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APPEL DE COMMUNICATIONS CALL FOR PAPERS

pour la réunion annuelle de l'ACÉP
for the CSPS annual meeting

Université de Québec à Montréal, du 2 au 4 juin 1995

Members of the CSPS/ACÉP are invited to submit proposals for papers for the annual meeting in 1995. Papers should be twenty minutes in length with ten minutes for discussion afterwards.

There will be a seminar this year on the representations of violence in early Christian discourse, "The Representation of Violence and the Violence of Representation" organized by Theodore de Bruyn, Anne Pasquier and Harry Maier. Members are encouraged to participate. A detailed description of this seminar can be found elsewhere in this issue.

This year's book presentation will be *The Fatherhood of God from Origen to Athanasius* by Peter Widdicombe of McMaster University. To order the book please note: Oxford Theological Monographs, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1994, 290 pages (ISBN 0-19-826751-7). The book will be presented by the author with responses from John Egan and Charles Kannengiesser.

s.v.p. envoyer vos résumés (abstracts) au président du comité du programme:

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Tous les résumés doivent parvenir au président du programme avant le 20 janvier 1995 incluant ceux qui sont destinés au séminaire sur la violence dans le discours chrétien ancien.

Abstracts for papers accepted for presentation at the conference will be published in the April *Bulletin* along with the programme for the conference.

Les membres du comité autre que le président sont Peter Booth et Mark Vessey. Si vous avez besoin des appareils audio-visuel veuillez nous l'indiquer.

Near the end of the program time will be allotted for current activities. If any members would like to speak about projects in which they are involved or offer other information which they consider pertinent to our activity they should send a note with their intentions to Andrius Valevicius.

Les 2 et 3 juin prochain le professeur Gregory Bloomquist animera un atelier a l'UQAM sur "La sociologie du christianisme ancien". Cet atelier sera offert parallèlement avec notre réunion mais ne fera pas partie de notre programme. (See announcement on page 4 of this bulletin).

SEMINAR ANNOUNCEMENT

"The Representation Of Violence And The Violence Of Representation"

Part of the Canadian Society of Patristic Studies Conference

June 2-4, 1995, Université de Québec a Montréal

(see announcement of the conference on the previous page)

The convergence of the study of rhetoric, discourse, and the sociological uses of textual evidence presents a fresh opportunity to study representations of violence in early Christian discourse. Violent representations were commonplace in ancient rhetoric, and their use in the rhetorical traditions of Judaism and Greco-Roman philosophy informed Christian speech and writing. But as Christians developed their own discourses, they also put these representations to their own peculiar uses, reflecting and shaping the organizational, social, and theological attitudes of speaker and/or audience. This seminar will investigate the functions of violent representations in early Christian discourses (up to 600 C.E.).

It is hoped that the seminar will result in clarification of such points as the definition of what may be considered a violent representation, the similarities and differences in usage among rhetorical traditions, the ways in which violent representations (with their attendant rhetorical debts or resonances) were implicated into particular Christian discourses, and the social and religious meanings of violent representations within these discourses. To facilitate discussion of these points, the following terms of reference are suggested:

1. Because it is difficult to determine what constituted emotional or psychological abuse in the ancient world, the point of departure will be representations of physical acts of violence--beating, rape, torture, warfare, and the like. It may be that representations of physical acts of violence include representations of emotional responses as well, in which case there may be an opportunity to explore the experience of violence for speaker and/or audience.

2. In interpreting how rhetorical representations of physical violence are implicated in a particular Christian discourse, it will be important to determine what debt early Christian speakers and writers owe to other rhetorical traditions (e.g., Jewish, Greco-Roman, other Christian traditions),

and to distinguish the functions that are common to several discourses, and the functions that are peculiar to an early Christian discourse.

3. The analysis of the functions of representation of physical violence should explore the relationship between violent representations, social relations, and religious identities. There may be sufficient evidence to allow for the application of a particular sociological model; failing that, one may explore the social and religious meanings of violent representations.

Participants are encouraged to apply the above terms of reference to a genre of early Christian speech or writing with which they are especially familiar, or to a specific work. The seminar is intended to canvass a wide range of Christian textual evidence, and to test the above terms of reference across that range. (Though the seminar is focusing on rhetorical representations of violence, studies of visual representations of violence are also welcome.) Participants are asked to be explicit about their assumptions and methods, in order to facilitate methodological critique and development.

The seminar will consist in presentations of 20 minutes on specific early Christian texts or genres (with additional time allotted for discussion), a more extended presentation or discussion of methodological issues, and a discussion of further possibilities for research. The organizers of the seminar hope to have someone with methodological expertise in a social science attend the seminar and lead a presentation or discussion of methodological issues.

Anyone wishing to participate should send a 100-150 word abstract of their proposed presentation to Andrius Valevicius, Programme Chair of the Canadian Society of Patristic Studies, by January 20, 1995 (address listed on page 1). Participants will be asked to forward a draft copy of their presentation by April 30, 1995. Papers will be distributed in advance to all presenters in the seminar.

Since the seminar will form part of the annual conference of the Canadian Society of Patristic Studies, there may be an opportunity to read papers in the other sessions of the conference on matters related to the topic of the seminar--on other aspects of rhetoric, discourse, or sociological method that are not immediately concerned with violence. Anyone wishing to contribute in this way is encouraged to submit an abstract for consideration in the general programme of the Canadian Society of Patristic Studies, as is described on page one of this bulletin.

The seminar is being organized by Theodore de Bruyn, Harry Maier, and Anne Pasquier. To obtain further information about the seminar, or to make suggestions toward its development, contact Theodore de Bruyn (address below). However, to repeat, abstracts of papers are to be sent to Andrius Valevicius.

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FOURTH ANNUAL SOCIOLOGY OF EARLY CHRISTIANITY WORKSHOP

The goal of the annual SEC Workshop is to bring together experts in sociology or in early Christian studies, or experts in both, in order to ensure the quality of methods and approaches to the social analysis of early Christianity.

In 1995 the SEC Workshop is being held June 2-3 to coincide with the meetings of the Learned Societies at UQAM. The Secretariat of the Learned Societies meetings for 1995 has approved of this arrangement. The object is to make possible the participation in the workshop of members of such societies as CSPA. Members may elect to participate in the Workshop rather than in the sessions of CSPA taking place at the same time, depending on their interests.

PRIX D'ESSAI

Nous invitons les membres de la faculté à nous recommander pour ce prix des essais sur le christianisme ancien du II^e au V^e siècle. Sont éligibles les essais reçus au cours de l'année civile 1994 de vos étudiants de premier cycle ou d'études supérieures.

Prix: Le gagnant ou la gagnante recevra le status de membre-étudiant de l'association pour un an, ainsi que le choix entre un cheque de 100 dollars ou l'assurance de recevoir des frais (jusqu'à concurrence de 200 dollars) de son voyage au Colloque Annuel de l'Association pendant les réunions des Sociétés Savants à l' Université de Québec à Montréal, le 2-4 juin 1995, dans l'objectif d'y présenter l'essai gagnant.

Date limite: le 22 février 1995

Notification: le gagnant/la gagnante sera notifié/e le 22 mars 1995 ou avant cette date.

Veuillez adresser les textes à: M. le Professeur Patrick Gray
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ESSAY PRIZE

Faculty are invited to recommend essays which deal with early Christianity (100-600) for this prize. To be eligible, essays should have been submitted in the course of the calendar year 1994. 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 meetings of the Learned Societies at the University of Quebec at Montreal, June 2-4, 1995 for the purpose of presenting the winning essay.

Deadline: February 22, 1995

Notification: The winner will be notified on or before March 22, 1995.

Please address submissions to: Professor Patrick Gray
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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS/ APPEL DE CANDIDATURES

The following positions will have to be filled from June 1995 on:

Président [à remplacer Paul-Hubert Poirier] (95-97)

Membre du Comité des candidatures [à remplacer Paul Rigby] (95-98)

Member of the Programme Committee [to replace Andrius Valevicius] (95-98)

Representative of the CSPS at the Annual Meeting of the CCSR (95-98)

Représentant de l'ACÉP au conseil d'administration de la CCSR (95-98)

If you are willing to let your name stand for election, or have any name to suggest, please write before March 1 to:

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NOUVELLES DE NOS MEMBRES

Michel **DESDJARDINS** and Wendy **HELLEMAN** have received new appointments, as indicated by their new addresses elsewhere in this issue.

J. Kevin **COYLE** has published "Recent views on the origins of clerical celibacy: A review of the literature from 1980-1991" in *Logos* 34 (1993), 480-531; "Hands and Imposition of Hands in Manichaeism", in Andreas Kessler, Thomas Ricklin and Gregor Wurst (ed.) *Peregrina Curiositas. Eine Reise durch den *arbus antiquus*. Zu Ehren von Dirk van Damme* (Novum Testamentum et Orbis Antiquas, 27), Fribourg: Universitaetsverlag/Goettingen: Vanderhoeck & Ruprecht, 1994, 181-190. His article, "The Fathers on Women and Women's Ordination", originally published in *Église et Théologie* 9 (1978), 51-101, has been republished in David M. Schuler (ed.) *Women in*

Early Christianity (Studies in Early Christianity 14). New York and London: Garland, 1993, 117-167.

NEW MEMBERS

Jodi **CASTRICANO**--winner of the 1993 Essay Contest; a student in the Ph.D. programme in English at the University of British Columbia.

Gaétan **GUAY**--étudiant du 2^e cycle à Laval.

Walter A. **HANNAM**--winner of the 1994 Essay Contest; a student at King's College, Halifax.

Pierre **LETOURNEAU**--professeur adjoint du Faculté de théologie, Université de Montréal.

M. Joseph **POWNALL**--writing a doctoral thesis (tentatively entitled *Martyrs and Ascetics: Studies in Literary Genre and Historicity of Early Latin Hagiography*) for the Department of Classics at the University of Toronto.

David T. **PRIESTLEY**--teaching church history and theology at Edmonton Baptist Seminary. Work on Gustaf Wingren has led him to an interest in Irenaeus: "[Wingren] draws the bishop's ideas into contemporary play in interesting and attractive ways. So in the next while, I expect to be mucking about directly in *Adv. haer.* and the *Proof* with a view to discovering whether indeed he may be a light to the path for late 20th-century evangelical and ecumenical theological reflection. Obviously, while my questions come from the 1990s, I am trying to see the Gallic polemicist truly."

Peter John **WIDDICOMBE**--teaching patristics, the history of Christian thought, and modern theology in the Department of Religious Studies at McMaster. Peter was awarded the D. Phil. in Patristic Theology by St. Catherine's and St. Cross Colleges, Oxford, in 1990. He performed clerical duties in the Diocese of Oxford, and taught part-time there for Oxford University and the Diocese of Oxford Institute for Theological Education and Training, before coming to McMaster. His book, *The Fatherhood of God from Origen to Athanasius*, is published by Oxford University Press.

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

All of us enjoy reading about the work of our colleagues. At the very least it lets us know--as each of us labours away, often at teaching that has little to do with the field, or at research that does, but that no one else at our institutions understands--that someone else out there is interested in similar things! But it also lets the bigger world know what we are up to, and in the information age that is important. In the CSPA we have two instruments for publishing this information: the biannual *Directory*, and the semi-annual *Bulletin*. Those publications from now on will have a larger audience than the membership of CSPA/ACÉP: the Canadian Federation for the Humanities is going on-line with an electronic information service, to which we shall be sending both of our publications, starting with this issue of the *Bulletin*. We are also sending the *Bulletin* to our sister organization, the North American Patristic Society. Moreover, copies of our publications are held by the National Library of Canada. Thus your humble notice in the April *Bulletin* will give you a place both on the information highway and for posterity that you might never have expected!

Some people are very good about supplying the *Bulletin* editor with information--Kevin Coyle is an excellent example, as witnessed by the information in this issue--while others, like myself, are lax about this.

Please try to take a moment to send me some current information for the April issue. I'll gladly receive it by regular mail, FAX, telephone, or E-mail at the following addresses.

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CONFERENCES

The **Third Meeting of the International Society for the Classical Tradition** will be held at Boston University, Wednesday, March 8 - Sunday, March 12, 1995. There will be on the programme special sections or sessions on the influence of Greco-Roman traditions in ancient Christianity with an emphasis on late antiquity as a transition period in the history of Christianity and of so-called Western culture in general. For more information, contact:

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Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity will be hosted by the Department of History and the Program in Late Ancient and Medieval Studies at the University of Kansas, in Lawrence, Kansas, March 22-24, 1995. The conference will examine geographical, topical, and methodological aspects of the ways in which late Antiquity serves as a frontier. For more information, contact:

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ELECTRONIC SYMPOSIA, ETC.

LT-ANTIQ is a new list (electronic discussion group) that provides a discussion forum for topics relating to Late Antiquity (c. AD 260-640). For the purposes of this discussion list, "Late Antiquity" includes the Late Roman, Early Byzantine, Early Medieval, and Early Islamic periods. Geographical coverage extends from eastern Europe to the Middle East, and from the Sahara to Russia. Cross-disciplinary interaction is particularly encouraged. Along with the usual scholarly interchange, users also are invited to post notices relating to upcoming conferences, new and on-going projects, and job openings. For more information contact:

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