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ABBREVIATIONS

AE  L’Année épigraphique
AJP  American Journal of Philology
Anejos de AEspA  Anegos de Archivo Español de Arqueología
Ant  Antiquité Tardive
ARF  Annales regni Francorum inde ab a. 741 usque ad a. 829
     (F. Kurtze ed.)
AS  Acta Sanctorum
BMCR  Bryn Mawr Classical Review
BullCom Bullettino della Commissione Archeologica Comunale
di Roma
CAH  The Cambridge Ancient History (2nd ed.)
CARB  Corsi di Cultura sull’Arte Ravennate e Bizantina
CC  Corpus Christianorum
CCGM  Corpus Christianorum. Continuatio Medievalis
CFHB  Corpus Fontium Historiae Byzantinae
CIC  Corpus Iuris Civilis (Kunkel ed.)
CJ  Codex Justinianus
Dig  Digestum
Nov.  Novellae
CSHB  Corpus Scriptorum Historiae Byzantinae
CSEL  Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum
CTh  Codex Theodosianus (Mommsen and Meyer eds.)
DMP  Lactantius, De mortibus persecutorum (Creed ed. and trans.)
DOP  Dumbarton Oaks Papers
EME  Early Medieval Europe
FIRA  Fontes Iuris Romani Antejustiniani (S. Riccobono et al. eds.)
GCE  Die griechischen christlichen Schriftsteller
ICERV  Inscriptiones cristianas de la España romana y visigoda
     (J. Vives ed., Barcelona, 1942)
I.Eph.  Die Inschriften von Ephesos (Winkel et al. eds.)
ABBREVIATIONS

JECS  Journal of Early Christian Studies
JLA  Journal of Late Antiquity
JRA  Journal of Roman Archaeology
JRS  Journal of Roman Studies
JSAH  Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians
MEFRA  Mélanges de l’École Française de Rome. Antiquité
MEFRM  Mélanges de l’École Française de Rome. Moyen Âge
MGH  Monuments germaniae historica
AA  Auctores Antiquissimi
EP  Epistulae
SRG  Scriptores Rerum Germanicarum
SRL  Scriptores Rerum Langobardicarum et Italicarum
SRM  Scriptores Rerum Merovingicarum
PG  Patrologia Graeca (Migne ed.)
PL  Patrologia Latina (Migne ed.)
PLRE  Prosopography of the Later Roman Empire (Jones, Martindale and Morris eds.)

Procopius
BG  Bellum Gothicum
BP  Bellum Persicum
BV  Bellum Vandalicum
de Aed.  de Aedificis
Hist. Arc.  Historia Arcana
Settimane del CISAM  Settimane di studio del Centro Italiano di Studi sull’Alto Medioevo
TCCG  La topographie chrétienne des cités de la Gaule, Paris, 1980