



PAPPAS PATRISTIC INSTITUTE

Announcement and Call for Papers:  
The Seventh Annual Archbishop Iakovos Graduate Students  
Conference in Patristic Studies

March 10-12, 2011

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 seventh annual Archbishop Iakovos Graduate Student Conference in Patristic Studies on **March 10-12, 2011**. 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 10, at 5:00 p.m., and ends with dinner on Saturday, March 12.

Here is what some doctoral students said about the conference:

“Be assured that your graduate conference is one of the best experiences I have had as a graduate student.”

“I have only been to a few other conferences so far, but this was by far the most enjoyable and profitable experience I have had at a conference. I look forward to submitting a proposal for next year's gathering.”

We are now calling 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 up to 20 minutes to present, followed by a respondent's prepared comments and group discussion. Please send abstracts to Dr. Bruce Beck at [pappaspatristic@comcast.net](mailto:pappaspatristic@comcast.net) by **January 15, 2011**. You will be informed about the status of your paper proposal on or before February 1<sup>st</sup>. The deadline for completed papers for distribution to your respondent is **March 1<sup>st</sup>**.

For those who live outside the Boston area that need financial assistance to attend the conference, *partial financial aid* is available upon request to assist with your expenses. To request aid, please pre-register for the conference at your earliest convenience (but no later than **February 1<sup>st</sup>**) and please mention that you need financial assistance in order to participate. Note that due to the economic recession, we will be limited again this year in the amount of aid that we can provide each person.

To help with our planning, *please pre-register* at your earliest convenience. There is no registration fee. A contribution of \$25 for meals during the conference will be accepted upon arrival. **To register**, please 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 Needham Sheraton. If you will need lodging, please register as early as possible to facilitate reserving a place for you to stay. We will make the reservation for you at the hotel. The rate per person with our group, discounted rate is \$52 per night for a double occupancy room. Let us know if you there is someone with whom you would like to share a room.

Finally, *we need volunteers to serve on two committees*: 1) the Abstracts Review committee, which ranks the abstracts; and 2) the program committee, that provides input into the program of the conference, including planning the sessions other than paper presentations. Please indicate *as soon as possible* whether you would be willing to serve on one or both of these committees. The only pre-requisite is that you need to have already attended one of our graduate student conferences.

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

Sincerely,



Bruce Beck, ThD.

Director

Pappas Patristic Institute of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

*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.*