



Hilary Term 2026
Patristics Research Seminar

Mondays 16:30-18:00 (*except week 5 – see below)

Theme: The Christian Intellectual in Late Antiquity: Social, Philosophical, and Religious Contexts

Robert Beddoe Room, Oriel College

Convened by Prof. Carol Harrison and Dr. Brendan Harris

Week 1, 19th January

No Seminar this week

Week 2, 26th January

Matt Crawford (ACU)

Towards a new edition of Julian the Apostate's *Contra Galilaeos*

Week 3, 2nd February

Nathan Coundon (Oxford)

From Logic to Heresy: the Philosophical Foundations of the Trinitarian dispute between Basil of Caesarea and Eunomius of Cyzicus

Week 4, 9th February

David Taylor (Oxford)

Women in Ephrem the Syrian's Prose Commentaries on Genesis and Exodus

Week 5, 19th February (Thursday), *Schwarzmann Centre*

(Note the change of venue)

Book Symposium: Matthew Elia's *The Problem of the Christian Master: Augustine and the Afterlives of Slavery* (Yale, 2024).

This is a joint symposium hosted by the Christian Ethics Research Seminar, Patristics Research Seminar, and Historical and Systematic Theology Research Seminar.

Week 6, 23rd February

Jonathan Young (Oxford)

Arnobius and the Critique of Religious Statuary

Week 7, 2nd March

Mayamiko Kachipacha (Oxford)

The Function of Repetition: Ascetic Paraenesis and Moral Formation in Gregory of Nyssa.

Week 8, 9th March

End of term pub trip: Chequers, 5-7pm