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# **FACULTY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**

## **Medieval English Research Seminar**

*Convenors: Andy Orchard and Daniel Wakelin*

The seminar will meet each **WEDNESDAY** of weeks 1-6 at 5.15 p.m. in Lecture Theatre 2, **St Cross Building**. Everyone interested is invited to attend.

WEEK 1 27 April	<b>Mercedes Bello Salvador</b> (Seville) <i>The Most Challenging Enigma of the Exeter Book Collection: Riddle 90 in Context</i>
WEEK 2 4 May	<b>George Younge</b> (York) <i>Anglo-Saxon Sources of the Early Gothic Windows at Canterbury Cathedral</i>
WEEK 3 11 May	<b>Victoria Symons</b> (UCL) <i>Runic Letters in the Exeter Book Manuscript</i>
WEEK 4 18 May	<b>Venetia Bridges</b> (Leeds) <i>International Literature: Alexander the Great in the High Middle Ages</i>
WEEK 5 25 May	<b>Emily Lethbridge</b> (Reykjavik) Icelandic Saga Map: The Seduction of Landscape and the Digital
WEEK 6 1 June	<b>Ryan Perry</b> (Kent) <i>"Multiplacioun of manye bokes": Colop's Common Profit Book and London's Devotional Booktrade</i>

## Anglo-Norman Reading Group: Trinity Term 2016

**FRIDAYS** of 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> weeks  
(29<sup>th</sup> April, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> June)

**5.00 pm – 6.30 pm** in **Brasenose College** (room tbc, meet in the lodge, access via Radcliffe Square).

This group provides a relaxed and collaborative forum in which to read, translate and discuss a wide variety of Anglo-Norman texts.

This term, we will be reading a selection of passages from the long continuation of the *Prose Brut*, put together by Andy King. Passages will be provided in hard copy in the session, or can be accessed in advance online via a dropbox folder (please email Liv, below, if you would like to have online access to the text).

Our speaker session will take place in 7<sup>th</sup> week's meeting, when Annaliese Griffiss will be discussing her work on female sexuality in Marie de France's *Lais* and Ovid. This session will be followed by our termly dinner, to which attendees are warmly invited.

All are welcome to the group, and no previous experience of Anglo-Norman is necessary: please do join us for a glass of wine and a slice of Anglo-Norman on a Friday night!

*For further information, or to be added to our mailing list, please contact Dr Liv Robinson: [olivia.robinson@bnc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:olivia.robinson@bnc.ox.ac.uk)*

## Old English/Germanic Philology Reading and Discussion Group

This group welcomes beginners as well as those with prior knowledge of philology - anyone interested is very welcome.

We plan to read short articles relating to the major sound changes of Old English and discuss them at bi-weekly meetings **on Fridays of even weeks of term, from 5.30-6.30.**

We generally meet at **Exeter College**. Suggestions of topics or articles of particular interest welcome. There are also opportunities to lead a session for anyone interested.

Please contact Myriam Frenkel at [myriam.frenkel@exeter.ox.ac.uk](mailto:myriam.frenkel@exeter.ox.ac.uk) if interested, who will be co-organizing the group with Cosima Gillhammer

## **Interdisciplinary Medieval Seminar**

Week 8, **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**, 5.15pm

Main Hall, Taylorian Hall

### **Ulrike Draesner**

(German Author, Visiting Fellow at New College and writer in residence in New College and TORCH)

### ***Performing time, cruising epic worlds - writing the 12th and 21st centuries***

*The seminar will be followed by a drinks reception which is open to all.*

*For further information please contact [sophie.marnette@balliol.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sophie.marnette@balliol.ox.ac.uk)*

## **Medieval Latin Lectures and Seminars**

### **Dr Justin Stover**

(All Souls College)

#### **Weeks 1-5, Wednesdays,**

Lectures:

*The Development of Medieval Latin Literature: Late Antiquity to the Renaissance*

**3pm**, Hovenden Room, All Souls

#### **Weeks 1-5, Tuesdays**

Seminar:

*Reading Medieval Latin*

**2-4pm**, Bursars' Study, All Souls

*For further information please contact [justin.stover@all-souls.ox.ac.uk](mailto:justin.stover@all-souls.ox.ac.uk)*

# O'Donnell Lecture 2016

Professor Erich Poppe (Marburg)



## *‘Chrétien’s British Yvain in England and Wales’*

5pm, Friday 6th May (Week 2, Trinity Term),  
Lecture Theatre 2, English Faculty, St Cross  
Building

The lecture will be followed by a drinks reception

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# The Lyell Lectures

## ***Public reading and its Books: Monastic ideals and practice in England, c.1000-c.1300***

Dr Teresa Webber, Cambridge, will deliver the Lyell Lectures at 5pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Weeks 3 to 5 of Trinity Term.

Each lecture will be accompanied by a temporary one-day display in Blackwell Hall, Weston Library.

3 May: 'Public Reading in Monastic Observance: The Framework of Norms'.  
(Reception follows in Blackwell Hall, Weston Library)

5 May: 'Reading the Gospel'

10 May: 'Reading the Bible'

12 May: 'Celebrating the Saints'

17 May: 'Reading in Chapter'

19 May: 'Reading at Collation; Monastic Ideals and the Practice of Public Reading'

# FACULTY OF HISTORY

## Medieval History Seminar

*Convenors: Mark Whittow and Chris Wickham*

**MONDAYS** at 5 p.m. in the Wharton Room, All Souls. All are welcome.

Week 1 25 April	<b>James Palmer</b> <i>Climates of crisis: apocalypse and nature in the early middle ages</i>
Week 2 2 May	<b>Jo Story</b> <i>Lands for lights in early medieval Rome</i>
Week 3 9 May	<b>John Watts</b> <i>Re-thinking the Henrician Reformation: church, state and religion, c.1450-c.1550</i>
Week 4 16 May	<b>Amanda Power</b> <i>The vita apostolica and the governance of the faithful: a reordering of the Friars Minor</i>
Week 5 23 May	<b>Katy Cubitt</b> <i>'On living in the time of tribulation: Archbishop Wulfstan, apocalyptic thinking and the politics of Aethelred's reign</i>
Week 6 30 May	<b>Alice Taylor</b> <i>Inquests as spie into governmental form in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries</i>
Week 7 6 June	<b>Alice Rio</b> <i>Carolingian slavery</i>
Week 8 13 June	<b>Leslie Brubaker</b> <i>The cult of the Virgin 400-1200: a comparative perspective (Catholic, Orthodox, Islamic)</i>



The Faculty of History  
Annual Special Lecture

Tuesday 3rd May  
(2nd Week)  
5pm, Examination  
Schools



Professor Naomi  
Standen

University of Birmingham

*Options and  
Experiments:  
Defining the 'Global  
Middle Ages'*

\*The Seven-Jewel Stupa (c. 1043) from Chaoyang North Pagoda, Liaoning, China, including gold, silver, pearls, jade, crystal, coral, amber.

# Medieval Church and Culture Seminar

Convenors: Lesley Smith, Margaret Coombe, Karl Kinsella and Gustav Zamore

**TUESDAYS** at 5pm, in the Carpenter Room, **Harris Manchester College**

Refreshments from 5pm; papers begin at 5.15pm. Everyone is welcome at this informal and friendly graduate seminar.

**This term's seminars are given by the students of the MSt in Medieval Studies**

- WEEK 1    **Gillian Forest** (St Hugh's)  
26 April    *Mourning Young Children in the late Middle Ages in England*  
              **Seamus Dwyer** (St Anne's)  
              *Performance, Power, and Commemoration in late Middle English 'Obituary' Lyrics*
- WEEK 2    **James Parkhouse** (Balliol)  
3 May        *Local Variation in Germanic Myth*  
              **Francesca Moll** (St Peter's)  
              *The Role of Celtic Women in the Settlement of Iceland*
- WEEK 3    **Margaret Woods** (Blackfriars)  
10 May      *Defining a Political and Religious Public in Fifteenth-Century England: reactionary rhetoric on heretics and rebels, c. 1414-1457*  
              **Ciaran Davis** (St Hilda's)  
              *Was Crusading still popular in early-fourteenth-century England?*
- WEEK 4    **Marcel Camprubi** (St Benet's Hall)  
17 May      *Studying Medieval Andalusian Music*  
              **Lorenzo Caravaggi** (Balliol)  
              *Ad audiendum delectabile: 'public' reading of civic chronicles in thirteenth-century Italy*
- WEEK 5    **Andrew Lloyd** (St Peter's)  
24 May      *Champagne Meets Burgundy: was the 15th-Century prose 'Cligés' a mirror of Philip the Good's court?*  
              **Lucia Akard** (Oriel)  
              *Narratives of Rape in the French Courts and in Froissart's Chroniques: the case of Marguerite de Thibouville, 1386*
- WEEK 6    **Maura McKeon** (Exeter)  
31 May      *Boniface as Exile*  
              **Sumner Braund** (Linacre)  
              *Splinters from a Holy Cross: sacred spaces in the cult of St Oswald, King of Northumbria*
- WEEK 7    **Avantika Kumar** (St John's)  
7 June        *Pilgrimage Badges in a Fifteenth-Century Book of Hours*  
              **Roisin Astell** (Jesus)  
              *Visualising the Visionary: contextualising Paris, BnF, MS. Latin 14410*
- WEEK 8    **No seminar: Medieval Studies lecture this week**  
14 June

# Late Antique and Byzantine Studies Seminar

*Convenors: Marek Jankowiak, Marc Lauxtermann and Mark Whittow*

**WEDNESDAYS** at 5pm, in the **Ioannou Centre for Classical & Byzantine Studies**, 66 St Giles

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| WEEK 1<br>27 April | <b>Matthew Kinloch et al.</b> (OUBS)<br><i>OUBS Fieldtrip to Armenia: Report</i>  |
| WEEK 2<br>4 May    | <b>George Woudhuysen</b> (All Souls)<br><i>The Fall of the House of Constantine, 324-366 A.D.</i>   |
| WEEK 3<br>11 May   | <b>Silvia Ronchey</b> (University of Rome)<br><i>Eustathios at Prodomos Petra? Some Remarks on the Manuscript Tradition of the Exegesis in Canonem Iambicum Pentecostalem</i>                 |
| WEEK 4<br>18 May   | <b>Christian Sahner</b> (St. John's College, Cambridge)<br><i>Violence against Christians and Shi'is in the Early Islamic Period: Formation of a Persecuting Society?</i>                     |
| WEEK 5<br>25 May   | <b>Tia Kolbaba</b> (Rutgers University)<br><i>Reading about Writing about Heretics: Recent Scholarship on Heresiology and Some Ideas for Moving Forward"</i><br><b>(OCBR Special Lecture)</b> |
| WEEK 6<br>1 June   | <b>Michael Jeffreys</b> (University of Sydney/Oxford)<br><i>The lives of the women of the Komnenian house under Manuel I, as seen in the poems of Mangeneios Prodomos</i>                     |
| WEEK 7<br>8 June   | <b>Dominic Brookshaw</b> (Wadham)<br><i>TBC</i>   |
| WEEK 8<br>15 June  | <b>Elena Ene Draghici-Vasilescu</b> (Oxford)<br><i>Cappadocian churches: hubs of monasteries or civic shrines?</i>  |

# Late Antique and Byzantine Art and Archaeology Seminar

*Convenors: Marlia Mango and Ine Jacobs*

**THURSDAYS** at 11.00am-12.30pm, **St John's College**, New Seminar Room

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| <b>WEEK 2</b> | <b>Andrew Poulter</b>  |
| 5 May         | <i>Continuity in churches of Late Antique Bulgaria</i>   |
| <b>WEEK 3</b> | <b>David Kennedy</b>   |
| 12 May        | <i>Christianity in the hinterland of Roman and Umayyad Philadelphia (Amman).</i>                             |
| <b>WEEK 4</b> | <b>Simon Ford</b>  |
| 19 May        | <i>Mount Gerizim and the Christian Conversion of Jewish and Samaritan Holy Sites in Late Antiquity</i>       |
| <b>WEEK 5</b> | <b>Stefanie Lenk</b> (Oxford, "Empires of Faith")  |
| 26 May        | <i>Pre-Christian imagery in baptisteries in Late Antique Iberia and North Africa – A paradox?</i>            |
| <b>WEEK 6</b> | <b>Kristina Terpoy</b>   |
| 2 June        | <i>Between coast and hinterland: settlement development in Late Antique Lycia.</i>                           |
| <b>WEEK 7</b> | <b>Agnieszka Lic</b>   |
| 9 June        | <i>The stucco torso from a church in Koke (Seleucia-Ctesiphon) and the art of Byzantium</i>                  |
| <b>WEEK 8</b> | <b>Andrea Zerbini and Michael Fradley</b>  |
| 16 June       | <i>Endangered Archaeology in Yemen: the role of satellite imagery analysis in surveying the inaccessible</i> |





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*in cooperation with the Byzantine  
Society*



Dr. Catherine  
Holmes  
(University College)  
Faculty of History

Dr. Conrad  
Leyser  
(Worcester College)  
Faculty of History

*Thursday 26 May (Fifth Week), 8:00 pm.  
Goodhart Seminar Room, University College*

# After Rome Seminar: Aspects of the History and Archaeology of the Fifth to Seventh Centuries

Convenors: Philip Booth and Bryan Ward-Perkins

**THURSDAYS** at 5pm in **Ertegun House, 37a St Giles'**

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| WEEK 1<br>28 April | <b>Damien Labadie</b> (École pratique des hautes études, Paris)<br><i>The invention of Stephen's relics: the cult of saints and religious controversy in late antique Palestine</i> |
| WEEK 2<br>5 May    | <b>Filip Doroszewski</b> (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Warsaw)<br><i>Alexandrian theology in Nonnus' biblical epic</i>   |
| WEEK 3<br>12 May   | <b>Marta Szada</b> ('Presbyters' project, University of Warsaw)<br><i>Conversion from Nicene to Homoian Christianity in the barbarian kingdoms</i>                                  |
| WEEK 4<br>19 May   | <b>Sergey Minov</b> ('Cult of Saints' project, Oxford)<br><i>The Syriac Life of Mar Yareth the Alexandrian: Imagining a holy man in early medieval Mesopotamia</i>                  |
| WEEK 5<br>26 May   | <b>Christian Boudignon</b> (University of Aix-Marseille)<br><i>Who wrote the first part of Nicephorus' Short History?</i>   |
| WEEK 6<br>2 June   | <b>Phil Booth</b> (Theology and Religion, Oxford)<br><i>A circle of Egyptian bishops at the end of Roman rule (c. 600 CE): sources and contexts</i>                                 |
| WEEK 7<br>9 June   | <b>Erica Buchberger</b> (College of Charleston, South Carolina)<br><i>Identifying Others in the Life of Caesarius of Arles</i>  |
| WEEK 8<br>16 June  | <b>OCLA Special Lecture</b><br><b>Scott Johnson</b> (Oklahoma State University)<br><i>Syriac: a language and culture without empire</i>   |

# Rulers and Saints. Concepts of 'dynasty' and 'sanctity' from Late Antiquity to the Late Middle Ages

## WORKSHOP

Organised by the research fellows of the 'Cult of Saints' and the 'Jagiellonians' research projects.

Generously supported by the Oxford Medieval Society and the Sanderson Fund

**Friday 13 May 2016**

The event takes place in St Luke's Chapel at the Radcliffe Humanities Building and in the Seminar Room of the Building (Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 6GG)

The workshop is free, including refreshments, but it is essential to have registered by 10 May, by emailing: [marta.tycner@history.ox.ac.uk](mailto:marta.tycner@history.ox.ac.uk)

## PROGRAMME

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9.15 Registration and coffee (St Luke's Chapel)

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9.45 Introduction to the workshop (St Luke's Chapel)

10.00–11.30 **Session 1: Rulers and Saints in Late Antiquity**

(St Luke's Chapel)

**Marta Tycner** ('Cult of Saints'):

*Constantine the Great and the cult of saints at the very beginnings of Christian monarchy*

**Paweł Nowakowski** ('Cult of Saints'):

*Epigraphic manifestations of an early dynastic discourse. Anicia Juliana, Justinian, and the building inscriptions of the churches of St Polyeuktos and Sts. Sergios and Bakchos in Constantinople*

**Nikoloz Aleksidze** ('Cult of Saints'):

*Parthian in Form, Roman in Essence: Legitimising Kingship in the late antique Caucasus*

Discussion

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11.30–12.00 Coffee break (St Luke's Chapel)

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**12.00–13.30 Session 2: Rulers and Saints in the Early Middle Ages**

(St Luke's Chapel)

**Marta Szada** (Warsaw University):

*Holy Queens and Their Children. Sanctity and Dynastic Policies in Merovingian Gaul*

**Grzegorz Pac** (Warsaw University):

*Limits of royal female sanctity in the Early Middle Ages*

**Steffen Hope** (Odense):

*A dynasty of saints? The minor saints of medieval Norway and their association with Saint Olaf*

Discussion

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13.30–14.30 Sandwich lunch (St Luke's Chapel)

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14.30–16.00 Keynote lecture (St Luke's Chapel):

**Gabor Klaniczay** (Central European University, Budapest)

*Title to be confirmed*

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16.00–16.30 Coffee break (Seminar Room)

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**16.30–17.30 Session 3: Rulers and Saints in the Late Middle Ages**

**(Jagiellonian dynasty)**

(Seminar Room)

**Stanislava Kuzmova** ('Jagiellonians'):

*The failed candidate for a dynastic saint: King Wladislaus of Poland and Hungary*

**Giedre Mickunaite** ('Jagiellonians'):

*Dynasty at the gates of paradise: Casimir is the name, Jagiellonian is the password*

Discussion

17.30–18.00 Final discussion & closing remarks (Seminar Room)

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18.00–19.00 Wine reception (Seminar room)

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Dinner for the workshop speakers



## Al-Balādhurī: A Guide for the Perplexed

29 – 30 April 2016

Friday 29 April 2016: Public Lecture

**Okinaga Room, Wadham College, OX1 3PN**

17:00 **Chase Robinson** (CUNY)

*Provisional observations on the Futūḥ al-buldān*

18:30 *Drinks reception*



*Silver medallion of Caliph al-Mutawakkil 'ala Allāh (A.H. 232-47/A.D. 847-61). The historian Aḥmad b. Yaḥyā b. Jābir al-Balādhurī (d. 279/892) was a close associate of al-Mutawakkil.*

**Saturday 30 April 2016: Workshop**

**MBI Al Jaber Building, Corpus Christi College, OX1 4JF**

Please register by writing to [baladhuriworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:baladhuriworkshop@gmail.com).

A contribution of £10 (or £5 for students) towards coffee, sandwich lunch and tea will be payable on the door.

10:00 Introductory remarks by **Mark Whittow** (University of Oxford)

10:15 **Hugh Kennedy** (SOAS)

*Concerning Fadak: reading a micro-narrative in al-Balādhurī's Futūḥ*

11.00 *Coffee*

11:30 **Robert Hoyland** and **Leyla Masma Najafzada** (University of Oxford)

*Al-Balādhurī and the beginnings of Islam in the Caucasus*

**Nick Evans** (University of Oxford)

*"An unprecedented peace": al-Balādhurī on the North*

13:00 *Lunch*

14:00 **Edward Zychowicz-Coghill** (University of Oxford)

*Provincial history for metropolitan purposes? Al-Balādhurī's Egyptian sources*

**Su I-Wen** (University of Edinburgh)

*Al-Balādhurī's sectarian vision: was he a proto-Sunnī?*

15:30 *Tea*

16:00 **Ryan Lynch** (University of Oxford)

*The reception and reuse of al-Balādhurī's Futūḥ in medieval Islamic history*

16:45 Concluding discussion,

introduced and chaired by **James Howard-Johnston** (University of Oxford)

17:30 *Drinks reception*

# EMPIRE & IDENTITY

## IMPERIAL RULE AND PEOPLEHOOD ACROSS TIME AND PLACE



ERTEGUN HOUSE, 10.30-13.00 FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016  
(1<sup>ST</sup> WEEK)

Empire is often seen as ‘multi-ethnic’ or ‘non-national’ by definition, yet countless pre-modern and modern imperial polities are characterised as the projects of particular ‘peoples’, and were fundamental in the self-situation and ethno-national construction of subject populations. This round table, therefore, directly addresses these apparent paradoxes through comparative discussion of empire’s role in identity formation across time and place. Participants and their specialisations include:

Emma Dench  
(Harvard University)

*The Ancient World & Classical Rome*

Florian Schwarz  
(Austrian Academy of Sciences)  
*Medieval to Modern Iran & Central Asia*

Michael Khodarkovsky  
(Loyola University Chicago)  
*Early Modern Russia & Eurasia*

Elleke Boehmer  
(University of Oxford)  
*Modern Empires & Postcolonialism*

There will be coffee from 10.30 to 11.00, with the event itself 11.00-13.00 consisting of four short presentations and an open discussion. The presentations and discussion will be audio recorded and put on the research network’s website, [www.torch.ox.ac.uk/identity](http://www.torch.ox.ac.uk/identity). In order to attend please RSVP to [identity@torch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:identity@torch.ox.ac.uk) by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of April.

*The Long History of Identity, Ethnicity and Nationhood Research Network is convened by Ilya Afanasyev & Nicholas Matheou, and sponsored by the University of Oxford History Faculty, The John Fell Fund, and*





## Women's Responses to the Reformation

23 June 2016

Organisers: Mary Boyle, Charlotte Hartmann, Edmund Wareham

You are invited to join us for a workshop looking at how women from all walks of life, and from across Europe and beyond, responded to the events of the Reformation. In particular, we will be exploring women's cultural and written responses.

**Plenary Lecture:** Professor Ulrike Strasser (UC San Diego) will speak on gender and the Jesuit missions in the Marianas Islands as part of the workshop.

**Registration (£10) now open via the University Stores**

**Location: Taylor Institution, Oxford.**

The workshop is also running a collaborative translation of the *Juttenpiel*, the play which tells the legend of Pope Joan. The drama was first performed in the fifteenth century, but survives only in a 1565 print. The project will be formally launched on the evening of the workshop, with a performance (free entry) of a selection of scenes.

**Location: St Edmund Hall Chapel**

If you have any questions, please contact the organisers at:

[women.and.the.reformation@gmail.com](mailto:women.and.the.reformation@gmail.com)



Workshop sponsored by the Women in the Humanities Programme (TORCH)

## **The Cult of Saints in the First Millennium**

*Convenor: Efthymios Rizos*

The seminar will take place on **FRIDAYS**, 5pm in Weeks 1, 5, and 7, **Radcliffe Humanities Building** – Collin Matthews Room (Ground floor)

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| 29 April (Week 1) | <b>Mark Laynesmith</b> (The Archbishop's Examination in Theology, Lambeth Palace)<br><i>The Cult of St Alban of Verulamium: Romano-British, Merovingian and Anglo-Saxon devotion, c.400–800</i> |
| 27 May (Week 5)   | <b>Simon Loseby</b> (University of Sheffield)<br><i>Thinking about saints with Gregory of Tours</i>   |
| 10 June (Week 7)  | <b>Robert Wiśniewski</b> (University of Warsaw)<br><i>The burials ad sanctos</i>  |





Call for Papers: People, Places and Possessions, 1350-1550.  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2016, University of Oxford.

Organisers: Rachel Delman and Anna Boeles Rowland  
in association with Oxford Medieval Studies.

### **Keynote Address: Dr. Felicity Heal**

Spatial and material culture based approaches to the medieval and early modern world are now well established, with researchers from a range of disciplines and scholarly perspectives using objects, buildings and landscapes to explore the ways in which past social relationships were created, enacted, maintained and negotiated. The rise of digital humanities and the development of online object repositories have also encouraged new ways of thinking about the material world, offering fresh approaches and sources for the study of aspects such as gender, memory and social status. More recently, the increasing drive to extend the threshold of the middle ages to 1550 has brought medievalists and early modernists into dialogue with one another, while partnerships between academic institutions and the heritage sector have highlighted the rich potential for future collaborative initiatives.

This interdisciplinary one-day symposium will bring together academic researchers and representatives from the heritage sector, to consider the value of objects, places and spaces for understanding the social, cultural, economic and political landscape of the period 1350-1550. The aim of this symposium is to provide a forum for speakers and participants to reflect upon and anticipate new avenues for materiality studies.

We invite prospective speakers to submit proposals of no more than 250 words for 20 minute papers, along with their paper title and affiliation to: [rachel.delman@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:rachel.delman@univ.ox.ac.uk) and [anna.boelesrowland@merton.ox.ac.uk](mailto:anna.boelesrowland@merton.ox.ac.uk) by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

# The Normans in the South

Mediterranean Meetings in the Central Middle Ages

Friday 30 June – Sunday 2 July, 2017

St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford

By some accounts, 1017 marked the advent of the Norman presence in Italy and Sicily, inaugurating a new era of invasion, interaction and integration in the Mediterranean. Whether or not we decide the millennial anniversary is significant, the moment offers an ideal opportunity to explore the story in the south, about a thousand years ago. To what extent did the Normans establish a cross-cultural empire? What can we learn by comparing the impact of the Norman presence in different parts of Europe? What insights are discoverable in comparing local histories of Italy and Sicily with broader historical ideas about transformation, empire and exchange? The conference aims to draw together established, early-career and post-graduate scholars for a joint investigation of the Normans in the south, to explore together the many meetings of cultural, political and religious ideas in the Mediterranean in the central Middle Ages.

## Keynote Speakers

Professor Graham Loud (University of Leeds)

Professor Jeremy Johns (University of Oxford)

Professor Sandro Carocci (University of Rome II)

## Call for Papers to follow

Proposals for three-paper sessions, as well as individual proposals for 20-minute papers, are welcome. Comparative studies are particularly encouraged.

Themes and Topics could include:

- Sicily as a cultural crossroads
- Crusading
- The Normans and empire
- Islamic interactions
- Political leadership
- Social change: women, men and families
- Norman Conquests compared: Italy, Sicily and other parts of Europe
- Reactions to the Norman presence in the south, then and now
- Impact on Italy as a whole
- Migration
- Local history: micro-perspectives on macro-trends

## Contact

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# FACULTY OF MEDIEVAL AND MODERN LANGUAGES

## Medieval French

*Convenors: Daron Burrows, Sophie Marnette, and Helen Swift*

All sessions, except for Week 8, take place on **TUESDAYS** at the **Maison Française**. Drinks from 5pm, with papers starting at 5.15pm. All are welcome.

- WEEK 1  
26 April      **Charlotte Cooper** (St Edmund Hall, Oxford)  
*'Estoire, histoire, and histoires: Reading Narrative, History, and Images in Christine de Pizan's Epistre Othea and Mutacion de Fortune'*
- WEEK 3  
10 May      **Clotilde Dauphant** (Université Paris-Sorbonne)  
*Des oeuvres complètes à l'anthologie : lire et connaître Eustache Deschamps*
- WEEK 7  
7 June      **Lucas Wood** (Indiana University)  
*Chivalry Adrift: Writing Conquest and Colonization in the Canary Islands*
- WEEK 8  
14 June      \*\*\*The seminar will not take place; instead there will be the interdisciplinary seminar in medieval studies on **Tuesday 14 June, at 5.15pm\*\*\***  
**Ulrike Draesner** (German Author, Visiting Fellow at New College and writer in residence in New College and TORCH)  
*Performing time, cruising epic worlds - writing the 12th and 21st centuries*  
Meeting at the **Taylorian Hall** followed by a drinks reception at the Taylorian.
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# **Archaeology of medieval villages currently inhabited in Europe**

Saturday, May 7, 2016 (All day)  
Radcliffe Humanities Building, Woodstock Road, Oxford, OX2 6GG  
Lecture Room

The international colloquium “Archaeology of medieval villages currently inhabited in Europe” will take place at the University of Oxford on 7 May 2016. This will be an event featuring speakers from all around Europe to discuss the topic, and their experiences of it, comparing and contrasting case-studies in different countries.

## **Aims and purposes**

This colloquium will explore the problem in archaeological terms of studying villages that are still inhabited. Traditionally the study of medieval villages has been based on deserted sites, from which archaeologists have obtained only partial information about wider settlement networks, as an important number of villages remain inhabited today. Frequently these latter villages have not been investigated archaeologically, but they offer significant data if methodologies are applied properly. These data are of crucial importance if we want to have a complete idea of landscapes in medieval and modern times across Europe.

Moreover, archaeology can be an important tool to understand, on one side, the history of the different management systems of landscape and natural resources from a global point of view and, on the other side, rights over land, an issue which concerns many local communities at present. For instance, the political question relating to common lands is not well resolved in some European countries, and archaeology could recover significant information to this debate. Archaeologists working in villages currently inhabited can also play a major social role in their relationship with local communities.

Our aim is to gather different archaeologists throughout Europe with a specialism in those topics in order to create a common framework of reflection in a comparative perspective.

## **Colloquium guidelines**

Different archaeological methodologies for the study of villages currently inhabited.

The relationship between deserted and non-deserted villages in the investigation about medieval and later settlement networks.

Archaeology on-site, off-site or “all-site”? Inhabited villages and their agrarian space as a sole object of research.

The social impact of archaeology in local and global communities.

The relationship between academics and rural societies.

Organisers: University of Oxford and Agrarian Archaeology Research Group

## **Programme**

9.00-9.30: Iñaki Martín Viso (University of Salamanca). Introduction: aims and purposes

### **English session**

9.30-10.15: Andrew Reynolds (UCL Institute of Archaeology) "Excavating villages: questions, methods and approaches in three Wiltshire settlements"

10.15-11.00: Stephen Miles (University of Oxford) "Using village archaeology for a spatial analysis of medieval social relationships"

11.00-11.30: Break

11.30-12.15: Carenza Lewis (University of Lincoln) "Micro-digs, macro outcomes: Test pit excavation in currently occupied rural settlements in England"

### **International session**

12.15-13.00: Margarita Fernández Mier (University of León) and Jesús Fernández Fernández (University of Oxford) "Archaeology of medieval villages currently inhabited in Asturias (NW of Spain)"

13.00-14.00: Lunch break

14.00-14.45: Édith Peytremann (INRAP, Institut National de Recherches Archéologiques Préventives). "Archaeology of early medieval villages currently inhabited in France. Back on twenty years of experience"

14.45-15.30: Wim De Clercq (University of Ghent) "Middelburg in Flanders: integrating archaeology and history in modern-day community life"

15.30-16.00: Break

### **Roundtable and debate**

16.30-17.30: Roundtable coordinator: Julio Escalona (CSIC, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas)

### **Conclusions**

17.30-18.00: Chris Wickham (University of Oxford)

Please note that there is a maximum number to participation. Admission is free, but under prior registration. Places are limited, and participants must sign up in advance to participate. Click here to register:

<https://archaeologymedievalvillages.wordpress.com/registration/>



# Call for Papers

## After Chichele: Intellectual and Cultural Dynamics of the English Church, 1443 to 1517

St. Anne's College, Oxford, 28-30 June 2017



In international conference organised by the Faculty of English, University of Oxford, this event builds on the success of the 2009 Oxford conference, *After Arundel: Religious Writing in Fifteenth-Century England*, which resulted in a book of essays (ed. by Vincent Gillespie and Kantik Ghosh) that vigorously interrogated the nature of religious and intellectual culture in England in the long fifteenth century. *After Chichele* adopts a similar investigative and interdisciplinary approach. The period has been chosen precisely because the inner workings of English intellectual and religious life during these years have proved challengingly resistant to the formation of grand critical narratives.

What are the chief currents driving the intellectual and cultural life of the church in England during this period? What happened to intellectual questioning during the period, and where did the Church's cultural life express itself most vividly? What significant parochial, regional, national and international influences were brought to bear on English literate practices?

In order to address these questions, the conference will adopt an interdisciplinary focus, inviting contributions from historians, literary scholars, and scholars working on the theology, ecclesiastical history, music and art of the period, and it is expected that a wide range of literary and cultural artefacts will be considered, from single-authored works to manuscript compilations, from translations to original works, and from liturgy to art and architecture, with no constraints as to the conference's likely outcomes and conclusions.

It is intended that the conference should generate a volume of essays similar to *After Arundel* in scope, ambition and quality.

Plenary speakers: David Carlson, Mary Erler, Sheila Lindenbaum, Julian Luxford, David Rundle, Cathy Shrank.

We welcome abstracts on any aspect of the intellectual and cultural dynamics of the English church in this period. Possible topics for discussion include:

Religious writing and the English Church; the emergence of humanism and the fate of scholasticism; literature and the law; cultural and ecclesiastical patronage; developments in art and architecture; the liturgical life of the Church; the impact of the international book trade and of print; palaeography and codicology; the Church's role in education, colleges and chantries; the impact of travel and pilgrimage.

Please send 500 word abstracts (for proposed 20-minute papers) by **Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016** to Vincent Gillespie, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford OX2 6QA <[vincent.gillespie@ell.ox.ac.uk](mailto:vincent.gillespie@ell.ox.ac.uk)>

# **Inaugural Lecture**

**The HM King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein II of Jordan  
Fellowship for the Study of Love in Religion**

**A lecture by the new Fellow**

**Dr Minlib Dallh, O.P.**

**on the subject:**

**“Mystical ‘Brides’? New Perspectives on Love in  
Muslim Sufi and Christian Mysticism.”**

**Regent’s Park College, Oxford**

**Monday 25 April 2016 at 5.00 pm.**

*The lecture will be followed by a reception to mark both the  
establishment of the Fellowship and the formal launching of the*

**Project for the Study of Love in Religion.**

## Notices

### **The Society for the Study of Medieval Languages and Literature**

Members receive free this Society's journal *Medium Ævum* as well as a 50% reduction on *Medium Ævum* monographs. The subscription is only £20 per annum.

The Society is also developing its activities to promote medieval studies by sponsoring lectures and conferences, as well as establishing a successful essay prize for graduates.

For more information on these and other activities, see the Society's website:

<http://mediumaevum.modhist.ox.ac.uk>

### **Oxford Centre for Medieval History:**

<http://www.history.ox.ac.uk/research/centre/medieval-history.html>

*The Oxford Centre for Medieval History exists to promote discussion and research among faculty members, post-docs and postgraduates alike. An idea of our activities can be gained from our web-site, but we have various plans for future development and very much welcome further suggestions and initiatives. In particular, we have a small amount of funding to help support workshops, day-conferences, colloquia etc, and we are very happy to discuss proposals and even to help design and arrange events. The organisers of the Centre can be contacted via [medieval@history.ox.ac.uk](mailto:medieval@history.ox.ac.uk)*

### **Other Websites and Links**

**Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity:** <http://www.ocla.ox.ac.uk>

**Marginalia:** <http://www.marginalia.co.uk>

**MSt in Medieval Studies:**

<http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/courses/mst-medieval-studies>

**Centre for the Study of the Book events:** <http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/csb/>

**Friends of the Bodleian events:**

<http://www.ouls.ox.ac.uk/bodley/friends/events>

## **ACCESIBILITY AND UPDATES**

Inside is the full programme of medieval events taking place in  
Oxford in Trinity Term 2016

Any significant changes or additions to this programme will be sent out  
by email, and will also be posted on the events page of our web-site:  
[http://www.history.ox.ac.uk/research/centre/medieval-history/seminars-  
lectures.html](http://www.history.ox.ac.uk/research/centre/medieval-history/seminars-lectures.html)

The Booklet is available in the Board Office, History Faculty, George Street.  
Please contact Candice Saunders for further information.

The booklet does not claim to be comprehensive.  
It only includes such entries as were submitted.

If you wish to have further information for the seminars listed  
in this booklet, please consult the name of the convener of  
the seminar (where given) or the appropriate Faculty.

Please send any entries for next term's booklet to Candice Saunders  
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