ADVISORY BOARD

Marilyn McCord Adams, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill & Australian Catholic University

Peter Adamson, Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich
Peter King, University of Toronto
Henrik Lagerlund, University of Western Ontario
John Marenbon, Trinity College, Cambridge
Calvin Normore, UCLA
Dominik Perler, Humboldt University, Berlin
Eleonore Stump, St. Louis University

Editorial Assistant
Joseph Stenberg, University of Colorado
Oxford Studies in Medieval Philosophy
Volume 1

Edited by
ROBERT PASNAU
Note from the Editor

The present volume, the first in an annual series, takes its place between two other Oxford series, one devoted to ancient philosophy and one to the early modern period. The aim is to publish the best of current research in medieval philosophy, understanding that category quite broadly, so as to include all aspects of philosophy in its modern sense, to range from late antiquity to the Renaissance, and to cover all of Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East.

The richness and diversity of all this material, spanning a dozen centuries, is astonishing, but what is more astonishing still is that it has, for so long, been neglected. The term ‘mediaeval’ was coined to facilitate setting aside a long line of centuries felt to be uninteresting, those middle ages between ancient and modern. But what a wealth of material to leave unaccounted: the Christian philosophy of ancient Rome; the classical philosophical tradition in Islam and Judaism; the Carolingian renaissance; the philosophy of Byzantium and of the European monasteries; the first four centuries of academic philosophy at Paris, Oxford, and elsewhere. What others haven’t wanted, we take gladly, like a box of gifts still unwrapped after all these years.

Robert Pasnau
Boulder
Contents

Articles
Boethius on the Problem of Desert  1
   Peter King
Genuine Agency, Somehow Shared? The Holy Spirit and Other Gifts 23
   Marilyn Mccord Adams
What Lucifer Wanted: Anselm, Aquinas, and Scotus on the Object of the First Evil Choice 61
   Giorgio Pini
Some Twelfth-Century Reflections on Mereological Essentialism 83
   Andrew Arlig
Why Are the Habits Necessary? An Inquiry into Aquinas’s Moral Psychology 113
   Jean Porter
Olivi on Consciousness and Self-Knowledge: The Phenomenology, Metaphysics, and Epistemology of Mind’s Reflexivity 136
   Susan Brower-Toland
Duns Scotus on Essence and Existence 172
   Richard Cross

Texts
Yahya Ibn ‘Adi on the Location of God 205
   Peter Adamson And Robert Wisnovsky

Briefly Noted 229
Notes for Contributors 231
Index of Names 233