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BEYOND BORDERS:
ANCIENT SOCIETIES AND THEIR CONCEPTUAL FRONTIERS

Friday April 16, 2010

1:00-1:30 The Dean’s Welcome, Greetings, and Opening Remarks

1:30-3:30 Destruction, Reappropriation and Memory

Respondent: Sam Thomas, Assistant Professor of History, California Lutheran University

Urban Enceintes and Roman Identities: An Example from Toulouse - Douglas Underwood, University of Missouri-Columbia

The Flavian Triumph and the Arch of Titus: The Jewish God in Flavian Rome - Emily Schmidt, University of California, Santa Barbara

From Barbarian to Roman, and Back Again: The Fate of Trajan’s Danubian bridge and the Perceived Identity of the Dacians - Jason Shattuck, University of Washington (BA, UCSB History)

4:00-5:00 Keynote Address: “Trapped on a Rock Between Two Lions”: The Arabs Between Rome and Iran in Late Antiquity

Greg Fisher, Associate Professor of Greek and Roman Studies, Carlton University

5:00-6:00 p.m. Open Reception

Saturday April 17, 2010

8:30-9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00-11:00 Power and Imperium

Respondent: Steve Humphreys, Professor of History, University of California, Santa Barbara
Games of Power: Spectacle in the Aztec and Roman Imperial Worlds - Ana Mitrovici, University of California, Santa Barbara

Carthage, Corinth and 146 BCE: Shifting Paradigms of Roman Imperium - Sarah Davies, University of Texas, Austin

Roman Grain Supply: 442-455 - Jason Linn, University of California, Santa Barbara

11:15-1:15 Christian Formations of Identity

Respondent: Hal Drake, Professor of History, University of California, Santa Barbara

Citizens of God: Early Christian Identity and the Ethereal Boundaries of Augustine’s Civitas Dei - Alexander Perkins, University of California, Tri-Campus Graduate Program

Reevaluating Matthew’s Polemic against the Pharisees as the Murderers of Jesus - Tom Fraatz, Boston College – Chestnut Hill

The Frontiers of Lamentation: Penitential Self-Violence in the Writings of St. Jerome - Jeff Herrick, The Pennsylvania State University

1:15-2:15 Lunch

2:15-4:15 Violence in the Construction of Identity in Late Antiquity

Respondent: Thomas Sizgorich, Assistant Professor of History, University of California, Irvine

The Martyr as Homo Sacer: Toward a New Hermeneutic of Religious Violence - Matt Recla, University of California, Santa Barbara

Nonne gratum habere debuerunt: Martyrdom as a Spiritual Test in the Luciferian Libellus Precum - Colin Whiting, University of California, Riverside

Replacing Martyrdom: Apa Shenoute and Three New Fields for Combat in Late Antique Egyptian Christianity - Jessica Moore, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Sunday April 18, 2010

8:30-9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00-11:00 Reconsidering Material Boundaries
Respondent: Mary Hancock, Professor of Anthropology and History, University of California, Santa Barbara

De-Centering the Middle Kingdom: An Examination of Buddhist Influences on Chinese Spatial Constructions of the World from the 3rd to the 7th Centuries - D. Jonathan Felt, Stanford University

Untangling the Judean-Christian Borderlands of Roman Spain: The Case of the Synagogue-Basilica of Elche (Ilici) - Robyn Walsh, Brown University

Art, Belief and Custom: Dunhuang Cave 45 - Irene Lok, University of Hong Kong

11:15-1:15 Discourse of the Other

Respondent: Dorota Dutsch, Associate Professor of Classics, University of California, Santa Barbara

Does Anyone Feel like This is the Far West? The Rhetoric of the Rhine Frontier - Laurent Cases, Pennsylvania State University

On Temple, Space and Population: Dynamics of the Discourse about the Mapuche Indian during the Conquest of Chile (16th century) - Francis Goicovich, Universidad de Chile/University of Texas, Austin

From Footnotes to Femmes Fatales: The Transformation of the Amazon in Fifth Century Athens - Brittany Berriz, University of Southern California

1:15-2:00 Closing Remarks by Thomas Sizgorich