

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

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

as of 27 March 2018

Sunday, 15 July 2018:

14.00 Registration and check-in

16.00 – 16.15 Welcome addresses by the local organizers and the IMSSS President, Laura Gaffuri

16.15 – 17.45 Posters (with two-minute presentations)
[To be announced shortly]

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 Kaisersberg 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- 18:45 **The Patristic Influences on Medieval Monastic Sermons**

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

Felix Szabo (University of Chicago), *Patristics and Pagans: Inside the Library of a Byzantine Eunuch Monastery*

19:00 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 Nake 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 14th-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 – 15.30 Medieval Monastic Sermons: Carolingian and Irish Examples

Christoph Galle (University of Marburg) *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*

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break:

16.00 – 17.00 Coptic and Greek Monastic Homilies on Predestination and the Afterlife

Anna Rogozhina (National Research University HSE Moscow), *Preaching about the fate of soul Coptic monastic homilies and its impact on medieval Coptic hagiography*

Dirk Krausmüller (University of Vienna), *Theodore of Studios' Engagement in Contemporary Debates about Asceticism, Predestination Clairvoyance & the Vision of God*

19.00 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 hour 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 Cathedral

16.15 – 18.15 Visit Cathedral and environs

18.15 Departure for Bristol

19.30 Symposium Dinner

Friday, 20 July 2018

07.30 – 08.30 Breakfast

09.30 – 10.30 Camaldolese Preaching in Fourteenth-Century 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*

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 13.00 Society Meeting

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch and departure

[Please note: If thirty or more of us wish to remain for another night, this can be arranged; please sign up for this at registration if this is of interest to you. If fewer than thirty of us express interest, then no rooms will be made available to us.]