George Bebawi, Indianapolis, Indiana (formerly Cambridge University)
"Two Important Texts on the Death of Jesus on the Cross in St. Athanasius of Alexandria's *Orations against the Arians*"

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2:20-2:45 Ky Heinze, Catholic University of America
"Gregory of Nazianzus' Struggle with the Scriptural Image of Christ as a Ransom"

Session 59 **Martyrological Traditions**
Location: Lake House
Chair: Clayton Jefford, St. Meinrad Seminary

1:30-1:55 Mark Bilby, Point Loma Nazarene University
"The First Christian Convert-Martyr Story: Luke 23:39-43 in Historical-Critical and Reception-Historical Perspective"

1:55-2:20 Timothy Milinovich, Catholic University of America
"Echoes of Scripture in the *Martyrdom of Polycarp*"

2:20-2:45 Albertus Horsting, University of Notre Dame
"Transfiguration of Flesh: Literary and Theological Connections between Martyrdom Accounts and Eucharistic Prayers"

Session 60 **Legacies of Augustine**
Location: American House
Chair: David Riggs, Indiana Wesleyan University

1:30-1:55 Alexander Hwang, St. Louis University
"*Perfectae gratiae amatores*: The Augustinian Faction in Marseilles"

1:55-2:20 Stephen Hildebrand, Franciscan University
"The Medieval Reception of Augustine and Jerome: The Case of Robert Grosseteste and the Christian Stance toward the Old Law"

A Roman Catholic Mass for the Society will be held on Saturday, May 24, at 6:15 P.M. at Assumption Church, 323 W. Illinois St., Chicago, IL 60610. The church is located two blocks north of the Merchandise Mart. Take Orleans Street north to Illinois Street; then turn right and go about half a block east on W. Illinois.

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 2006 is the nineteenth 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. The first editor was Frederick Norris, who was succeeded by Joseph T. Lienhard in 1993 and thereafter by Philip Rousseau in 2002. In 1999 The Catholic University of America Press became the publisher 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.

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