

Medieval monks, nuns and monastic life

**21st Biennial Symposium of the International Medieval Sermon Studies Society
in memory of Phyllis Roberts**

Sunday 15 July – Friday 20 July 2018

**Local organizers:
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University of Bristol's Department of Religion and Theology and Downside Abbey**

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Provisional programme (as of 13 April 2018)

Sunday, 15 July 2018

14.00 – 17.15 Registration and check-in

17.15 – 17.25 Welcome by the local organizers

17:25-17:50 Welcome by IMSSS President, Laura Gaffuri

18.00 – 19.00 Keynote address: Brian McGuire (Roskilde University), *Bernard the Preacher: In search of intimacy*

19.00 – 20.00 Reception

20.00 – 21.00 Dinner

Monday, 16 July 2018

07.30 – 08.30 Breakfast

09.30 – 10.30 Keynote address:

Claudia Rapp (University of Vienna), *Words for life, spoken and written: Monasticism and homiletics in Byzantium*

10.30 – 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 – 12.45 **Preaching in Monastic and Scholastic Contexts**

Anne Greule (Friedrich-Schiller-Universität), *Know thyself, know God – Alan of Lille preaching De contemptu sui to monks and scholars*

Alessia Miriam Berardi (University of Toronto), *Stephen Langton's sermons on Saint Geneviève*

James Clark (University of Exeter), *The preaching of university monks in medieval England*

Jan Odstřilík (Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften), *Between monastery and university: Different communication strategies in the sermons of Henry of Totting of Oyta*

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.15 – 15.45 **Vernacular Sermons and the Intellectual Life of Women Religious in the Germanic Regions**

Mathilde van Dijk (University of Groningen), *Sermons and collations in Diepenveen*

Stephen Mossman (University of Manchester), *German Sermons and the literary and intellectual culture of the early Dominican Observance: A case-study from Strasbourg*

Rita Voltmer (University of Trier), *The true fruits of a cloistered life: Johannes Geiler of Kaysersberg and the Convents in Strasbourg*

15.45 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30 **From Mother to Son, Latin to the Vernacular: Cistercian Sermons**

Stephan Borgehammar (Lund University), *The Virgin Mary in an anonymous Cistercian sermon collection from early thirteenth-century Sweden*

Victoria Smirnova (Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow), *Everyone and his brothers: actual and intended audience in Caesarius of Heisterbach's homilies of Jesus's childhood*

Beata Spieralska-Kasprzyk (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University), *Les sermons de saint Bernard et leur traduction française*

17.45 – 19.45 **Business meeting**

20:00 dinner

Tuesday, 17 July 2018

07.30 – 08.30 Breakfast

08.45 – 10.15 Vernacular Sermons and the Intellectual Life of Women Religious in the Germanic Regions

Thom Mertens (University of Antwerp), *The Jhesus collacien-complex*

Patricia Stoop (University of Antwerp), *Janne Colijn's sermons as transmitters of intellectual knowledge in the Augustinian convent of Jericho in Brussels*

John Van Engen (University of Notre Dame), *Prioress Alijt Bake of Galilee in Ghent as preacher and teacher*

10.15 – 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 – 11.30 Preaching by Monks and Regular Canons

William H. Campbell (University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg), *Monastic preaching to the laity in thirteenth-century England*

Cécile Caby (Université Lyon2-Lumière), *La prédication en chapitre dans les ordres monastiques et canoniaux (fin XII^e-fin XV^e siècle)*

11.30 – 12.30 Monastic Preaching in Late Medieval England

Christine Cooper Rompato (Utah State University), *Sermons on Pentecost in medieval England: monastic, mendicant and more*

Veronica O'Mara (University of Hull), *Preaching to nuns in the Norwich diocese on the eve of the Reformation: the evidence from visitation records*

12.45 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 Departure for Bristol city centre

13.45 – 18.30 Tours of medieval Bristol and/or free time

18.30 Departure for Wills Hall

19.00 Dinner

Wednesday, 18 July 2018

07.30 – 08.30 Breakfast

09.15 – 10.45 Dominican sermons on monasticism

Lidia Negoï (Independent Scholar), *Christi Sponse and Filie Iherusalem: nuns in Nicholas Eymerich's model sermons*

Scott T. Prather (Baylor University), *Contrition, penance, and authority in John Tauler's penitential preaching*

Andrea Radošević (Old Church Slavonic Institute, Zagreb), *Monks as characters in the late medieval sermon collection – Sermones Discipuli written by German Dominican Johannes Herolt*

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 13.00 Late Medieval Sermons in Islam and Christianity: Gender and Devotion

Linda Jones (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona), *And God equated the remembrance of the pious women and the pious men: discourses of gender equality and difference in the sermons of the Shy'ayb al-Hurayfish (d. 1398)*

Travis Stevens (Harvard University), *Revisiting gender in Bernard of Clairvaux's Sermons on the Song of Songs*

Lenka Panušková (Institute of Art History, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague) *Visualising a sermon: preaching and female devotion in early fourteenth-century Bohemia*

Kirsty Schut (Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto), *Sermons for Dominican nuns in fourteenth-century Naples*

13.00 – 13.45 Lunch

14.00 – 16.00 Medieval Monastic Sermons: Patristic, Carolingian and Irish Examples

Shari Boodts (KU Leuven), *Patristic sermons in the Middle Ages. Towards a typology of patristic sermon collections and their function in medieval monastics contexts*

Christoph Galle (University of Marburg), *Preaching in Early Medieval Frankish Monasteries: The Carolingian Sermon Collections*

Lane Springer (University of Toronto), *Sermons for the Feast Day of St Gallus*

Jesse Harrington (University of Cambridge), *Secular oppression, monastic malediction, and the Book of Job in the tenth-century vernacular homiletic Life of Saint Adamnán*

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break:

17:45 - 19:15 **Poster session (see final page for list of posters and presenters)**

19.30 dinner

Thursday, 19 July 2018

06.45 – 07.30 Breakfast

07.30 Departure for Downside

09.00 – 11.15 Tours of Downside

11.00 – 12.15 Workshop:

12.30 – 12.50 Monastic liturgical office with the monks of Downside

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 **Late antique and early medieval monastic sermons**

Jerzy Szafranowski (University of Warsaw), *The earliest instances of monastic pastoral activity in Gaul*

Nikolas O. Hoel (Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago), *Monasticism in the homilies of Gregory the Great*

Ilya Dines (Library of Congress, Washington D.C.), *The Physiologus and its role in monastic preaching and education*

15.45 Departure for Wells

16.15 – 18.15 Visit cathedral and environs

18.15 Departure for Symposium Dinner

19.30 Symposium Dinner

Friday, 20 July 2018

07.30 – 08.30 Breakfast

08.45 – 09.45 **Coptic and Greek Monastic Homilies on Predestination and the Afterlife**
Anna Rogozhina (National Research University HSE Moscow), *Preaching about the fate of the soul: Coptic monastic homilies and its impact on medieval Coptic hagiography*

Dirk Krausmüller (University of Vienna), *Theodore of Stoudios' engagement in contemporary debates about asceticism, predestination, clairvoyance & the vision of God*

09.45 – 10.45 Camaldolese Preaching in Late Medieval Italy

Daniela Delcorno Branca (University of Bologna), *La cura monialium d'un camaldule: culture humaniste, ascétique, patristique*

Giacomo Mariani (Fondazione San Carlo in Modena and Central European University), *Camaldolese preaching in Renaissance Florence: Declamations and instructions to preachers in Paolo Orlandini's Gymnastica monachorum*

10.45 – 11.15: Coffee break

11.15 – 11.30: Anne Thayer (Lancaster Seminary) - Remembering Phyllis Roberts

11:30 – 12:30: Roundtable discussion

12.30 – 13.30: Lunch and departure (except of course for those who are staying an extra night)

POSTERS as of 2018.04.13

Barr, Beth Alison	beth_barr@baylor.edu	Gendered Networks? Women, Dominicans, and John Mirk's Festival in Fifteenth-Century England
Bériou, Nicole &	nicole.beriou@irht.cnrs.fr &	Small is Beautiful: The Treasures of Ms. Paris, BnF, NAL 3245
Burghart, Marjorie	marjorie.burghart@ehess.fr	
Catalán Casanova, Oriol	oriol.catalan@upf.edu	French and Spanish Sermons in Catalan Benedictine Monasteries
Claeson, Erik	erik.claeson@ctr.lu.se	Medieval Sermons on Saints in Sweden: Rhetoric and Theology
Debby, Nirit Ben-Aryeh	nbad@bgu.ac.il	St Birgitta of Sweden and the Paradiso: Art and Preaching in Florence
Delcorno, Pietro	pietrodelforno@libero.it	Discussing Religious Life in Paradise: The <i>Quadragesimale peregrini</i>
Franchini, Antonio Marson	antonio.franchini92@gmail.com	Two sermons on St Benedict from Paris of the XIIIth century. Their edition and comparison
Hollick, Bernhard	bhollick@uni-koeln.de	Classicism and the Wycliffite Threat in Brinton's Sermons
Kennedy, Amelia	amelia.kennedy@yale.edu	Growing old in a Medieval Cistercian Monastery
Marvel, Elizabeth	elizabeth_marvel@baylor.edu	Injunctions in Bishops' Registers and the Pastoral Care of Women Religious in Late Medieval England
Marx, Alexander	a00900536@unet.univie.ac.at	Monastic Preaching of the Crusades: Methodological Issues and Approaches
Mastrantuono, Laura	laura.mastrantuono@hotmail.it	Jacopo da Varazze's <i>Sermones de tempore</i> and monasticism
Noutsou, Matina	mat.noutsou@gmail.com	Preaching against Heresy inside the Monastic Walls: Two Sermons of Geoffrey of Auxerre's <i>Super Apocalypsin</i>
Polacek, Juraj	juraj.polacek@gmail.com	Mourning Jerusalem: Echoes of the Book of Jeremiah in the 7th-Century Sermon <i>Expugnatio Hiersolymae</i>
Portnykh, Valentin L.	valport@list.ru	Crusade Indulgence as Preached by Monks and Friars
Pumprová, Anna	anna.pumprova@osu.cz	Manuscript Evidence of the Genesis of a Collection of Monastic Sermons by Peter of Zittau
Sonntag, Jörg	joerg.sonntag@tu-dresden.de	Monastic Hierarchy According to the Pontigny Sermons on the <i>Rule of Benedict</i>
Thayer, Anne	athayer@lancasterseminary.edu	Thema ad claustrales: Thomas Swalwell's Notes on Monastic Life
Young, John	jyoung1@flagler.edu	Visitors to the Cloister: Outsiders in Monastic Sermons of the High Middle Ages