

Contributing to a larger understanding of Late Roman administration and pedagogy, this book investigates the academic and political career of Emperor Gratian's renowned educator Ausonius (circa 311-94). Shaped vitally by the ideas of the scholar from Bordeaux, the domestic policies of Emperor Gratian are studied in detail, as is Ausonius's notable reconciliation of conflicting positions on Christian devotion, individual piety, and religious tolerance. Specific attention is devoted to Ausonius's family; the ancestors, contemporaries, and descendants. Among those who achieved senior posts under the Roman emperors were his son Hesperius; his sons-in-law, Euromius and Thalassius; and his nephew Arborius. His grandson Paulinus of Pella is well attested, and onomastic inferences allow genealogical research to extend down to the mid-sixth century.