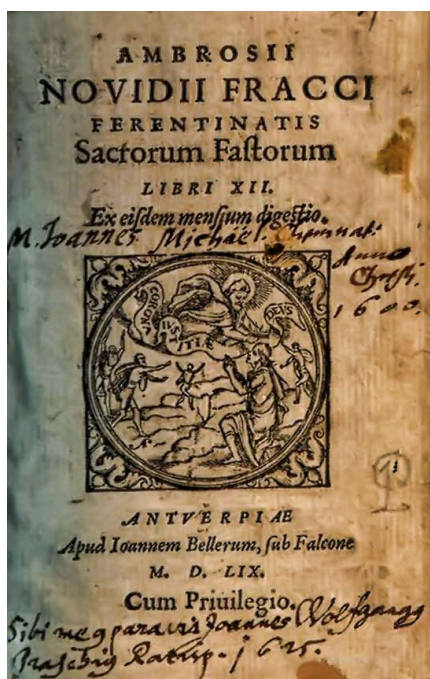




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The Politics of Neo-Latin *Fasti*

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During the last twenty years or so, the afterlife of Ovid's *Fasti* has undergone major reappraisal by Renaissance and Neo-Latin scholars, for example, the works of Angela Fritsen and John Miller have shown that not only did Renaissance scholars and poets know the *Fasti* well, they also actively engaged with the genre of calendrical poetry by variously imitating it or using it as a literary vehicle to advance ideas about Christianity and the legacy of classical antiquity. My talk will examine one such reformulation of the Latin poetic calendar: the *Sacrorum fastorum libri duodecim* (1547) by the humanist poet Ambrogio 'Novidio' Fracco. By examining the creative engagement of Fracco's *Sacri Fasti* with both ancient Ovidian and early modern discourses of time, I will demonstrate how this poem can shed new light on the ways in which the genre of Neo-Latin *fasti* interrogated and intervened in the broader European debate about time in the second half of the sixteenth century.