

News of Byzantine Studies at Dumbarton Oaks, Fall 2007

Dumbarton Oaks has a new director as of July 1, 2007, Jan Ziolkowski, a specialist in medieval Latin literature and former chair of the Harvard Classics Department.

The offices of the Byzantine Studies Program have returned to the Main House of Dumbarton Oaks (1703 32nd St., NW), and are now located on the second floor. The offices of the Byzantine fellows are now divided between the Main House and new library building. For information about any of our programs, please contact the Director of Byzantine Studies, Alice-Mary Talbot (talbotam@doaks.org). The program's administrative assistant is Polly Evans (evansp@doaks.org).

Please note that new procedures have been established for the procurement of library cards. If you need to renew your electronic badge, please contact the librarian Sheila Klos at kloss@doaks.org. If you are a first-time user, please fill out the form on the Dumbarton Oaks website (http://www.doaks.org/lib_info.html). If you have any questions about eligibility or library holdings, please contact Deb Brown Stewart at brownd@doaks.org.

The library also has new hours: 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. on weekdays, and 9:00 to 6:00 P.M. on weekends. The rare book collection has returned to the Main House.

Byzantine Fellows for AY 2007-8

Junior Fellows

Örgü Dalgiç, New York University

"Late Antique Floor Mosaics in Constantinople before the Great Palace"

Philip Venticinque, The University of Chicago

"Common Causes: the Social World of Guilds and Associations in Roman and Late Antique Egypt"

Fellows

Alessandra Bucossi, Genova, Italy

"Andronikos Kamateros' *Sacred Arsenal*: Critical edition, translation and commentary"

Börje Bydén, Göteborg University (fall term only)

"Theodore Metochites' Commentary on Aristotle's *De anima*: Critical Edition with an English Translation"

Elizabeth Fisher, The George Washington University

"The Tradition of the Byzantine Translator's Preface"

Cornelia Horn, Saint Louis University

"Synergetical Relationships: Christian Apocrypha and Early Islamic Literature in Dialogue"

Nadezhda Kavrus-Hoffman, Glenmont, NY (fall term only)

"Catalogue of Greek Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the Collections of the United States of America"

Emmanouil Patedakis, University of Crete

"Critical Edition with introduction and commentary of the unpublished works of Athanasios I, patriarch of Constantinople"

Yuri Pyatnitsky, The State Hermitage Museum

"Byzantine Icons Collection in the Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg"

2006-2007 Support of Outside Projects

Darlene Brooks Hedstrom and Elizabeth Bolman

"Archaeological and Multidisciplinary Investigation of the White Monastery Federation, Sohag, Egypt"

Stephen Davis

"The Egyptian Monastic Archaeology Project (EDMAP)"

Archie Dunn

"Thisve-Kastorion: town, territorium, and loci of maritime traffic"

Nicolas Beaudry

"Ras el Bassit: An Early Byzantine Church in Coastal North Syria"

Fellowships (<http://www.doaks.org/fellowships.html>)

Applications are due on November 1. Please note that the summer fellowship program has been reinstated for 2008.

Public Lectures 2007-8

Our public lectures this academic year will be held once more in the beautifully refurbished Music Room.

First Annual Vaslef Lecture

November 14, 2007 – Hugh Kennedy (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London)

"The Early Islamic State and the Heritage of Late Antiquity"

December 12, 2007 – Maria Mavroudi (Princeton University)

"Byzantine Science"

January 17, 2008 – Cemal Pulak (Texas A & M University)

"Excavating Shipwrecks in Constantinople's Theodosian Harbor"

Fall Colloquium, November 9-10, 2007

"Byzantine Literature: New Voices and Current Approaches" organized by John Duffy and Stratis Papaioannou

Registration is full at the moment, but if you wish to be placed on a waiting list, please contact Polly Evans at evansp@doaks.org.

Friday, November 9

Welcome Alice-Mary Talbot, Director of Byzantine Studies
Jan Ziolkowski, Director

Introductory Remarks John Duffy, Harvard University

Niels Gaul (Central European University, Budapest), "Reading (from) the manuscripts: material approaches to Byzantine literary history"

Emmanuel Bourbouhakis (Harvard University), "Replotting the Axis: Byzantine Literature and the Three Levels of Style"

Saturday, November 10

Stavroula Constantinou (University of Cyprus), "Grotesque Bodies in Edifying Tales: The Monstrous and the Uncanny in Byzantine Miracle Stories"

Christopher Livanos (University of Wisconsin - Madison), "Digenes and the Dragon: Indo-European Comparisons"

Catherine Holmes (University College, Oxford University) "Historiography and handbooks in political context, ca. 900-1100"

Emilie van Opstall (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam), "The Poet as Guide"

Christos Simelides (Oxford University), "The Poetry of Theodore Metochites"

Stratis Papaioannou (Dumbarton Oaks - Brown University), "Byzantine Mirrors: Fiction and Desire in Medieval Greek Writing"

Concluding remarks, Jan Ziolkowski

Spring Symposium, Friday, May 2 - Sunday, May 4, 2008

"Trade and markets in Byzantium ", under the direction of Dr. Cécile Morrisson

Provisional program

Over the last decades archaeological evidence has played a great part in reshaping our perspectives and understanding of trade in Byzantium from Late Antiquity to the late Byzantine period. The Symposium will first look back into the historiography of the debate on the role of the State in Late Antique exchanges and then give the state of the art of research on the movement of goods at various levels within the Byzantine world, with particular importance given to regional exchanges. The Symposium will focus equally on markets and the market place, which have up to now been studied essentially from the Constantinopolitan point of view. It is hoped that bringing together archaeologists and epigraphists will help to combine the « macro » perspective with a « micro » and less familiar one.

Late Antiquity and early Middle Ages

Jean-Michel CARRIÉ (EHESS, Paris) on Late Antique trade and its demise : a historiographical debate

Dominique PIÉRI (Université Paris I) on regional and interregional exchanges in the East Mediterranean in the Early Byzantine period

Alan WALMSLEY (University of Copenhagen) on the evidence for regional trade in Byzantine and Islamic Syria and Palestine

The Middle and Late Byzantine period

John F. HALDON (Princeton University) on trade in the 7th and 8th century with emphasis on regional exchanges

Michael McCORMICK (Harvard) on long distance trade in the 7th to the 9th century (or later)

Angeliki LAIOU (Harvard) on regional networks in the Balkans in the Middle and late Byzantine periods

Johannes KODER (University of Vienna) on regional networks in Asia Minor in the Middle Byzantine period down to the 11th century

Scott REDFORD (Koç Foundation Istanbul and Georgetown University) on Port Saint Symeon and trade in the region of Antioch in the 11th-13th century

Dimitra BAKIRTZI (Thessalonike) on ceramic evidence for regional trade and exchanges in the Aegean world in the Middle and Late Byzantine period

Sauro GELICHI (Università di Venezia) on trade and exchanges between Byzantium and Italy

Markets and the marketplace

André BINGGELI (CNRS, Paris) Annual pilgrimage fairs in Syria and Palestine (6th-11th c.): regional trade networks.

Christopher LIGHTFOOT (Metropolitan Museum, NY) on archaeological evidence for urban or other markets and daily exchanges in Anatolia

Cécile MORRISSON (Dumbarton Oaks and CNRS), on coins, weights and scales and their use in the market and the marketplace

Brigitte PITARAKIS on archaeological and iconographical evidence on markets and daily exchanges in Byzantium

Peter TEMIN (Cambridge, MIT) "Markets in Byzantium: an economist's point of view" (concluding paper).

Byzantine Photograph and Fieldwork Archives

The Byzantine archives, located on the second floor of the new library building, have now been subsumed into the Image Collection and Fieldwork Archives (http://www.doaks.org/lib_icfa_overview.html). The new curator is Gerianne Schaad (schaadg@doaks.org). Advance notice is required for consultation of the archives and Princeton Index; for access to these collections fill out the same form as for library access. Please note that Natalia Teteriatnikov will be retiring as of December 31, 2007.

Byzantine Collection

All the curators are now in the Main House; their offices are to be found in the west wing of the second floor. Most of the objects that have been in storage or out on loan since 2005 have been returned to Dumbarton Oaks, and are now housed in impressive storage facilities in the basement. The galleries are being reinstalled and will reopen to the public around April 15. For further information, contact the museum director, Gudrun Bühl at buehlg@doaks.org.

The coin collection is once again accessible in the basement of the Main House. Specific questions about coins in the Dumbarton Oaks collection should be addressed to Cécile Morisson (Cecile.Morisson@ens.fr).

For consultation of the seals collection, please contact John Nesbitt (nesbittj@doaks.org).

Dumbarton Oaks Byzantine Publications

Since the last BSC the following volumes have been published:

Dumbarton Oaks Papers 59 (2005)

Dumbarton Oaks Papers 60 (2006)

A.H.S. Megaw, ed., *Kourion: Excavations in the Episcopal Precinct* will be published this fall.

The following books are under editorial preparation or in press:

Dumbarton Oaks Papers 61 (2007)

Dumbarton Oaks Papers 62 (2008)

M. Parani, *Early Byzantine Lighting Devices*

C. Foss, *Arab-Byzantine Coins. An Introduction, with a Catalogue of the Dumbarton Oaks Collection*

Please note that the entire run of *Dumbarton Oaks Papers* is now available in electronic form through those university libraries that subscribe to JSTOR.

Dumbarton Oaks publications are now distributed by Harvard University Press; for a list of current titles see <http://www.doaks.org/Publications.html>.

Residencies for Graduate Students

The Graduate Student Residency program will be reinstated as of mid-November 2007. For further information see <http://www.doaks.org/ShortTermResidencies.html>.

Medieval Greek Summer School

A four week intensive course in Byzantine Greek will be offered in June of 2008. The instructors will be Alice-Mary Talbot and Stratis Papaioannou. For further information, see http://www.doaks.org/byz_greek_summer_school.html.