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About John V.A. Fine, Jr.

John V.A. Fine, Jr., was born in 1939 and grew up in Princeton, New Jersey. His father, John V.A. Fine, was Professor of Greek History in the Classics Department of Princeton University; his mother, Elizabeth Bunting Fine, was also a classicist and taught Latin and Greek in a private school, Miss Fine’s School. John’s undergraduate and graduate training was at Harvard University, where he studied Byzantium, the Balkans, and medieval Russia. He earned his Ph.D. in 1968 and began teaching at the University of Michigan in 1969. His academic interests range from theology and the history of Christianity to Byzantium and the medieval and modern Balkans. His publications have become standard in the field, notably his surveys of the Medieval Balkans (1983 and 1987). He has also revolutionized the way scholars understand the Bosnian Church (first published in 1975; republished in England in 2006), showing that it was not heretical. John recently published a study of notions of ethnicity in Croatia from the medieval period to the nineteenth century: When Ethnicity Did not Matter in the Balkans (2006). He has also raised understanding of Bosnian history, working tirelessly to correct popular misconceptions, especially during the Balkan wars of the 1990s. He co-authored Bosnia and Herzegovina: A Tradition Betrayed with former student Bob Donia (1994), a work published in England, the US, and in Bosnian translation in war-time Sarajevo (1995). He traveled to and lectured in the besieged cities of Sarajevo and Mostar during the war. John and his wife Gena have two sons, Alexander (Sasha) and Paul. Paul and his wife, Joanna Reed, have added a new generation of Fines, with their daughter Maria, to continue the family tradition.

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Tribute: Fri., Sept. 28, 5–7pm
Michigan League, Vandenberg Room

Symposium: Sat., Sept. 29, 9–5pm
Michigan League, Henderson Room
Tribute to John V. A. Fine, Jr.
Friday, September 28, 2007

5:00: Reception
   Ceremony, 5:30-6:30
5:30: Opening Remarks
   Patrick Patterson,
   Welcome and Introduction
   Mary Kelley, History
   Michael Kennedy, CREES
5:45: Rudi Paul Lindner
6:00: Robert J. Donia
6:10: Elizabeth Kostova
6:20: Conclusion: Duncan Perry
Afterwards: Open Tribute
(All welcome to share)

International Symposium on Byzantine, Balkan, & Church History
Saturday, September 29, 2007, 9:30am–5:00pm

9:00 Continental Breakfast
9:30 Introduction, Irina Livezeanu, Assoc.
   Professor, Dept. of History, U. Pittsburgh
   MORNING SESSION
Church History & Byzantium—Traianos
   Gagos Moderator, Assoc. Prof., Greek and
   Papyrology, Archivist of Papyrology, Director,
   Advanced Papyrological Information System
   (APIS), University of Michigan
10:00 Partisans and Their Doctrines, from
   the Origenists to Tito
   Adam M. Schor, Asst. Professor, History Dept.,
   Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus
10:30 The Legacy of St. Antony in the United
   States, Twentieth Century & Beyond
   Matthew T. Herbst, Director, Making of the
   Modern World Program, U. California San Diego
11:00 The "Myth" of Romanos IV Diogenes:
   Byzantine Propaganda and Some
   Medieval and Modern Greek Uses
   Dimitrios Krallis, Asst. Professor, History Dept.,
   Simon Fraser University
11:30 Did Ethnicity Matter in Byzantium?
   Anthony Kaldellis, Assoc. Professor, Dept. of
   Greek and Latin, The Ohio State University
12:00 –1:30 LUNCH [Michigan Room]
   AFTERNOON SESSION
Byzantium & Balkans—John Forsyth
   Moderator, Bibliographer, University Libraries,
   Bowling Green State University
1:30 What the Balkans Did to the
   Turks
   Rudi Paul Lindner, Professor, History
   Dept., University of Michigan
2:00 What Did Matter in the
   Balkans: Another Look at
   Christianity, Islam, and the Tradition
   Betrayed
   Patrick Patterson, Asst. Prof., History
   Dept., University of California San Diego
2:30 The Origins of Last Judgment
   Iconography in the Carpathian
   Mountains
   John-Paul Himka, Prof., Dept. of History
   and Classics, University of Alberta
3:00 ****Coffee Break****
3:30 Struggles over Citizenship in
   the Post-Ottoman Balkans
   Anna Mirkova, Open Society Institute
   Fellow, Department of the History and
   Theory of Culture, Sofia University
4:00 Bosnia Beyond Dayton
   Bruce Hitchner, Professor & Chair, Dept.
   of Classics, Director, Archaeology
   Program, Chairman, Dayton Peace
   Accords Projects, Tufts University
4:30 Symposium Conclusion &
   Discussion—Ian Mladjov, Moderator,
   Asst. Professor, Dept. of History,
   Bowling Green State University