

**Schedule of Meetings  
2006-2007**

FALL QUARTER

**Friday, 29 September**

Robert Nelson, Yale University, Department of the History of Art  
**"Light at Sinai: Natural, Artificial, and Divine"**  
12:30pm in CWAC 156

**Tuesday, 10 October**

Daniel Larison, University of Chicago, Department of History  
**"George of Pisidia and *Contra Severum*:  
Panegyric and Polemic as Sources for the Interpretation of Byzantine Religious Policy"**  
4:30pm in CWAC 156

**Tuesday, 24 October**

Leonidas Pittos, University of Chicago, Department of History  
**"Contending Encomia, Contending Epistemologies:  
A Reassessment of the Early Correspondence Between  
Barlaam the Calabrian, Gregory Akindynos, and Gregory Palamas, 1336-41"**  
4:30pm in CWAC 156

**Tuesday, 7 November**

Tasha Vorderstrasse, Research Fellow, Nederlands Instituut voor het Nabije Oosten  
**"Questions of Provenance in Armenian Manuscripts"**  
4:30pm in CWAC 156

**Tuesday, 21 November**

Jens Scheiner, Visiting Scholar from the University of Hamburg  
**"The Conquest of Damascus According to Arabic and Non-Arabic Sources:  
Historiographical Problems and the Question 'What Really Happened?'"**  
4:30pm in CWAC 156

**Co-sponsored by the Ancient Societies Workshop**

[The Conquest of Damascus](#)

WINTER QUARTER

**Tuesday, 9 January**

**Tuesday, 7 January**

Jason Banks, University of Chicago, Department of History

**"Constantine IX's Iberian Army "**

4:30pm in CWAC 152

**Tuesday, 23 January**

Ari Bryen, University of Chicago, Program in the Ancient Mediterranean World

**"Violence Narratives in Petitions from Roman and Late Antique Egypt"**

3:30pm in Classics 26

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**Tuesday, 6 February**

Elena Boeck, DePaul University, Department of Art & Art History

**"Appropriating Cherished Myths: Roger II of Sicily,  
Byzantine Imperial Imagery, and the Papacy"**

4:30pm in CWAC 152

**Tuesday, 20 February**

Adrian Guiu, University of Chicago, Divinity School

**"Maximus the Confessor and Aristotle"**

4:30pm in CWAC 152

**Tuesday, 27 February**

Alan Walmsley, 2006-07 Dumbarton Oaks Fellow in Byzantine Studies  
& The University of Copenhagen, Denmark

**"Economy and Society in 7th and 8th-century Syria: recent  
archaeological perspectives on continuity and change"**

4:30pm in CWAC 156

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**Tuesday, 6 March**

Nicholas Marinides, University of Chicago

**"Religious Tolerance in the Sayings of the Desert Fathers"**

4:30pm in CWAC 152

**SPRING QUARTER**

**Tuesday, 27 March**

Hisa Kusabu, University of Chicago, Department of History

**"Heresiologists and Their Compilation of Dogmatic Panoplies"**

4:30 pm in CWAC 156

**Tuesday, 10 April**

Paul Stephenson, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of History

**"Reflections on the Late Roman Theology of Victory"**

4:30pm in CWAC 156

**Thursday, 26 April**

Round-table with graduate students and faculty

**"Byzantium and Islam: Economy, Consumption, and Exchange"**

12-1pm in the John Hope Franklin Room

Social Sciences 224

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Zirwat Chowdhury, Northwestern University, Dept. of Art History

Chris Markiewicz, University of Chicago, CMES

Paul Walker, University of Chicago, NELC

Anthony Cutler, Penn State University, Dept. of Art History

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**"The Empire of Things: Gifts and Gift Exchange between Byzantium, Islam, & Beyond"**

5pm in [Kresge Hall](#) (room 3-430)

Northwestern University

1880 Campus Drive, Evanston, IL

**co-sponsored by Northwestern University, Department of Art History**

**Tuesday, 8 May**

Cecily J. Hilsdale, Northwestern University, Department of Art History

**"Before the Third Rome: Dynastic Politics and Iconography  
of the early 15th-C Sakkos of Metropolitan Photios"**

4:30pm in CWAC 156

**Tuesday, 22 May**

Christophe Maneuvrier, Maitre de conférences en histoire du Moyen Âge,

Centre de Recherches Archéologiques et Historiques Médiévales,

Université de Caen Basse-Normandie

**"Archaeologists and Historians: reflections on the church of Suiaicum  
consecrated by Frechulf of Lisieux 848/849"**

4:30pm in CWAC 156