ASIA-PACIFIC EARLY CHRISTIAN STUDIES SOCIETY

14th Annual Conference

Scripture in Early Christianity

University of Notre Dame,

104 Broadway, Chippendale, NSW

Sydney

25-27 September, 2025

St Benedict’s Hall

THURSDAY, 25 September

0900 – 0930 **Registration** (NDS2/104 St Benedict’s Hall)

0930 – 1000 **Welcome and Announcements** (NDS2/104 St Benedict’s Hall)

1000 – 1100 **Parallel Session 1**

**Session 1A Reading Martyrdom** (NDS2/221)

Chair: Mario Baghos

1000 – 1030 Ruth Sutcliffe “For So They Persecuted the Prophets: A Theological and Hermeneutical Approach to Christian Martyrological Influences”

1030 – 1100

THURSDAY, 25 September cont.

**Session 1B Reading Gospels** (NDS2/222)

Chair: Ian J. Elmer

1000 – 1030 Matteo Monfrinotti “The Gospel of Mark in Alexandria in the Pre-Constantinian Age: Use and Interpretation”

1030 – 1100 Peter John McGregor “Investigating the Historicity of the Gospels through Minor Characters and Unnecessary Details”

1100 – 1130 **Break** (NDS2/104 St Benedict’s Hall)

1130 – 1300 **Parallel Session 2**

**Session 2A Reading Resurrection** (NDS2/221)

Chair: Edwina Murphy

1130 – 1200 Andrew Roushdy “Synergy and Salvation in Apostolic Literature: Examining the Human Effort in Early Christian Soteriology”

1200 – 1230 Geoffrey D. Dunn “Flesh and the Kingdom of God: Tertullian’s Reading of the Scriptures in *De resurrectione carnis*”

1230 – 1300 Thomas D. McGlothlin “Physicalism, the Holy Spirit, and the General Resurrection in Athanasius”

**Session 2B Reading Gender** (NDS2/222)

Chair: Katherine Chambers

1130 – 1200 Achilleas Dellopoulos “Biblical Texts concerning Man and Woman and their Interpretation in the Early Church Fathers”

1200 – 1230 Chi-Kin Lei “Paul’s ἀλληγορούμενα (Gal 4:24) in Early Christian Reception”

1230 – 1300 Jonathan T. Hoffman “Last Woman Standing: Positing a Relationship between Allusion to Sarah and Rahab in Hebrews 11”

THURSDAY, 25 September cont.

1300 – 1430 **Lunch** (NDS2/104 St Benedict’s Hall)

1430 – 1530 **Parallel Session 3**

**Session 3A Reading Paul** (NDS2/221)

Chair: Vicki Petrakis

1430 – 1500 Robert Tilley “Recapitulative Emergence in Ephesians and St Irenaeus: A Theological Critique of AI”

1500 – 1530 Ian J. Elmer “Scripture in the Making: Did Paul See His Letters as ‘Scripture’?”

**Session 3B Reading Genesis** (NDS2/222)

Chair: Geoffrey D. Dunn

1430 – 1500 Marcin Wysocki “What Does it Mean to Be a Father-Patriarch? A Case of the Patristic Interpretation of the Biblical Patriarchal Blessings from the Book of Genesis 48”

1500 – 1530 Edwina Murphy “Patriarchs, Priests, and Prophecies: Cyprian’s Use of Genesis”

1530 – 1600 **Break** (NDS2/104 St Benedict’s Hall)

1800 for 1830 **Plenary and Reception** (NDS2/104 St Benedict’s Hall)

Chair: Kevin Wagner

Wendy Mayer “Approaching John Chrysostom as an Interpreter of Scripture in the Twenty-First Century”

FRIDAY, 26 September

0930 – 1030 **Parallel Session** **4**

**Session 4A Reading Job (**NDS2/221)

Chair: Jimmy Chan

0930 – 1000 Andrew Bain “Jewish and Christian Readings of Job in Late Antiquity: Hermeneutical Methods in Selected Authors”

1000 – 1030 Peter Steiger “Jewish and Christian Exegetes Debating the Book of Job”

**Session 4B Reading Athanasius** (NDS2/222)

Chair: Thomas D. McGlothlin

0930 – 1000 Erin Hutton “Athanasius and Song of Songs against the World? Bringing the (Alleged) Athanasiana on Song of Songs into Conversation with the School of Alexandria”

1000 – 1030 Mark Baddeley “Uniting the Names: Athanasius’ Approach to Reading Scriptural Texts Synthetically”

**Session 4C Reading the Crossroads: Philo** (NDS2/208)

Chair: Ruth Sutcliffe

0930 – 1000 Chun Li “Unveiling Balaam: A Characterization Theory Approach to Reading Balaam in the New Testament, Philo, Josephus, and pseudo-Philo”

1000 – 1030 Kevin Wagner “Philo of Alexandria’s Reception of the Tabernacle Narrative (Exod 25-30)”

1030 – 1100 **Break** (NDS2/104 St Benedict’s Hall)

FRIDAY, 26 September cont.

1100 – 1230 **Parallel Session 5**

**Session 5A Reading the Alexandrians** (NDS2/221)

Chair: Erin Hutton

1100 – 1130 Alexandra Prelipcean “Typology and its Functionality in *Stromateis* of Clement of Alexandria”

1130 – 1200 Satoshi Ohtani “Why ‘the Historian’ Dionysius? A Philological Analysis of the Transmission of Tradition in Eusebius and Jordanes”

1200 – 1230

**Session 5B Reading Augustine I** (NDS2/222)

Chair: Colten Cheuk-Yin Yam

1100 – 1130

1130 – 1200 Jimmy Chan “All for ‘David’: Augustine’s Typological Reading of David in the Psalms and 2 Sameul 7 in *City of God* XVIII”

1200 – 1230 Kazuhiko Demura “Augustine’s Anthropological Interpretation on St Paul’s Bodily Expressions”

**Session 5C Reading Scriptural Controversies** (NDS2/208)

Chair: Peter Steiger

1100 – 1130 Matthew R. Crawford “Reconstructing Macedonian Scriptural Exegesis in Didymus (?), *De Trinitate*”

1130 – 1200 Malcolm Choat “Constructing a Provenience for Fake Scripture: Constantine Simonides and his Biblical Papyri”

1200 – 1230 Naoki Kamimura “Matthew 11:12 and the Exegesis of the Latin Patristic Tradition”

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1230 – 1330 **Lunch** (NDS2/104 St Benedict’s Hall)

1330 – 1700 **Cultural Excursion** (Sydney Harbour and surrounds)

1800 – **Conference Dinner** ([*The Squires Landing*](https://thesquireslanding.com.au/), [Circular Quay W](https://www.google.com.au/maps/place/Circular+Quay+W,+The+Rocks+NSW+2000/@-33.8574427,151.2097237,18.25z/data=!4m6!3m5!1s0x6b12ae5d51f53505:0xd85e19e1901f31c6!8m2!3d-33.8582008!4d151.2096755!16s%2Fg%2F1tgwb1dn?entry=ttu&g_ep=EgoyMDI1MDYzMC4wIKXMDSoASAFQAw%3D%3D))

SATURDAY, 27 September

0930 – 1030 **Parallel Session 6**

**Session 6A Reading Chrysostom** (NDS2/221)

Chair: Wendy Mayer

0930 – 1000 Shinichi Muto “The Use of Biblical Exegeses for Comparison between Ephrem the Syrian and John Chrysostom”

1000 – 1030 Junghun Bae “Greater than Virginity: John Chrysostom’s Interpretation of Matthew 25:1-13”

**Session 6B Reading Origen** (NDS2/222)

Chair: Kyosuke Sunada

0930 – 1000 Yip Mei Loh “Origen: The Christian or the Pagan?”

1000 – 1030 Georges El Hage “Origen and Violence in the Bible”

**Session 6C Reading Figures** (NDS2/208)

Chair: Malcolm Choat

0930 – 1000 Alexis Balmont “Lost in Translation?: Religious Terms in Chinese Christianity”

1000 – 1030 Hind Salah El-Din Somida Awad “The Iconography of the Virgin Mary in the Chapel of Peace: A Deciphering Study of the Theme”

1030 – 1100 **Break** (NDS2/104 St Benedict’s Hall)

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1100 – 1230 **Parallel Session 7**

**Session 7A Reading Augustine II** (NDS2/221)

Chair: Kazuhiko Demura

1100 – 1130 James Pietsch “Worldly Wisdom and the Wisdom of the Word: Augustine’s Hermeneutic in *De doctrina Christiana*”

1130 – 1200 Katherine Chambers “Converting to Christianity in Late Antiquity? What we can Learn from Augustine of Hippo”

1200 – 1230 Colten Cheuk-Yin Yam “Augustine and Julian on Animal Concupiscence”

**Session 7B Reading Hermeneutics** (NDS2/222)

Chair: Mark Baddeley

1100 – 1130 Mario Baghos “Returning to the ‘Jesus of History’ and the ‘Christ of Faith’: A Scriptural and Patristic Analysis”

1130 – 1200 Vassilis Adrahtas “Biblical Allegorical Hermeneutics as Historical (Self)-Consciousness”

1200 – 1230 Daniel An “The Grace of God or the Pity of God? Reading the Psalms in Late Antiquity”

**Session 7C Reading the Cappadocians** **and Cilicians** (NDS2/208)

Chair: Yip Mei Loh

1100 – 1130 Amy J. Erickson “Law as Gospel in Gregory of Nyssa’s *Life of Moses*”

1130 – 1200 Vicki Petrakis “The Hermeneutics of Spiritual Growth in Gregory Nazianzen: The Scriptural Word and its Enfleshment”

1200 – 1230 Kyosuke Sunada “Theodore’s Exegesis in Meletian Context”

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1230 – 1400 **Lunch** (NDS2/104 St Benedict’s Hall)

1400 – 1530 **Plenary** (NDS2/104 St Benedict’s Hall)

Chair: Edwina Murphy

David Starling “‘I have applied all this to myself and Apollos’: The Source and Rhetorical Function of the Saying ‘Not beyond what is written’ in 1 Corinthians 4:6”

1530 **Valete** (NDS2/104 St Benedict’s Hall)