

# STUDIES IN LATE ANTIQUITY

PUBLISHED BY UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PRESS

VOLUME 4 NUMBER 4 WINTER 2020

---

## THE EDITOR

- The Editor: Diversity **367**  
ELIZABETH DEPALMA DIGESER

---

## ARTICLES

- Steps toward a Study of Symeon the Stylite the Younger and His Saint's Cult **370**  
DINA BOERO AND CHARLES KUPER
- Byzantine Monasticism on the Black Mountain West of Antioch in the 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Centuries **408**  
JOE GLYNIAS
- Alexander's Comrades in the *Chronicle* of John Malalas **452**  
BENJAMIN GARSTAD
- Climate Change in the Breadbasket of the Roman Empire—Explaining the Decline of the Fayum Villages in the Third Century CE **486**  
SABINE R. HUEBNER

---

## REVIEW ESSAY

- Appreciating Materiality: a Long View on Epigraphic Culture(s) **519**  
NAOMI CARLESS UNWIN

---

## BOOK REVIEWS

Review: *On the Edge of Empires: North Mesopotamia during the Roman Period (2nd-4th C. CE)*, by Rocco Palermo **526**

JANE SANCINITO

Review: *The Avars: A Steppe Empire in Central Europe, 567-822*, by Walter Pohl **529**

JONATHAN KARAM SKAFF