Welcome Fellows

Byzantine Studies would like to welcome additions to this year’s group of Fellows. Christophe Erismann comes to us from the University of Lausanne, Niels Gaul from The Central European University, and Paul Magdalino from Koç University. We are already thrilled with the scholarly conversations and we look forward to a productive year with these very promising Fellows.

Welcome Theodore Christou

We are pleased to welcome Theodore Christou who joins Byzantine Studies as a one-month research stipend recipient this January. Dr. Christou is an assistant professor in the history of education at Queen’s University in Ontario and is working on “Inside and Outside Education: Christian and Classical Education in Byzantium.”

Welcome Aneta Samkoff

We are pleased to welcome Aneta Samkoff who joins Byzantine Studies as a short-term pre-doctoral resident. She is with us until January 18, 2015. Aneta Samkoff is a Ph.D. Candidate in History of Art and Architecture at the Graduate Center, CUNY in New York City. She is currently working under the direction of Dr. Jennifer Ball and Dr. Cynthia Hahn on her dissertation entitled, “Transcultural Rituals: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Devotion in Syro-Palestine during Late Antiquity, 400-750 C.E.”

Emotions Colloquium

Byzantine Studies at Dumbarton Oaks held a successful colloquium in December, entitled, “Managing Emotion: Passion, Emotions, Affects, and Imaginings in Byzantium.” We wanted to look at emotions as both cognitive and relational processes. Our focus was not only the construction of emotions with respect to perception and cognition; we were also interested in how emotions were communicated and exchanged across broad (multilingual, political and social) boundaries. We received comment from classics, western medieval studies, philosophy, and psychology. The comparative stance helped disclose what is peculiar to the Byzantine “emotional constellation.” Priorities were twofold: to arrive at an understanding of what the Byzantines thought of as emotions and to comprehend how theory shaped their appraisal of reality. We should like to thank the speakers and the participants for a great event.

Holy Apostles Symposium

Dumbarton Oaks would like to announce its upcoming symposium, “The Holy Apostles.” It will take place from April 24-26 and Margaret Mullett and Robert Ousterhout will preside as symposiarchs. There will also be an accompanying exhibition. Be sure to check our website for the registration form in the coming months.

Byzantine Research Reports

December 1, Nikos Kontogiannis (Greek Ministry of Culture), New Approaches to Late Byzantine Jewelry and Dress Accessories: Reevaluating the Chalcis Treasure

January 12, Gabriel Radle (Yale Institute of Sacred Music), “The History of the Byzantine Rite of Marriage

Informal Talks (in the Study)

January 21, Coleman Connelly (Harvard University), Controlling the Greek Past in the Era of Graeco-Arabic Translation

January 28, Nikos Kontogiannis (Greek Ministry of Culture), Archaeological Documentaries: The Restoration of Agios Georgios at Akrafinio

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DOP 68 (2014) has arrived!