

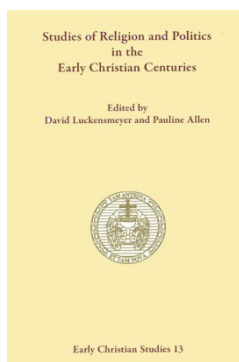
NEWS AND EVENTS 2010

Grants

Pauline Allen and Bronwen Neil will receive funding of \$262,000 for three years for their ARC Discovery Project "**Crisis management in late antiquity: the evidence of Episcopal letters**", which will start in 2010.

The Korean project on *Poverty and Riches in the Later Roman Empire*, which includes collaboration with the Centre's project, has been funded by the Korean government for two years from 2008, at \$100,000 each year.

Publications



Volume 13 of the Centre for Early Christian Studies series, titled *Studies of Religion and Politics in the Early Christian Centuries*, edited by David Luckensmeyer and Pauline Allen, has been published in February 2011.

In this book scholars from Australia, Japan, Korea, Germany, Ireland, and USA focus on aspects of religion and politics in the early Christian centuries. Contributions engage a host of issues pertaining to Jesus studies, early Christianity and Roman authorities, the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple, the role of early Christian bishops and their politico-religious strategies, the interplay between Christian and Classical or Jewish models of politics, religious policies of emperors, the degree of religious pluralism, and the abuse of power. Perhaps the most relevant of all for our contemporary situation is the attention the authors pay to civil disobedience, violence, and the ideology of martyrdom.

Conferences

The Centre for Early Christian Studies at Australian Catholic University in collaboration with Macquarie University is having a second seminar on Epistolary Conversations with focus on letters and letter collections in classical Rome and late antiquity on 30 September 2011. This is a free event and all interested students and scholars are invited to attend. For further information, please [click](#) here.

On the 4th to 5th of March 2011 twenty-one members of the Centre from as far afield as Japan and the United States met in Brisbane at the ACU Banyo Campus to listen to the latest research by colleagues, discuss future projects, and report on developments in the Centre over the past twelve months.

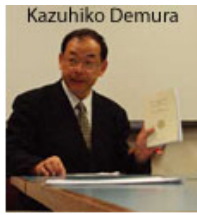


Alan Cadwallader, a newcomer to the Centre based at Signadou, delivered a thought-provoking paper on the earliest Christian centuries titled "Greeks in Kolossai: Centre and periphery in the Letter to the Kolossians and its context". Persuasively argued, his conclusions were underscored by epigraphic and archaeological evidence from recent field work on site in Anatolia.

On the second day, Stephen Lake delivered a paper, based on his doctoral research, centred in the late antique and early mediaeval period ("A failed cultural transfer: Aspects of the Roman non-appropriation of Greek medicine in the early Christian West"). Of equal value was a presentation by Inter-Library Loans librarians Trish D'Arcy and Erin Bryant on the ILL process, with particular attention to the submission and fulfilment of requests in foreign languages. Centre members submit the highest number of ILL requests in foreign languages within the ACU library system. The one and half days of the



meeting were as usual extremely fruitful, with a second monograph of thematic studies from members of the Centre planned.



The meeting concluded with the launch by Prof. Kazuhiko Demura of the latest Early Christian Studies monograph to be published by the Centre (vol. 13, *Studies of Religion and Politics in the Early Christian Centuries*).

Other News



Dr Barry Craig's book, *Fractio Panis: A History of the Breaking of Bread in the Roman Rite*, published by EOS-Editions of St. Otilien, was launched by the Most Rev. Archbishop Mark

Coleridge, DD (Archbishop of Canberra-Goulburn) at ACU's McAuley campus on 28 July 2011.



The event was sponsored by the office of Associate Vice Chancellor in Brisbane. In attendance are Most Reverend James Foley, Very Reverend Ken Howell, and other esteemed guests.

Ray Laird has been recognised by the government and awarded the **Medal of the Order of Australia** in the Queen's Birthday Honour List due to his tireless work in theological education and Christian ministry over the last 50 years or so.

Western Pacific Rim Patristics Society is now called **Asia-Pacific Early Christian Studies Society**. All news and correspondence for WPRPS are now using the name Asia-Pacific Early Christian Studies Society .