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on Late Antiquity taking place in Oxford  
between April and June 2016

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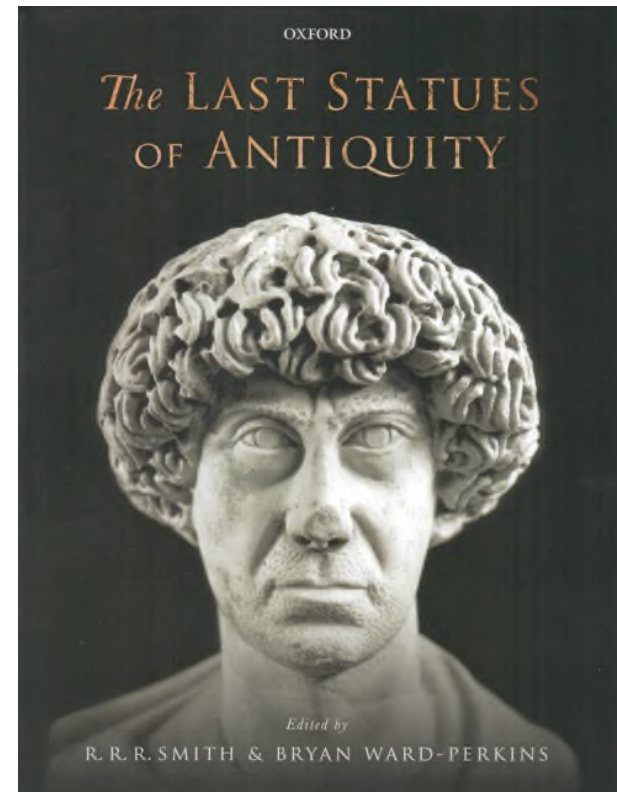
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*Please join us for a discussion to celebrate  
the publication of the print volume*

**‘The Last Statues of Antiquity’**

**Friday 20 May 2016**

Ertegun House, 37a St Giles’ at 5pm

The discussion of the book will be led by  
Averil Cameron, Jaś Elsner, and Charlotte Roueché

The event will close with a drinks reception



**SPECIAL LECTURE: REGRETTABLY CANCELLED**

~~Scott Johnson~~

~~(University of Oklahoma)~~

~~“Syriac: a language and culture without empire”~~



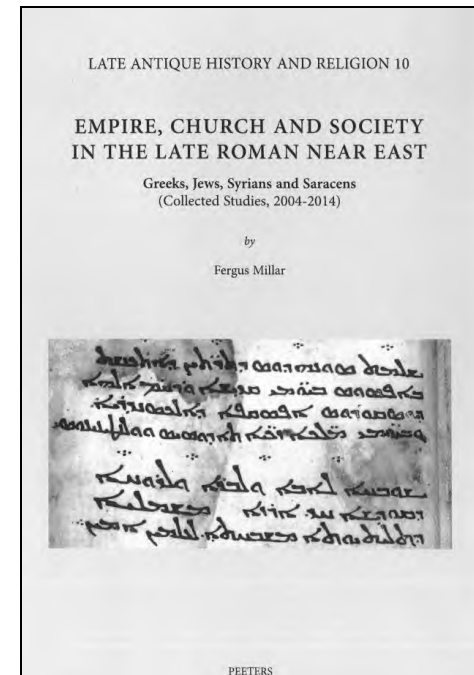
~~Thursday 16 June 2016 at 5pm~~

~~Ertegun House, 37a St Giles'~~

~~The lecture will be followed by a drinks reception~~

A colloquium to celebrate the publication of  
Fergus Millar, *Empire, Church and Society in the Late Roman Near East. Greeks, Jews, Syrians and Saracens*  
(Collected Studies, 2004–2014) (Leuven, 2016)

Monday 23 May 2016 from 2.30 to 6pm in the Clarendon Institute, Walton Street



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| 2.30 | <b>Fergus Millar:</b><br><i>The Late Roman Near East</i>           | 4.30 | <b>Tessa Rajak</b> (Somerville):<br><i>Diaspora Jews</i>                    |
| 3.00 | <b>Neil McLynn</b> (Corpus):<br><i>Greeks</i>                      | 5.00 | <b>David Taylor</b> (Wolfson):<br><i>Syrians</i>                            |
| 3.30 | <b>Oded Irshai</b> (Hebrew University):<br><i>Palestinian Jews</i> | 5.30 | <b>Marie Legendre</b> (Aix-Marseille Université and OCHJS): <i>Saracens</i> |
| 4.00 | Tea (to 4.30)  | 6.00 | Drinks  |

Conveners: Martin Goodman and Neil McLynn

## Al-Balādhurī: A Guide for the Perplexed

29–30 April 2016

Okinaga Room, Wadham College, OX1 3PN

### Friday 29 April 2016: Public Lecture

- 17:00 **Chase Robinson** (CUNY):  
*Provisional observations on the  
Futūḥ al-buldān*
- 18:30 *Drinks reception*

### Saturday 30 April 2016: Workshop

*MBI Al Jaber Building, Corpus Christi College, OX1 4JF*

Please register by writing to [baladhuriworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:baladhuriworkshop@gmail.com).

A contribution of £10 (or £5 for students) towards coffee, sandwich lunch and tea will be payable on the door.

- 09/30 *Registration*
- 10:00 Introductory remarks by **Mark Whittow** (University of Oxford)
- 10:15 **Hugh Kennedy** (SOAS)  
*Concerning Fadak: reading a micro-narrative in al-Balādhurī's Futūḥ*
- 11.00 *Coffee*
- 11:30 **Robert Hoyland** and **Leyla Masma Najafzada** (University of Oxford)  
*Al-Balādhurī and the beginnings of Islam in the Caucasus*
- Nick Evans** (University of Oxford)  
*"An unprecedented peace": al-Balādhurī on the North*
- 13:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 **Edward Zychowicz-Coghill** (University of Oxford): *Provincial history for metropolitan purposes? Al-Balādhurī's Egyptian sources*
- Su I-Wen** (University of Edinburgh)  
*Al-Balādhurī's sectarian vision: was he a proto-Sunnī?*
- 15:30 *Tea*
- 16:00 **Ryan Lynch** (University of Oxford): *The reception and reuse of al-Balādhurī's Futūḥ in medieval Islamic history*
- 16:45 Concluding discussion, introduced and chaired by **James Howard-Johnston** (University of Oxford)
- 17:30 *Drinks reception*



**Silver medallion of Caliph al-Mutawakkil 'ala Allāh** (A.H. 232-47/A.D. 847-61).  
*The historian Aḥmad b. Yahyā b. Jābir al-Balādhurī* (d. 279/892) was a close associate of al-Mutawakkil.

## OXFORD CENTRE FOR GLOBAL HISTORY

### Keynote Lecture and Workshop; 'Egypt Over the Longue Durée'

13–14 May 2016 at Corpus Christi College, Oxford

**Friday 13 May 2016** at 5pm – Corpus Christi College

Opening Keynote Lecture: all welcome – no need to register

**Timothy Mitchell** (Columbia):

*The New Histories of Capitalism: Who Gets the Credit?*

**Saturday 14 May 2016**, 9am–6.30pm at the  
Al Jaber Auditorium, Corpus Christi College

Workshop: places are limited and registration essential:  
contact <[global@history.ox.ac.uk](mailto:global@history.ox.ac.uk)>

Dominic Rathbone (KCL)  
Jeremy Johns (Khalili Research Centre, Oxford)  
Christopher Tyerman (Hertford, Oxford)  
Marie Legendre (Aix-Marseille)  
Nicolas Michel (Institut français d'archéologie orientale, Cairo)  
Nelly Hanna (American University in Cairo)  
Lucie Ryzova (Birmingham)  
Hussein Omar (Oxford)

Workshop conveners: John Darwin, Mark Whittow, Chris Wickham

For programme, see [http://global.history.ox.ac.uk/?page\\_id=2132](http://global.history.ox.ac.uk/?page_id=2132)

## Rulers and Saints. Concepts of ‘dynasty’ and ‘sanctity’ from Late Antiquity to the Late Middle Ages

### WORKSHOP

Organised by the research fellows of the ‘Cult of Saints’  
and the ‘Jagiellonians’ research projects

Generously supported by the Oxford Medieval Studies Programme  
and the Sanderson Fund

**Friday 13 May 2016**

The event takes place in St Luke’s Chapel at the Radcliffe Humanities Building  
and in the Seminar Room of the Building (Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 6GG)

The workshop is free, including refreshments, but it is essential to have  
registered by 10 May, by emailing: [marta.tycner@history.ox.ac.uk](mailto:marta.tycner@history.ox.ac.uk)

### PROGRAMME

9.15	Registration and coffee (St Luke’s Chapel)
9.45	Introduction to the workshop (St Luke’s Chapel)
10.00–11.30	<b>Session 1: Rulers and Saints in Late Antiquity</b> (St Luke’s Chapel)
	<b>Marta Tycner</b> (‘Cult of Saints’): <i>Constantine the Great and the cult of saints at the very beginnings of Christian monarchy</i>
	<b>Pawel Nowakowski</b> (‘Cult of Saints’): <i>Epigraphic manifestations of an early dynastic discourse. Anicia Juliana, Justinian, and the building inscriptions of the churches of St Polyuktos and Sts. Sergios and Bakchos in Constantinople</i>
	<b>Nikoloz Aleksidze</b> (‘Cult of Saints’): <i>Parthian in Form, Roman in Essence: Legitimising Kingship in the late antique Caucasus</i>
	Discussion
11.30–12.00	Coffee break (St Luke’s Chapel)

12.00–13.30	<b>Session 2: Rulers and Saints in the Early Middle Ages</b> (St Luke’s Chapel)
	<b>Marta Szada</b> (Warsaw University): <i>Holy Queens and Their Children. Sanctity and Dynastic Policies in Merovingian Gaul</i>
	<b>Grzegorz Pac</b> (Warsaw University): <i>Limits of royal female sanctity in the Early Middle Ages</i>
	<b>Steffen Hope</b> (Odense): <i>A dynasty of saints? The minor saints of medieval Norway and their association with Saint Olaf</i>
	Discussion
13.30–14.30	Sandwich lunch (St Luke’s Chapel)
14.30–16.00	Keynote lecture (St Luke’s Chapel): <b>Gabor Klaniczay</b> (Central European University, Budapest) <i>Title to be confirmed</i>
16.00–16.30	Coffee break (Seminar Room)
16.30–17.30	<b>Session 3: Rulers and Saints in the Late Middle Ages</b> <b>(Jagiellonian dynasty)</b> (Seminar Room)
	<b>Stanislava Kuzmova</b> (‘Jagiellonians’): <i>The failed candidate for a dynastic saint: King Wladislaus of Poland and Hungary</i>
	<b>Giedre Mickunaite</b> (‘Jagiellonians’): <i>Dynasty at the gates of paradise: Casimir is the name, Jagiellonian is the password</i>
	Discussion
17.30–18.00	Final discussion & closing remarks (Seminar Room)
18.00–19.00	Wine reception (Seminar room)
	Dinner for the workshop speakers

## Workshop on Religious Interaction in Antiquity

*Under the auspices of the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies and the University of Paris-Sorbonne*

**Thursday 9 June 2016, 9am–3pm**  
at the Clarendon Institute, Walton Street

9.15 Introduction  
**Olivier Munnich** (Paris) and **Martin Goodman** (OCHJS)

**SESSION 1** Chair: **Ine Jacobs** (University College)

9.15–9.45 **Sébastien Morlet** (Paris):  
*Does Theodoret of Cyrillus witness a real ‘inter-faith’ dialogue?*

9.45–10.15 **Jonathan Davies** (Wolfson):  
*Jewish–Christian interactions in the First and Second Sibylline Oracles*

10.15–10.45 **Philippa Adrych** (Magdalen):  
*Sharing the secrets: did Mithraic iconography travel?*

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10.45–11.30 Coffee

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**SESSION 2** Chair: Alison Salvesen (OCHJS)

11.30–12.15 **Arnaud Perrot** (Paris):  
*Are there interactions between monastic schools in the IVth century?*

12.15–12.45 **Isaac Soon** (St Stephen’s)@  
*Interactions between 4QInstruction and Greek moral philosophy*

**SESSION 3** Chair: **Martin Goodman** (OCHJS)

1.45–2.15 **Olivier Munnich** (Paris):  
*Justin’s Apology and Dialogue with Trypho the Jew in modern research; the conflict of interpretations*

2.15–2.45 **Dominic Dalglish** (Wolfson):  
*Archaeology and approaches to the divine*

2.45–3.00 Concluding remarks: **Sébastien Morlet** (Paris)

## PTARMIGAN LECTURE IN PATRISTICS 2016

**Frances Young**

(Emerita Professor of Theology, University of Birmingham):

*Creation: A catalyst shaping early  
Christian life and thought*

**Tuesday 26 April 2016**

at 5pm in the Examination Schools

## NELLIE WALLACE LECTURES 2016

### Rolando Ferri, University of Pisa

#### *Three Literary Professions: Notaries, Teachers, Preachers*

In this series of lectures and seminars, I will discuss aspects of the intellectual activities of three professional figures of the Roman world. Although not formally included in any canon of Latin literature, I would like to show that their work is of some interest to students of both literary production and the interpretation of literature in the Roman world. Firstly, I will dwell on the court recorders (*notarii, exceptores*) who composed the proceedings of public meetings and court sessions. I will then concentrate on teachers, especially of Roman law, and on what is known about the form of their teaching and their performances during class, not only in the Western but also, most crucially, in the Eastern, Greek-speaking, area of the Empire. Finally I will discuss some aspects of the exegesis performed by ancient biblical scholars, especially their adaptation of interpretative tools culled from study of the classical authors, typically Vergil and Terence, which they adapted to meet the challenge of a different class of texts, although at times the divergences proved not to be particularly marked.

In the seminar sessions, I will discuss a number of passages in samples of the texts under examination which are textually problematic or otherwise appropriate for class discussion.

**Opening lecture:** *Notaries and the framing of reality: linguistic realism, formularity, discourse*

Friday 20 May at 5 pm in the Lecture Theatre, Ioannou Classics Centre  
[followed by a party to welcome Professor Ferri]

This lecture explores the ways in which stenographers (*notarii, exceptores*) recorded meetings and court trials, using short or long hand. There are no extant transcriptions of court dialogues in shorthand (*codices notarum*), only handbooks, Greek and Latin, in which their tachygraphic signs are listed with their long hand translations. There are about fifty relevant texts in Greek and Latin, of varying lengths and dates: they are interesting for the techniques developed to reproduce rapid dialogue and interlocution; moreover they are relevant for any study of the pragmatics of dialogue, as well as for a number of representational devices deployed by the recorders to capture emotions, intonation, turn-taking, and in general the hierarchical structuring of conversation. By modern standards, this representation of dialogue was accurate only to a limited extent, not only on account of the absence of auditory or visual

instruments to record the sessions, but because the minutes were taken according to a stereotyped protocol, which utilized a set of formulaic resources. I endeavour to identify some of these formulae, also using as a foil the pseudodocumentary evidence provided by the *acta martyrum*.

#### **Seminars**

(both 5 p.m. in the Okinaga Room, Wadham)

Tuesday 24 May 2016

Seminar 1

*Dialogue in the Gesta conlationis and other late-antique records of proceedings.*

Tuesday, 31 May 2016

Seminar 2

*Image, Text, Captions in the Quedlinburg Itala*

#### **Lectures**

(all 5 pm in the Lecture Theatre, Ioannou Classics Centre)

Thursday 26 May

Lecture 2: *Ancient Christian scholars as literary critics of the Bible*

Thursday 2 June

Lecture 3: *Teaching Roman Law in the ancient schools, East and West*

Thursday 9 June

Lecture 4: *Jerome's Latin and the Vulgate*



## Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar

WEDNESDAYS at 5pm in Trinity Term 2016  
in the Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, 66 St Giles'

27 April (Week 1)

**Matthew Kinloch et al.** (OUBS):

*OUBS Fieldtrip to Armenia: Report*

4 May (Week 2)

**George Woudhuysen** (All Souls):

*The Fall of the House of Constantine, 324–366 A.D.*

11 May (Week 3)

**Silvia Ronchey** (University of Rome):

*Eustathios at Prodomos Petra? Some remarks on the manuscript tradition of the Exegesis in Canonem Iambicum Pentecostalem*

18 May (Week 4)

**Christian Sahner** (St. John's College, Cambridge):

*Violence against Christians and Shi'is in the Early Islamic Period: Formation of a Persecuting Society?*

25 May (Week 5)

**Tia Kolbaba** (Rutgers University):

*Reading about writing about heretics: Recent scholarship on heresiology and some ideas for moving forward (OCBR Special Lecture)*

1 June (Week 6)

**Michael Jeffreys** (University of Sydney / Oxford):

*The lives of the women of the Komnenian house under Manuel I, as seen in the poems of Mangeneios Prodromos*

8 June (Week 7)

**Dominic Brookshaw** (Wadham):

Title to be confirmed

15 June (Week 8)

**Elena Ene Draghici-Vasilescu** (Oxford):

*Cappadocian churches: hubs of monasteries or civic shrines?*

Conveners: Marek Jankowiak, Marc Lauxtermann, and Mark Whittow

## Late Antique and Byzantine Archaeology and Art Seminar

THURSDAYS of Weeks 2–8, 11am–12:30pm in Trinity Term 2016  
St John's College, New Seminar Room

5 May (Week 2)

**Andrew Poulter** (Nottingham):

*Continuity in churches of Late Antique Bulgaria*

12 May (Week 3)

**David Kennedy:**

*Christianity in the hinterland of Roman and Umayyad Philadelphia (Amman)*

19 May (Week 4)

**Simon Ford:**

*Mount Gerizim and the Christian Conversion of Jewish and Samaritan Holy Sites in Late Antiquity*

26 May (Week 5)

**Stefanie Lenk** (Oxford, 'Empires of Faith'):

*Pre-Christian imagery in baptisteries in Late Antique Iberia and North Africa – A paradox ?*

2 June (Week 6)

**Kristina Terpoy:**

*Between coast and hinterland: settlement development in Late Antique Lycia.*

9 June (Week 7)

**Agnieszka Lic:**

*The stucco torso from a church in Koke (Seleucia-Ctesiphon and the art of Byzantium)*

16 June (Week 8)

**Andrea Zerbini** and **Michael Fradley:**

*Endangered Archaeology in Yemen: the role of satellite imagery analysis in surveying the inaccessible*

Conveners: Ine Jacobs and Marlia Mango

## After Rome Seminar: Aspects of the History and Archaeology of the Fifth to Seventh Centuries

**THURSDAYS** in Trinity Term 2016  
Ertegun House, 37a St Giles', at 5pm

28 April (Week 1)

**Damien Labadie** (École pratique des hautes études, Paris):  
*The invention of Stephen's relics: the cult of saints and religious controversy in late antique Palestine*

5 May (Week 2)

**Filip Doroszewski** (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Warsaw):  
*Alexandrian theology in Nonnus' biblical epic*

12 May (Week 3)

**Marta Szada** ('Presbyters' project, University of Warsaw):  
*Conversion from Nicene to Homoian Christianity in the barbarian kingdoms*

19 May (Week 4)

**Sergey Minov** ('Cult of Saints' project, Oxford):  
*The Syriac Life of Mar Yareth the Alexandrian: Imagining a holy man in early medieval Mesopotamia*

26 May (Week 5)

**Christian Boudignon** (University of Aix-Marseille):  
*Who wrote the first part of Nicephorus' Short History?*

2 June (Week 6)

**Phil Booth** (Theology and Religion, Oxford):  
*A circle of Egyptian bishops at the end of Roman rule (c.600 CE): sources and contexts*

9 June (Week 7)

**Erica Buchberger** (College of Charleston, South Carolina):  
*Identifying Others in the Life of Caesarius of Arles*

16 June (Week 8) **OCLA Special Lecture** (see page 3)

**Scott Johnson** (Oklahoma State University):  
*Syriac: a language and culture without empire*

Conveners: Phil Booth and Bryan Ward-Perkins

## Patristic Seminar

**TUESDAYS**, 5–6.30pm [**note change of time**] in Trinity Term 2016  
Christ Church, Room 2

April 26 (Week 1)

No seminar: **Ptarmigan Lecture** by Professor Frances Young (see p. 8)

May 3 (Week 2)

**Matthew Thomas**:  
*Fellow-workers against the Law? Works of the Law in the Epistle of Barnabas and its Correspondence with Pauline Deabtes*

May 10 (Week 3)

**Christopher Beeley**:  
*Christological Metaphysics and the communicatio idiomatum*

May 17 (Week 4)

**Kirsten Mackerras** (short presentation): *Justice in Lactantius*  
**Eric Hoff** (short presentation): To be arranged

May 24 (Week 5)

**Dimitrios Pallis**:  
*From Monastic Cell to Lecture Hall: the Journey of the Areopagite in Modern Greece*

May 31 (Week 6):

**Andrew Radde-Gallwitz**:  
To be arranged

June 7 (Week 7):

**Claire Hall**:  
*Prophecy in Origen*

June 14 (Week 8):

**Susanna Elm**:  
*Augustine and the Extra-Ordinary*

Conveners: Professor Carol Harrison and Professor Mark Edwards



## OXFORD CENTRE FOR HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES

### **Oxford Seminar in Advanced Jewish Studies: “Israel in Egypt: The land of Egypt as concept and reality for the Jews in Antiquity and the early medieval period”**

#### *Seminar series*

TUESDAYS of Weeks 1, 3, 5, and 7 in Trinity Term 2016, 2.30–4pm  
in the Clarendon Institute, Walton Street

The following seminar is relevant to Late Antiquity:

WEEK 7 (7 June)

**Professor Galit Hasan-Rokem** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem):  
*Remembering Alexandria in the Galilee: Local adaptation of regional folklore*

Conveners: Professor Sarah Pearce and Professor Alison Salvesen

### **Oxford Seminar in Advanced Jewish Studies: “Israel in Egypt: The land of Egypt as concept and reality for the Jews in Antiquity and the early medieval period”**

#### *Workshops and Project Seminars*

WEDNESDAYS, 10am–12 noon in the Clarendon Institute. All welcome

The following two workshop/project seminars are relevant to Late Antiquity:

Week 5 (25 May)

**Professor Alan Bowman** (University of Oxford):  
SEMINAR: *The Jews of Alexandria and Egypt in the papyri*

Week 8 (15 June)

**Dr Marie Legendre** (Aix-Marseille Université):  
SEMINAR: *Jews in Egyptian papyri of the early Islamic period*

Conveners: Professor Miriam Frenkel, Professor Sarah Pearce and Professor  
Alison Salvesen

## FACULTY OF ORIENTAL STUDIES

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

TUESDAYS 2.30–4 pm in the Clarendon Institute, Walton Street

The seminars in Weeks 4, 5 and 7 cover late-antique themes

26 April (Week 1)

**Dr Lorenzo Cuppi** (OCHJS):  
*Dating and locating the Septuagint of Proverbs in its Jewish-Hellenistic  
cultural context*

3 May (Week 2)

**Anthony Rabin**:  
*When was a convert not a convert? The puzzle of Josephus's Adiabene narrative*

10 May (Week 3)

**Dr Ben Wright** (Lehigh):  
*The Letter of Aristeas and Greek paideia*

17 May (Week 4)

**Professor Catherine Hezser** (SOAS):  
*Speaking with their bodies: non-verbal communication in rabbinic texts*

24 May (Week 5)

**Professor Tal Ilan** (FU Berlin):  
*Julia Crispina between Ein Gedi and the Fayum*

31 May (Week 6)

**Professor John Collins** (Yale):  
*Temple or taxes: the caucasean Revolt*

7 June (Week 7)

**Professor Galit Hasan-Rokem** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem):  
*Remembering Alexandria in the Galilee: local adaptation of regional folklore*  
[also appears above under the Oxford Seminar in Advanced Jewish Studies]

14 June (Week 8)

**Professor Kenneth Atkinson** (Northern Iowa):  
*The perplexing reign of John Hyrcanus in the War and Antiquities of Josephus*

Conveners: Professor Martin Goodman, Professor Alison Salvesen and  
Professor Sarah Pearce

## Gregory of Nyssa: Historical and Philosophical Perspectives

WEDNESDAYS, 5.00–6.30pm in Trinity Term 2016  
Corpus Christi College Seminar Room

27 April (Week 1)

**Mark Edwards** (University of Oxford):

*Allegory and Mysticism in Gregory of Nyssa*

4 May (Week 2)

**Johannes Zachhuber** (University of Oxford):

*The Soul as Dynamis in Gregory of Nyssa's De Anima et Resurrectione*

11 May (Week 3)

**Christopher Beeley** (University of Yale):

*Predication, Metaphysics, and Divine Impassibility in Gregory of Nyssa's Christological Exegesis*

18 May (Week 4)

**Sophie Cartwright** (University of London):

*Vulnerable Minds and Vulnerable bodies as the Secret of Strength in Gregory of Nyssa*

25 May (Week 5)

**Neil McLynn** (University of Oxford):

*The two Gregories: Nyssen and Nazianzen*

1 June (Week 6)

**Andrew Radde-Gallwitz** (University of Notre Dame):

*Gregory of Nyssa and the Medical Art*

8 June (Week 7)

**Anna Marmodoro** (University of Oxford):

*Gregory of Nyssa on the Trinity*

15 June (Week 8)

**Susanna Elm** (University of California Berkeley):

*New Romans: Gregory of Nyssa's life of Moses*

Conveners: Neil McLynn and Anna Marmodoro

Supported by the Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity and the Centre for the Study of Greek and Roman Antiquity in Corpus Christi College

## The Cult of Saints in the First Millennium

FRIDAYS, 5.00–7.00pm in Weeks 1, 5, and 7 of Trinity Term 2016  
Radcliffe Humanities Building – Collin Matthew Room (Ground floor)

29 April (Week 1)

**Mark Laynesmith** (The Archbishop's Examination in Theology, Lambeth Palace):

*The Cult of St Alban of Verulamium: Romano-British, Merovingian and Anglo-Saxon devotion, c.400–800*

13 May (Week 3)

**'Rulers and Saints' workshop** (see pp. 5–6); hence no seminar

27 May (Week 5)

**Simon Loseby** (University of Sheffield):

*Thinking about saints with Gregory of Tours*

10 June (Week 7)

**Robert Wiśniewski** (University of Warsaw):

*The burials ad sanctos*

Convener: Efthymios Rizos

## Roman Discussion Forum

The following two lectures in Trinity Term 2016 have late antique elements.

Note the different **day and time** for the lecture on 5 May

Venue for both lectures: Institute of Archaeology, Beaumont Street

**Thursday 5 May (Week 2), 2–3pm**

**Jean-Pierre Brun:**

*Exploitation of natural resources and long-distance Oriental trade in the Eastern Desert of Egypt: 2. From the Roman conquest to Late Antiquity*

Wednesday 15 June (Week 8), 1pm

**Dr Antonio Jakimovski** (Ss Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje, Faculty of Philosophy, Skopje):

*The Roman theatre in Scupi: recent finds from excavations*

Organisers: Andrew Wilson, Jelena Jaric, and Maggie Burr, with the support of the Faculty of Classics, the School of Archaeology, and All Souls College

## SPECIAL LECTURE

**Dr Levon Avdoyan (Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.):**  
*Robert Thomson: The Quiet Revolutionary*

**Thursday 16 June 2016 at 7pm**

Pichette Auditorium, Pembroke College

This is the final lecture in the series commemorating the Armenian genocide and the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Calouste Gulbenkian Chair in Armenian Studies. It will be preceded by a reception, starting at 5:30.

## Medieval History Seminar

Mondays at 5pm in the Wharton Room, All Souls College.

Two seminars have a late antique element:

2 May (Week 2)

**Jo Story:** *Lands for lights in early medieval Rome*

13 June (Week 8)

**Leslie Brubaker:** *The cult of the Virgin, 400–1200: a comparative perspective (Catholic, Orthodox, Islam)*

Conveners: Mark Whittow and Chris Wickham

## ARAM Society for Syro-Mesopotamian Studies: Conference on Ancient Churches of the Levant

Oriental Institute, Oxford

18–20 July 2016

The available details of this conference, and of future ARAM conferences, can be found here:

<http://www.aramsociety.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Forthcoming-Conferences-250815.pdf>