TCGLA21: Readings and Resources

NB: We’ve linked the social media profile of scholars who’ve been mentioned as resources without specific works. When social media profiles are private or unavailable, we’ve linked faculty webpages, online archives, and as a last resort, Wikipedia.

Some PDFs can be found on Dropbox. We’ll note which ones.

**Sunday Roundtable I: Method, Ethics, and Historiography in the Study of Late Antique Christianity**
Sunday 10:00am-12:00pm (EST)

Speakers:
Young Richard Kim, University of Illinois at Chicago
Annette Yoshiko Reed, New York University
David Maldonado Rivera, Kenyon College
Alexandra Leewon Schultz, Harvard University
Ekaputra Tupamahu, Portland Seminary

Readings and Resources:

- **Recommended by Young Richard Kim. (Thanks to CJ Schmidt for collating. I’ve linked Twitter accounts when public; faculty webpages if Twitter is private or unavailable):**
  - Donna Zuckerberg
  - Rebecca Kennedy
  - Sarah Bond
    - “Pseudoarchaeology and the Racism behind Ancient Aliens” at *Hyperallergic*
  - Curtis Dozier
  - Shelly P. Haley
  - Patrice Rankine
  - Emily Greenwood
  - Sasha-Mae Eccleston
  - Dan-el Padilla Peralta
  - Rosa Andújar
  - Kelly Nguyen
  - And of course, *Eidolon Journal*

- **Recommended by Jennifer Barry**
  - *First Millennium Network* (Thanks again to CJ Schmidt for grabbing the site!)

- **Recommended by Jeremiah Coogan**

- **Recommended by Alexandra Schultz (linked by CJ Schmidt):**
  - Asheesh Kapoor Siddiqui: “The Modern American University is a Right-Wing Institution” at *Teen Vogue*.
- Ella Haselswerdt
- John Jack Winkler
- Marchella Ward - on disability studies and queer studies in philology

- Recommended by CJ Schmidt:
  - J. Oliver Conroy, “The Life and Death of John Chau, the Man who tried to convert his killers,” in *The Guardian*.

- Recommended by Candida Moss:
  - Ekaputra Tupamahu - particularly on how Romantic/19th century constructions of authorial intent

- Recommended by David DeVore

- Recommended by Andrew Jacobs:
  - *The OpEd Project*

- Recommended by Tina Sessa:
  - Niall Ferguson, “Paris and the Fall of Rome” for the *Boston Globe*.

- Recommended by Deborah Saxon:
  - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, “The Danger of a Single Story” (TED talk)

- Recommended by Blossom Stefaniw
  - Ingrid Esther Lilly
  - Kristi Upson-Saia

- Recommended by Tina Shepardson
  - Engaging the Political in the Religious Studies Classroom

**Sunday Plenary Sessions**

**Session 1: Forming the Self: Ancient and Modern Receptions**
Sunday 1:00-3:00pm (EST)
“A Trauma as Profound as That of Gnosticism”: Rereading John Noonan’s History of Ancient Positions on Contraception
  Tara Baldrick-Morrone
“Care of the self” (ἐπιμελεία ἑαυτοῦ) in Gregory of Nyssa and Michel Foucault
Niki Kasumi Clements
Rice University

The Authority of Paul and Women in Polycarp’s Letter to the Philippians
Janelle Peters
Loyola Marymount University

Respondent: Melissa Harl Sellew, University of Minnesota

- Recommended by Niki Kasumi Clements
  - Michel Foucault’s citations of Early Christian Texts
  - See more of Niki’s work on Foucault here.

- Recommended by Niki Kasumi Clements, CJ Schmidt and Andrew Jacobs
  - Foucault’s Confessions series.
    - Tina Shepardson recommended Liz Clark’s talk found here.

- Recommended by CJ Schmidt
  - Candida Moss, “Christian Leader says Trans People are the Oldest, Most Dangerous Kind of Heretic” for The Daily Beast.

- Recommended by CJ Schmidt and Shaily Patel

- Recommended by Andrew Jacobs
  - Foucault Fiches de Lecture (archives)

- Recommended by Evan Axel Anderson

- Recommended by Harry Maier
  - Nietzsche’s “On the Uses and Abuses of History for Life"

Session 2: Poetics and Persuasion
Sunday 4:00–5:30pm (EST)
A Christian in the Caliph’s Court: The ‘Book’ in Timothy I’s Disputation with the Caliph Mahdī
Abby Kulisz
Indiana University

Blue God: Polychrome and Early Christian Mysticism
Michael Motia
University of Massachusetts, Boston
Bonds of Love: Conjuring Orthodoxy in John Chrysostom’s Homily in Praise of Meletios
Sarah Porter
Harvard University
Respondent: Jae Han, Brown University (edited)
May 30, 2021

- Recommended by Blossom Stefaniw
  - Books Known Only by Title Project
  - Sara Ahmed (probably everything)

- Recommended by Mike Motia (links from Andrew Jacobs):

- Recommended by Niki Kasumi Clements
  - Eve Sedgwick
  - Teresa Brennan
  - Rachel J.D. Smith, Excessive Saints: Gender, Narrative, and Theological Invention in Thomas of Cantimpré’s Mystical Hagiographies (Columbia, 2018)
  - Robert Glenn Davis, The Weight of Love: Affect, Ecstasy, and Union in the Theology of Bonaventure (Fordham, 2016)

- Recommended by Jeremiah Coogan
  - The Postclassicsisms Collective, Postclassicism (University of Chicago, 2019).

- Recommended by Abby Kulisz
  - Maia Kotrosits, Rethinking Early Christian Identity (Fortress, 2015).

- Recommended by Sara Porter

- Recommended by Ellen Muelberger
  - Jaimie Gunderson - dissertation on affect in 2 Corinthians and other work
    - “Feeling Apollo: Sensory Engagement in the Sanctuary of Apollo at Klaros,” Material Religion. (shared by Greg Given via Twitter)

Monday Plenary Sessions

Session 1: De-Centering the ‘Author’ in Late Ancient Christianity
Monday 10:00am-12:00pm (EST)
A Narrator by Any Other Name: Narrative Variation in the Passion of Perpetua and Felicity Manuscripts
  Caroline Crews
  University of Texas at Austin

Recycled Text: Parallels between the Apostolic Constitutions and the Pseudo-Ignatian Letters
  Phillip Fackler
  University of Pennsylvania

How Manuscript Evidence Troubles the Notion of Strong Authorship. The Case of the Book of Hierotheos
  Nicolò Sassi
  Indiana University

Naming the Anonymous Persian Sage: Authorship and Syriac Historiography
  James E. Walters
  Hill Museum & Manuscript Library

Respondent: Andrew Jacobs, Harvard Divinity School

- Recommended by Jeremiah Coogan
- Recommended by Andrew Jacobs
- Recommended by Candida Moss
  - L. Stephanie Cobb and Andrew S. Jacobs, *The Passion of Perpetua and Felicitas in Late Antiquity* (University of California, 2021)
- Recommended by Ellen Muehlberger
  - Jeff Wickes
  - Peter Martens

Session 2: New Materialism and Early Christianity
Monday 1:00pm-3:00pm (EST)
Ascetic Assemblages: Disruption and Experimentation in Early Christianity
  Katie Kleinkopf
  University of Louisville

The Matter of Daniel the Stylite
  Christopher Sweeney
  Fordham University

Adunatio Animae et Carnis: Irenaeus of Lyons and a Theology of Blood
Allen G. Wilson  
Fordham University

Respondent: Kristi Upson-Saia, Occidental College

- Recommended by Sarah Porter
- Recommended by CJ Schmidt
- Recommended by Tina Shepardson
- Recommended by Josua Brockway (thanks to CJ Schmidt for the links)
- Recommended by Jennifer Barry (links from CJ Schmidt)
  - Peter Mena, Place and Identity in the Lives of Antony, Paul, and Mary of Egypt: Desert as Borderland (Palgrave Macmillan, 2020).
  - John Penniman
- Recommended by Tina Shepardson (links from CJ Schmidt)
- Recommended by Niki Kasumi Clements
  - Frantz Fanon on the gaze as mode of domination and subjection.
  - Martina Tazzioli’s talk for Foucault’s Confessions, on the colonial logics of subjection in Fanon & Foucault.
- Recommended by Andrew Jacobs
- Recommended by Christopher Sweeney
  - James C. Scott, Seeing Like a State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed (Yale UP, 1999)
  - David Graeber
- Recommended by Jeremiah Coogan (seconded by Candida Moss)
- Recommended by Michael Motia
  - Foucault’s interview on friendship. [PDF of text on Dropbox]
  - Feminist critiques of Levinas (from Beauvoir, etc.)

Session 3: Constructing and Disrupting Categories
Monday 4:00–5:30pm (EST)
Rethinking Adoptionism: An Argument for Dismantling a Dubious Category
Jeremiah Coogan
University of Oxford

The Limits of Collective “Orthodox” Authorship in Eusebius’ Ecclesiastical History
David DeVore
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Out of a Foreign Air: ApocAdam and the Appropriation of Jewish Apocalyptic Literature
Daniel Charles Smith
University of Texas at Austin

Respondent: Rebecca Lyman, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Emerita(edited)
May 31, 2021

● Recommended by Chance Bonar

● Recommended by Rebecca Lyman (link from CJ Schmidt)

● Recommended by Brock Cassian (link from CJ Schmidt)
  ○ Averil Cameron, “The Violence of Orthodoxy” in *Heresy and Identity in Late Antiquity*, eds. Edward Iricinschi and Holger M. Zellentin (Mohr Siebeck, 2008).

● Recommended by Rebecca Stephens Falcasantos

● Recommended by Ellen Muehlberger (links from David DeVore)

● Recommended by Rodrigo Galiza and seconded by Blossom Stefaniw
  ○ *Wittgenstein* on discourse as a game with rules

● Recommended by David DeVore

● Recommended by Blossom Stefaniw
  ○ Work of Jean Piaget
  ○ Hugo Lundhaug
Tuesday, June 1

**Session 1: Building and Breaching Boundaries in Late Ancient Discourses**
Tuesday 10:00am-12:00pm (EST)

From Periphery to Center: Reviewing the Place of the Holy Man in the Late Antique Ritual Landscape  
Camille Leon Angelo, Yale University

Eternal Pain, Eternal Witness: Hell and Cosmology in the City of God and the Apocalypse of Paul  
Sara Misgen, Yale University

Judgment and Vindication: New Insights on the Brescia Casket’s Visual Program and its Relationship to Text  
Julia Nations-Quiroz, Yale University

The Curious Case of Eunomianism and the Law, 389-399 CE  
CJ Rice, Yale University

Respondent: Maria Doerfler, Yale University

Movie referenced during conversation (Reference and link provided by Colin Whiting)  
*Simón del desierto* (1965)

- Recommended by Sarah Porter  
  - Christine Shepardson

- Recommended by Camille Leon Angelo (she/her) to Everyone:  
  - Mel Chen

- Shared by Tina Shepardson  
  - [Pictures from 2010 Syria/Turkey Trip](#)

- Recommended by Rodrigo Galiza  
  - Bibleplaces.com

- Recommended by Rob von Thaden  
  - Kent Brintnall
    - *Ecce Homo: The Male-Body-in-Pain as Redemptive Figure* (Chicago, 2011)
  - Vernon K. Robbins
Session 2: Augustine and Classical Rhetoric
Tuesday 1:00-3:00pm (EST)

[withdrawn] Augustine’s Dialogues
    Jennifer Ebbeler, University of Texas at Austin

The Rhetorical Role of Social Martyrdom in Augustine’s Sermones ad Populum
    Diane Fruchtman, Rutgers University

[withdrawn] Augustine’s Debate with Maximinus and the Limits of Forensic Rhetoric
    Adam Ployd, Eden Theological Seminary

Augustine’s Use of Imitatio in Confessions 7
    Mark Weedman, Johnson University

Respondent: Elizabeth Castelli, Barnard College

- Recommended by Candida Moss
  - Meghan Henning
  - Stephanie Cobb

- Recommended by Allen Wilson
  - Emanuel Fiano (on Luciferians)

- Recommended by Candida Moss
  - Elizabeth Castelli
  - Meghan Henning
    - *Hell Hath No Fury*, under contract with Yale University Press

- Recommended by Rebecca Stephens
  - Christa Gray and James Corke-Webster (eds.), *The Hagiographical Experiment: Developing Discourses of Sainthood* (Brill, 2020)

- Mentioned during Discussion (links via Rebecca Stephens Falcasantos)

- Recommended by Jennifer Barry
  - Susanna Elm
  - Dennis Trout
  - Virginia Burrus
  - Maureen Tilley
Session 3 Health and Injury
Tuesday 4:00–5:30pm (EST)

“This is What Physicians Do”: John Chrysostom’s Homily against the Jews 8 as a Response to Antiochene Jewish Healthcare
Chance Bonar, Harvard University

The Medical Imagination in Gregory of Nyssa’s De hominis opificio
Charles (CJ) Schmidt, Rice University

Virgin Acts: Blinding, Castration, & the Violence of Male Chastity
Jeannie Sellick, University of Virginia

Respondent: Candida Moss, University of Birmingham

- Recommended by Andrew Jacobs
  - Dayna Kalleres
  - Rebecca Krawiec
    - In Michael Chin and Caroline Schroeder, eds., Melania: Early Christianity through the Life of One Family (California, 2020).
  - Christine Sheppardson
    - Controlling Contested Places: Late Antique Antioch and the Spatial Politics of Religious Controversy (California, 2019)
- Recommended by Rodrigo Galiza to Everyone:
  - Caroline Walker Bynum
    - Lecture on YouTube
  - Recommended by John Penniman
    - Ian Kinman
    - Lindsey Mercer
- Recommended by Camille Leon Angelo
  - Matt Kuefler
    - The Manly Eunuch: Masculinity, Gender Ambiguity, and Christian Ideology in Late Antiquity (Chicago, 2001)
  - Kathryn Ringrose
- Recommended by Candida Moss
  - Tom Geue
Heidi Wendt
  - *At the Temple Gates: The Religion of Freelance Experts in the Roman Empire* (Oxford, 2016)

- Recommended by Jennifer Barry
  - Kristi Upson-Saia
  - Heidi Marx

- Recommended by Diane Fruchtman
  - **Julio Cesar Migalhães de Oliviera**
  - Shari Boodts
    - “Communication and Plebeian Sociability in Late Antiquity: The View from North Africa in the Age of Augustine”

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**Wednesday, June 2**

**Session 1: Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha**

Wednesday 10:00am-12:00pm (EST)

The Story of the Midwives in the Protevangelium of James: A Creative Use of a Johannine Motif
Elizabeth Corsar, Scottish Episcopal Institute

Story World and the Expanded Universe: Fan Studies in Dialogue with the Apocrypha
Tom de Bruin, Newbold College of Higher Education

The Act of Peter in Azotus and the Forgiveness of Devils
Cambry Pardee, Pepperdine University

Respondents: Janet Spittler, University of Virginia, and Tony Burke, York University

- Recommended by Blossom Stefaniw
  - **Esther Brownsmith**
    - works on the book of Esther as alternate universe fanfic with major immersion in fan fic theory

- Recommended by Tom de Bruin (link provided by Tara Baldrick-Morrone)
  - **Ika Willis**

- Recommended by Esther Brownsmith
  - **Sarah Iles Johnston**

- Recommended by Jennifer
  - Christy Cobb

- Recommended by Phillip Fackler
  - David Frankfurter
    - Evil Incarnate: Rumors of Demonic Conspiracy and Satanic Abuse in History (Princeton, 2008)

- Recommended by David DeVore
  - Candida Moss

- Recommended by Brandon Hawk
  - e-Clavis page for the Act of Peter & Azotus
  - Manuscripta Apocryphorum

- Recommended by Tony Burke
  - Meredith Warren

- Recommended by Liza Anderson
  - Liza’s rough translation of a Syriac and Arabic story about a demon who repents, becomes a monk, and is eventually forgiven by God and becomes an angel again after all of the other monks intercede for him (13th century? Later?)

- Recommended by Rob von Thaden
  - Jake Doberenz
    - “Reading Religious Texts as a ‘Cinematic Universe.’” Pop Culture and Theology

- Recommended by Katie Kleinkopf
  - Alie Ward, “Fanthropology (Fandom) with Meredith Levine,” Ologies podcast

- Recommended by Allen Wilson
  - Twitter thread on fanfic as a tool for understanding NT textual readerships

- Recommended by Jamey Walters
  - Translation of the Travels of Peter in New Testament Apocrypha, vol. 2, ed. Tony Burke

Review Panel: Blossom Stefaniw’s Christian Reading
Wednesday 1:00-3:00pm (EST)
Michael Motia, University of Massachusetts, Boston
J. Gregory Given, Harvard College
Kelsey Rodenbiker, Glasgow University
Jeremiah Coogan, Oxford University

Link to Blossom’s book (shared by Andrew Jacobs)
• Recommended by Greg Given
  ○ Michael Motia’s review of Blossom Stefaniw’s book in *Church History* 89.1 (2020): 155–56
• Recommended by Andrew Jacobs
  ○ Charles Kingsley, *Hypatia, or New Foes with an Old Face* (1853)
    ■ Andrew says it’s not a good novel
• Recommended by Tara Baldrick-Marone
  ○ Niki Kasumi Clements, *Sites of the Ascetic Self* (Notre Dame, 2020)
• Recommended by Greg Given
  ○ Oulipo
    ■ Oulipo website (shared by Sarah Porter)
    ■ Wikipedia page (shared by Michael Motia)
    ■ Translation (shared by Michael Motia)
• Recommended by Allen Wilson (link from Andrew Jacobs)
  ○ Michael Chin
• Recommended by Jennifer Barry, regarding autobiographical engagements
  ○ Ed Watts
  ○ Semeia volume 72
  ○ Virginia Burrus
• Recommended by Sarah Porter
  ○ Maia Kotrosits
    ■ *The Lives of Objects: Material Culture, Experience, And The Real In The History Of Early Christianity* (Chicago, 2020)
• Recommended by Kelsie Rodenbiker
  ○ *Journal for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies (JIBS)*
• Recommended by Katie Kleinkopf
  ○ Matthew Gillis
• Recommended by Jeremiah Coogan
  ○ Saidiya Hartmann’s ‘critical fabulation’
• Mentioned by Blossom Stefaniw
  ○ Molly Andrews

**Roundtable II: Material Scholarship: Horizons in Late Antiquity**
Wednesday 4:00pm-5:30pm (EST)
Nour Ammari, New York University
Solange Ashby, Barnard College
Alexander Hsu, University of Notre Dame
Brent Nongbri, MF Norwegian School of Theology

- Recommended by Jennifer Barry
  - @Keepingit_101
  - Roberta Mazza
  - Patty Gerstenblith (link from CJ. Schmidt)
  - Forum on First Millenium Manuscripts
  - Jennifer Barry and Eva Mroczek, Origins Forum, *Marginalia*

- Recommended by Alexandra Schultz
  - Richard Ovenden
    - *Burning the Books* (Harvard, 2020)

- Recommended by Alexander Hsu

- Recommended by Blossom Stefaniw
  - Brent Nongbri
    - "A New Methodology and Ethics for Manuscript Studies"

- Recommended by Dana Robinson
  - Darlene L. Brooks Hedstrom

- Recommended by Pratima Gopalakrishnan
  - Milka Levy-Rubin

- Recommended by Jenny Knust
  - Manuscript Migration

- Recommended by Jeremiah Coogan
  - Ann Blair
    - *Too Much to Know: Managing Scholarly Information before the Modern Age* (Yale, 2011)
Resources (Collated from Discord, both texty and linky, but not including materials listed elsewhere. Some PDFs are on Dropbox - we note which ones.)

- Recommended by Jamey Walters
  - [Resources and Tools for Manuscript Studies](https://example.com) website. (Which is very cool indeed!)
- Recommended by Candida Moss (with a h/t to Jeremiah Coogan)
  - Hanna Marcus, *Forbidden Knowledge: Medicine, Science, and Censorship in Early Modern Italy* (University of Chicago, 2020)
- Recommended by Tina Shepardson
- Recommended by CJ Schmidt
  - Mark Bradley, Victoria Leonard, and Laurence Totelin, eds. Bodily Fluids in Antiquity. (Routledge, 2021) [PDF in Dropbox]
- Recommended by Jeremiah Coogan
  - Joseph Howley’s recent work on enslavement and authorship in the Roman Mediterranean
- Recommended by David Maldonado Rivera
  - Special edition of *Past and Present* on the Global Middle Ages, Catherine Holmes and Naomi Standen, eds. [PDF in Dropbox]
- Recommended by Niki Kasumi Clements
- Recommended by Jennifer Barry
  - Tina Shepardson, *Controlling Contested Spaces: Late Antique Antioch and the Spatial Politics of Religious Controversy* (University of California, 2019)
  - CFPs that prioritize equity and access!
    - *Journal for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies*.
    - *Studies in Late Antiquity*.
  - If you want to see more autobiographical engagement with early Christian texts:
    - *Semeia* 72.

- **Recommended by Kelly Holob**
  - Christopher Faraone, *The Transformation of Greek Amulets in Roman Imperial Times* (UPenn Press, 2018)

- **Recommended by Tina Shepardson**

- **Recommended by Katie Kleinkopf**
  - Legacy Russell, “Glitch Feminism” [NB: If you’re photosensitive, please note this website has flashing lights! You can use this link instead.]

- **Recommended by CJ Schmidt**
  - *Diotima* website.

- **Recommended by Blossom Stefaniw**
  - *Summer language courses* in Romania.

- **Recommended by Sarah Porter**

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**Pedagogy Resources and Recommendations**

- **On Decentering Normative Christian Narratives (Cruella)**
  - Recommended by Theodulphus
    - Images of Jesus from around the world
  - Recommended by CJ Schmidt
    - “Engaging the Political in the Religious Studies Classroom: Lessons from Studying Religion in Late Antiquity”
    - James C. Lewis’ “Icons of the Bible,” “African Deities,” and “African Kings” series
  - Recommended by Alex Perkins
    - Donatist martyr stories
  - Recommended by Allen Wilson
    - Fanfiction
  - Recommended by Kelly Holob
    - Engaging with material culture (e.g., mosaics) in the classroom
  - Recommended by Jeremiahb
Writing short stories from the perspective of the “losers” (e.g., Ezra-Nehemiah from the perspective of women and children who were cast out)

Textbooks/Sourcebooks for Global Early/Late Antique Christianity
  - Recommended by Rebecca Stephens Falcasantos
    - John (Chip) Coakley and Andrea Sterk, *Readings in World Christianity* (Orbis)
  - Recommended by Jamey Walters
    - His *Eastern Christianity: A Reader* (Eerdmans, 2021)
  - Recommended by Rodrigo Galiza