



SPECIAL LECTURE

(With the Corpus Christi Classical Seminar)

Virginia Burrus (Drew University):

‘Helia, Girl Sophist: Christianity and the Feminization of Rhetorical Voice’



Theocleia and St Paul contest to win the mind of St Thecla

Wednesday 12 October 2011, at 5pm

Corpus Christi College, Seminar Room

Professor Burrus will also be talking at 5pm on Thursday 13 October at the Late Roman Seminar (also in Corpus), on ‘Hispania and its Hidden Heretics: Is the Life of Helia a Priscillianist Work?’

Listed here are the lectures and seminars on Late Antiquity taking place in Oxford between October and December 2011

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The details of all these events are also available on the OCLA web-site:

www.ocla.ox.ac.uk

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http://www.ocla.ox.ac.uk/home_eve.shtml

OXFORD CENTRE FOR LATE ANTIQUITY



SPECIAL LECTURE

(With the Seminar for Late Antique and Byzantine Studies)

Eric Rebillard (Cornell University):

'Christians and Violence against Pagans at the turn of the Fifth Century in North Africa'



Aphrodisias: Aphrodite defaced

Wednesday 30 November 2011, at 5pm

Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies,
66 St Giles', University of Oxford

Local and regional history-writing in Late Antiquity and the early Middle Ages

Lecture Room 1, Oriental Institute, Oxford
Saturday 8 October 2011, 10.15am–3.45pm

Session 1

CHAIR: Nicola Clarke (Wolfson College, Oxford, and Lancaster University)

10.15 **Nicola Clarke**: *Introductory comments.*

10.30 **Erin Thomas Dailey** (University of Leeds): *The Histories of Gregory of Tours: Broad horizons, local identities, regional interests*

Session 2

CHAIR: Hugh Kennedy (SOAS)

11.40 **Harry Munt** (University of Oxford): *The development of local history-writing in Arabia in the eighth and ninth centuries*

12.20 **Sarah Savant** (AKU-ISMC, London): *History and identity in early Islamic Iran: Perspectives on the conquests in local histories*

Session 3

CHAIR: Arietta Papaconstantinou (AKU-ISMC, London and University of Reading)

14.00 **Philip Wood** (University of Cambridge): *Hīra and Its Histories, 590–700*

14.40 **Muriel Debié** (CNRS, Paris): *Pro patria memoriae: Local history and memory writing in Syriac*

15.20 Concluding remarks

Conveners: Nicola Clarke and Harry Munt

Attendance at the colloquium is free, but places are limited. It is essential to register in advance by emailing Harry Munt <thomas.munt@orinst.ox.ac.uk>. An optional lunch will be provided costing £5 (please indicate when you register if you will require lunch).

This colloquium has been made possible through the support of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, the Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research, and the Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity.

Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar

Wednesdays at 5 pm

Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, 66 St Giles

12 October (Week 1)

Chrysi Kotsifou (Corpus Christi):

Encounters with the holy in Byzantine Egypt: a 'communitas' of pilgrims or a confirmation of status?

19 October (Week 2) [*Weeks 2 & 3 have been switched*]

Robert Hoyland (St Cross):

The 'eastern source' and the historiography of the seventh- and eighth-century Near East

26 October (Week 3)

Richard Gem:

St Peter's in Rome: chronology and design of the 4th-century basilica

2 November (Week 4)

Bert Smith (Lincoln):

Care of the past: Some buildings and their statues in late antique Aphrodisias

9 November (Week 5)

Elizabeth Jeffreys (Exeter):

Manganeios Prodromos, a rhetorician for the masses

16 November (Week 6)

Jeremy Johns (Wolfson):

The Edmund de Unger Ewer: a newly discovered early Fatimid rock crystal ewer

23 November (Week 7)

Boris Maslov (University of Chicago):

Gregory of Nazianzus and the invention of theōsis: a case study in historical semantics

30 November (Week 8)

OCLA Special Lecture (see above)

Convener: Mark Whittow

Late Antique and Byzantine Art and Archaeology Seminar: 'Networks'

Tuesdays, 11 am–12.30pm

St John's College, New Seminar Room

11 October (Week 1)

Marlena Whiting (Lincoln):

Between the Orontes and the Euphrates: overland trade routes in Late Antique Syria

18 October (Week 2)

Marlia Mango

'Dark Age' Metalwork in and outside the Empire
[in lieu of lecture by Natalija Ristovska]

25 October (Week 3)

Carlos Cabrera Tejedor (Brasenose):

Mediterranean maritime trading networks of Spain between the 1st and the 8th centuries AD

1 November (Week 4)

Alkiviadis Ginalis (Merton):

Shipbuilding in Byzantium – the construction and typology of ships

8 November (Week 5)

Dr Maja Kominko (Wolfson):

Did Kosmas go to India?

15 November (Week 6)

Dr Roberta Tomber (British Museum):

Identifying Late Roman trade with India – amphorae and other evidence

22 November (Week 7)

Yaman Dalanay (Exeter):

Communications and trade in Western Asia Minor (13th–15th centuries).

29 November (Week 8)

Dr Archie Dunn (Birmingham):

The lead seals of Byzantine Corinth: the city, the thema, and beyond.

Convener: Dr Marlia Mango (St John's College)

OXFORD CENTRE FOR BYZANTINE RESEARCH

SPECIAL LECTURE

Professor Pangiotis Agapitos

(University of Cyprus):

*Late Antique or Early Byzantine?
The Shifting Beginnings of Byzantine Literature*

Tuesday 29 November (Week 8) at 5pm
(with drinks reception until 7pm)
in the MBI Al Jaber Building, Corpus Christi College

*Panagiotis Agapitos, since 2001 Professor of Byzantine Philology
at the University of Cyprus, has written widely on Byzantine
literature, particularly on the medieval Greek romance.
He is currently writing a new general history of Byzantine
literature. He is also a best-selling novelist.*

Late Roman Seminar

Thursdays at 5pm
Seminar Room, Corpus Christi College

13 October (Week 1)

Virginia Burrus (Drew University):

Hispania and its hidden heretics: Is the Life of Helia a Priscillianist work?

20 October (Week 2)

Juliette Day (University of Helsinki):

What's the point of the Life of Melania the Younger?

27 October (Week 3)

Alan Thacker (Institute of Historical Research):

Early martyr cult in Rome and Milan: The construction of a Christian topography

3 November (Week 4)

Jesús Hernández Lobato (Oxford):

A silent muse: Sidonius Apollinaris' non-poem (Carmen 9)

10 November (Week 5)

Suzanne Abrams Rebillard (Cornell):

Healing Gregory of Nazianzus: Poetry as paregoric

17 November Week 6)

Michael Williams (NUI, Maynooth):

Ceremonious indulgence: Auxentius of Milan and the 'Nicene opposition'

24 November (Week 7)

Adrastos Omissi (Oxford):

Constantius II and his usurpers: Tyranny, legitimacy, and panegyric

1 December (Week 8)

Richard Maguire (UEA):

Epiphanius: The shock of the new

Conveners: Neil McLynn and Bryan Ward-Perkins

Jewish History and Literature in the Graeco-Roman Period

Tuesdays at 2.30–4pm in the Oriental Institute

The seminar is centred this term on 'The Dead Sea Scrolls and Related Topics'. The paper in 1st Week (11 October) is by Dr Joan Taylor (KCL), on 'Essenes in second- to fourth-century literature'. For the full programme for the term see <http://www.orinst.ox.ac.uk/hjs/lectures.html>

Corpus Classical Seminars: ‘God’s Sophists’

Wednesdays at 5.00 pm

Seminar Room, Corpus Christi College

All are welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

12 October (Week 1) (with OCLA)

Virginia Burrus (Drew):

Helia, Girl Sophist: Christianity and the Feminization of Rhetorical Voice

19 October (Week 2)

John Moles (Newcastle):

Paul and the Philosophers

26 October (Week 3)

Judith Lieu (Cambridge):

Marcion, Justin, and the Demiurge

2 November (Week 4)

Emily Kneebone (Cambridge):

Wisdom Divine: the Gods in Imperial Greek Didactic Poetry

9 November (Week 5)

Mark Edwards (Oxford):

Idols or Icons? Christian and Philosophers on the use of Religious Images

16 November (Week 6)

Neil McLynn (Oxford):

Gregory of Nazianzus and the Phantom Bishop

23 November (Week 7)

Stuart Thomson (Oxford):

The whole world has become Athens through the Word’: Clement of Alexandria and the Ethnicity of Wisdom

30 November (Week 8)

Simon Goldhill (Cambridge):

How Victims Write History: Roman Imperial Violence Through Jewish Eyes

Conveners: Stuart Thomson and Tim Whitmarsh

Oxford Celtic Seminar

Thursdays at 3pm

Memorial Room and Harold Wilson Room in Jesus College.

13 October (Week 1)

Professor Thomas Charles-Edwards:

St Patrick, Pagans and Christians, Barbarians and Fellow-Citizens

20 October (Week 2)

Dr Mark Zumbühl:

The Middle Irish translation of Bede’s Ecclesiastical History

27 October (Week 3)

Richard Marshall:

The ‘Ars’ of Sergilius: An Elementary School Text from the Circle of Vergilius Maro Grammaticus and Early Medieval Irish Learning

3 November (Week 4)

Professor David Stifter:

Lexicon Leponticum

10 November (Week 5)

Dr Alex Woolf:

Adomnán at Birr

17 November (Week 6)

James Ryan Gregory:

A Welsh Saint in England: The Twelfth-Century Cult of St Wenefred

24 November (Week 7)

Dr Diana Luft:

From Fantasy to Fact: the reception of the Mabinogi

1 December (Week 8)

Kelly Kilpatrick:

Some Thoughts on the Name Gwanannon, a borderland of Gododdin

Mr Patrick Wadden

Is the Trácht Romra in Betha Adamnáin Solway Firth?

Ancient History Seminar

Tuesdays at 5 pm

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8 November (Week 5)

Martin Goodman:

Divine Providence, Sadducees and Epicureanism in late-antique Judaism

22 November (Week 7)

Phil Booth:

Hostility to Holy Men in Late Antiquity

Roman Discussion Forum

Wednesdays at 1 pm

Institute of Archaeology Lecture Room

9 November (Week 5)

Meaghan McEvoy:

On the different circumstances (and their political implications) of imperial baptisms in the 4th and 5th centuries

16 November (Week 6)

Jaś Elsner:

Art and Rhetoric in Roman Culture

Medieval Church and Culture Seminar

Tuesdays at 5 pm

Carpenter Room, Harris Manchester College

The majority of papers cover a later period of history, but the paper in Week 5 (8 November) will be

Erica Buchberger (University College):

Ethnicity as a Rhetorical Tool in the Poems of Venantius Fortunatus

Late Antique and Byzantine Reading Group

This informal group of postgraduates and early career researchers will meet in Michaelmas Term 2011 on Friday of 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 8th Week at 5–6.30pm in the Sainsbury Common Room, Worcester College.

For more details, email Edward Zychowicz-Coghill:

edward.coghill@history.ox.ac.uk

Late Antique Latin Poetry: Reading and discussion group

Anyone interested in joining this group is very welcome to attend, or to email Jesús Hernández Lobato in advance:

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Islamic History Reading Group

Anyone interested in joining this group should email Joshua Olsson

<joshua.olsson@lmh.ox.ac.uk>