

## PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP IN LATE ANTIQUITY

### FIRST ANNUAL MEETING | APRIL 21-22, 2017

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 21 | PRICE CENTER: THE FORUM

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12:00PM A student will meet attendees in the lobby of the Sheraton La Jolla and walk them to meeting location.

12:30 - 12:45PM **WELCOME**

#### **SESSION 1: THE POST-ROMAN WEST** *Session Chair: Edward Watts, UC San Diego*

12:45 - 1:15PM Lisa Bailey (University of Auckland, NZ),  
"A Handmaid's Tale: Sex and Slavery in the Life of Balthild."

1:15 - 1:45PM Shane Bjornlie (Claremont McKenna College, USA),  
"For Whom Empire Ends: Sorting through narrative for the End of the Western Roman Empire."

1:45 - 2:15PM Seth Lerer (UC San Diego, USA),  
"Boethius and Late Antiquity: Reflections on a Generation of Scholarship."

2:15 - 2:30PM **COFFEE BREAK**

#### **SESSION 2: ALEXANDRIA AND LATE ANTIQUE EGYPT** *Session Chair: Andrew S. Jacobs, Scripps College*

2:30 - 3:00PM Matthew Crawford (Australian Catholic University),  
"Cyril of Alexandria's Contra Iulianum and Fifth-Century Alexandrian Society."

3:00 - 3:30PM Caroline T. Schroeder (University of the Pacific, USA),  
"Family Ties in Egyptian Monasticism."

3:30 - 4:00PM Edward Watts (UC San Diego, USA),  
"Hypatia in the Letters of Synesius."

4:00 - 4:15PM **COFFEE BREAK**

#### **SESSION 3: BYZANTIUM, CONSTANTINOPLE, AND ANATOLIA** *Session Chair: Denise Demetriou, UC San Diego*

4:15 - 4:45PM Mark Masterson, (Victoria University of Wellington, NZ),  
"Same-Sex Desire between Byzantine Men: Opportunities and Challenges."

4:45 - 5:15PM Michael Champion, (Australian Catholic University),  
"Becoming Godlike: Soundings from Gregory of Nyssa."

5:15 - 5:45PM Meaghan McEvoy, (Macquarie University, Australia),  
"Elite Competition in Ecclesiastical Patronage at Constantinople in the Fifth Century"

6:00 - 8:00PM **RECEPTION—HELD IN THE VILLAGE, 15B (15TH FLOOR OF THE BUILDING)**

## SATURDAY, APRIL 22 | STUDENT CENTER: THE HUERTA-CRUZ ROOM

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7:45AM A student will meet attendees in the lobby of the Sheraton La Jolla and walk them to meeting location.

8:15 - 9:00AM **BREAKFAST**

### **SESSION 4: WRITING HISTORY AND LIVES**

*Session Chair: Cavan Concannon, USC*

9:00 - 9:30AM Satoshi Ohtani, (Tohoku University, Japan),  
"The Eyewitness and the Translation of History in Late Antique Christianity: The Case of Eusebius and Rufinus."

9:30 - 10:00AM Han Baltussen, (The University of Adelaide, Australia),  
"Revisiting the Purpose of Eunapius's Lives: Divine Traits and Pagan Saints."

10:00 - 10:30AM Xia Dongqi, (Fudan University, China),  
"Micro-Autobiographies in Augustine's Confessions."

10:30 - 10:45AM **COFFEE BREAK**

### **SESSION 5: EMPERORS**

*Session Chair: Shane Bjornlie, Claremont McKenna College*

10:45 - 11:15 AM Caillan Davenport, (The University of Queensland, Australia),  
"The Biographical Dialog between Roman Emperors and the People."

11:15 - 11:45AM Shunsuke Kosaka, (Rikkyo University, Japan),  
"Defending the Emperor Julian by Ammianus Marcellinus."

11:45 - 12:15PM Elizabeth DePalma Digeser (UC Santa Barbara, USA),  
"The Emperor, the Sun, and the Serpent: Constantine's Gallic Legacy."

12:15 - 1:15PM **LUNCH**

### **SESSION 6: CHRISTIANIZATION AND THE CHRISTIAN EMPIRE**

*Session Chair: Ryan Abrecht, The University of San Diego*

1:15 - 1:30PM Presentation by Elizabeth DePalma Digeser (UC Santa Barbara, USA) about the new journal *Studies in Late Antiquity*, published by the University of California Press

1:30 - 2:00PM Mark Anderson, (California State University, San Bernardino, USA),  
"Christianizing the Planetary Week."

2:00 - 2:30PM Amelia Brown (University of Queensland, Australia),  
"From Gods to Saints of Seafaring in the Late Antique Mediterranean."

2:30 - 2:45PM **COFFEE BREAK**

### **SESSION 7: SYRIANS, SYRIAC, AND LATE ANTIQUITY EAST OF ROME'S FRONTIER**

*Session Chair: Elizabeth DePalma Digeser, UC Santa Barbara*

2:45 - 3:15PM Joel Walker, (The University of Washington, USA),  
"The Dragon and the Pearl: Syriac Christian Renderings of a Eurasian Motif."

3:15 - 3:45PM Ryan Abrecht, (The University of San Diego, USA),  
"The Syrian Community of Ancient Rome."

3:45 - 4:15PM Nathanael Andrade (Binghamton University, USA),  
"Doubting the Acts of Thomas: Some Reflections on Late Antique Christianity and the Indian Ocean."

4:15 - 5:00PM **CONCLUDING DISCUSSION**

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