

## GEOFFREY DUNN 2010

From 2 to 5 February I attended the 31st conference of the Australasian Society for Classical Studies at the University of Western Australia in Perth where I attended the executive committee meeting in my capacity as university representative, chaired a panel of papers on Christianity, and where I presented a paper in the late antiquity panel entitled "The practice of



*amicitia* in the Letters of Innocent I of Rome and Aurelius of Carthage."

This was part of my ARC fellowship.

On March 19 and 20, together with Prof. Pauline Allen, I attended the first international conference of the Patristics Society in Korea entitled "Poverty, Riches, and Social Welfare in Church History" at the Luce Center for the Global Church, in the Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary, Seoul, South Korea. The conference was held in conjunction with the annual joint conference of the Korea Church History Society and the Korea Historical-Theological Society. Funding for the conference was provided by the National Research Foundation in Korea. My paper was entitled "The Call to Perfection, Financial Asceticism and Jerome." I am very grateful to SUH, Won-Mo for the invitation and for his hospitality in looking after us. It was also great to catch up with some of our Japanese colleagues who also attended the conference. Before the conference I presented an invited lecture entitled "Initiation in Early North African Christianity" to graduate students of the Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary at the invitation of SUH, Won-Mo.



In April 2010 I was appointed an assessor by the Australian Research Council.

From 27 to 29 May I attended the annual conference of the North American Patristics Society where I presented a paper entitled "Innocent I's Letter to Lawrence: Photinians, Bonosians, and the *Defensores ecclesiae*." During the annual general meeting I was appointed a member at large on the board of directors of the society for 2010/2011 to 2012 to 2013. The paper is part of my current ARC fellowship.

Between 30 May and 1 June I attended the annual conference of the Canadian Society of Patristic Studies at Concordia University, Montreal. My paper was entitled "Innocent I and the Date of Easter." This paper also is part of my current ARC fellowship. As well my volume, *Tertullian's Aduersus Iudaeos: A Rhetorical Analysis*, Patristic Monograph Series 19 (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2008)



was the subject of a book review session led by Professor Pamela Bright from Concordia University. A lengthy general discussion made this a profitable session.

From 7 to 9 July I was in Melbourne for our own 6th triennial conference, Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church. Again I was co-moderator with Jamie McLaren. It was a great pleasure to introduce Professor Hal Drake's keynote presentation on the Saturday. I presented a paper entitled "Innocent I, Alaric, and Honorius: Church and State in Early Fifth-Century Rome." This was part of my current ARC fellowship.

For second semester I was invited by our Faculty of Arts and Sciences to be the sessional lecturer in charge of HIST 222 (Ancient Greece) for undergraduate students. This was a delightful opportunity to see this unit taught for the first time at our Brisbane campus.

In September I was invited to become one of the six associate editors of *Journal of Early Christian Studies*. I am the only non-American among the six. Since January 2009 I had been a member of the advisory

board of the journal. I am very grateful to David Brakke, the editor, and to the executive of the North American Patristics Society for this honour.



the presenters at the Joint Symposium at Macquarie University

On 15 November I participated in the joint symposium between the Centre for Early Christian Studies, Australian Catholic University and the Ancient Cultures Research Centre, Macquarie University, held at Macquarie University in Sydney. The symposium was entitled "Epistolary Conversations: Opening the Letter of Classical and Late Antiquity." My paper was "'Innocent I's Letter to Exsuperius of Toulouse and the Origins of the Earliest Collections of Papal Decretals.'" The symposium will continue in 2011. Again, this presentation is part of my ARC fellowship (and eight ARC-funded projects were involved in the symposium). I am very grateful to Pauline Allen and Andrew Gillett for organising this collaborative venture and look forward to the next one.

Then it was back over to University of Western Australia, Perth, for the 7th annual conference of the Australian Early Medieval Association between 18 and 19 November, held in the beautiful Old Senate building. The theme this year was "Courage and Cowardice." My presentation was entitled "Alert and Zealous: Innocent I during the Exile of John Chrysostom."



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Prof. Miyamoto, me, Naoki, and Kazuhiko

On 23 November I presented an invited lecture at Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan, as part of the regular seminar series hosted by Rev. Prof. Miyamoto, OP. I presented a paper entitled "Innocent I's Letter to the Bishops of Apulia," another in the series of ARC fellowship outputs. Several colleagues from across Japan made the effort to attend this presentation. I am very grateful to Prof. Miyamoto and his university for inviting me and look forward to their continued participation in the Asia-Pacific Early Christian Studies Society and to Prof. Kazuhiko Demura from Okayama University for liaising.

On 24 November I went with Kazuhiko from Tokyo to his university at Okayama and presented a seminar for interested staff and students entitled "Reading Innocent I on the Pelagian Controversy." We engaged in a close reading of one of Innocent's letters to the Africans on the Pelagian controversy. Again I am grateful to Kazuhiko for organising this.



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