



Trinity Term 2026
Patristics Research Seminar
Mondays 16:30-18:00 (*except week 3 – see below)
Theme: Early Christian Cosmology and Anthropology
Robert Beddard Room, Oriel College
Convened by Prof. Carol Harrison and Dr. Brendan Harris

Week 1, 27th April

No seminar this week

Week 2, 4th May

Phillip Quinn (Oxford)

Dionysius on the God–world relation, contra Perl

Week 3, 12th May* (*Note, this week’s seminar takes place on Tuesday)

Gabrielle Thomas (Emory)

Becoming Divine and Becoming Diabolic according to Gregory of Nyssa's Homilies

Week 4, 18th May

Ole Vinther (Oslo)

Julianic Orations of Gregory of Nazianzus and Libanius: Politics, Narratives, and Worldviews in the 4th Century Roman Empire

Week 5, 25th May

Masters’ presentations

Week 6, 1st June

Zachary Oliver (Oxford)

Between Orthodoxy and Empire: Εὐσεβία as a Political Virtue in the Thought of St Gregory of Nazianzus

Week 7, 8th June

Dawn La Valle Norman (Baylor)

Title TBD

Week 8, 15th June

End of year garden party (Priory House, Christ Church)