



PAPPAS PATRISTIC INSTITUTE

Announcement and Call for Papers:

The Twelfth Annual Archbishop Iakovos Graduate Students  
Conference in Patristic Studies

March 3 -5, 2016

At Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology,  
Brookline, Massachusetts



The Stephen and Catherine Pappas Patristic Institute of the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology is pleased to announce its twelfth annual Archbishop Iakovos Graduate Student Conference in Patristic Studies on **March 3-5, 2016**. The purpose of the conference is to bring graduate students together from the fields of Patristic Studies, Historical Theology, and the History of Christianity in Late Antiquity in a collaborative and theological setting to hear and discuss peer research. The conference will begin on Thursday, March 3, at 5:00 p.m., and ends with dinner on Saturday, March 5.

We now call for paper proposals. We encourage all doctoral and masters students with research interests in Patristic Studies, Historical Exegesis or Theology, or the History of Christianity in Late Antiquity, to submit a paper abstract of approximately 250 words. Topics relating to eastern Christianity, including Syriac-speaking Christianity, are particularly encouraged. Each presenter will have 20 minutes to present her or his paper, followed by a respondent's prepared comments and group discussion. Please **send an abstract** of your paper to the Institute's Director, Dr. Bruce Beck, at [pappaspatristic@comcast.net](mailto:pappaspatristic@comcast.net) at your earliest convenience, but no later than Monday, **February 1, 2016**. The deadline for completed papers for distribution to your respondent is Thursday, **February 18<sup>th</sup>**.

For those who live outside the Boston area that might need financial assistance to attend the conference, we are able to provide *financial aid* (40% of conference-related expenses) upon request to assist with the cost of your participation. To request aid, please pre-register for the conference at your earliest convenience (but no later than **February 15<sup>th</sup>**) and mention that you need financial assistance in order to participate.

To help with our planning, *please pre-register* at your earliest convenience. The registration fee is \$25, and will be collected at registration upon arrival. **To pre-register**, please fill out the online [registration form](#), or send an email to Dr. Beck ([pappaspatristic@comcast.net](mailto:pappaspatristic@comcast.net)) with your personal information, including address, phone number, institution, degree program, area of study, and dissertation topic (if applicable).

Conference lodging will be at the Sheraton in Needham, MA. If you will need lodging, please register no later than **February 3**, so that we can reserve a room for you. Let us know if you would prefer to share a room to reduce costs. The discounted conference rate per night is \$110 plus taxes, or \$55 plus tax per person for those who wish to share a room. Let us know if there is someone with whom you would like to share a room.

Lastly, please make every effort to attend the entire conference, since the conference's success lies largely in the collegial feedback and support of each paper presenter and the discussion engendered by the paper respondent.

I hope you will be able to join us for this year's graduate student conference in patristic studies at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce Beck". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Bruce Beck, ThD.

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*Founded in 2003 by a generous grant from the late Stephen Pappas and his wife Catherine, the goal of the Pappas Patristic Institute is the advancement and promotion of primarily Greek and other eastern patristic studies in the service of the academy and of the Church.*