

Call for Papers

The Eichstätt/Washington Seminar
in Classical and Christian Culture

“Classical and Christian Education”

Washington DC
March 19-23, 2018

Late antiquity (AD 250-750) was a period of unsettling political, religious, and cultural change. In the first half of the period (and later in the eastern portion of the empire), practices and theories of education, embedded in an elite culture of aristocratic competition and government service, remained deeply traditional. At the same time they could not help but serve as an index (and sometimes as a catalyst, a stabilizing force, or a form of protection) for changes occurring all around. By the second half of the period classical and Christian forms of education were becoming increasingly intertwined with one another, in patterns that would endure for centuries to come.

This conference will explore the theme of education in the classical/early Christian/Byzantine world using a variety of methodologies. Literary, philological, historical, philosophical, and theological approaches are all welcome, as are papers focusing on texts in Greek, Latin, Syriac, Coptic, or other languages. Papers should be about 30 minutes in length, and may be delivered in English or German. Sessions will be organized by theme. Generous time will be allocated for discussion both within the sessions and during meals and coffee breaks.

To indicate your participation, please send a title and brief abstract (100-200 words) for your paper along with an indication of your preferred title and institutional affiliation, to the Center for the Study of Early Christianity (csec@cua.edu) by Jan. 15. It would also be helpful to know of any time constraints (e.g., classes to be taken or taught) during the late morning and afternoon when sessions are likely to be scheduled.

