# Byzantine Studies Newsletter March 2014

# Sense Perceptions Symposium Open for Enrollment

Dumbarton Oaks welcomes registrations for the next Byzantine Studies Symposium, "Knowing Bodies, Passionate Souls: Sense Perceptions in Byzantium. The Symposium will convene April 25-27 and will be led by Susan Ashbrook Harvey, Brown University and Margaret Mullett, Dumbarton Oaks. Please download the registration document on our website.



# Events at the NGA and DO in February

February was a remarkable month for art historians and Byzantinists in DC. **Dumbarton Oaks had Tony Cutler as** Visiting Scholar, Francesca Tasso as postdoctoral stipendiary and Maren Heuren as predoctoral resident all month, and the collaboration with the National Gallery drew in even more Byzantine art historians for the colloquium and study days. Robin Cormack came to deliver his public lecture at the National Gallery, and also gave an object lesson in DO storage in which we looked at diverse pieces like the Chrysostom micromosaic and the Riha paten. The whole experience for fellows, staff, and the DC Byzantine community was extraordinary, and we thank all in the NGA very warmly.



Robin Cormack delivering his lecture at the NGA

### **Events**

"Knowing Bodies, Passionate Souls: Sense Perceptions in Byzantium." A Dumbarton Oaks Byzantine Studies Symposium. April 25-27

# **Byzantine Research Reports**

March 31, AnnaLinden Weller (Rutgers University) Imagining Pre-Modern Imperialism: The Letters of Byzantine Imperial Agents Outside the Metropole

April 7, Dimitris Kastritsis (University of St Andrews), Byzantines, Ottomans, and Others in the Last Century of Byzantium (1354-1453)

April 28, Foteini Spingou (University of Oxford), Anonymous Poems and Epigrams from ms. Marcianus gr. 524. Edition and Translation

# **Informal Talks (in the Study)**

March 5 at 5pm, Foteini Spingou, Royal Weddings and Royal Babies in Twelfth-Century Constantinople

March 12 at 5pm, Marilyn Heldman, St. Mark Evangelist as Patriarch and Other Observations on the Garima Gospels

March 25, at 11:30am, Fani Gargova, The Synagogue of Sofia: A Reassessment of the Role of the Bulgarian Sephardic Community at the Turn of the Twentieth Century through its Architecture

March 26 at 5pm, Marek Dospěl, Bir Shawish: An Early Christian Community in the Western Desert of Egypt and Their Texts

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