



Patristics

Session 1: Wednesday, June 5, 1–2:30 p.m.

“Reassessing Maximus Confessor: A Review of Jordan Daniel Wood’s *The Whole Mystery of Christ, Creation as Incarnation in Maximus Confessor*”

Location: Malamat

Alden Bass, *Oklahoma Christian University*, Convener

- **David Mahfood**, *Johnson University*
- **Travis Myers**, *Saint Louis University*
- **John Kern**, *Pepperdine University*
- **Jordan Wood**, *Belmont University*, Respondent

John Milbank hailed the publication of *The Whole Mystery of Christ* as “an epochal event in theology.” Maximus Confessor’s work marks the end of the patristic period; he is one of the few theologians whose Christian orthodoxy is universally recognized in the West and the East. Through a close analysis of Maximus’s works and engagement with German idealism, Wood offers a provocative new reading of Maximus which challenges classical understandings of Nicene theology, including the nature of the Trinity and the Creator/creation distinction. After a review of the book by three historical theologians, Wood will offer a response to the reviewers.