

## CSPS/ ACÉP WINTER BULLETIN (DECEMBER 2013)

### MESSAGE DU PRÉSIDENT/ MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

We had beautiful weather to accompany the lovely setting for our annual conference at the University of Victoria, British Columbia. Once again, we had a full program of stimulating papers and discussion with scholars from around the world. I would like to thank all who attended, and particularly Bob Kitchen, Program Chair, Ariane Magny, our local area coordinator, and the members of our Executive who give so generously of their time. We were delighted to welcome Lincoln Blumell, Brigham Young University, for the discussion of his fascinating monograph, *Lettered Christians* (Brill, 2012), and our own Mark Vessey for sharing insights from his new edited collection, *A Companion to Augustine* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2012).

Next year's conference takes place at Brock University, in St. Catherines, Ontario, Saturday, May 24 to Monday, May 26. In addition to our regular sessions, we are pleased to announce a new joint session with the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies on Christian Apocrypha; see below for more information. Our program chair, Mona Tokarek LaFosse, and our local coordinator, Travis Kroeker, are working with the Executive to organize the conference. We are deeply appreciative of Mona's and Travis's generosity in taking on these roles. Please see below for the Call for Papers.

We are also once again soliciting essays at both the undergraduate and graduate level for the two student prizes we are able to offer. Please remember to tell your students about these prizes; teachers can nominate papers themselves as well. Submissions to the student prize award are to be sent to our secretary, George Bevan (see announcement below).

The Executive would like to remind you that our society is registered as a charitable organization and therefore is able to accept tax deductible donations. I would like to encourage you to consider donating to our society when renewing your membership. You will thus be able to support Canadian scholarship in the field of patristics.

In closing, I would like to thank Adriana Bara for her five years of excellent service as our Communications Officer. Mona Tokarek LaFosse has generously undertaken this essential work on an interim basis. Please contact me (rkennedy@stfx.ca) if you are available to assume this responsibility or if you know someone who might be willing to perform this important role.

I look forward to seeing many of you in St. Catherines in May.

Robert Kennedy, President

Chères/Chers collègues,

Nous avons bénéficié en mai dernier d'un temps magnifique qui allait de pair avec le très bel environnement que nous a offert l'université de Victoria (Colombie britannique) pour notre conférence annuelle. Nous avons pu encore une fois présenter un programme bien rempli de communications stimulantes, accompagnées d'échanges avec des collègues provenant de divers horizons géographiques. Je voudrais remercier tous ceux qui étaient présents et spécialement Bob Kitchen, le président du comité du programme, Ariane Magny, notre représentante locale, et les membres de notre exécutif, qui ont tous généreusement donné de leur temps. Nous avons eu le privilège d'accueillir Lincoln Blumell, de la Brigham Young University, pour une discussion de son ouvrage fascinant intitulé *Lettered Christians* (Brill, 2012), et notre fidèle Mark Vessey qui nous a partagé son expérience d'éditeur du *Companion to Augustine* (Willey-Blackwell, 2012).

La conférence annuelle de l'an prochain aura lieu à l'université Brock, à St. Catharines, Ontario, du samedi, 24 mai, au lundi, 26 mai. En plus de nos séances régulières, nous sommes heureux d'annoncer la tenue d'une séance conjointe avec la Société canadienne d'études bibliques, consacrée aux apocryphes chrétiens (voir ci-dessous pour des informations supplémentaires). Notre présidente du comité du programme, Mona Tokarek LaFosse, et notre représentant local, Travis Kroeker, travaillent à organiser la conférence, de concert avec l'exécutif. Nous sommes vivement reconnaissants à Mona et à Travis d'avoir accepté ces responsabilités. Vous trouverez ci-dessous l'«appel à communications» pour la conférence de mai prochain.

L'exécutif aimerait vous rappeler que notre société est enregistrée comme un «organisme de charité» et qu'elle peut, en conséquence, accepter des dons déductibles du revenu imposable. Je voudrais donc vous encourager à considérer la possibilité de faire un don à la société lorsque vous renouvelez votre adhésion annuelle. Vous serez ainsi en mesure d'appuyer la recherche canadienne dans le domaine des études patristiques.

En terminant, je voudrais remercier Adriana Bara pour les cinq années qu'elle a activement consacrées au service de la société à titre de responsable des communications. Mona Tokarek LaFosse a généreusement accepté d'assumer à titre intérimaire cette fonction essentielle. Je vous prie de prendre contact avec moi ([rkennedy@stfx.ca](mailto:rkennedy@stfx.ca)) si vous êtes disponible pour prendre la relève ou si vous connaissez quelqu'un susceptible d'accepter cette responsabilité.

J'espère vous voir nombreux à St. Catharines en mai prochain.

Robert Kennedy, président

## CONGRESS OF THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES/ CONGRÈS DES SCIENCES HUMAINES

### CALL FOR PAPERS /APPEL DE COMMUNICATION

The Canadian Society of Patristic Studies will hold its annual meeting at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, May 24-26, 2014. Papers in English or French are invited for presentation in the form of short communications followed by discussion (time for presentation and discussion is usually 30 minutes). Papers on any theme relevant to patristic studies are invited. The Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences encourages papers exploring the topic of this year's Congress, "Borders without Boundaries/ Frontières sans limites," but we welcome submissions on any topic relevant to our field. Proposed titles, an abstract of approximately 100 words, and an indication of audio-visual requirements should be submitted by 31 January, 2014 at the latest. Please submit proposals via email to the programme coordinator, Mona Tokarek LaFosse. The programme must be approved for printing in February; therefore, proposals that are not submitted in time cannot be accommodated within the schedule. Audio-visual requests cannot be granted after the deadline.

Please see below for an invitation to participate in a Joint Session with the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies on the Christian Apocrypha, organized by Tony Burke and Tim Pettipiece.

La Société canadienne des études patristiques tiendra sa réunion annuelle à Brock Université, St. Catharines, Ontario, du 24 au 26 mai 2014 dans le cadre du Congrès des sciences humaines. Vous êtes invités à présenter, en français ou en anglais, une courte communication suivie d'échanges, le tout repartit sur une période de 30 minutes. Des communications sur n'importe quel thème patristique sont demandées. La Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines encourage des communications qui explorent le thème du Congrès de cette année, «Borders without Boundaries/Frontières sans limites,» mais nous accueillons les communications sur toutes les matières concernant notre domaine. On devra faire parvenir, au plus tard le 31 janvier 2014 le titre de la communication, un bref résumé d'une centaine de mots et une indication de tout besoin technique éventuel (équipement informatique ou audiovisuel) à la responsable du programme, Mona Tokarek LaFosse. Il faut que le programme soit approuvé pour distribution en février; donc, les soumissions qui n'arrivent pas à l'heure ne peuvent pas être incluses. On ne peut pas accorder des demandes d'audiovisuel après la date limite.

S'il-vous-plaît, voir ci-dessous pour regarder l'invitation à participer à une session conjointe avec la Société canadienne des études bibliques au sujet de les apocryphes chrétiens, organisé par Tony Burke et Tim Pettipiece.

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Please entitle your email/SVP titrez votre email "CSPS Abstract" or/ou "CSPS Résumé"

**CALL FOR PAPERS: JOINT SESSION ON "CHRISTIAN APOCRYPHA"/  
APPEL DE COMMUNICATION: SESSION CONJOINT SUR LES APOCRYPHES  
CHRÉTIENS**

This joint session with the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies invites submissions on any topic relating to study of the Christian Apocrypha—a category that includes not only well-known early texts, like the *Gospel of Thomas* or the *Gospel of Mary*, but also lesser-studied medieval texts, such as the *Life of John the Baptist* or the *Apocalypse of the Virgin*. Participants interested in examining one (or more) of these later texts may wish to read the list of apocrypha slated for inclusion in Tony Burke and Brent Landau's forthcoming multi-volume collection *New Testament Apocrypha: More Noncanonical Scriptures*. For more information, see <http://www.tonyburke.ca/more-christian-apocrypha/>.

Please submit proposals to:

Tim Pettipiece [tpettipi@gmail.com](mailto:tpettipi@gmail.com) and Tony Burke [tburke@yorku.ca](mailto:tburke@yorku.ca)

Cette session conjoint avec la Société canadienne des études bibliques invite des soumissions sur les apocryphes chrétiens, un corpus qui inclue des textes bien connus comme *l'Évangile de Thomas* et *l'Évangile de Marie*, mais aussi des textes médiévaux comme *La vie de John le baptiste* et *l'Apocalypse de la Vierge*. Ceux qui s'intéressent peuvent consulter la liste des apocryphes prévue pour le volume de Tony Burke et Brent Landau-- *New Testament Apocrypha: More Noncanonical Scriptures* <<http://www.tonyburke.ca/more-christian-apocrypha/>>.

SVP adressez vos soumissions à

Tim Pettipiece [tpettipi@gmail.com](mailto:tpettipi@gmail.com) et Tony Burke [tburke@yorku.ca](mailto:tburke@yorku.ca)

**BOOK DISCUSSIONS**

The following books have been proposed for discussion at next year's meeting at Brock University:

Heal, Kristian S. & Robert A. Kitchen, eds. *Breaking the Mind: New Essays on the Syriac Book of Steps*. Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2013. 304 pp.

Tulloch, Janet H., ed. *A Cultural History of Women in Antiquity*. Volume 1 of *A Cultural History of Women*, Linda Kalof, general editor. London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2013. 288 pp. (Our colleague, Steven Muir, has a chapter in this book, entitled, "'Medicine and Disease,'" co-written with Laurence Totelin).

**PRIX POUR TRAVAIL ÉTUDIANT / ESSAY PRIZE**

Nous souhaitons recevoir des travaux d'étudiants sur le christianisme ancien du IIe au VIe siècle. Sont éligibles les travaux de vos étudiants de premier cycle ou des cycles supérieurs qui ont été réalisés au cours de l'année civile 2013.

Prix : Le gagnant ou la gagnante recevra le statut de membre étudiant de l'association pour un an. De plus, il remportera, à son choix, l'un des deux prix suivants : un chèque de 100 dollars ou un remboursement d'une partie de ses frais de voyage (jusqu'à concurrence de 200 dollars) au Colloque annuel de l'association pendant le Congrès des sciences humaines à Brock Université, St. Catherines, Ontario, du 24 au 26 mai 2014, afin d'y présenter son travail. Si le gagnant ou la gagnante informe la société de son intention de présenter le travail primé avant le 28 février 2014, il/elle recevra aussi une inscription au colloque sans frais.

Date limite pour participer : le 15 janvier 2014.

Le gagnant/la gagnante sera contacté/e le 20 février 2013 ou avant cette date.

Veillez adresser les textes à :

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Faculty and students are invited to recommend student essays that deal with early Christianity (100-600 CE) for this prize. To be eligible, essays should have been submitted in the course of the calendar year 2013. Both graduate and undergraduate essays will be considered.

Award: The winning essayist will receive one year of membership in the Society, as well as the choice between a cheque for 100 dollars or the assurance of receiving the costs (up to a limit of \$200 dollars) of his or her travel to the annual conference of the Society during the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences at Brock University, St. Catherines, Ontario, May 24-26, 2014, for the purpose of presenting the winning essay. If the essay winner informs the Society of his/her intention to present the winning essay by February 28, 2013, he/she will also receive a complimentary registration.

Deadline: January 15, 2014

The winner will be notified by February 20, 2014.

Please send submissions to the essay contests to:

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Un simple rappel aux membres qui n'ont pas encore renouvelé le paiement de leur cotisation annuelle. Les frais s'élèvent aux montants suivants:

Here is a reminder for all members who have not already done so to send in their annual membership fees. The fees are as follows:

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Please send your membership fee to the treasurer, Steven Muir, at the address below:

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## NOUVELLES/NEWS

### PUBLICATIONS:

Hans Boersma

*Embodiment and Virtue in Gregory of Nyssa: An Analogical Approach.* Oxford Early Christian Studies. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2013.

Robert Kennedy

"The Scope and Purpose of St. Anselm's 'Two-Wills Doctrine' in His Dialogue on the Fall of the Devil." In *A Man Born out of Due Time: New Perspectives on St. Anselm of Canterbury*. Edited by Dunstan Robidoux. Brooklyn, NY: Lantern Books, 2013: 153-168.

Robert A. Kitchen

*The Discourses of Philoxenos of Mabbug: A New Translation and Introduction.* Collegeville, Minnesota: Cistercian Publications, 2013.

*Breaking the Mind: New Essays on the Syriac Book of Steps*, edited by Kristian S. Heal & Robert A. Kitchen. Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2013.

Paul-Hubert Poirier

ROMAN, Agathe, POIRIER, Paul-Hubert, CRÉGHEUR, Éric, DECLERCK, José, Titi Bostrensis Contra Manichaeos libri IV (Corpus Christianorum, Series Graeca, 82), Turnhout, Brepols Publishers, 2013, CLV+427 pages. Édition synoptique du grec et du syriaque, avec les extraits des Sacra Parallela attribués à Jean Damascène.

Theodore Sabo

"The Platonic Milieu of Dionysius the Pseudo-Areopagite" was published in the July 2013 issue of the *South African Journal of Early Christian History*.

## **OTHER NEWS/AUTRE NOUVELLES:**

Our colleague, Dr. Adriana Bara has been appointed Executive Director at the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism <<http://www.oikoumene.ca>>

Bob Kitchen will have a sabbatical as a Resident Scholar at the Collegeville Institute, St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, and primarily be doing research at the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library in the same place.

We are pleased to include the following report from the Centre for Early Christian Studies (CECS) at Australian Catholic University, December 2013.

### **General Information**

The Centre for Early Christian Studies at Australian Catholic University has welcomed three new honorary members since last year: Professor Philip Rousseau, Andrew W. Mellon Distinguished Professor at the Catholic University of America (now ACU honorary professor), Dr Raymond Laird (honorary member in patristic studies), and Associate Professor, now retired, Archdeacon Lawrence Cross (honorary member in Eastern Christian studies). Dr Geoffrey Dunn held a 10-week research fellowship at St Louis, US, in March-April 2013 for work on his project on the letters of Popes Innocent, Zosimus and Boniface. Dr Wendy Mayer will take up a three-month fellowship at Pretoria University, South Africa, in February-May 2014.

### **Conferences and symposia**

Our first Early Christian Centuries conference was held in Melbourne from 3-5 October 2013 at St Patrick's campus, ACU, on the theme: *Men and Women in Early Christianity*. We were fortunate to have three keynote speakers, Professor Elaine Wainwright (University of Auckland), Professor Claudia Rapp (University of Vienna), and Professor Matthijs Lamberigts (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven). Forty-five short papers were also presented. The proceedings, edited by Wendy Mayer and Ian Elmer, will be published in the Early Christian Studies series by St Paul's Press. This conference, which was also the eighth conference of the Asia-Pacific Early Christian Studies Society (APECSS), included the annual planning meeting of CECS (usually attended by Japanese colleagues) and a celebration of the tenth anniversary of the founding of APECSS by Emeritus Professor Shinro Kato (Tokyo) and the Director of CECS in 2003.

Pauline Allen and Bronwen Neil presented invited papers at the conference on *Preaching After Easter*, on 25-26 March, at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. The proceedings are forthcoming in Peeters.

Stronger links were forged with St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College through Pauline Allen's presentation of a keynote at their annual patristics symposium, this year on *St*

*Cyril of Alexandria* (September 2013, see <http://www.sagotc.edu.au/364/>), and through Bronwen Neil's presentation of a keynote at the *Roundtable on Maximus the Confessor*, along with Paul Blowers and Adam Cooper of JP II Institute for Marriage and Family (July 2013). Proceedings of both the symposium and the roundtable seminar will be published in the journal *Phronema*.

### **Guest lectures**

Professor Paul Blowers, Dean E. Walker Professor of Church History at Emmanuel Christian Seminary, Johnson City, Tennessee, was the recipient of one of ACU's Distinguished Honorary Visiting Fellowships in 2013. Professor Blowers delivered a seminar on "The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ as 'Saturated Phenomenon' in Maximus the Confessor", in Brisbane on 31 July. Professor Blowers is also a collaborator on the project *The Oxford Handbook to Maximus the Confessor* edited by Pauline Allen and Bronwen Neil.

Dr Nathalie Rambault, a collaborator of the prestigious French series *Sources Chrétiennes* (Lyons) and a specialist in editing texts of John Chrysostom, spent two weeks in Brisbane working with Pauline Allen on an edition with French introduction and translation of five martyr homilies of Chrysostom. This volume has been commissioned by *Sources Chrétiennes*.

### **Publications**

The second volume of thematic studies from CECS, the first of which was published in 2012, was published in August 2013. Edited by Honorary Fellow Dr Wendy Mayer and Assistant Director Dr Bronwen Neil, its title is *Religious Conflict from Early Christianity to the Rise of Islam* (Berlin: De Gruyter) and it is comprised of eleven chapters by CECS members and honoraries. Publications of individual members can be found on the new website of CECS, at [www.cecs.acu.edu.au](http://www.cecs.acu.edu.au).

### **Projects**

#### *Collecting Early Christian Letters*

At the annual conference of the Australasian Society for Classical Studies in Sydney in January 2013 Dr Bronwen Neil convened the third session of the "Epistolary Conversations" network, comprising four papers from Macquarie staff and students and three from CECS members. A joint volume comprising these and other papers delivered at network meetings, entitled *Collecting Early Christian Letters: From the Apostle Paul to Late Antiquity*, is under consideration by Cambridge University Press. This volume will have seven (out of thirteen) chapters by members of CECS, including Honorary members, and two chapters from contributors at Macquarie University. At the annual conference of the Society for the Study of Early Christianity at Macquarie University on 4 May, CECS member Professor James McLaren delivered the keynote address on the theme "Church and Synagogue".

## Government grants

The Australian Research Council has awarded funded for *Negotiating Religious Conflict between Rome and Constantinople through Letter-Writing in the Seventh Century, an Era of Crisis* (\$150000 for 2014-2016) to chief investigators Bronwen Neil and Pauline Allen.

## New Projects

Three new projects are being launched with internal funding from Australian Catholic University.

1. *The Place of Children in Early Christianity* (Chief Investigator A/Prof. David Sim);
2. *Negotiation of Ecumenical Relations between East and West in the Late-Antique Church* (Chief Investigator Dr Bronwen Neil).
3. *The Origins of Religious Conflict and the Stages of Radicalisation* (Chief Investigator Dr Wendy Mayer).

Two PhD scholarships and a postdoctoral scholarship will be offered for work on these projects in 2014 (pending funding) so please look out for the advertisements.

## Courses

A new Latin course “Medieval Latin” will be taught at ACU online for Graduate Certificate students in 2014, and for undergraduates in 2015, as well as Ecclesiastical Latin A and B in 2015. Please contact [bronwen.neil@acu.edu.au](mailto:bronwen.neil@acu.edu.au) for further details.

## Publications in 2013

The findings of our project on *Crisis Management in Late Antiquity* have been published this year, P. Allen and B. Neil, *Crisis Management in Late Antiquity: A Survey of the Evidence of Episcopal Letters (410-590 CE)* has been published in VCS 121 (Leiden, 2013). Publications of all members of the Centre can be found on the website of CECS at [www.cecs.acu.edu.au](http://www.cecs.acu.edu.au) .

--CECS report contributed by Dr Bronwen Neil FAHA

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