

# R&MeDHe

Working Group for Religion, Medicine, Disability, and Health in Late Antiquity

Standalone Conference  
May 24-25, 2021 (12-3 p.m. CST)

## Schedule of Events

**Note:** All presenters should plan on speaking for a maximum of 20 minutes with 10 minutes allotted for questions after each paper; 30 minutes of additional questions and conversation are scheduled at the end of each panel. While we have scheduled a break at the one-hour period, we wish to emphasize that participants should take breaks as needed.

## Monday, May 24th, 2021

11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Meet and Greet: Gather on Zoom for greetings and collegial conversation.

### 12 - 2:30 p.m. Session One, Part I

*Sexuality and Reproduction as Medical Topics for Early Christian Authors*

Chair: Heidi Marx, University of Manitoba

12 - 12:30 p.m.	<b>Chris de Wet</b> , University of South Africa "Nemesius of Emesa on Pleasure, Desire, and Sex: A Case of the Medical Making of Christian Sexual Culture"
12:30 - 1 p.m.	<b>Candace Buckner</b> , University of North Carolina Chapel Hill "On the Verge of Life and Death: Obstetric and Perinatal Anxiety in the Coptic <i>Life of Aaron</i> "

### 1 - 1:30 p.m. Break

During the break we are so pleased to offer a live yoga stretch break with Benédicte LeMaitre, from 1:15-1:30. Feel free to participate in any way that feels comfortable for you, including turning of your camera (or not!), participating in the yoga (or not!), or just stepping away from the conference for the break period.

### Session One, Part II

1:30 - 2 p.m.	<b>Brent Arehart</b> , University of Cincinnati "Medical Abstinence and Christian Celibacy in Late Antiquity: A Reevaluation"
2 - 2:30 p.m.	<b>Jonathan Zecher</b> , Australian Catholic University: "Seminal Confessions: Sexual Dreams and Spiritual Diagnosis according to John Cassian"
2:30 - 3 p.m.	Questions and Discussion

## Tuesday, May 25th, 2021

11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Meet and Greet: Gather on Zoom for greetings and collegial conversation.

### 12 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Session Two, Part I

*Health and Healing in Rabbinic and Patristic Texts*

Chair: Brenda Llewellyn Ihssen, Pacific Lutheran University

12 - 12:30 p.m.	<b>Monika Amsler</b> , University of Maryland "Originality and Compliance in Talmudic Medical Recipes"
12:30 - 1 p.m.	<b>Naoki Kamimura</b> , Tokyo Gakugei University "Medical Imagery and the <i>cura animarum</i> in the Letters of Augustine"

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### Session Two, Part II

1:30 - 2 p.m.	<b>Chance Bonar</b> , Harvard University "This is what physicians do': John Chrysostom's <i>Homily against the Jews</i> 8 as Response to Antiochene Jewish Health"
2 - 2:30 p.m.	<b>Dawn LaValle</b> , Australian Catholic University "No Cock for Asclepius: Healing in Plato's <i>Phaedo</i> and Gregory of Nyssa's <i>On the Soul and Resurrection</i> "
2:30 - 3 p.m.	Questions and Discussion
3 p.m. -	Final thoughts, conversation, sharing of upcoming events and so forth.

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