

New Romans: Gregory of Nyssa's life of Moses

Gregory of Nyssa's Life of Moses is central to the conceptualization of a perfect Christian life. It has also been a focal point for discussions of late antique or late ancient constructions of masculinity, or as one example for what one might want to call a crisis of masculinity, especially in the ground breaking work of Virginia Burrus and Mathew Kuefler. Taking the cue from these discussions, my paper will explore some of Gregory's themes in a broader context, that is, in ways to think about masculinity in texts that are not prima facie "Christian."