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## I. AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCES

### **The 25th Conference and General Meeting of the Australian Society for Classical Studies**

La Trobe University, Bendigo Campus, Victoria 3552, Australia

Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th February 2004

Register by 30 September for ASCS XXV in Bendigo next February to take advantage of the bargain rate. Details on the conference website at <http://www.bendigo.latrobe.edu.au/ascsxxv> (where you will find a registration form in case you have lost yours)

The keynote speaker at the conference will be Professor Gareth Williams, Chair of Classics at Columbia University, New York.

Conference Convenor:

John Penwill

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La Trobe University, Bendigo

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### **IMAGES OF EGYPT: Cultural Interaction and Identity in Ancient Egypt from the Pharaohs to the Arab Conquest**

An International Conference, Macquarie University, 14-17 April 2004

Malcolm Choat, Trevor Evans, and Norman Ricklefs from the Department of Ancient History, Macquarie University warmly invite expressions of interest in contributing to the Images of Egypt Conference. We are calling for papers (30 minutes in 45 minute sessions) illustrating any aspects (especially archaeological, historical, literary, or linguistic) of cultural interaction and identity in ancient Egypt.

If you would like to offer a paper please submit a title and brief abstract (maximum 150 words) by 30 November 2003 to Malcolm Choat (<mailto:mchoat@hmn.mq.edu.au>) or Trevor Evans (<mailto:tevens@matra.com.au>). General registration details to follow.

Trevor Evans (for the conveners).  
Department of Ancient History  
Macquarie University  
Sydney NSW 2109

## 2. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

### **Inaugural conference of the WESTERN PACIFIC RIM PATRISTICS SOCIETY.**

To be held in Tokyo, September 2004 (precise date, venue and theme to be announced).

Convenor: Assoc Prof Kazuhiko Demura, University of Okayama

Further details will be posted in the next Newsletter, and will be posted on the new Centre for Early Christian Studies website: <http://dlibrary.acu.edu.au/research/cecs>.

### **RECONSIDERATIONS: A Conference on Contemporary Augustinian Scholarship**

On the occasion of the 2003 St. Augustine Lecture by Peter Brown Rollins Professor of History, Princeton University.

Sponsored by Villanova University and Augustinian Studies, in collaboration with the Patristic Institute Augustinianum, Rome, Italy.

December 4 - 6, 2003

Villanova University

Villanova, Pennsylvania

All scholars who seriously address the figure, history, and thought of Augustine of Hippo find themselves compelled to note the importance of Peter Brown's *Augustine of Hippo: A Biography* (1967, 2000) as a reference point for their own thinking and analysis. Its publication almost four decades ago marked a new era in Augustinian studies, signaling a virtual renaissance in Augustinian studies that continues to this day. On the occasion of the 2003 St. Augustine Lecture by Prof. Brown, Villanova University is sponsoring an International Conference that will look at the current state of Augustinian studies.

Thursday, December 4, 2003, 7:30 P.M.

2003 St. Augustine Lecture by Prof. Peter Brown

Friday, December 5, 2003

Morning session: Augustine and the Practice of Theology

Presenters: Lewis Ayres (Emory), Carol Harrison (Durham), Michael Cameron (U. of Portland)

Response: Eugene TeSelle (Vanderbilt)

Afternoon session: Augustine, Roman Africa, and the Construction of Christianity

Presenters: E. Ann Matter (Penn), Eric Rebillard (CNRS), To be announced

Response: J. Patout Burns (Vanderbilt)

Saturday, December 6, 2003

Morning session: Augustine on the Human Being and Christ

Presenters: Robert Dodaro (Rome), Mathijs Lamberigts (Leuven), John Cavadini (Notre Dame)

Response: James Wetzel (Colgate)

Afternoon session: Augustine on Conversion, Asceticism, and Authority

Presenters: Conrad Leyser (Manchester), George Lawless (Rome), Liz Clark (Duke)

Response: Robin Lane Fox (Oxford)

### **NORTH AMERICAN PATRISTICS SOCIETY Seventeenth Annual Meeting**

Loyola University, Chicago, May 27-29, 2004

Call for Papers

If you wish to read a paper at the NAPS conference in May 2004, please submit the title of your paper and an abstract of approximately 300 words by January 15, 2004 to:

James E. Goehring  
Vice-President, NAPS  
Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion  
Mary Washington College  
1301 College Avenue  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Only members in good standing of NAPS may submit a title and an abstract. Inquiries, titles, and abstracts may be sent to the address above or by e-mail to <mailto:jgoehrin@mw.edu>. More details may be found on the NAPS website, <http://www.patristics.org>.

### **Canadian Society for Patristic Studies annual meeting**

will be held at Winnipeg sometime between 29 May-6 June 2004 (exact dates to be announced). For more details (yet to be posted) please see the CSPA website, <http://www.ccsr.ca/csps/>.

### **The XXXIII Incontro di Studiosi dell'Antichità Cristiana at the Istitute Patristico Augustinianum**

will be held on 6-8 May, 2004, on the theme of John Chrysostom studies, Giovanni Crisostomo: Oriente e Occidente tra IV e V secolo.

Please see the website for more details: <http://www.aug.org/augustinianum>.

## **3. POSITIONS VACANT**

### **UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO, Dunedin, New Zealand**

Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Classics (Confirmation Path)

DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS, SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the confirmation path position of Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in the Department of Classics.

Candidates should normally have a completed PhD and an established research programme in Greek and/or Roman History. They should be able not only to conduct research in Greek and/or Roman History but also to encourage and supervise research in both of these areas.

The successful candidate will be expected to have the ability to teach and assume administrative responsibility for Greek and Roman History (including social history) at all undergraduate levels and be available to supervise 400-level research essays, MAs and PhDs. Expertise in and the willingness to teach Latin and/or ancient Greek to a high level would be a distinct advantage.

An appointment at a higher level may be considered if a sufficiently qualified person applies. Initial interviews will take place at the January 2004 APA Meeting in San Francisco, but candidates who cannot attend will not be disadvantaged. The position will be available from 1 July 2004.

Information about the Department of Classics is available online at <http://www.otago.ac.nz/classics>

Specific enquiries may be directed to Dr Jon Hall, Acting Head, Department of Classics, Tel 64 3 479 8714, Fax 64 3 479 9029, Email <mailto:jon.hall@stonebow.otago.ac.nz> or Professor William Dominik, Department of Classics, Tel 64 3 479 8710, Fax 64 3 479 9029, Email <mailto:william.dominik@stonebow.otago.ac.nz> Reference Number: A03/137.

Closing Date: Friday 31 October 2003.

For application information and a full job description go to: <http://www.otago.ac.nz/jobs>. Alternatively, contact the Human Resources Division, Tel 64 3 479 8269, Fax 64 3 474 1607, Email <mailto:ling.chong@stonebow.otago>

### **CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA, School of Theology and Religious Studies**

The Catholic University of America, School of Theology and Religious Studies invites applications for a full-time tenure-track position for Fall, 2004 in Greek Patristic Theology and History of the Eastern Churches. The candidate must possess an earned doctorate and have primary expertise in the theology of the early Eastern Churches and Eastern Church History. The person who fills the position will teach in undergraduate, graduate, and seminary programs in the school; advise students and direct master's theses and doctoral dissertations; and serve on committees. Assistant Professors are preferred but rank and salary will be determined on the basis of academic credentials and publication record. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply. Send a curriculum vitae and three letters of recommendation to:

Chair of the Search Committee in Greek Patristic Theology, School of Theology and Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America; Washington, DC 20064, no later than November 15, 2003.

The Catholic University of America was founded in the name of the Catholic Church as a national university and center for research and scholarship. Regardless of their religious affiliation, all faculty are expected to respect and support the University's mission.

The Catholic University of America is also advertising a new tenure-track full-time position in the field of Latin patristics. Please contact the Chair of the Search Committee in Latin Patristic Theology, School of Theology and Religious Studies, or Office of the Dean, School of Religious Studies, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC 20064. The deadline for

applications is 15 November 2003 (accompanied by a curriculum vitae and three letters of recommendation), and the successful applicants will be expected to take up their positions in the Fall of 2004.

### **Canberra Girls' Grammar School Senior School Latin Teacher**

From the start of 2004.

A vacancy exists for a full-time, permanent Latin Teacher from the start of the 2004 school year. The successful applicant must be able to teach Latin (Year 7 to Year 12) and one other subject.

The successful applicant for this position will be an outstanding teacher with appropriate academic qualifications and teacher training; sound understanding of current educational trends and learning styles; and a commitment to the use of technology as an organisational and educational tool.

A commitment to the ethos of an independent Anglican school is essential. All staff members are expected to take part in the whole life of the School. This includes participation in pastoral care and involvement in cocurricular School activities.

A role description and application form may be obtained from the School's website <http://www.cggs.act.edu.au> or on telephone (02) 6202 6400. Further queries regarding this position should be directed via email to <mailto:employment@cggs.act.edu.au>.

Applications should be addressed to:

The Principal, CGGS  
Melbourne Avenue, DEAKIN ACT 2600

Closing date for applications: Wednesday 1 October 2003.

Applicants must satisfy Child Protection legislation and will be subject to Employment Screening.

## **4. SCHOLARSHIPS**

Two Research Fellowships are being offered by:

School of Classics  
University of St Andrews  
Closing date: 31 October 2003  
Full details are available at:

<http://jobs.ac.uk/jobfiles/IP799.html>

The project is looking at the reception of Augustine, 400-2000 CE, and involves developing a web site etc. There are two five-year fellowships available.

## **5. MISCELLANEOUS**

– On-line seminar on the Jewish Roots of Eastern Christian Mysticism.

Take a look: <http://www.marquette.edu/maqom/>.

– ACU is currently developing an Ecclesiastical Latin course online, which will be available in 2004. The course will be offered at beginner's level. Australian and overseas enrolments are welcome. Please contact Bronwen Neil on <mailto:b.neil@mcauley.acu.edu.au> if you would like further details. A new lectureship in Latin will be advertised by ACU next year.

### **New Publications**

*Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church 3: Liturgy and Life*, eds. B. Neil, G. Dunn and L. Cross (St Pauls 2003). 412 pp + x + plates.

AUS \$38.50 or \$45.00 for overseas.

Order from <mailto:early.christian@mcauley.acu.edu.au>.

Sample articles will soon be available on the Centre website.