

# VOX SCHOLARIUM

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NEWSLETTER OF THE GUILD OF SCHOLARS OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Aerial view of the campus of Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA

## **Annual conference to take place in-person on October 22-24, 2021**

After a long period of what seems like hibernation during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Guild emerges and once again plans for its annual meeting to take place in-person at Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA, on October 22-24, 2021. Most of the information needed for this meeting is contained in this issue of the *Vox Scholarium* and will only be supplemented in the fall by reminder e-mails. Please understand that the particular arrangements are fairly complicated and have been laid out and explained as clearly as possible.

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## TRANSPORTATION to VTS from REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT

**From Reagan National Airport by public transportation (Metro and Bus):**

- Walk from airport arrivals to the NATIONAL AIRPORT METRO STATION
  - Enter the station and locate the **BLUE LINE**; board a train towards **Franconia-Springfield**
  - Exit at the **KING STREET METRO STATION** and **transfer to BUS**
  - At King Street Station **Bay D**, board **DASH Bus** towards **Lincolnia Rd. and N. Breckinridge Pl**
  - **Exit at SEMINARY RD & THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**, WALK 7 min, 0.2 miles to VTS

**From Reagan National Airport by car:** Take the **George Washington Memorial Pkwy, I-395 S** and **VA-402 S/N Quaker Ln**, to **Aspinwall Lane in Alexandria (7.3 m.)** Follow **Aspinwall Lane to Deanery Dr. (0.1 mi.)** See campus map on p. 5.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Friday, Oct. 22**

5:00 (or earlier) Arrival.

When you arrive on campus you may go directly to **Wilmer Hall (#30 on the campus map, P. 5 below)**. You will find a lock box on the inside of the portico (see photo at right). The code for the box is **6-1-4-1-0-B**. Inside you will find an envelope with your name on it that will contain a swipe card (that will allow you to enter the exterior doors of **Wilmer and Johns Halls (#13 on the campus map)**) and a room key. Please make sure to re-lock the box once you have your card. If you should need assistance when you arrive or after hours, please dial **703-303-2833** and our on-call staff will be able to assist you. For maintenance issues, please call: **703-461-1777** (agent: Vanessa McCormick).

5:30-6:15 Reception in the Leptie Pate Evan Room (**LPER is on lower level of Addison Academic Center, Building #1 on the map**).

6:15 Talk by Royce Boyer in “World War I with Music: The Victory Loan Tour,” LPER

7:30 Dinner at 1823 Pub (**Scott Lounge, Building #23**). No reserved seating: indoor/outdoor dining.

9:00 Evening Prayer or Compline, Sparrow room (**Sparrow Hall #25 on the map**)



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**Saturday, October 23**

7:30 a.m. Morning prayer in the Sparrow Room

8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast, Refectory (**Building #22 on the map**)

9:00 Departure by bus from seminary to Christ Church Alexandria (14-21 minutes)\*\*

10-11 Guided tour of Christ Church

11:30 Lunch at Taverna Kretekou, 3 minute walk from church

1:30 Catch bus, return to Seminary\*\*

2:15 Talk by John Wirenius: “The Establishment Experience: Lessons from the Anglo-Catholic Movements in the Church of England” in LPER Room

4:00: Annual Business Meeting in LPER Room

6:00-7:30 Banquet in Bicentennial Hall with catered food (**Building #14 on the map**)

8:00 Evening Prayer in Sparrow Room

**\*\*LOGISTICS OF SATURDAY OUTING TO CHRIST CHURCH**

Distance **from VTS to Christ Church**: 3.2 miles, by car 13-15 minutes, by bus 14-21 minutes: Roughly 20 minutes between buses; an 8:40 bus should arrive at 9:10

- **From the VTS Refectory** walk about 4 minutes (0.2 miles) to Seminary Road and Ft. Williams Parkway
- Board Dash Bus AT2 toward Braddock Metro via Old Town
- Exit@ North Washington and Kings St.
- Walk 394 feet north to Christ Church at 118 N. Washington Street (1 min.)

**Lunch at Taverna Cretekou** at 818 King Street (a 3 minute walk from Christ Church)

**Returning to VTS after lunch:**

- Leave the church and walk south 0.2 miles on Washington to King Street and turn right
  - Retrace steps from Taverna Cretekou to North Washington and King Street
  - Take AT2 Dash band bus going west
  - Exit at Seminary Road and Fort Williams Parkway and walk to seminary
- Bus departing 12:39 should arrive at VTS at 1:04; Bus departing at 1:39 should arrive at 2:00

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**Sunday, October 24**

8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast, Refectory

9:00 a.m. Morning prayer in Sparrow Room

10:00 a.m. Talk by Fred Smith: “Pessimistic Expectation, Wild Optimism: Discovering and Working Out my Anti-Racist Duty in Academia after the George Floyd Murder”

Take-out box lunch available for those who have reserved it.

**GENERAL LODGING and MEETING arrangements**

We are lodging at Wilmer Hall, **#30 on the campus map on P. 5** above.

- Wilmer 101 (single, one twin bed)
- Wilmer 102 (double, two twin beds)
- Wilmer 201 (double, two twin beds)
- Wilmer 202 (double, two twin beds)
- Wilmer 203 (double, one full bed)
- Wilmer 204 (double, two twin beds)
- Wilmer 205 (double, one full bed)
- Wilmer 206 (single, one twin bed)
- Wilmer 208 (double, two twin beds)

Double occupancy is \$126 per night

Single occupancy is \$103 per night

First and second floor rooms in Wilmer each have a private bathroom.

Rooms on the third floor are connected but “Jack and Jill” bathrooms

- Wilmer 301 (double , one full bed) /Wilmer 302( double two twin beds)
- Wilmer 303 (double two twin beds)/Wilmer 304 (single one twin bed)

Double occupancy is \$122 per night

Single occupancy is \$99 per night

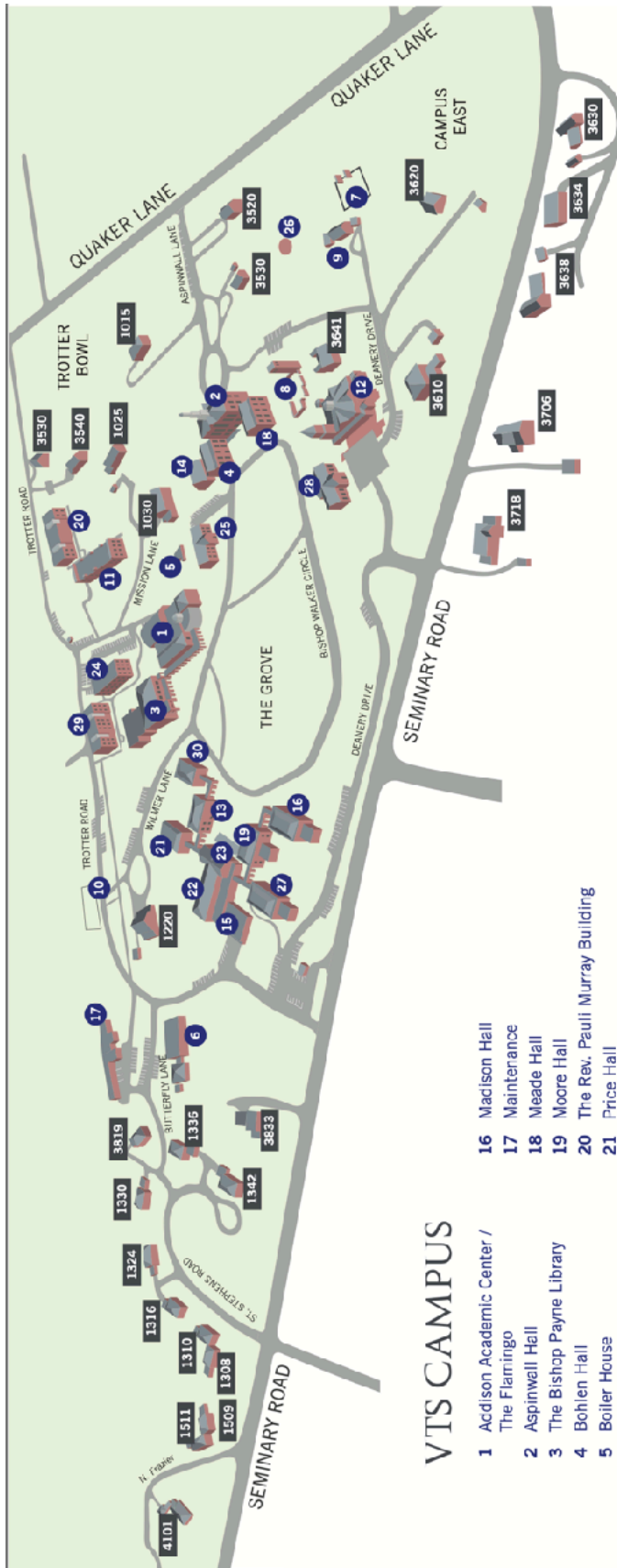
Room rates includes taxes and continental breakfast on the weekends.

- Continental breakfast with hot and cold options is in the **Refectory (building #22)**. For non-catered meals, you order your food at the counter.
- Morning Prayer Saturday and Sunday, and Evening Prayer Friday and Saturday, will be held in the Sparrow Room.

**NB: A separate e-mail will be sent out by the Treasurer for registrations, room reservations and making payments via PayPal. There will also be additional information about local hotel options ion Alexandria.**



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VTS CAMPUS

- 1 Addison Academic Center / The Flamingo
- 2 Aspinwell Hall
- 3 The Bishop Payne Library
- 4 Bohlen Hall
- 5 Boiler House
- 6 Butterfly House
- 7 Cemetery
- 8 Chapel Garden
- 9 The Deane
- 10 Dog Park
- 11 Elinor Williams Vickery Housing
- 12 Immanuel Chapel
- 13 Johns Hall
- 14 Key Hall
- 15 Kitchen
- 16 Madison Hall
- 17 Maintenance
- 18 Meade Hall
- 19 Moore Hall
- 20 The Rev. Pauli Murray Building
- 21 Price Hall
- 22 Refectory
- 23 Scott Lounge / Cafe 1823
- 24 Silver Maple Housing
- 25 Sparrow Hall
- 26 St. Cyprian's Labyrinth
- 27 St. George's Hall
- 28 Welcome Center
- 29 White Oak Housing
- 30 Wilmer Hall



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Sparrow Room where we will hold Morning Prayer and Compline



### **SPEAKERS at the 2021 Annual Meeting**

**Royce Boyer** (Musician) [Royce@castlemedia.net](mailto:Royce@castlemedia.net) “Paying for World War I with Music: The Victory Loan Tour”

**ABSTRACT.** The United States experienced a deficit of \$4.5 billion following World War I, which ended in late 1919. A Victory Loan Committee was established to raise funds necessary to defeat the shortfall. On another front, a ceremonial band was formed in Europe at the request of General John Pershing, Commanding Officer, Allied Expeditionary Forces. It was subsequently requested to make a tour of selected U.S. cities to help raise the needed funds.

The presentation, including diary and newspaper accounts, will provide details of selected cities, some near where several Guild members reside today. It will also provide an introduction to an Episcopal musician, Lt. Philip James, an outstanding church organist and composer, who became the conductor of the A.E.F. Hqts. Band.

**SPEAKER.** Prof. D. Royce Boyer, a native of Indiana, received his post-public school education at Jordan Conservatory of Music/Butler Conservatory, B.M., The Catholic University of America, M.A., and the University of Texas at Austin, D.M.A. He initiated the music discipline at the new campus of the University of Alabama at Huntsville in 1966, where he was a faculty member for thirty-two years. Boyer continues to be active as a choir director. He was a church musician serving several denominations for nearly fifty years. Twenty-four of those years he was Choirmaster of the Church of the Nativity, Episcopal in Huntsville. His research interests have been exploring musical mysticism, various choral works, and the life of Philip James (1890-1960), composer, conductor, and educator.

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**John Wirenius** (Attorney and Permanent Deacon) [jwrenius@me.com](mailto:jwrenius@me.com) / [jwrenius@icloud.com](mailto:jwrenius@icloud.com)

“The Establishment Experience: Lessons from the Anglo-Catholic Movements in the Church of England”

**ABSTRACT:** As political power shifts in the United States, some religious bodies seek to create partnerships with the federal government, assuming that such partnerships carry with them no risks to ecclesial independence and liberty. By its experience from the 1830s through to the present day, Anglicanism has shown that the price of ‘establishment’ is often government control over Christian political expression, doctrine, and even worship. The experience of Anglo-Catholics in the Church of England led both the conservative and liberal wings of the Church of England to agree on at least one thing: the profound dangers inherent in too close a relationship between Church and State. This paper will sketch some of that experience from the appearance of the Tracts for These Times through the 1920 Anglo-Catholic conference.

**SPEAKER:** John Wirenius graduated from Columbia Law School in 1990 (Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar), and from Fordham College in 1987, Summa cum laude, Hons. As a labor lawyer, he has published numerous scholarly articles on topics ranging from law and religion to freedom of speech and labor law. His publications include “The Ethics of Non-Lawyer Advocacy” in *The International Comparative Policy and Ethics Law Review*, 2 (2019), 777-801; “‘Command and Coercion:’ Clerical Immunity, Scandal, and the Sex Abuse Crisis in the Roman Catholic Church” in *The Journal of Law and Religion*, 27 (2011) 423-494. John is also the author of two books, *Phineas at Bay* (2014) and *First Amendment, First Principles: Verbal Acts and Freedom of Speech* 2000; Revised 2004). Most recently, he contributed to *The Taylor Law at Fifty* (2019).

**Fred Smith** ([fsfasmith@gmail.com](mailto:fsfasmith@gmail.com))

“Pessimistic Expectation, Wild Optimism: Discovering and Working Out My Anti-Racist Duty in Academia after the George Floyd Murder: Better Health of White Americans as Compared to That of Black and Other Minority Populations”

**ABSTRACT:** The explosion of the Black Lives Matter protests after George Floyd’s killing coincided with accelerating hospitalizations and deaths from Covid. By June, it was evident that COVID incidence in predominantly Black/Hispanic communities in Nassau County, L.I., was 3.5 times higher than in mostly White ones – strongly suggesting that the difference is caused by racist structures that must be dismantled if this and other health disparities are to be eliminated.

It is proposed that each participating medical student will, over four weeks, compare a pair of L.I. communities – White “versus” Black/Hispanic – to uncover specific systemic contributors to the large difference in Covid-19 incidence. An attending physician will review their findings twice-weekly, and assign a pass/fail grade after reviewing a final report on the student’s findings and recommendations.

**SPEAKER:** Fred Smith (physician) graduated from Wheaton College (IL) with a BA in history in 1966, and then spent one year at Yale Divinity School. After working in computer software in New York for

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Fred Smith, cont'd.

nine years, he enrolled in SUNY Downstate Medical Center. He obtained the MD degree in 1980 and subsequently completed a three-year residency in internal medicine at the NY-VA Medical Center and NYU/Bellevue. He spent the next 20+ years as a primary care general internist in academic teaching centers – in NYC, Washington DC, and Long Island. In 2005, he changed his focus to end-of-life palliative consultation, and in 2010 to bioethics consultation and teaching. The 2011 opening of the new Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell in 2011 allowed him to help develop and mentor first, discussion-centered courses in bioethics and professionalism for medical students; and, later, a one-year bioethics course for community clinicians and law and medical students.



**Guild of Scholars of The Episcopal Church  
Business Meeting 2021  
Tentative Agenda**

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of 2020 Annual Meeting
3. Report of Membership Committee and Approval of New Members
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
7. Election of Officers
  - a. President
  - b. Corresponding Secretary
  - c. Treasurer
8. Mission Statement
9. New Business



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**Welcome to the New Members of the Guild of Scholars of the Episcopal Church 2021!**

**Mary Cayton** is emeritus professor of History at Miami University, Ohio. Her main interest is social, cultural and intellectual history of the nineteenth century United States. She has edited encyclopedias on these subjects and published a book on Emerson.

**Janel Curry** is a geographer who taught at Central College and Calvin College, served as Dean of Research and Scholarship at Calvin College, as Provost at Gordan College and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Medaille College.

**Lofton Durham** is associate professor of Theater at Western Michigan University. He is both a professional director and a scholar specializing in Medieval theater.

**Clair Francomano** is professor of medical and molecular genetics at Indiana University School of Medicine. Her main interest has been on hereditary disorders of connective tissue and skeletal dysplasia and has published over 1320 peer-reviewed papers on this and similar subjects.

**Shannon Gayk** is associate professor of English at Indiana University. Her specialty is Medieval Literature. She has written one book and edited several collections of essays and papers on this subject.

**Joseph Jones** is emeritus professor in the Department of Hispanic Studies, University of Kentucky. His main scholarly interest is early Spanish literature.

**Margaret Jones** is emeritus professor in the Department of Hispanic Studies, University of Kentucky. Her main scholarly interest is Spanish Literature.

**Christopher Kaiser** is emeritus professor of Historical and Systematic Theology at Western Theological Seminary. In addition to a PhD in Christian Dogmatics, he has a doctorate in astrophysics. The relationship between science and Christian faith has been one of his main themes. He is the author of four scholarly books.

**Laura Knoppers** is professor of English at Notre Dame University. Her primary research interest is 17<sup>th</sup> century literature, particularly Milton. She has written or edited 9 books on this subject and was editor of Milton Studies from 2009 until 2018.

**Hannah Matis** is associate professor of Church History at Virginia Theological Seminary. She recently published the book: *The Song of Songs in the Early Middle Ages*.

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## News of Members

**Debra Shuger** (Distinguished Professor of English, UCLA) has authored *Paratexts of the English Bible, 1525-1611*, forthcoming from Oxford University Press. She describes the book this way: English Bibles from Tyndale's 1525 *New Testament* through the 1611 King James house calendars, woodcuts, maps, chronologies, prayers, philological glosses, inset historical essays, elaborate multi-page diagrams, single-leaf summaries of scripture, prefaces by eminent churchmen, doctrinal notes by leading theologians, a dialogue on predestination, a twelfth-century genealogy of Christ, and a ninth-century Jewish chronicle—most are widely available, given the hundreds of editions printed between those dates. Her book explores this archive, but also tracks its changes, for while biblical translations remain relatively stable over time, the paratexts cocooning a Bible's first printing sometimes mutate, sometimes vanish, in succeeding editions—indeed sometimes migrate to a competing Bible. And these paratexts, together with their revelatory print histories, disclose a picture of the English Reformation, of English Reformations, that differs in striking ways from, as it were, the authorized version.

Debra is also co-editor of *Documents of Anglophone Christianity*, a series of high-level anthologies of primary documents (theology/sermons, but also poetry, prayers, diaries, stories, historical narratives, etc.). There are at least 5 volumes now published: Tudor era, early Stuarts, colonial American, 18th c. British, and 19th c. British.

She also reports that her home parish in Los Angeles, St. Mary in Palms, a parish of some 50 souls, recently celebrated its centenary and was honored by the presence of former Anglican Primate Rowan Williams, who graciously (and amazingly) agreed to be celebrant.



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**Marsha Dutton** (Professor of English Emerita, Ohio University) participated in a small invited conference on Aelred of Rievaulx on January 12—Aelred’s feast day—hosted by the British National Trust and the British Archeological Association. Her paper was titled “Embracing God in the Memory: Aelred’s Use of Augustine’s Mystical Theology for Spiritual Pedagogy.”

Marsha continues as Executive Editor of Cistercian Publications. Two of the books she has edited in the past year have just won 3rd prize in different categories in the 2021 Catholic Media Awards: *Northern Lights*, a collection of twelve essays from nuns in a Cistercian women’s monastery in Norway; and the English translation of Pierre-André Burton’s *Aelred of Rievaulx (1110–1167): An Existential and Spiritual Biography*, translated by Prof. Christopher Coski of Ohio University. In May, at the annual International Medieval Studies Conference at Western Michigan University, Marsha presented a paper titled “God’s Harvest of Myrrh and Honey: Gilbert of Hoyland’s Recollection of Aelred of Rievaulx in Sermon 40 on the Song of Songs.”

**Dabney (Bud) Park** (University of Miami) wrote an article titled “I’m Not Uzzah! Dante Speaks Truth to Power” that will be published in the 2021 issue of *Annali d’Italianistica*, which is dedicated to the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dante’s death. He has also been invited to contribute a paper titled “Rush to Judgment? The Persecution of John of Parma: His Dismissal, Trial, and Punishment” to the *Festschrift in Honor of David Burr*, to be published in 2022.

**Chris Kaiser** (Professor emeritus, Western Theological Seminary). Retirement from teaching theology has afforded me time to read up in areas like historic Judaism and to polish a few articles that I had started years ago in order to prepare them for publication. The latter include an article on the historic relation between creational theology and science: “The ‘Marks of God’s Wisdom’ in Comenius’s *Panorthosia*: A Biblical Commonplace at the Foundations of Modern Science,” published in *Science and Christian Belief* 23/2 (Oct. 2020), 144-60. Another is related to the emergence of early Christology: “YHWH Texts in the New Testament and Early Judaism: Disjunctive or Doxological?” in *St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly* 64 (2020), 27-70 (both are available at [www.academia.edu](http://www.academia.edu)).

**Nick Birns** reports that his *Anthony Trollope: A Companion*, co-edited with John Wirenius, has been released in the series McFarland Companions to 19th-century Literature. He is also co-editing the *Cambridge Companion to the Australian Novel* which is coming out in late 2022; and his article on the global literary reverberations of the Crimean War is forthcoming in *Victorian Studies*.

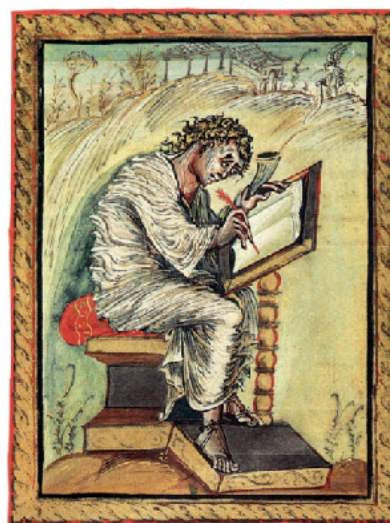
At NYU this year he taught courses on Dickens, Conrad, Dostoyevsky, global refugee literature, and South Asian fiction. He is serving as the President of the Church Club of the Diocese of New York and will take over as the chair of the Diocese’s Commission on Campus Ministry in late 2021.

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We are always happy to receive news of members! Please send your information to Bob Benson, editor of the *Vox Scholarium*, at [bensonra@miamioh.edu](mailto:bensonra@miamioh.edu). Please include your current academic or other affiliation and the publishing house or periodical in which your work is found. If you are an exhibiting or performing artist, please indicate sites and dates of shows or concerts. Please send images in .jpeg, .gif, pdf. or .png format.

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An interpretation of a classical scholar as an evangelist in the Ebbo Gospels (816-835).