



**New Trajectories
in Australian
Research on
Late Antiquity
and Early
Christian Studies**

20–22 April 2022

‘Patterning the past: Research for the future’
Katherin Papadopoulos, St Athanasius College, University of Divinity

‘Historical and geoarchaeological records of the interaction between society and climate/environment in late antique and medieval Italy’
Duncan Keenan-Jones, University of Queensland

3.05 – 3.30pm *Coffee / Tea*

3.30 – 4.20pm Short paper session three
Chair: Stephen Carlson, ACU

‘Augustine of Hippo and Eudaemonism’
Katie Chambers, University of New England

‘Trajectories of ‘doubt’ in early Christianity and early Christian Studies’
Anna Nürnberger, Australian Lutheran College

4.20 – 4.30pm *Break*

4.30 – 5.30pm Plenary three
Chair: Sarah Gador-Whyte, ACU

‘Crises of leadership in the Eastern Roman Empire (250-1000 CE)’
Peter Edwell, Macquarie University

5.30pm Drinks and nibbles

Thursday 21 April

8.30 – 9am *Coffee / Tea*

9 – 10am Plenary four
Chair: Kylie Crabbe, ACU

‘Babatha's Sisters: Judaeon Women Refugees in the Wilderness Caves’
Joan Taylor, King’s College London

10 – 10.15am *Break*

10.15 – 11.05am Short paper session four
Chair: Sarah Gador-Whyte, ACU

‘Divine envy and generosity in cosmological and anthropological arguments between Christians and Neoplatonists’
Edward Jeremiah, University of Melbourne

‘St Cyril of Alexandria and the mysteries of Isis in *De adoratione*’
Tom Pietsch, Australian Lutheran College/ACU

11.05 – 11.30am *Coffee/tea*

11.30am – 12.30pm Plenary five
Chair: Stephen Carlson, ACU

‘Progress in the Arts and Sciences according to Julian and Cyril: How Central is Knowledge to Human Flourishing?’
Matthew R. Crawford, ACU

12.30 – 1.30pm *Lunch*

1.30 – 2.30pm Plenary six
Chair: Matthew R. Crawford, ACU

‘The history of inebriation and reason from Plato to the Latin Middle Ages’
Eva Anagnostou-Laoutides, Macquarie University

2.30 – 2.45pm *Break*

2.45-3.35pm Grant workshop session one
Chair: Michael Champion, ACU

‘Roman mass media, religion and imperial power, circa 69-395 CE’
Ryan Strickler, Newcastle University; Amelia Brown, University of Queensland;
Estelle Strazdins, University of Queensland; Bronwen Neil, Macquarie University;
Justin Pigott, University of Auckland

‘The genomic text of the New Testament’
Stephen C. Carlson, ACU, and Rob Turnbull, University of Melbourne

3.35 – 4pm *Coffee/tea*

4 – 5.15pm Grant workshop session two
Chair: Ben Edsall, ACU

‘A phenomenology of ancient Christian meditative practice in the light of contemplative science’
Cullan Joyce, University of Melbourne

'The wakeful night: Nocturnal imagination, encounters and emotions in the late ancient Mediterranean'

Amelia Brown, University of Queensland, Kylie Crabbe, ACU, Sarah Gador-Whyte, ACU, and Dawn LaValle Norman, ACU

'Who, then, is my neighbour?': Political, theological, psychological, and biblical approaches to enmity'

Scott A. Kirkland, Trinity College, and Christopher A. Porter, Trinity College

6.30pm

Conference dinner

Friday 22 April

8.30 – 9am

Coffee/tea

9 – 10am

Plenary seven

Chair: David Litwa, ACU

'Manichaean liturgical texts and practices from Egypt to China'

Iain Gardner, University of Sydney

10 – 10.15am

Break

10.15 – 11.05am

Short paper session five

Chair: Michael P. Theophilos, ACU

'Pay me two chickens, but you can keep your Christology!' Reflections on the Kellis

Manichaeans from the point of view of the FAB'

Geoffrey Jenkins, Australian Institute of Archaeology

'Rethinking the origins of Christianity in Alexandria'

David Litwa, ACU

11.05 – 11.30am

Coffee/tea

11.30am – 12.20pm

Short paper session six

Chair: Ben Edsall, ACU

'Conquering country: Johannine anti-Jewishness and colonial violence in Australia'

Blake Wassell, ACU

'The infancy narrative of Matthew in light of astrological papyri and ostraca'

Michael P. Theophilos, ACU

12.20 – 1.30pm *Lunch*

1.30pm – 2.20pm Short paper session seven
Chair: Michael Hanaghan, ACU

‘Cyprian of Carthage and the OT canon of North Africa’
Edwina Murphy, Australian College of Theology

‘A problem like Maria: Refiguring sex work in the *Life of Theodoros of Sykeon*’
Jo DowlingSoka, Macquarie University

2.20 – 2.30pm *Break*

2.30 – 3.30pm Plenary eight
Chair: Jonathan Zecher, ACU

‘Memories of utopia: Destroying the past to create the future (300 – 650 CE)’
Wendy Mayer, Australian Lutheran College

3.30pm *Coffee/tea and departure*

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