

Listed here are the lectures and seminars on Late Antiquity taking place in Oxford between April and June 2010.

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

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(where any up-datings will be posted)

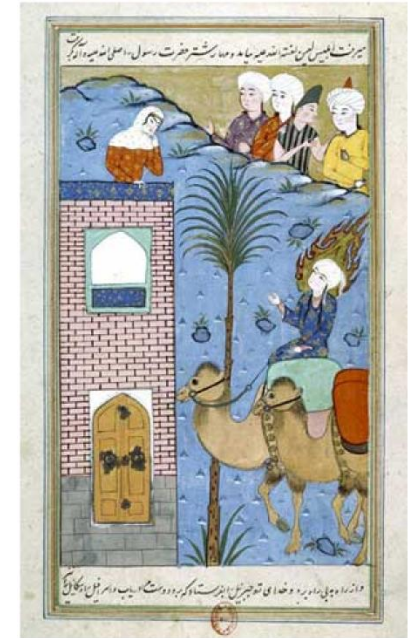
ANDREW W. MELLON FOUNDATION SAWYER SEMINAR, 2009-2010

Conversion in Late Antiquity: Christianity, Islam, and Beyond

Second Colloquium:
'Converting Environments'

24 April 2010

Corpus Christi College,
MBI Al Jaber Auditorium



9:30 **Session 1: East Asia**

Max Deeg (University of Cardiff), " 'Conversion' to Buddhism in early Medieval China"

Chair and discussant: Charles Ramble (Oxford University)

10:30 Coffee

11:00 **Session 2: Facilitators**

Elizabeth Key Fowden (Athens), "Landscape and asceticism: The role of the environment in changing religious allegiances"

Thomas Sizgorich (University of California, Irvine), "Mind the gap: Accidental conversion and the hagiographic imaginary in the first centuries A.H."

Chair and discussant: Lesley Abrams (Oxford University)

12:30 Lunch

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'Conversion' seminar continued

1:30 **Session 3: Families**

Kate Cooper (University of Manchester), "Burning down the house: Anti-family feeling and the household as a space for Christian conversion in late antiquity"

Michael Lecker (Hebrew University), "The role of family links in Muhammad's biography"

Chair and discussant: Gillian Clark (University of Bristol)

3:00 Coffee

3:30 **Session 4: The Holy City**

Jan Willem Drijvers (University of Groningen), "From Pagan to Christian? The religious transformation of Jerusalem in the fourth century"

Robert Schick (American Center for Oriental Research in Amman, Jordan), "A Christian city with a major Muslim shrine: Jerusalem in the Umayyad period"

Chair and discussant: Bryan Ward-Perkins (Oxford University)

5:00 **Conclusions and discussion** Nicholas Purcell (Oxford University)

5:45 Reception

All are most welcome to attend but please register for the colloquium with Jess Ehinger (jessica.ehinger@spc.ox.ac.uk). There is no charge to attend the colloquium; however, a sandwich lunch will be available on site for £5. If you would like to take part in the lunch please indicate this no later than Friday 16 April.

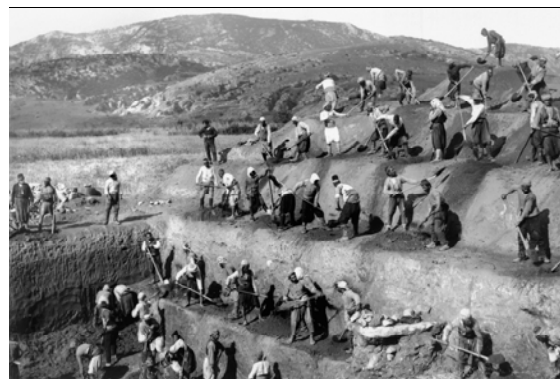
There will be another seminar "**Converting Identities**"
on 2 July 2010,
followed by a "**Converting Practice**" Workshop
on 3 July 2010

Further details for this event, including paper abstracts, and information on the other colloquia of the Mellon Sawyer Seminar can be accessed on the web at <http://www.oca.ox.ac.uk/conversion/>

OXFORD CENTRE for LATE ANTIQUITY



*The Heroic Age of Archaeological Research in the
Byzantine and Early Islamic Near East, ca. 1860–1950*



COLLOQUIUM

Saturday, 8 May 2010,
9.00–18.00

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

This colloquium will explore the intellectual, ideological, institutional and methodological framework of Near Eastern archaeological practice, from its beginnings to the immediate aftermath of World War II, examining how the pioneers worked (as well as their personal, scholarly and political predispositions), to field logistics, life in the trenches, and issues of publication and dissemination of the expedition results.

SYRIA & ASIA MINOR, ca. 1860–1950: MARLIA MANGO (Oxford) on de Vogüé, Gertrude Bell & H.C. Butler, and BERT SMITH (Oxford) on the heroic age of Aphrodisias, 1840–1914

THE EARLY ISLAMIC WORLD: ALASTAIR NORTHEDGE (Paris) on early work at Samarra.

CONSTANTINOPLE/ISTANBUL: CYRIL MANGO (Oxford) on the Russian Archaeological Institute, the Byzantine Institute and Ernest Mamboury, and JIM CROW (Edinburgh) on David Talbot Rice.

INTRODUCTION & CONCLUDING REMARKS: LUKAS SCHACHNER, and BRYAN WARD-PERKINS (Oxford)

Price: £5, including lunch and refreshments;
to register please email lukas.schachner@classics.ox.ac.uk

The colloquium is organized by Lukas Amadeus Schachner, Institute of Archaeology, with the financial support of the John Fell OUP Research Fund, the Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity, the Meyerstein Fund and the Research Centre, St John's

For full titles and times of papers:

http://www.oca.ox.ac.uk/pdf/heroic_age_programme.pdf

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SPECIAL LECTURE
(with the Seminar for Late Antique and Byzantine Studies)

Andrea Augenti

(University of Bologna at Ravenna):

'Classis –the birth, life and death of Ravenna's port'



Excavation of a warehouse at Classe burned down at the end of the 5th century

Wednesday 12 May 2010 at 5pm

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

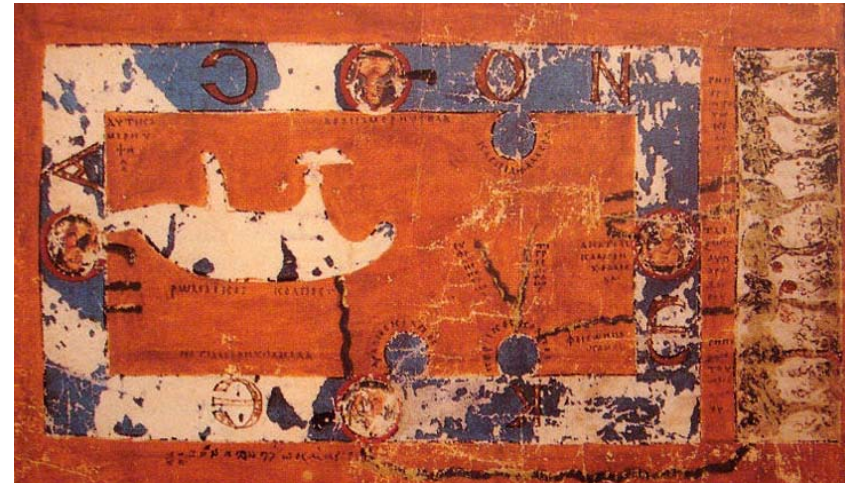
Professor Augenti is also talking at the Medieval History Seminar on Monday 26 April at 5pm (Wharton Room, All Souls College), on 'From Classe to Dorestad: Towns, Ports and Trade, AD 400–800'.

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The Mediterranean in Late Antiquity 300-700



The world according to Cosmas Indicopleustes, 6th-Century CE: North on top and Paradise in the Far East

Colloquium at Wolfson College, Oxford

Saturday 15 May 2010, 9am–5pm

Participants will include:

Peregrine Horden, Peter Heather, Chris Kelly – *States and Societies*
Robert Hoyland, Nicola Clarke, Philip Wood – *the Islamic World*
Averil Cameron, Eileen Rubery, Peter Bell – *Greek and Latin Culture*
with Michael Maas and Bryan Ward-Perkins

Join fellow Ancient Historians, Byzantinists, Islamicists, Medievalists, Classicists and Art Historians in discussing the social and cultural dynamics of the Mediterranean, East and West ~

More details at www.ocla.ox.ac.uk

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With SCIO – Scholarship & Christianity in Oxford

SPECIAL LECTURE



Noel Lenski

(University of Colorado at Boulder):

'Slavery and Society in Merovingian Gaul'

Thursday 20 May 2010 at 5pm

Danson Room, Trinity College



Both images from *The labours of the months*, 9th-century illumination

Professor Lenski is also talking at the Patristics Seminar, on Tuesday 18 May at 5pm (Lecture Room 1, Christ Church), on 'John Chrysostom on Slavery'

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SPECIAL LECTURE

(with the Seminar for Late Antique and Byzantine Studies)

Leonard Rutgers

(Utrecht University):

'Making Myths: Jews in Early Christian Identity Formation'



Early 4th-century sarcophagus with menorah

Wednesday 26 May 2010 at 5pm

Danson Room, Trinity College

[Note change of venue]

Professor Rutgers is also talking to the 'After Rome' seminar at 5pm on Thursday 27 May in the Danson Room (Trinity College), on 'New Discoveries in the Jewish and Early Christian Catacombs of Rome'

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Late Antique Iconoclasms

*Afternoon Colloquium:
Saturday 29 May 2010*

**Al-Jaber auditorium,
Corpus Christi College**

- 1.30 pm **John Haldon** (Princeton):
Images of Emperors: some different views of Leo III and Eirene
RESPONSE: Averil Cameron (Oxford)
- 3.00 pm *Tea/coffee break*
- 3.15 pm **Finbarr Barry Flood** (New York University):
Beyond Representation: Islam's Bilderverbot and the Animate Image
RESPONSE: James Howard-Johnston (Oxford)
- 4.45 pm *Tea/coffee break*
- 5.00 pm **Leslie Brubaker** (Birmingham):
Byzantine Iconoclasm?: the reinvention of the past
RESPONSE: Georgi Parpulov (Oxford)
- 6.30 pm *Wine Reception*

The colloquium is free, but those wishing to attend should register with Neil McLynn
<neil.mclynn@classics.ox.ac.uk>. The colloquium is organized by Jaś Elsner and Neil
McLynn with the support of Paul Pheby

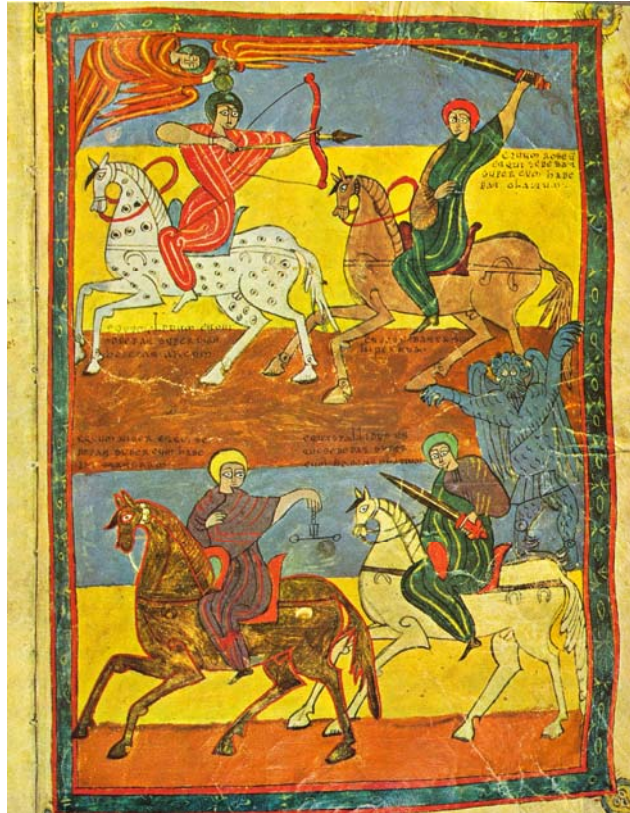
Early Medieval Finds from the British Isles

A day conference on theoretical and practical
approaches to material culture

Saturday 29 May 2010
Manor Road Building, Oxford

PROGRAMME

- 9.30 Registration and coffee
- 10.00 Introduction and Welcome: **Helena Hamerow**
- 10.15 *'The difference that the PAS makes: the theoretical benefits of using PAS data'*: **Helen Geake**
- 10.45 *'Interpreting Roman dress accessories'*: **Ellen Swift**
- 11.15 Refreshments / Student Poster Presentations
- 11.45 *'Pottery and Early Medieval Archaeology'*: **Ben Jervis**
- 12.15 *'Craft, Design, Technology. Three Perspectives for the Study of Early Medieval Worked Bone Industry'*: **Steve Ashby**
- 12.45 *'Developing approaches to finds research'*: **Jackie Keily**
- 1.15 Lunch / Student Poster Presentations
- 2.00 *'Moving beyond style: methodological and theoretical approaches to the archaeology of stone sculpture'*:
Aleksandra McClain
- 2.30 *'Archaeologies of early medieval coinage'*: **John Naylor**
- 3.00 *'PAS and peopling Later Anglo-Saxon England'*: **Gabor Thomas**
- 3.30 Questions and Discussion
- 4.00 Closing Remarks: **David Hinton**
- 4.30 Tour of Ashmolean Museum Money and England Galleries



Methodological approaches to Early Medieval Spain

Tuesday 1 June 2010 (6th week)
9.00am–12.30pm

Seminar Room, Institute of Archaeology,
Beaumont Street, Oxford

“Methodological approaches to Early Medieval Spain” continued

P R O G R A M M E

- 9.00 **Introduction**
Santiago Castellanos (Universidad de León)
- 9.10 **Session 1 and Debate –
Three approaches to Early Medieval Spain**
- Guillermo Tomás** (Universidad de Zaragoza):
Peasant communities and power concentration in the central Pyrenees from the analysis of a family cartulary
- Nicola Clarke** (University of Oxford):
Arabic literary sources for early medieval Spain
- Jesús Fernández** (Universidad de Oviedo):
The Trubias’s Valley Project: towards an interactive human-ecological study. Landscape archaeology in the centre of Asturias (Spain)
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- 10.25 Coffee break
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- 10.35 **Session 2 and Debate – Case studies**
- Erica Buchberger** (University of Oxford):
Ethnicity in the Visigothic kingdom through written sources
- Javier Martínez** (University of Oxford):
What was the fate of the aqueducts? Approaches to Visigothic water-supply systems
- Robert Portass** (University of Oxford):
Tenth-century local societies in Galicia and the question of peasant autonomy
- Graham Barrett** (University of Oxford):
(Title to be confirmed)
- 12.00 **Conclusions**
Peter Heather (King’s College London)

Faculty of History

THIRD LORD DACRE OF GLANTON LECTURE

Peter Brown

(Princeton University):

*'Theology and Social Criticism in the
Last Days of the Western Empire:
Salvian of Marseille'*



Christ delivering the Law (sarcophagus at Arles)

Tuesday 1 June 2010 at 5pm
University Church of St Mary the Virgin

Religion in the Byzantine World

Four lectures organized by the Inter-faculty Committee for Late Antique and Byzantine Studies will be given in honour of Professor Dame Averil Cameron, FBA at 5pm on the following Wednesdays in the Lecture Theatre, Ioannou Centre for Classical & Byzantine Studies, 66 St Giles':

28 April 2010

Professor Judith Herrin (London):

The formation of church structures in Byzantium

5 May 2010

Professor Guy Stroumsa:

Jews & Arabs in Byzantine consciousness (4th–8th c)

19 May 2010

Professor Elizabeth Jeffreys:

The cult of the Theotokos in 12th-century Constantinople

9 June 2010

Professor Chris Wickham:

Western approaches to Byzantine state religion

Lecture by Professor Dame Averil Cameron

'How Orthodox Was Byzantium?'

Professor Averil Cameron FBA (Warden of Keble College, Oxford) will deliver this lecture on **Wednesday 2 June 2010** at 5 p.m. in the Lecture Theatre at the Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies.

The lecture will be followed by a reception in honour of Professor Cameron.

Byzantine Art & Archaeology

Inscriptions: Patronage & Dedications

Thursdays, 12 noon–1 pm at the Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, First Floor Seminar Room

29 April (Week 1)

Efthymis Rizos (Keble):

Are the Theodosian walls of Thessalonica Anastasian? Architecture, epigraphy and the Balkan context of a late antique defensive circuit

6 May (Week 2)

Denis Feissel (École Pratique des Hautes Études/CNRS, Paris):

Un évergète du Ve siècle à Stratonicee de Carie et la périodicité de l'impôt du chrysargyre

13 May (Week 3)

Sean Leatherbury (Christ Church):

The votive character of early Christian mosaic images and inscriptions in Italy

20 May (Week 4)

Robert Hoyland (Oriental Institute):

Early Arabic graffiti and late antique piety

27 May (Week 5)

Andreas Rhoby (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna):

Byzantine metrical inscriptions: an overview

3 June (Week 6)

Anthony Eastmond (Courtauld Institute):

Looking at inscriptions from Byzantium to Georgia

10 June (Week 7)

Ulrich Gehn (Oxford, Classics):

Late-antique honorific inscriptions and statues

17 June (Week 8)

Sebastian Brock (Oriental Institute):

Syriac inscriptions in late antique Syria: what can they tell us?

Conveners: Arietta Papaconstantinou, Ida Toth, Lukas Amadeus Schachner

INAUGURAL LECTURE BY GUY STROUMSA

From Abraham's Religion to the Abrahamic Religions

Wednesday 12 May 2010, at 5pm in Examination Schools, High Street

This is Guy Stroumsa's inaugural lecture as Professor of the Study of the Abrahamic Religions

DAY CONFERENCE

'Aquila and the Rabbis'

Monday 21 June 2010

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Yarnton Manor.

Details of the programme will be posted and circulated nearer the time

LECTURE SERIES

Armenian Art

Thomas Matthews (NYU) will lecture on 'Armenian Art on the International Stage' at 4pm on Mondays (26 April–7 June) in Lecture Room I of the Oriental Institute, Pusey Lane. His lectures are focused primarily on later centuries, but begin in the late-antique period.

Full conspectus of the individual lectures:

http://www.ox.ac.uk/pdf/armenian_art.pdf

Late Antique and Byzantine Reading Group

This informal reading group, with a membership primarily of graduate students (at both masters and doctoral level), usually meets every fortnight during term to discuss recent works on Late Antiquity/Byzantium. Members of the group agree what they want to discuss from the whole field of Late Antique and Byzantine Studies.

Anyone interested in joining the group (from inside or outside Oxford University) should contact the convener, Jenny Thompson <jenny.thompson@history.ox.ac.uk>

After Rome: Aspects of the History and Archaeology of the 5th to 7th Centuries

Thursdays at 5pm in the Danson Room, Trinity College

29 April (Week 1)

Philip Wood (Oxford):

Nestorian identity? The image of Chalcedon in the Chronicle of Seert

6 May (Week 2)

Aziz al-Azmeh (CEU, Budapest):

Late antique Hijaz

13 May (Week 3)

Michael Maas (Rice University):

A forgotten ethnography: astral and environmental determinism in Late Antiquity

20 May (Week 4)

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Slavery and society in Merovingian Gaul

27 May (Week 5)

Leonard Rutgers (Utrecht):

New discoveries in the Jewish and early Christian catacombs of Rome

3 June (Week 6)

Luke Lavan (Kent) & **Axel Gering** (Humboldt University, Berlin):

Late antique Ostia: the Kent-Berlin excavations 2008–2009

10 June (Week 7)

Matthew dal Santo (Cambridge):

Text and image in Byzantine hagiography of the 6th and 7th centuries

17 June (Week 8)

Fred Astren (San Francisco State University):

Shadows of Jews in the early medieval Muslim conquests

Conveners: James Howard-Johnston and Bryan Ward-Perkins

Seminar on Jewish History and Literature in the Graeco-Roman period:

‘Greek Scripture and the Rabbis’

Tuesdays at 2.30 p.m. in the Faculty Room, Oriental Institute

27 April (Week 1):

Dr Tim Edwards (Oriental Institute):

Aquila, the Targum and the Rabbis in Psalms

4 May (Week 2)

Professor Emanuel Tov (Hebrew University):

Textual praxis and theories about the original biblical text

11 May (Week 3):

Professor Philip Alexander (Manchester):

Rabbinic Attitudes to Translating the Bible

18 May (Week 4)

Dr Mike Graves (Wheaton College):

Aquila’s edition of Genesis and Rabbinic Exegesis

25 May (Week 5)

Jenny Labendz (Jewish Theological Seminary):

Aquila and the Rabbis: the primary texts reconsidered

1 June (Week 6)

Dr Alison Salvesen (Oriental Institute):

The Rabbis, Aquila, Symmachus and the translation of prophecy

8 June (Week 7)

Dr Michael Law (Leiden):

The Cairo Genizah Fragments Attributed to Aquila’s Version

15 June (Week 8)

Professor Bas Romeny:

The identity of ‘ho Hebraios’

Conveners: Alison Salvesen and Martin Goodman

Law in Late Antiquity

The following seminars will be held in the Wharton Room, All Souls College, on the Wednesday indicated, 11.00 am–12.30pm:

12 May (Week 3)

Professor Luigi Capogrossi Colognesi (University of Rome ‘La Sapienza’):
Factors of adaptation in the Roman agrarian system in the Empire

26 May (Week 5)

Professor Petra Sijpesteijn (University of Leiden):
Muslim innovations? The role of witnesses in late antique and early Islamic Egypt

2 June (Week 6)

Professor Boudewijn Sirks (Oxford):
Can we reconstruct missing elements of the colonate?

16 June (Week 8)

Professor Salvatore Puliatti (University of Parma):
Justinian’s administrative reforms from 535 to 539: new aims and new values

Approaches to Medieval Spain Seminar

The following papers in the 'Approaches to Medieval Spain' seminar, convened by Robert Portass and Graham Barrett, held on Tuesdays at 3pm in the Massey Room, Balliol College, are on the late-antique period:

18 May (Week 4)

Santiago Castellanos (Universitat de Léon):
Visigothic Spain: Texts and Archaeology

1 June (Week 6)

Dr Nicola Clarke (Wolfson College, Oxford):
Arabic Accounts of the Muslim Conquest of Spain

For the seminar’s full programme, see Seminars & Lectures page of:
<http://www.history.ox.ac.uk/medieval/>

Patristics Seminar

The following seminars to take place on Tuesdays at 5pm in Lecture Room 1, Christ Church (Tom Quad, Staircase 8)

27 April (Week 1)

Professor Bas ter Haar Romeny (Leiden University):
Greek Authors in Syriac: in Particular Athanasius and John Chrysostom

4 May (Week 2)

Dr Hagit Amirav (VU University, Amsterdam):
Allegory and Pauline Exegesis: Origen and Jerome on Ephesians

11 May (Week 3)

Dr Susan Blackburn Griffiths (Regent’s Park College):
Ab Oriente usque ad Occidentem: the enormous Adam from Babylon to Hippo

18 May (Week 4)

Professor Noel Lenski (University of Colorado):
John Chrysostom and Slavery

25 May (Week 5)

Dr Emiliano Fiori (VU University, Amsterdam):
Mixture and Eschatology in Sixth century Syria: a Key to the Understanding of Dionysius the Areopagite’s Theological Agenda

1 June (Week 6)

NO SEMINAR (*Peter Brown is giving the Lord Dacre of Glanton Lecture at this time: see above, p. 10*)

8 June (Week 7)

Dr Dominic Keech (Keble College):
Questions for a Patristic Hermeneutic: Quodvultdeus of Carthage and the Tradition of Latin Origenism

15 June (Week 8)

Professor Paul J.J. van Geest (University of Tilburg-VU University, Amsterdam):
Augustine as a Negative Theologian

Conveners: Dr Edwards and Dr Papadogiannakis