

CSPS SPRING BULLETIN 2024/ACÉP BULLETIN PRINTEMPS 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/MESSAGE DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

Dear colleagues of CSPS,

This is a special year for our Society. Our annual meeting will be held May 27-29 in person in Toronto, Ontario, with simultaneous remote access, at the downtown campus of St. Augustine's Seminary (Alumni Hall, 121 St. Joseph St.). A huge thank you goes to John Abad and the staff of St. Augustine's. They have been organized, thoughtful, and very generous. Thanks also go to Wendy Helleman and Jimmy Chan for their assistance with local organization, and to Sean Hannan, who had tirelessly worked on the programme you will find below.

Our programme includes:

- a full roster of paper presentations on a range of topics by our Canadian and international colleagues
- a book review of *Medicine, Health, & Healing in the Ancient Mediterranean (500 BCE – 600 CE): A Sourcebook*, by Heidi Marx, Kristi Upson-Saia, & Jared Secord
- a student session (organized by our student representative, Austin McCredie)
- continuing special sessions:
 - Ecology & Patrology
 - Trauma & *Therapeia*
- student essay prize, awarded to Ben Elliott (University of Georgia) for his paper entitled, “*Gustavi Crustula Solus* — I Alone have Sampled these Cookies: John Cassian, Tasty Ancient Sweets, and the (Pre-) History of Corn Syrup”

For those meeting in person, we will have the opportunity to participate in:

- library tours (see programme below)
- morning and afternoon refreshments (and a CSPS mug!)
- a student lunch
- a lunchtime discussion of our upcoming 50th anniversary (2025)
- our annual banquet on Tuesday evening at Astoria Shish Kebob House – Danforth (payment options available at <https://cpspacep.ca/reunion-meeting/>)

This is the first time in the history of our Society we have decided to hold an in-person annual meeting (with remote option) apart from Congress. This decision involved a member survey and was made primarily based on the timing of Congress (which is later than usual this year).

Registration is still available for in-person or remote attendance (<https://cpspacep.ca/reunion-meeting/>). All are welcome to participate in our annual general meeting (Wed May 29, 3:45pm EST), whether or not you are registered for the meeting (please contact me for details).

Our Society will participate in the second year of a three-year Joint Seminar in honour of Harold Remus with the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies (CSBS), entitled “Semantics and Boundaries at the End of Antiquity” (see below). This session will be hosted by CSBS this year at Congress at McGill University (Montreal, QC) on Monday June 17, 8:30am – 11:45am EST.

As a seminar, papers will be distributed ahead of time so that the session can focus on discussion. All CSPS members are invited to attend in person if they are at Congress, or to attend remotely. More details will be provided closer to the date.

In other news, we are happy to support the following events:

- Canadian Society of Biblical Studies bi-annual Craigie Lecture, featuring Dr. Karen King (Harvard University), entitled “Writing the Past/Imagining a Future: Ancient Christian Historiography in Motion” (held at Congress, Tuesday June 18, 6:30–8:00 p.m.)
- University of British Columbia Medieval Workshop (Oct. 16–18, 2024)

I wish to thank the Executive and others for their hard work on behalf of the Society:

- Eric Crégheur for timely email communication, Bulletin creation, and stellar translation
- Heather Barkman for prompt website and X (Twitter) updates
- Steven Muir for work with all things related to payments, budget, membership and *Studies in Religion* subscription (so many emails!)
- Don Springer for meeting minutes and organization
- Sean Hannan for wrangling in the various pieces of the programme, with the assistance of Jennifer Otto and Maria Dasios
- Austin McCredie for enthusiastically connecting with and advocating for student members
- John Abad for picking up many and various tasks this year
- Members of our nominations committee for their nomination suggestions
- Our anonymous adjudicators of the student essay prize, whose expertise is always appreciated in their careful choice of an essay winner.

CSPS is a member of the Canadian Corporation for the Study of Religion (CCSR, the umbrella organization for religion societies in Canada; <https://ccsr.ca/en/>). I would encourage you to peruse and consider publishing in the journal *Studies in Religion* / *Sciences Religieuses* and/or one of the three book series supported by CCSR: *Matière à pensée*, *Advancing Studies in Religion*, and *Studies in Christianity and Judaism*.

Please consider **making a donation** to help with future CSPS initiatives, especially for our **50th anniversary in 2025**. Our society is a registered charity, so we are able to provide tax receipts for donations: <https://cspspacep.ca/donations/>.

I am always delighted to read through our members’ achievements and contributions to the field of Patristic studies in Canada and abroad, which we include in each Bulletin (Fall and Spring). If you did not yet respond to Eric Crégheur’s call for submissions, please email him (Eric.Cregheur@ftrs.ulaval.ca) to include your news in our next Bulletin.

If you are interested in getting more involved with our society, please contact any Executive member. I hope to see you this year at our annual meeting, either in person or remotely!

With best wishes,

Mona Tokarek LaFosse, President
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Chères et chers collègues de l'ACÉP,

Il s'agit d'une année spéciale pour notre Association. Notre rencontre annuelle se tiendra du 27 au 29 mai à Toronto, en Ontario, avec accès simultané à distance, au campus du centre-ville du St. Augustine's Seminary (Alumni Hall, 121 St. Joseph St.). Un grand merci à John Abad et au personnel de St. Augustine's. Ils ont été organisés, réfléchis et très généreux. Nous remercions également Wendy Helleman et Jimmy Chan pour leur aide dans l'organisation locale, ainsi que Sean Hannan, qui a travaillé sans relâche sur le programme que vous trouverez ci-dessous.

Notre programme comprend :

- une liste complète de présentations sur un éventail de sujets par nos collègues canadiens et internationaux;
- un compte rendu du livre *Medicine, Health, & Healing in the Ancient Mediterranean (500 BCE - 600 CE): A Sourcebook*, par Heidi Marx, Kristi Upson-Saia, & Jared Secord;
- une session étudiante (organisée par notre représentant étudiant, Austin McCredie);
- des sessions spéciales qui se poursuivent :
 - Écologie et patrologie
 - Trauma et *Therapeia*;
- prix du meilleur travail étudiant, décerné à Ben Elliott (University of Georgia) pour son travail intitulé « *Gustavi Crustula Solus* — I Alone have Sampled these Cookies: John Cassian, Tasty Ancient Sweets, and the (Pre-) History of Corn Syrup ».

Pour ceux qui seront en personne, nous aurons l'occasion de participer à :

- des visites des bibliothèques (voir le programme ci-dessous)
- des rafraîchissements le matin et l'après-midi (et une tasse de l'ACÉP!);
- un dîner étudiant;
- une discussion à l'heure du dîner sur notre 50^e anniversaire (2025);
- notre banquet annuel le mardi soir à l'Astoria Shish Kebab House – Danforth (options de paiement disponibles sur <https://cspsacep.ca/reunion-meeting/>).

C'est la première fois dans l'histoire de notre Association que nous avons décidé d'organiser une rencontre annuelle en personne (avec option à distance) en dehors du Congrès. Cette décision a fait l'objet d'une enquête auprès des membres et a été prise principalement en fonction de la date du Congrès (qui a lieu plus tard que d'habitude cette année).

Il est encore possible de s'inscrire pour participer en personne ou à distance (<https://cspsacep.ca/reunion-meeting/>). Tous les membres sont invités à participer à notre

Assemblée générale annuelle (mercredi 29 mai, 15h45 EST), qu'ils soient ou non inscrits à la rencontre (veuillez me contacter pour plus de détails).

Notre Association participera à la deuxième année d'un séminaire conjoint triennal en l'honneur de Harold Remus avec la *Société canadienne des études bibliques* (SCÉB), intitulé « La sémantique et les frontières à la fin de l'Antiquité » (voir ci-dessous). Cette année, cette session sera accueillie par la SCÉB le lundi 17 juin, de 8h30 à 11h45 EST, au Congrès qui se tiendra à l'Université McGill (Montréal, QC). Comme il s'agit d'un séminaire, les articles seront distribués à l'avance afin que la session puisse se concentrer sur la discussion. Tous les membres de l'ACÉP sont invités à participer en personne s'ils sont présents au Congrès, ou à participer à distance. De plus amples informations seront communiquées à l'approche de la date.

Par ailleurs, nous sommes heureux de soutenir les événements suivants :

- La conférence bisannuelle Craigie de la *Société canadienne des études bibliques*, avec Karen King (Harvard University), intitulée « Writing the Past/Imagining a Future: Ancient Christian Historiography in Motion » (au Congrès, le mardi 18 juin, de 18h30 à 20h00);
- Atelier médiéval de l'Université de la Colombie-Britannique (16-18 octobre 2024).

Je tiens à remercier le Comité exécutif et les autres membres pour leur travail acharné au nom de l'Association :

- Eric Crégheur pour la rapidité des communications par courrier électronique, la création du Bulletin et la qualité des traductions;
- Heather Barkman pour les mises à jour rapides du site Web et de X (Twitter);
- Steven Muir pour tout ce qui concerne les paiements, le budget, l'adhésion et l'abonnement à *Sciences religieuses* (tant de courriels!);
- Don Springer pour les procès-verbaux des réunions et l'organisation;
- Sean Hannan pour la mise en place des différents éléments du programme, avec l'assistance de Jennifer Otto et Maria Dasios;
- Austin McCredie pour son enthousiasme à établir des liens avec les membres étudiants et à défendre leurs intérêts;
- John Abad, qui a assumé de nombreuses et diverses tâches cette année;
- les membres de notre Comité de nomination pour leurs suggestions;
- les membres anonymes du jury du prix pour le travail étudiant, dont l'expertise est toujours appréciée dans leur choix minutieux du lauréat de la rédaction.

L'ACÉP est membre de la *Corporation canadienne des sciences religieuses* (CCSR, l'organisme qui chapeaute les sociétés religieuses au Canada; <https://ccsr.ca/fr/>). Je vous encourage à consulter et à envisager de publier dans la revue [Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses](#) et/ou dans l'une des trois séries de livres soutenues par la CCSR : [Matière à pensée](#), [Advancing Studies in Religion](#), et [Studies in Christianity and Judaism](#).

N'hésitez pas à **faire un don** pour contribuer aux futures initiatives de l'ACÉP, en particulier pour notre **50^e anniversaire en 2025**. Notre société est un organisme de bienfaisance enregistré, et nous sommes donc en mesure de fournir des reçus d'impôt pour les dons : <https://cspspace.ca/donations/>.

Je suis toujours ravie de lire les réalisations et les contributions de nos membres dans le domaine des études patristiques au Canada et à l'étranger, que nous incluons dans chaque Bulletin (automne et printemps). Si vous n'avez pas encore répondu à l'appel d'Eric Cregheur, envoyez-lui un courriel (Eric.Cregheur@ftsr.ulaval.ca) pour qu'il inclue vos nouvelles dans notre prochain Bulletin.

Si vous souhaitez vous impliquer davantage dans notre Association, n'hésitez pas à contacter l'un des membres du Comité exécutif. J'espère vous voir cette année à notre rencontre annuelle, en personne ou à distance!

Avec mes meilleurs vœux,

Mona Tokarek LaFosse, President
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NOUVELLES/NEWS

PUBLICATIONS

Jimmy Chan

“Seeing God face to face: Augustine’s vision of the spiritual body in *De civitate Dei* 22.29.” Pages 367–76 in *I volti di Dio nel cristianesimo antico. Secc. I-IX. XLIX Incontro di Studiosi dell’Antichità Cristiana (Roma, 11-13 maggio 2023)*. Pontificium Institutum Patristicum Augustinianum. Studia Ephemeridis Augustinianum. Rome: Nerbini International, 2024.

Kevin Clarke

“Words in the Word: Maximus on Christ the Creator.” *Saint Anselm Journal* 19.1 (2023): 57–81.

“Abraham the Indiscriminate Almsgiver in John Chrysostom’s Exegesis of the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man.” *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 27 (forthcoming 2024).

“The Spiritual Senses and the ‘Complete Act’ of Scripture: Henri de Lubac’s Recovery of the Mystical in Serious Exegesis.” *Angelicum Journal* 101 (forthcoming 2024).

Miriam J. De Cock

“Origen on the Homiletic Exegete as Physician of the Soul.” *Patristica Nordica Annuarium* 38 (2024): 39–58.

With Elisa Uusimäki, “Travel and the Making of a Pseudepigraphical Hero in Ancient Jewish and Early Christian Literature.” *Early Christianity* 14.4 (2023): 462–76.

Karim Guirguis

“The Distinction of Sexes and the Divine Image.” *Phronema* 38.2 (2023): 79-102.

With Marc Guany, and Andrew Youssef, co-translator from Arabic into English of Joseph Moris Faltas, *Dogma in the Liturgical Texts*. Cairo: Panarion Center for Patristic Heritage, 2024.

Sean Hannan

With Kim Paffenroth (eds.), *Augustine & Ethics*. Lanham: Lexington Books/Rowman & Littlefield, 2024.

Scott Harrower

Trauma and Recovery in Early North African Christianity. Christianities Before Modernity, 1. Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter, 2024.

Wendy Helleman

“Augustine on Original Sin and the Origin of the Soul: Ethical Implications.” Pages 215–33 in *Augustine & Ethics*. Edited by Sean Hannan and Kim Paffenroth. Lanham: Lexington Books/Rowman & Littlefield, 2024.

Robert Kennedy

Translator, with notes and introductions, of five works of Augustine (*Lying, Against Lying, The Work of Monks, The Advantage of Fasting, Patience*) in: Boniface Ramsey (ed.), *Augustine: Moral and Ascetical Works*. The Works of Saint Augustine: A Translation for the 21st Century, vol. I/10. Brooklyn, N.Y.:New City Press, 2023.

“Chapter 1: Augustine and Democracy.” Pages 29–48 in *Before and After Democracy: Philosophy, Religion, and Politics*. Edited by William Sweet. Conflict, Ethics, and Spirituality, 13. Leuven: Peeters, 2023.

Edwina Murphy

With Bart J. Koet, and Esko Ryökäs (eds.), *Deacons and Diakonia in Late Antiquity: The Third Century Onwards*. Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament, 606. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2024.

“The Bishop’s Delegates: Deacons in Cyprian of Carthage.” Pages 221–33 in *Deacons and Diakonia in Late Antiquity: The Third Century Onwards*. Edited by Bart J. Koet, Edwina Murphy, and Esko Ryökäs. Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament, 606. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2024.

Gaëlle Rioual

Avec Anne-France Morand, Eric Créghœur, et Karine Laporte (éd.), *Regards croisés sur la pseudépigraphie dans l’Antiquité / Perspectives on Pseudepigraphy in Antiquity*. Judaïsme ancien et origines du christianisme, 30. Turnhout: Brepols, 2024.

OTHER NEWS/AUTRE NOUVELLES:

Nominations

Kevin Clarke is now an Associate Editor of *Patristic Theology*, an open-access peer-reviewed journal published by the Centre for Patristics and Early Christianity (CPEC) at McMaster Divinity College.

Defended Thesis/Défense de thèse

Mark Hanson defended his Ph.D. dissertation on John Chrysostom and Spiritual Gifts at McMaster Divinity College, on March 21st, 2024.

Conferences/Colloques et communications

Jimmy Chan

- “The Ineffability of God in *De Doctrina Christiana* Book 1 (with Preface 5) and *Sermo* 117: Is there a change in Augustine’s understanding of language to speak about God?.” L’Incontro di Studiosi dell’Antichità Cristiana on the theme “Parole per dire Dio. Il linguaggio teologico nell’antichità cristiana”, Pontificio Istituto Patristico Augustinianum, May 9–11, 2024.

Karim Guirguis

- “A Cosmic Priest: Man as Mediator in the Coptic Liturgy of John of Bostra,” Sixteenth Annual Coptic Studies Symposium of the Canadian Society for Coptic Studies, Toronto, Canada, May 6, 2023.
- “Embodied Liturgical Experience as an Extension of the Eucharist,” Conference of the International Society for Orthodox Church Music, Joensuu, Finland, June 12-18, 2023.
- “The Transformative Power of a Ritual Hermeneutic,” Symposium in Honour of the departed Professor Richard Schneider, Trinity College, Toronto, Canada, November 4, 2023.
- “Liturgy as Eros: Extending Origen into Liturgy,” Conference hosted by the Center for Patristics and Early Christianity at McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, Canada, February 1, 2024.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
CANADIAN SOCIETY OF PATRISTIC STUDIES /
ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES ÉTUDES PATRISTIQUES**

MAY 27-29, 2024

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

All sessions will take place at St. Augustine’s Seminary downtown campus (Alumni Hall, 121 St. Joseph St.) in Toronto, Ontario.

All times are provided in EDT (Eastern Daylight Time).

A (V) after a presentation’s title indicates that the presentation will be delivered virtually. Contact csps.acep.2023@gmail.com with questions about virtual access.

MONDAY, MAY 27

Session & Time	Topic
8:15 – 8:30 a.m.	Meet & Greet Over Coffee
President’s Welcome 8:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Mona Tokarek LaFosse Assistant Professor of New Testament & Early Christian Studies (Emmanuel College at Victoria University in the University of Toronto)
Session 1 8:45 – 10:45 a.m.	Ecology & Patrology Moderator: Wendy Helleman (University of Toronto) Samuel Lau (Trinity College), “The Cosmic Christology of Maximus the Confessor & the Ecological Crisis” Stephane Gaulin-Brown (Independent Scholar), “Elements in the <i>Ambigua</i> 21: Maximus the Confessor & Movement Towards Love” Jimmy Chan (Carey Theological College), “Revisiting the Goodness of Creation through Augustine’s Exposition of Romans 1:20 in <i>Sermo</i> 241 and <i>Sermo</i> 68”

	Marc Bergermann (Humboldt University of Berlin), “The Creation according to Emperor Constantine: Observations and Thoughts on a Unique Genesis 1-3 Retelling and Interpretation in the Oration to the Saints”
10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	Coffee Break
Session 2 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<p>Victorinus, Nazianzen, & Cassian</p> <p>Moderator: Austin McCredie (University of Pennsylvania)</p> <p>Wendy Helleman (University of Toronto), “Marius Victorinus on the Trinity”</p> <p>Andrew N.A. Youssef (Trinity College), “Soteriology in Gregory Nazianzen’s <i>Orations</i>”</p> <p>Benjamin Elliott (University of Georgia), “The Re-Use of Cassian’s <i>De Incarnatione</i> by Alcuin of York & its Textual Implications”</p>
Lunch 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Participants are welcome to join a discussion on planning the ACÉP/CSPS 50th anniversary (2025) over lunch. Otherwise, participants are free to make their own arrangements for lunch.
Session 3 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	<p>The Legacy of Patristic Power</p> <p>Moderator: Katherine Milco (Sacred Heart)</p> <p>Aaron P. Debusschere (University of St. Paul), “Freedom by Coercion”</p> <p>Daniel Lowry (Independent Scholar), “The Metaphysics of Power: Correspondence in Patristic Power Theology & African Traditional Religion” (V)</p> <p>Ashoor Yousif (Tyndale University), “Religion in Politics: Religious Engagements during Diplomatic Embassies in Late Antiquity”</p> <p>Naoki Kamimura (Tokyo Gakugei University), “The <i>City of God</i> of Augustine & the Harmony of Community”</p>
3:30 – 3:45 p.m.	Coffee Break

Session 4 3:45 – 5:00 p.m.	Visit to the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library (Roberts Library) More information to come.
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TUESDAY, MAY 28

Session & Time	Topic
8:15 – 8:30 a.m.	Meet & Greet Over Coffee
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	<p>Student Essay Award</p> <p>Presider: Mona Tokarek LaFosse, CSPS/ACÉP President</p> <p>Ben Elliott (University of Georgia) “<i>Gustavi Crustula Solus</i> — I Alone have Sampled these Cookies: John Cassian, Tasty Ancient Sweets, and the (Pre-) History of Corn Syrup”</p>
Session 5 9:00 – 10:45 a.m.	<p>Trauma & Therapeia</p> <p>Moderator: Thomas Slabon (University of South Florida)</p> <p>John C. Boyd (University of KwaZulu-Natal), “Memory & Memra: Augustine’s Trauma as Perfect Strength”</p> <p>Marina Ghebrial (Toronto School of Theology), “Contemporary Testimonies of the Afterlife: a Corroborative Encounter with Patristic Teaching”</p> <p>Marcin Wysocki (KU Lublin) “Traumatic Father-Related Experiences: A Study of Examples from the Life and Writings of the Church Fathers”</p> <p>John Abad (St. Augustine’s Seminary), “Loss and Gain: a Consolatory Framework in the <i>Octavius</i> of Minucius Felix”</p>
10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	Coffee Break

<p>Session 6 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Second-Century Christianities</p> <p>Moderator: John Solheid (Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies)</p> <p>Katherine Milco (Sacred Heart), “What is ‘Play’ in <i>Passio Perpetuae et Felicitas</i>?”</p> <p>Thomas Slabon (University of South Florida), “Justin Martyr on Godlikeness and the Value of Rationality”</p> <p>Jeffrey Aubin (CEGEP – St. Lawrence), “L’œuvre d’Apelle : témoignages et fragments”</p>
<p>Lunch 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Conference participants are free to make their own arrangements for lunch.</p>
<p>Session 7 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Patristic Spirituality: Perspectives on the Spiritual Life – A Session Sponsored by the Centre for Patristics and Early Christianity</p> <p>Moderator: Jimmy Chan (Carey Theological College)</p> <p>James R. Payton (McMaster Divinity), “Progressing Now & Forever: Gregory of Nyssa on Humanity’s Calling”</p> <p>John Isaak (McMaster Divinity), “Syriac Spirituality: Aphrahat & Ephrem the Syrian”</p> <p>Stefana Laing (Beeson Divinity School), “Spiritual Lessons from the Women of Theodoret’s Religious History” (V)</p> <p>Don Springer (McMaster Divinity), “Power, Perfection, & Orthodoxy: Irenaeus on Prayer”</p>
<p>3:30 – 3:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>Session 8 3:45 – 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Visit to the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies (PIMS) Library More information to come.</p>

Pre-Banquet Conviviality 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Conference participants are welcome to socialize in a venue of their choosing in advance of the Annual Banquet.
CSPS/ACÉP Annual Banquet 7:00 p.m.	Astoria Restaurant 390 Danforth Avenue The Astoria Restaurant is a subway-ride away from St. Augustine’s Seminary downtown campus.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Session & Time	Topic
8:15 – 8:30 a.m.	Meet & Greet Over Coffee
Session 9A 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	<p>A Student-Centred Session on Ephrem, Augustine, & Maximus</p> <p>Moderator: Nathan Scott (Wycliffe College)</p> <p>Austin McCredie (University of Pennsylvania), “Death as an Enemy? A Re-Examination of the Figure of Death in Ephrem the Syrian’s <i>Carmina Nisibina</i>”</p> <p>Joachim Haddad (Aix-Marseille), “On Time & Movement in Augustine’s Readings of Genesis” (V)</p> <p>Brooke Olmstead (Duke University), “‘You Did It To Me:’ a Maximian Reading of Christ, Imitation, & Perfection in Matthew’s Gospel”</p>
10:00 – 10:10 a.m.	Coffee Break

<p>Session 9B 10:10 – 11:10</p>	<p>A Student-Centred Session on Moses of Abydos & Coptic Magical Texts</p> <p>Moderator: Nathan Scott (Wycliffe College)</p> <p>Karim Guirguis (Trinity College), “Purity of Body & Spirit: Embodied Purity in the Letters of Moses of Abydos”</p> <p>Simon St-Arnault Chiasson (Laval), “La représentation symbolique du Divin chez les Pères de l’Église et son écho dans les textes magiques coptes”</p>
<p>11:10 – 11:20</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>Session 10 11:20 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Book Review Panel: <i>Medicine, Health, & Healing in the Ancient Mediterranean (500 BCE – 600 CE): A Sourcebook</i>, by Heidi Marx, Kristi Upson-Saia, & Jared Secord</p> <p>Reviewer: Mona Tokarek LaFosse, Emmanuel College at Victoria University in the University of Toronto</p>
<p>Lunch 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Student Lunch (details TBD)</p> <p>Other conference participants are free to make their own arrangements for lunch.</p>
<p>Session 11 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>The Legacy of Egyptian Christianity</p> <p>Moderator: Don Springer (McMaster Divinity)</p> <p>John Solheid (The Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies), “Mapping the Ascetic Life in the Classroom of Didymus the Blind”</p> <p>Paul-Hubert Poirier (Laval), “Les <i>Psaumes</i> manichéens dits <i>de Thomas</i> et le mandéisme”</p> <p>Nathan Scott (Wycliffe College), “The Angelic Language of Heaven’s Book: Origen’s <i>Homilia in Genesim</i> 1 as an Astrological Allegory”</p> <p>Nathan Porter (Duke University), “Two Rival Versions of Nicene Theology in Cyril of Alexandria & Theodoret of Cyrus”</p>

3:30 – 3:45 p.m.	Coffee Break
Session 12 3:45 – 5:00 p.m.	CSPS/ACÉP Annual General Meeting Presider: Mona Tokarek LaFosse, CSPS/ACÉP President

Joint CSPA/CSBS Seminar: Semantics and Boundaries at the End of Antiquity (The Life and Work of Harold Remus)

Hosted by the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies at Congress, McGill University (Montreal), June 17-19, 2024

Monday June 17, 8:30–11:45 a.m. EST (BIRKS 205)

Presiding: Esther Guillen (McGill)

Defining Generations in Early Christianity

Mona Tokarek LaFosse (Emmanuel College, University of Toronto)

The term “generation” has many meanings, including levels of descent among biological kin (a parent and child are in different generations) and colloquial twenty-first century references to age cohorts (like Generation X). Using a lens of ancient Mediterranean age structure, this paper explores the emic (insider) and etic (scholarly) uses of the term “generation” in early Christian studies, considering the term *genea* (usually translated “generation”; e.g., Matthew 24:34, Luke 21:32, Philippians 2:15) and the use of “generation” by scholars of early Christianity to describe specific eras of social change within the movement (e.g., generations of Pauline communities). The flexibility of the term is useful, but also points toward a need for more careful definition.

What Do We Mean by the Pauline School? Evaluating the Category in Light of Recent Research on Education in the Roman World

Margaret MacDonald (Saint Mary’s University)

The Pauline School continues to be a major theoretical construct especially in discussions of the disputed Pauline literature. The paper examines assumptions about the nature of this school and its relationship to practices within Pauline circles especially in light of identity formation. The paper will be informed by recent research on education in ancient society, taking account of a wide range of opportunities for learning. Ultimately, it will assess the usefulness of the label to describe the activities of Christ groups in the wider Greco-Roman world.

Simon of Gitta and Paul of Tarsus: True Rivals

John W. Marshall (University of Toronto)

The Christian tradition positions Simon Magus as the arch-rival of Peter. The evidence for this is plain in the *Acts of Peter*. The present paper positions Simon and Paul as rivals before the authority of Peter. Though there is (nearly?) no evidence or account of Paul and Simon having met, nor of having addressed one another, it is possible to understand both figures better by seeing how they came from similar locations, faced similar problems, suffered similar insults, undertook similar strategies, sought to become distributors of the Holy Spirit, worked wonders, proposed strange doctrines, and contested the authority of those who knew Jesus in Galilee. Yet they found different fates in the history of Christianity. The name switch of Paul to Simon in the *Kerygmata Petrou* suggests that these parallels were not lost on some second-century Christians. While Christian narrative portrays Simon and Peter as rivals, a more historical reading strategy reveals Simon and Paul as rivals in contention for the same status, power, and privilege in the fledgling movements devoted to Christ.

Putting the Persian Back in “Magic”: Problems with Ignoring Ethnography

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Taking Harold Remus’s interest in ancient phenomena often designated “magic” performed by “magicians” (especially μάγος, μαγεία, μαγικός), this paper calls for careful consideration of the ethnographic connotations of these ancient concepts and for the retirement of English terms related to “magic” in the study of antiquity altogether. Deployment of such terms obscures precisely the ostensibly foreign and specifically “Persian” aura which attended references to Magians and Magian skill (better terms) as well as the commonly adopted ancient theory that Magian practices had disseminated throughout the ancient Mediterranean world (to places like Egypt and Syria-Judea) from Persia itself. I demonstrate this with reference to Greek ethnographic writing on Persian Magians and through a case study of Uncle Pliny, Apuleius, Origen, and pseudo-Clement.

***Didache* Amulet P. Oxy. 1782: At the Crossroads of Magic/Religion and Jewish/Christian**

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In a series of articles and two books on ancient magic and miracle, Harold Remus interrogated the role of nomenclature in contests of delegitimation and in scholarly heuristics, challenging the uncritical reproduction of the distinction between “pagan” magic and Christian miracle. Through analysis of the semantic range of words in specific contexts, Harold illuminated how words function both in ancient writings and in scholarship to construct social and academic boundaries. This paper engages with Harold’s work by examining an ancient artifact—P. Oxy 1782—that resides at the crossroads of identity, ritual performance, and scholarly heuristics. P. Oxy 1782 preserves a small portion of the *Didache*. Because of its small size and possible folding pattern, the papyrus has been described as an amulet or part of a miniature codex, which may have been worn. Focusing on the seminar’s theme of Semantics and Boundaries, this paper will investigate the papyrus in two parts: first I will ask how we interpret this tiny piece of evidence for lived religion: if it was used as an amulet, how might it have been used and would we or the ancient user have understood it to be magic? Do amulets qualify as magic, and if so, according to whom? Next the paper will explore the larger work from which this fragment derives—the *Didache*—and consider questions of identity and “Christian” origins that this text raises. This paper will engage with questions of nomenclature and identity, asking at what point can we begin to speak of Christians and Christianity. Who were the first Jesus-believers to adopt the derogatory designation Christian as a self-acclamation, and how does using the term Christian (or Jewish-Christian) to label ancient people (and documents) who do not label themselves this way reify boundaries and identities, thereby determining the way scholars interpret textual and material culture from antiquity?

“The Parting of the Ways” in the study of Christian Origins

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Since the 19th century, the historians and theologians have generally viewed the origins of Christianity as a consequence of a process of separation between those who confessed Jesus as the messiah, and Jews who did not. In attempting to describe and account for this separation, scholars frequently resorted to familial metaphors, in which Judaism and Christianity were like a mother and her daughter, or siblings, in which they were like Jacob and Esau, the twin sons of Jacob. Since the latter decades of the 20th century, however, the metaphor that has dominated the discussion is the “parting of the ways.” Even those who critique the metaphor, seeing it as

inadequately or even entirely wrong-headed, continue to use it. In this paper, I will examine the frame of reference of the metaphor, the diverse nuances and meanings attached to it, and its explanatory value in scholarship from the 1990s to the present.