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ABBREVIATIONS

AASS  Acta Sanctorum quotquot toto orbe coluntur: vel a catholicis scriptoribus celebrantur (Paris, 1863–)


ACOec.² R. Riedinger (ed.), Acta Conciliorum Oecuminicorum series secunda (Berlin, 1984–)

AE  L’Année épigraphique: revue des publications épigraphiques relatives à l’antiquité romaine


BAR  British Archaeological Reports

BCTH  Bulletin archéologique du Comité des travaux historiques et scientifiques


CCSG  Corpus Christianorum, Series Graeca (Turnhout, 1977–)

CCSL  Corpus Christianorum, Series Latina (Turnhout, 1953–)

CIL  Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum (Berlin, 1862–)


CPL  E. Dekkers, Clavis Patrum Latinorum qua in Corpus Christianorum edendum optimas quasque scriptorum recensiones a Tertulliano ad Bedam, CCSL (3rd edn; Steenbrugge, 1995)

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CSCO  Corpus scriptorum Christianorum Orientalium  
       (Louvain, 1903– )  
       Scr. Arab.  Scriptores Arabici  
       Scr. Syr.  Scriptores Syri

CSEL  Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum  
       (Vienna, 1866– )

CTh  Codex Theodosianus, T. Mommsen and P. Meyer,  
     2 vols. (Berlin, 1905)

Duval, Haidra 1  N. Duval, Recherches archéologiques à Haidra, 2 vols.,  
                Collection de l’École française de Rome 18/1–2  
                (Rome, 1975–81), vol. 1, Les inscriptions chrétiennes

            2 vols., CCSL 140–140a (Turnhout, 1982)

IAM 2  M. Euzennat and J. Marion, Inscriptions antiques du  

ICVR n.s.  Inscriptiones Christianae urbis Romae septimo saeculo  
           antiquiores, nova serie (Rome, 1922– )

ILAlg.  S. Gsell and H.-G. Pflaum (eds.), Inscriptions latines  

ILCV  E. Diehl, Inscriptiones Latinae Christianae Vétères,  
      3 vols. (Berlin, 1925–31)

JRS  Journal of Roman Studies

JThS  Journal of Theological Studies

Just. Nov.  Justinian, Novellae, ed. R. Schöll and W. Kroll, in  
          Corpus Iuris Civilis, ed. P. Krueger, T. Mommsen,  
          R. Schöll, and W. Kroll, vol. 3 (Berlin, 1895; repr.  
          1954)

MGH  Monumenta Germaniae Historica (Hanover and  
      Berlin, 1819– )

AA  Auctores Antiquissimi

Chron. Min.  Chronica Minora, 3 vols. = AA 9,  
           11, and 13

Epist.  Epistolae

Epist. Select.  Epistolae Selectae

Poet.  Poetae Latini aevi Carolini

SRG  Scriptores rerum Germanicarum

SRL  Scriptores rerum Langobardicarum

SRM  Scriptores rerum Merovingicarum

Morizot 1989  P. Morizot, ‘Pour une nouvelle lecture de l’elogium de  
             Masties’, Antiquités africaines 25 (1989), pp. 263–84
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Notitia
Notitia provinciarum et civitatum Africae, ed. M. Petschenig, in Victoris episcopi Vitensis historia persecutionis Africanae provinciae, CSEL 7 (Vienna, 1881), pp. 115–34

PBE
Prosopography of the Byzantine Empire, ed. J. R. Martindale (Ashgate, 2001) (CD-Rom)

OCD

ODB

PCBE
Prosopographie chrétienne du Bas-empire


PG

PL

PLRE
The Prosopography of the Later Roman Empire


PLS

PO
Patrologia Orientalis (Paris, 1903– )

Proc.
Procopius of Caesarea, Opera omnia, ed. J. Haury, 4 vols. (Leipzig, 1905–13; repr. 1962–4)

Aed.
De aedificis

Anecd.
Anecdota sive Historia Arcana

BG
De bello Gothic (De bellis libri, v–viii)

BP
De bello Persico (De bellis libri, i–ii)

BV
De bello Vandalico (De bellis libri, iii–iv)

SC
Sources chrétiennes

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