**SPRING 2012 COLLOQUIUM**

On 16-17 March a colloquium on the Social Network in Byzantium was held in Dumbarton Oaks, the third of a series on the self, and social relations, in Byzantium. Colloquarchs were Adam Schor (University of South Carolina) and Margaret Mullett. It began with a private session in the Byzantine offices for speakers in which Hans Noel of Political Science at Georgetown University talked about recent developments in Social Network Analysis and discussed with Alex Riehle of the University of Vienna the pros and cons of applying his techniques to Byzantine problems. The papers that followed covered the period from Rome to the Renaissance and Merovingian Gaul to the Arabian Peninsula, and interpreted networks in very different ways.

**TEACHING FELLOWS’ DAY**

March 31, 2012: *Pagans, Christians and Muslims: Mediterranean Transitions in the Early Medieval World*

for students of Catholic University of America, Georgetown University, and George Washington University

**INFORMAL TALKS**

March 7, 2012: Andreas Rhoby


March 14, 2012: Genevra Kornbluth

*Some Unpublished and Little-Known Western Reliquaries: A Preliminary Report*

March 21, 2012: Linda Safran

*What Can We Learn from Vaste?*

March 28, 2012: Mark Jordan

*Aquinas on Ethics and Sacraments - in the Presence of the ‘Greeks’*

**RESEARCH REPORTS**

March 5, 2012: Kostis Smyrlis

*Diminished Sovereignty? Late Byzantine Taxation and State Finances, 12th-15th C.*

March 19, 2012: Michele Trizio

*Philosophy and Theology under the Komnenoi: The Case of Eustathios of Nicaea*