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Augustine in Context assesses the various contexts – historical, literary, cultural, and spiritual – in which Augustine lived and worked. The essays, written by an international team of scholars especially for this volume, provide the background against which Augustine’s treatises should be read and interpreted. They are organized according to a rationale that moves from an introduction to the person (the so-called personal context) to the contexts of Augustine’s works and ideas, starting from the intellectual setting and extending to the sociopolitical realm. Collectively the essays highlight the embeddedness of Augustine in the world of late antiquity and the interdependence of his discourse with contemporary forms of social life. They shed new light on one of the most important figures of the western canon and facilitate a more enlightened reading of his writings.

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General Abbreviations

<i>Ad Turb.</i>	<i>Ad Turbantium</i>
<i>Adv. Ar.</i>	<i>Adversus Arrium</i>
<i>Adv. Iud.</i>	<i>Adversus Iudaeos</i>
<i>Adv. Pel.</i>	<i>Dialogus adversus Pelagianos</i>
AE	L'Année épigraphique
<i>Alex.</i>	<i>Historiae Alexandri Magni</i>
<i>Amic.</i>	<i>De amicitia</i>
ANRW	Aufstieg und Niedergang der Römischen Welt
<i>Apol.</i>	<i>Apologeticum</i>
BCTH	Bulletin Archéologique du Comité des Travaux Historiques et Scientifiques
<i>Caes.</i>	<i>De Caesaribus</i>
<i>Carm.</i>	<i>Carmina</i>
<i>Catech.</i>	<i>Catecheses</i>
CCL	<i>Corpus Christianorum, Series Latina</i>
<i>Chron.</i>	<i>Epitome chronichorum</i>
CIL	<i>Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum</i>
CJ	<i>Codex Justinianus</i>
<i>Comm.</i>	<i>Commentarius, commentarii, commonitorium</i>
<i>Comm. in Matth.</i>	<i>Commentarius in Matthaëum</i>
<i>Comm. in Rom.</i>	<i>Commentarii in Romanos</i>
<i>Conl.</i>	<i>Collationes</i>
CSEL	<i>Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum</i>
CTh	<i>Codex Theodosianus</i>

<i>C. Ar.</i>	<i>Contra Arrianos</i>
<i>C. Don.</i>	<i>Contra Donatistas</i>
<i>Dim. temp.</i>	<i>Dimidium temporis</i>
<i>Enn.</i>	<i>Enneads</i>
<i>Ep. ad Dem.</i>	<i>Epistola ad Demetriadem</i>
<i>Ep. ad Ruf.</i>	<i>Epistula ad Rufinum</i>
<i>Ep. ex.</i>	<i>Epistulae extra collectionem</i>
<i>Epi.</i>	<i>Epitome</i>
<i>Exc.</i>	<i>Excerpta</i>
<i>Fid.</i>	<i>De fide</i>
FC	Fathers of the Church
<i>Gub. Dei.</i>	<i>De gubernatione Dei</i>
<i>Hex.</i>	<i>Hexaameron</i>
<i>H. E.</i>	<i>Historia ecclesiastica</i>
<i>Hist. Laus.</i>	<i>Historia Lausiaca</i>
ILAlg.	Inscriptions latines d'Algérie
ILS	<i>Inscriptiones Latinae Selectae</i>
<i>In Apoc.</i>	<i>Commentarius in apocalypsin</i>
<i>In Cant.</i>	<i>Homiliae in Canticum Canticorum</i>
<i>In Eccl.</i>	<i>Commentarius in Ecclesiasten</i>
<i>In Eph.</i>	<i>In epistulam Pauli ad Ephesios commentarius</i>
<i>In Gal.</i>	<i>In epistulam ad Galatas commentarius</i>
<i>In Phil.</i>	<i>In epistulam ad Philippenses commentarius</i>
<i>In Ps.</i>	<i>Tractatus super Psalmos</i>
<i>Inc.</i>	<i>De incarnatione</i>
<i>Inst.</i>	<i>Institutiones</i>
<i>Inv.</i>	<i>De inventione</i>
MGH AA	<i>Monumenta Germaniae Historica Auctores antiquissimi</i>
<i>Mort.</i>	<i>De mortalitate</i>
<i>Nat. Hist.</i>	<i>Natural History</i>
<i>Nest. cap.</i>	<i>Nestorii blasphemiarum capitula</i>
NVal	Novels of Valentinian III
<i>Orat.</i>	<i>De oratore</i>
<i>Or. deit. fil.</i>	<i>Oratio de deitate filii</i>

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<i>Patient.</i>	<i>De patientia</i>
<i>Pers.</i>	<i>De Bello Persico</i>
<i>Prom.</i>	<i>De promissionibus</i>
<i>Q.</i>	<i>Quaestiones</i>
<i>Reg.</i>	<i>Liber regularum or Regula</i>
<i>Sac.</i>	<i>De sacerdotio</i>
<i>Sc.</i>	<i>Scilicet</i>
<i>Sirm.</i>	Sirmondian Constitutions
<i>Spec.</i>	<i>De spectaculis</i>
<i>Strom.</i>	<i>Stromata</i>
TAPA	Transactions of the American Philological Association
<i>Unit. eccl.</i>	<i>De unitate ecclesiae</i>
<i>Vand.</i>	<i>De bello Vandalico</i>
<i>Vir. ill.</i>	<i>De viris illustribus</i>
<i>Vit. Ant.</i>	<i>Vita Antonii</i>
<i>Vit. Aug.</i>	<i>Vita Augustini</i>
<i>Vit. Const.</i>	<i>Vita Constantini</i>
<i>Vit. Macr.</i>	<i>Vita Macrina</i>
<i>Vit. Mart.</i>	<i>Vita Martini</i>
<i>Vit. Mos.</i>	<i>Vita Moysis</i>
<i>Vit. phil.</i>	<i>De vitis philosophorum et sophistarum</i>

Abbreviations of Augustine's Works

<i>adv. Ar.</i>	<i>Adversus Arium</i>
<i>bapt.</i>	<i>De baptismo</i>
<i>b. vita</i>	<i>De beata vita</i>
<i>cat. rud.</i>	<i>De catechizandis rudibus</i>
<i>civ. Dei</i>	<i>De civitate Dei</i>
<i>cons. Ev.</i>	<i>De consensu Evangelistarum</i>
<i>conf.</i>	<i>Confessiones</i>
<i>corrept.</i>	<i>De correptione et gratia</i>
<i>c. Acad.</i>	<i>Contra Academicos</i>
<i>c. Ar.</i>	<i>Contra Arianos</i>
<i>c. Aux.</i>	<i>Contra Auxentium</i>
<i>c. ep. Pel.</i>	<i>Contra duas epistulas Pelagianorum</i>
<i>c. Faust.</i>	<i>Contra Faustum manicheum</i>
<i>c. Gaud.</i>	<i>Contra Gaudentium</i>
<i>c. Jul.</i>	<i>Contra Julianum</i>
<i>c. litt. Pet.</i>	<i>Contra litteras Petiliani</i>
<i>div. qu.</i>	<i>De diversis quaestionibus octoginta tribus</i>
<i>doc. Chr.</i>	<i>De doctrina Christiana</i>
<i>Emer.</i>	<i>Gesta cum Emerito</i>
<i>en. Ps.</i>	<i>Enarrationes in Psalmos</i>
<i>ench.</i>	<i>Enchiridion</i>
<i>ep.</i>	<i>Epistulae</i>
<i>ep.*</i>	<i>Epistulae Divjak 1987</i>
<i>fid.</i>	<i>De fide</i>

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<i>gest. Pel.</i>	<i>De gestis Pelagii</i>
<i>gr. et lib. arb.</i>	<i>De gratia et libero arbitrio</i>
<i>mag.</i>	<i>De magistro</i>
<i>nat. et gr.</i>	<i>De natura et gratia</i>
<i>ord.</i>	<i>De ordine</i>
<i>pecc. mer.</i>	<i>De peccatorum meritis et remissione</i>
<i>praed. sanct.</i>	<i>De praedestinatione sanctorum</i>
<i>persev.</i>	<i>De dono perseverantiae</i>
<i>reg. 3</i>	<i>Regula: praeceptum</i>
<i>retr.</i>	<i>Retractationes</i>
<i>s.</i>	<i>Sermones</i>
<i>s. Dom. mon.</i>	<i>De sermone Domini in monte</i>
<i>sol.</i>	<i>Soliloquia</i>
<i>spir. et litt.</i>	<i>De spiritu et littera</i>
<i>syn.</i>	<i>De synodis</i>
<i>virg.</i>	<i>De sancta virginitate</i>

Introduction

A Chronological Chart

Date	Augustine	Christianity in North Africa	Larger Christianity	Roman Empire
311				The Edict of Toleration
313		Donatus consecrated as a rival bishop of Carthage	Synod of Rome	The “Edict” of Milan
314			Council of Arles (against Donatists)	
325			Council of Nicaea	Constantinople becomes the new capital
330				Constantine baptized; Constantius II (until 361)
337				
340			First conversions of Goths by Ulfilas	
341			Synod of Rome	
342–3			Council of Sardica/Philippopolis	
351			Council of Sirmium	
354	Birth			
355			Council of Milan	Constantinople becomes the new capital of the Roman Empire
356			Council of Béziers	

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Date	Augustine	Christianity in North Africa	Larger Christianity	Roman Empire
359			Councils of Sirmium, Seleucia, and Rimini, Hilary writes his <i>On the Trinity</i>	
360			Councils of Niké and Constantinople	Julian the Apostate (until 363)
362		Synod of Alexandria		
363		Parmentian becomes the Donatist bishop of Carthage (until 392)		
364		The Rogarist schism		
365			Latin version of <i>Acta Archelai</i>	
366	Studies in Madauros, Thagaste, and Carthage (until 370)		Pope Damasus (until 384)	
370–1	Death of Augustine's father Patricius, birth of Augustine's son Adeodatus		<i>Ambrosiaster</i> (370s or 380s)	
372–3	Reads Cicero's <i>Hortensius</i> , becomes a Manichean auditor		Death of Athanasius	The first anti-Manichean edict issued by a "Christian" Emperor Valentinian I
374	Teaches rhetoric in Thagaste and Carthage until 383		Ambrose becomes the bishop of Milan	
378		The Claudianist schism		Visigoths defeat Romans at Adrianople

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Date	Augustine	Christianity in North Africa	Larger Christianity	Roman Empire
379				Theodosius I (until 395)
380				Christianity proclaimed the sole religion of the Empire
381	Writes his first work: <i>On the Beautiful and Fitting</i> (lost)		Councils of Constantinople and Aquileia	
382			A Roman Synod, Pope Damasus' <i>Tomus</i> , Jerome commissioned to revise <i>vetus latina</i>	
383	Fascination with skepticism, moves to Rome	Tyconius writes his <i>Book of Rules</i>		Valentinian II (co-emperor of the west)
384	Moves to Milan			Altar of Victory controversy in Rome
385	Meets Ambrose, Augustine's mother Monica arranges his engagement		Jovinian in Rome	
386	Studies the books of the Platonists and the letters of the Apostle Paul, adopts the ascetic way of life, retires to Cassiciacum	Faustus exiled	Priscillian is executed, Jerome settles in Bethlehem	
387	Baptism, death of Monica			

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Date	Augustine	Christianity in North Africa	Larger Christianity	Roman Empire
388	Returns to Africa, establishes a monastic community, <i>On Free Will</i> (finished 395)			
389	<i>On the Teacher</i>			Manicheans expelled from Rome
390	Adeodatus dies	Council of Carthage		
391	Ordination	Aurelius becomes the bishop of Carthage		Edict against "paganism"
392	Debate with Fortunatus, <i>Explanations of the Psalms</i> (finished 420)	Primian became the Donatist bishop of Carthage (until 412)		
393	<i>On Faith and Creed</i>	The Council of Hippo, the Maximianist schism	Synod of Rome (Jovinian condemned)	
394		The Donatist Council of Bagai	The first Origenist controversy	Arbogast defeated
395	Becomes a (co-) bishop of Hippo			Honorius becomes the western emperor (until 423)
396	<i>On Christian Teaching</i> (finished 426–7), <i>To Simplicianus</i>			Vandals enter Gaul
397	<i>Confessions</i> (finished 400)			
398	<i>Against Faustus</i>			
399	<i>On the Trinity</i> (finished after 419)			
400			Pope Anastasius condemns Origenism	

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Date	Augustine	Christianity in North Africa	Larger Christianity	Roman Empire
401	<i>On Baptism, On the Literal Interpretation of Genesis</i> (finished 414)		Pope Innocent (until 417), Rufinus translates Eusebius' <i>Ecclesiastical History</i>	
403	Escapes assassination			
404	Debate with Felix			Capital of the western empire moved to Ravenna
405			An anti-Donatist "Edict of Unity"	
406	<i>Tractates on the Gospel of John</i> (finished 420)			Vandal invasion of Gaul
407				Rome withdraws from Britannia
408				Theodosius II (until 450)
410		Caelestius and Pelagius come to Carthage	Honoratus founds a monastery in Lérins	Rome sacked by Alaric
411		Council of Carthage (against Donatists and Caelestius)		
413	<i>City of God</i> (finished 427)			
415	<i>On Nature and Grace</i>		Pelagius acquitted at the Synod of Diospolis	Hypatia murdered
416		Councils of Carthage and Milevis (against Pelagius and Caelestius)	Orosius writes his <i>History against Pagans</i>	
417		Count Boniface suppressed Donatists	Pope Innocent I condemns Pelagius and Caelestius; Pope Zosimus (417–18) rehabilitates them	

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Date	Augustine	Christianity in North Africa	Larger Christianity	Roman Empire
418	<i>On the Grace of Christ and Original Sin</i>	Council of Carthage (against Pelagius)	Pope Zosimus condemns Pelagius and Caelestius; Julian of Eclanum disagrees	
419			Julian of Eclanum exiled	
421	<i>Enchiridion, Against Julianus</i>			
422			Pope Celestine (until 432)	
425	<i>On Grace and Free Will</i>			
426	Eraclius named as Augustine's successor			
427	<i>Debate with Maximinus, Retractations</i>	Revolt of Count Boniface	Cassian wrote his <i>Conferences</i> 13 (or in 430s)	
429	<i>On the Predestination of Saints and The Gift of Perseverance</i>	Disagreement with Augustine in the monasteries of southern Gaul		Vandals enter North Africa
430	Death		Council of Rome	
431		Possidius authors the <i>Life of Augustine</i> (until 437)	Council of Ephesus; Prosper defends Augustine	

Note: The dates of some of Augustine's better-known works are taken from the website of Zentrum für Augustinus-Forschung at <http://augustinus.de/bwo/dcms/sites/bistum/extern/zfa/augustinus/werke/werkechrono.html>.