

CSPS DECEMBER BULLETIN 2020/ACÉP BULLETIN DE DÉCEMBRE 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/MESSAGE DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

Dear/Cher colleagues,

As I write this note for our CSPS/ACÉP bi-annual Bulletin, we continue to be in the midst of a very strange time of pandemic. COVID-19 has altered many of our usual day-to-day activities as well as our annual rituals, including meeting together as a Patristics Society. In Spring 2020, we decided to cancel our annual meeting, but the Executive is committed to making sure we can meet in 2021, albeit remotely. I would like to express my gratitude to the Executive for their extra efforts, meetings, creativity and thoughtfulness during this past year, and for their commitment to the work ahead!

Thank you to those who filled out our survey from several weeks ago. We have decided to meet under the auspices of Congress within a virtual environment. As an Executive, we felt that the Congress structure offered the best and most efficient format and platform for our meeting. Also, when you sign up for Congress, you have all of the benefits of the larger conference. The CSPS/ACÉP Executive is working hard alongside the Federation to make this a memorable and worthwhile conference.

We have decided to hold our annual meeting over three consecutive days (May 30, 31, June 1) with online synchronous activities. We hope that you will consider booking these days “off” to attend. We will likely concentrate our time together in the middle of the day (Eastern Standard Time), but we are willing to make adjustments to accommodate timing for presenters who live in different time zones. We also hope to allow for maximum participation and involvement by offering activities and space for those aspects of gathering at a conference that are important to our members: presenting research, connecting with one another socially, networking, conducting Society business, and sharing our resources and ideas.

We look forward to your paper proposals (see below for details). Although the format will be different this year, this will be an excellent opportunity to share your research and receive feedback from your peers.

Students, please consider submitting an essay for our Student Essay Contest (in English ou en français). If you are a professor and know of a student who has written a worthy essay in the area of Patristics, please encourage them to submit for the contest.

As with every issue of the Bulletin, please be sure to read about the various publications and achievements of our members. Congratulations to all on your achievements! If you forgot to get your item in to Eric, he would be happy to include your “News” in the April Bulletin.

Please take a moment to renew your membership (details below). It is particularly simple to do this now through Paypal is on the CSPS/ACÉP website: <http://www.ccsr.ca/csps/membership.htm>. Please remember that unless you receive the journal SR (*Studies in Religion*) through another

society, the “membership + SR” is the correct category to choose. If you prefer, you are welcome to email a cheque to Steven.

Thank you for your continued interest in the CSPS/ACÉP. At any time, if you have suggestions, comments or questions about our Society or our annual meeting, please get in touch with me or any other member of the Executive.

Joyeuses Fêtes! May you find joy this holiday season, with familiar traditions amid the necessary adaptations.

Mona Tokarek LaFosse
President

APPEL DE COMMUNICATIONS/CALL FOR PAPERS

L'Association canadienne des études patristiques tiendra sa rencontre annuelle du 30 mai au 1^{er} juin 2020, dans le cadre du Congrès des sciences humaines. En raison de la COVID-19, cette réunion se déroulera cependant entièrement en ligne. Qu'elles soient en anglais ou en français, les communications sur n'importe quel thème en rapport avec les études patristiques sont les bienvenues. Merci de faire parvenir, au plus tard le 31 janvier 2021, le titre de votre proposition ainsi qu'un résumé d'une centaine de mots au responsable du programme, Lincoln H. Blumell (lincoln_blumell@byu.edu), en indiquant « Proposition ACÉP » dans le sujet de votre courriel. Veuillez consulter ci-dessous (dernier paragraphe) le thème général du Congrès pour 2021.

Les propositions de communication soumises et acceptées pour notre réunion annulée de 2020 seront prioritaires pour le Congrès de cette année, mais elles doivent être soumises à nouveau avant la date limite pour être prises en considération. Les propositions nouvelles et révisées sont également les bienvenues. Étant donné le format en ligne de la conférence, il se peut qu'on vous demande de rendre disponible votre communication avant sa présentation, sous forme de texte ou d'enregistrement audio/vidéo, de sorte que la session en direct consiste principalement en une discussion de groupe sur la communication. De plus amples informations seront fournies en temps utile.

Les étudiant(e)s sont invité(e)s à se porter candidat(e)s au Prix pour travail étudiant (200 \$ et un an d'adhésion à l'Association). Le travail ne doit pas avoir été publié ou présenté ailleurs. Pour être éligible au concours, il faut être un(e) étudiant(e) inscrit(e). Les travaux des étudiant(e)s de 1^{er} et de 2^e cycles seront pris en considération. Pour plus d'informations, voir : <http://ccsr.ca/csps/annoncements.htm>.

Enfin, veuillez examiner si votre communication pourrait aborder, même indirectement, certaines des questions du thème du Congrès. Trouver de nouvelles façons d'aborder des questions historiques est toujours un effort qui en vaut la peine! Cette année, le thème du Congrès est « Relations nordiques » :

Comptant parmi les principaux établissements canadiens de recherche axée sur le Nord, l'Université de l'Alberta appelle les congressistes à porter leur attention sur celui-ci et invite les peuples autochtones et non autochtones du Nord à mener la conversation. Placé sous le

thème Relations nordiques, le Congrès 2021 incite les congressistes à explorer les liens entre les peuples, les collectivités, les cultures et les formes de savoir, tout en se penchant sur certains des défis les plus pressants auxquels le Nord est confronté en matière de relations humaines et au territoire : changement climatique, gouvernance, justice sociale, réconciliation, réciprocité et éducation, entre autres. Une relation n'est pas qu'une association ou une affiliation. C'est aussi un acte qui consiste à dire ou à rendre compte. Les relations sont au cœur de la manière dont les peuples communiquent, organisent leur savoir et parviennent à cerner leur place dans le monde. Lieu de rassemblement traditionnel de divers peuples autochtones depuis des milliers d'années, Edmonton est l'endroit idéal pour réfléchir aux relations, non seulement à l'échelle du Nord, mais aussi entre le Nord et le Sud. Joignez-vous à nous pour écouter, apprendre et échanger. (<https://congres2021.ca/propos>).

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The Canadian Society of Patristic Studies will hold its annual meeting May 30 – June 1, 2020. While this meeting will be held under the auspices of the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, because of COVID-19 it will be held entirely online. Papers on any theme relevant to patristic studies are invited and papers in either English or French are welcome. Proposed titles and an abstract of approximately 100 words need to be submitted by January 31, 2021 by email to the program coordinator, Lincoln H. Blumell (lincoln_blumell@byu.edu). Please write “CSPS Proposal” in the subject line of your email. Please see below (last paragraph) for the overall Congress theme for 2021.

Paper proposals submitted and accepted for our cancelled 2020 meeting will receive priority for this year's conference but must be resubmitted by the deadline to be considered. New and revised proposals are also welcome. Given the online format of the conference it may be the case that papers will need to be posted in advance of the session either in a text or perhaps audio/video recorded format so that the live session will consist mostly of a group discussion of the paper. More details will follow in due course.

Students are invited to submit for the Student Essay Prize (\$200.00 and a one-year membership in the society). The essay must not have been published or presented elsewhere. To be eligible for the contest, one must be a registered student. Both graduate and undergraduate essays will be considered. For more information see: <http://ccsr.ca/csps/announcements.htm>.

Finally, please consider whether your paper might address, perhaps even tangentially, some of the issues of the theme. Finding new ways to look at historical issues is always a worthwhile endeavour! The Congress theme this year is “Northern Relations”:

As one of Canada's major northward-facing research institutions, the University of Alberta, which is sponsoring the online Congress this year, invites Congress delegates to turn their attention to the North, and invite northern peoples—Indigenous and non-Indigenous—to lead the conversation. As a theme, “Northern Relations” encourages delegates to explore the connections between peoples, communities, cultures, and ways of knowing, while also

listening to those voices that speak directly to some of the most pressing matters of relation (to the land, to each other) in the North: climate change, governance, social justice, reconciliation, reciprocity, education, and much more. A relation is not only an association and an affiliation, it is also an act of telling or reporting; relations are at the heart of how peoples communicate, organize knowledge, and understand their place in the world. Edmonton, for thousands of years a traditional gathering place for diverse Indigenous peoples, is an ideal location to consider not only relations across the North, but also relations between the North and the South. Join us to listen, learn, and relate. (<https://congress2021.ca/about>).

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STUDENT ESSAY PRIZE/PRIX POUR TRAVAIL ÉTUDIANT

Students are invited to submit an essay that deals with early Christianity (ca. 100-600 CE) for this prize. The essay must not have been published or presented elsewhere. To be eligible for the contest, one must be a registered student. To confirm student status, a professor of the student's institution should send an email to the address below. Both graduate and undergraduate essays will be considered.

Award: The winning essayist will receive a prize of \$200, one year of membership in the Society, as well as the opportunity to present a twenty minute version of the winning essay at the annual conference of the Society during the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, May 30-June 1, 2021. If the essay winner informs the Society of his/her intention to present the winning essay by February 23, 2021, he/she will also receive a complimentary registration to Congress (<https://www.congress2021.ca/>).

Deadline: January 31, 2021.

The winner will be notified by February 20, 2021.

Please send essay submissions (in either .pdf or .doc format), as well as a confirmation of student status from a professor, to:

Dr. Mona Tokarek LaFosse

Email: mlafosse@luther.wlu.ca

Nous invitons les étudiant(e)s à soumettre des travaux portant sur l'histoire du christianisme du 1^{er} au 6^e siècle. Les travaux ne doivent pas avoir été publiés ou présentés ailleurs. Pour être éligible, l'étudiant(e) doit être inscrit(e). Pour confirmer le statut d'étudiant(e), demandez à un(e) professeur(e) de votre établissement d'envoyer un courriel à l'adresse ci-dessous. Les travaux d'étudiant(e)s de 1^{er} et de 2^e cycles sont éligibles.

Prix : Le gagnant ou la gagnante recevra un prix de 200 \$, le statut de membre de l'Association pour un an et l'occasion de présenter une version de son travail ne devant pas dépasser vingt minutes au colloque annuel de l'Association, qui se tiendra durant le Congrès des sciences humaines, du 30 mai au 1^{er} juin 2021. Si le gagnant ou la gagnante informe l'Association de son intention de présenter le travail primé avant le 23 février 2021, il/elle bénéficiera d'une inscription gratuite au congrès (<https://www.congress2021.ca/>).

Date limite pour participer : le 31 janvier 2021.

Le gagnant/la gagnante sera contacté(e) au plus tard le 20 février 2021.

Veillez adresser les textes (pdf ou .doc) et la confirmation du statut d'étudiant à :

Dr. Mona Tokarek LaFosse

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RAPPEL DU TRÉSORIER/ REMINDER FROM THE TREASURER

Voici un appel anticipé aux membres pour le renouvellement de leur cotisation annuelle pour **2021**. Les cotisations sont les suivantes :

Here is an early call for members to renew their annual membership fees for **2021**. The fees are as follows:

- **\$75.00** regular member (\$40.00 membership + \$35.00 Studies in Religion subscription) / member régulier avec abonnement à Sciences Religieuses
- \$40.00 as regular member, already receiving SR / member régulier recevant déjà SR
- **\$47.00** student or retired member (\$17.00 membership + \$30.00 Studies in Religion subscription) / membre étudiant/ retraité, avec abonnement à SR
- \$17.00 as student/retired member, already receiving SR / membre étudiant/retraité recevant déjà SR

For a nominal fee, members may pay using PayPal: <http://www.ccsr.ca/csps/membership.htm>.

Moyennant un supplément, les membres peuvent payer en utilisant PayPal :

<http://www.ccsr.ca/csps/membership.htm>.

Cheques or money orders may be in Canadian or US currency, mailed to the treasurer, Steven Muir, at the address below. If you are submitting in US currency, **please add \$5.00 for handling fees**.

Les chèques ou les mandats-poste peuvent être en dollars canadiens ou américains, envoyés au trésorier, Steven Muir, à l'adresse ci-dessous. Si vous soumettez en devise américaine, **SVP ajouter 5,00 \$ de frais de manutention.**

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NOUVELLES/NEWS

PUBLICATIONS :

Alexander L. Abecina

“Tracing the Spirit: Christology in Gregory of Nyssa’s *Contra Eunomium III*,” *Journal of Theological Studies* 71.1 (2020): 212–235.

Eric Crégheur

« Deux collections de sentences coptes inédites : *Paroles d'instruction* d'Athanase et *Paroles anonymes* », *Journal of Theological Studies* 70.2 (2019) : 706–732.

Le Livre des lois des pays. Un traité syriaque sur le destin de l'« école » de Bardesane. Bibliothèque de l’Orient chrétien. Paris : Les Belles Lettres, 2020 (avec Paul-Hubert Poirier).

La version copte du discours pseudo-éphrémien « In pulcherrimum Ioseph ». Corpus Scriptorum Christianorum Orientalium 682-683; Scriptorum Coptici 54-55. Leuven : Peeters, 2020, 2 volumes (avec Paul-Hubert Poirier).

Miriam DeCock

Interpreting the Gospel of John in Antioch and Alexandria. Writings from the Greco-Roman World Supplement Series 17. Atlanta, GA: SBL Press, 2020.

“Angels, Scripture, and the Exegesis of Origen,” *Patristica Nordica Annularia* 34 (Spring, 2020): 27–50.

“The Spiritual Pay-Off of Searching the Scriptures: The Principle of the Bible’s Usefulness in the Exegesis of Origen and Chrysostom.” Pages 87–106 in *Christian Discourse in Late Antiquity. Hermeneutical, Institutional and Textual Perspectives.* Edited by Anna Usacheva and Anders-Christian Jacobsen. Leiden: Brill, 2020.

Review of *Genesis and Cosmos: Basil and Origen on Genesis 1 and Cosmology* by Adam Rasmussen. *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>], 2020.

Robert Edwards

“Healing Despondency with Biblical Narrative in John Chrysostom’s Letters to Olympias,” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 28.2 (2020): 203–231.

“Proverbs 8, Christological Controversies, and the Pre-existence of the Son and Torah in the Third and Fourth Centuries,” *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 51.1 (2020): 67–96.

Sean Hannan

“The Camp of God: Reimagining Pilgrimage as Migrancy in Augustine’s City of God 1,” *Political Theology* (2020). E-print:
<https://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/83TPUZ8A2ETBZTJUJEFJ/full?target=10.1080/1462317X.2020.1840036>.

Wendy Helleman

“Predication according to Substance and Relation: The Argument in Augustine’s *De Trinitate* book VI,” *Augustinianum* 59.2 (2019): 453–474.

Robert A. Kitchen

Narsai: Rethinking His Work and His World. Edited by Aaron M. Butts, Kristian S. Heal, Robert A. Kitchen. Tubingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2020.

“The Ascetic Narsai: Ascetical and Monastic Practice and Theology in the Mēmṛē of Narsai.” Pages 145–159 in *Narsai: Rethinking His Work and His World*. Edited by Aaron M. Butts, Kristian S. Heal, Robert A. Kitchen. Tubingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2020.

“The History of Philip (Syriac).” Pages 293–315 in *New Testament Apocrypha: More Noncanonical Scriptures, Vol. 2*. Edited by Tony Burke. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2020.

Edwina Murphy

“Scripture in the Letters of and Councils under Cyprian of Carthage.” Pages 119–141 in *The Bible in Christian North Africa. Part I: Commencement to the Confessiones of Augustine (ca. 180 to 400 CE)*. Edited by Jonathan P. Yates and Anthony Dupont. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2020.

“Stooping to Conquer: The Gentleness and Generosity of the Early Church.” Pages 87-98 in *Not in Kansas Anymore: Christian Faith in a Post-Christian World*. Edited by Michael Frost, Darrell Jackson and David Starling. Sydney: Morling Press; Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2020.

OTHER NEWS/AUTRE NOUVELLES:

New Positions/Nouveaux postes

Robert Edwards is, for this academic year (2020-2021), a Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow at the University of Notre Dame.

Defended Doctoral Theses/Défenses de thèses de doctorat

Robert Edwards successfully defended his dissertation, entitled “Divine Providence and Biblical Narrative in the Thought of John Chrysostom,” which was supervised by Blake Leyerle at the University of Notre Dame in March, 2020.

Sid Sudiagal successfully defended his dissertation, entitled “Disgust and the Donatist Controversy: Examining the Role of Disgust in Augustine’s *Letters*,” at McMaster Divinity College in May, 2020.

Invited Talks/Conférences invitées

Miriam DeCock

“Reading the Gospel of John with Origen of Alexandria: Problems, Solutions, and the Breast of Jesus,” Aarhus University, Teologi, Det Nye Testament Seminarium, Sept 23, 2020.