

Hagiography Society Newsletter

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Hagiography Society Business Meeting at Kalamazoo

The Hagiography Society invites members and their guests to lunch at the International Congress on Medieval Studies. Our annual business lunch will be held on Friday, May 12 from 11:30-1:30 in Bernhard G10. Each year at the luncheon we discuss open positions on the Executive Board, panel plans for Kalamazoo and the other conferences we visit such as the SCSC, RSA, and AAR, submissions to our book series on Routledge, and many other exciting initiatives!

Please join us, and bring a friend! Lunch is \$15.00 for faculty and \$10.00 for students and unaffiliated scholars. You can pay at the door. Vegetarian and gluten free options are available.

Please RSVP to Sara Ritchey at ritchey@louisiana.edu, preferably by **May 8**.



Hagiography Society Sessions at Kalamazoo

The Hagiography Society is sponsoring/co-sponsoring three sessions at the 52nd International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI on May 11-14, 2017.

FRIDAY, 10:00 AM (Bernhard 205)

Session 211: Saints and Slavery in the Early Middle Ages

Organizer and Presider: Lois L. Huneycutt (U. of Missouri-Columbia)

“Beyond Novelistic Heroism: The Rhetorics of Eugenia, Slavery, and Chastity in the Ancient Greek Novel and Early Christian Narrative” – Koen De Temmerman (Univ. Gent)

“*Servi et Servi Dei*: Slaves and Saints in Early Medieval Hagiography” – Christopher Paoletta Huneycutt (U. of Missouri-Columbia)

“The Virginal Slave? Honor, Slavery, and Sanctity in the Early Medieval World” – Thomas J. McMaster (Morehouse College)

FRIDAY, 1:30 PM (Schneider 1355)

Session 261: Context of the Codex

Organizer and Presider: Sara Ritchey, Univ. of Louisiana-Lafayette)

“(Re-)framing *Bede’s Historia ecclesiastica* as Hagiography in Twelfth-Century Germany: The Codex and

Context of Manchester, John Rylands Library, MS Latin 182” – Benjamin Pohl (University of Bristol)
“Reading Between the Binds: Scottish Legendary Manuscript” – Melissa Coll-Smith (Aquinas College)
“Signum, Res et Memoriam: Illustrating the Virtues of Saints in Boulogne MS 107” – David Defries (Kansas State Univ.)

FRIDAY, 3:30 PM (Schneider 1355)

Session 320: Thirty Years of Feasting and Fasting: A Roundtable on Caroline Bynum’s *Holy Feast and Holy Fast, 1987-2017*

Organizer – Sara Ritchey, Univ. of Louisiana-Lafayette)

Presider: Neslihan Şenocak (Columbia Univ.)

A roundtable discussion with Barbara Newman

(Northwestern Univ.); Sara S. Poor (Princeton Univ.);

Dyan Elliott (Northwestern Univ.); and Steven P. Marrone

(Tufts Univ.)



Other Sessions on Saints at Kalamazoo

There are a number of panels on saints and hagiography besides those sponsored by our society at Kalamazoo this year. Here is a select list of the most obviously relevant:

Session 14: Exploring Power: St. Cuthbert, Durham Cathedral, and the Prince Bishops

Session 45: Relics and Reliquaries: Forms, Functions, Meanings (A Roundtable)

Session 56: Sessions in Honor of Maureen Bolton I: Vernacular Religious Literature

Session 74: The Theology of Catherine of Siena

Session 85: Franciscan Women and Material Culture

Session 101: Gender and Sanctity in Medieval Ireland

Session 122: Sainthood: Materiality, Manuscripts, Movement

Session 132: “Renewed in Each Sex”: Women and Men in the Rediscovered Life of St. Francis of Assisi

Session 278: Stigmata: Bloody Wounds that Matter I

Session 324: The Legacy of *The Cult of Saint Swithun*: In Honor of Michael Lapidge

Session 332: Stigmata: Bloody Wounds that Matter II

Session 376: Hagiography East and West

Session 383: Creating and Transforming the Image of Saints

Session 419: Anonymous Anglo-Saxon Saints’ Lives

Session 471: Gender in Anonymous Anglo-Saxon Saints’ Lives

Session 482: Speaking of Holy Women

Session 507: Hagiography



HS New Book Prize

The Hagiography Society is pleased to announce a new book prize. This prize will be awarded to a scholarly first English-language book written on any disciplinary subject that makes an outstanding contribution to the study and understanding of saints, holy men and women, virtue traditions, and the concept of sanctity in ideational, literary, artistic, and sociohistorical dimensions in the pre-modern period. Books concerning all geographies and religious systems are eligible. The monetary value of the prize is \$500. The author of the book presented to the competition must be a member of the Hagiography Society by the time of the book's submission. Each year, the prize committee will consist of three scholars called upon by the Society to fulfill the task of awarding the prize. The submission deadline for the inaugural prize is 30 May 2017, and the recipient of the prize will be announced latest by mid-fall of 2017. All books that have been published between May 2015-May 2016 are eligible for the prize. Please see our website for further submission information (http://www.hagiographysociety.org/?page_id=265).



HS at the Berks!

The Hagiography Society is sponsoring two sessions at the 17th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY on June 1-4, 2017.

Gendered Authority in Medieval and Early Modern Hagiographic Traditions (June 2, 1:45 PM): Papers by Jessica Barr (UMass-Amherst); Mary Harvey Doyno (Sacramento State Univ.); and Maeve Callan (Simpson College).

Sacred Health Technologies: Medicine, Metaphor, and the Marginal Body in Premodern Religious Traditions (June 3, 10:15 am): Papers by Sara Ritchey (Univ. of Louisiana-Lafayette); An-Katrien Hanselaer (Ghent University); and Nanouschka Wamelink - van Dijk (University of Amsterdam). Respondent: Nicole Archambeau (Colorado State University).



Affiliation with the American Academy of Religion

The Hagiography Society recently secured affiliation with the American Academy of Religion as a Related Scholarly Organization (RSO). We are hoping to sponsor sessions for the first time at their meeting this year, which takes place this year in Boston MA. The day before the AAR, on November 17, there is a pre-conference day-long event that will engage participants in a critical discussion of the comparative cross-cultural study of religious life writings on "**Comparative Hagiology: Cross-cultural Approaches to Religious Life Writings.**" The workshop is envisaged as foundation for the development of a collaborative project on the global study of hagiographical sources. Thus, at one level, this workshop seeks to pioneer large-scale collaboration as a research model for the humanities (a field that, historically, rests heavily on individual work, or on edited volumes). At another level, the workshop will also engage the participating scholars in (1) the definition of a theoretical framework for the comparative and cross-cultural study of religious life writings beyond the confines of its historically original Christian domain, and (2) the identification of underlying dynamics for the creation and promotion of hagiographic narratives across cultural boundaries.

Individuals wishing to participate must register via the AAR Conference registration portal: <https://www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/registration-housing>

In the registration form, after completing your personal details, you will be offered to join one of the pre-conference workshops. Choose "Comparative Hagiology", Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, registration fee \$25.00 – this will include morning and afternoon snacks and drinks, though not lunch. Please note that the workshop is capped at 30 participants! For any questions, please contact Massimo Rondolino at mrondoli@carrollu.edu



Upcoming Conferences

Santa Barbara, CA, 4-6 May 2017. The department of religious studies at the University of California-Santa Barbara, with support from the Cordano Endowment in Catholic Studies, will host an interdisciplinary conference entitled "Converting Spaces: Re-Directing Missions Through Global Encounters." The keynote speaker for the event is Dr. Liam Brockey of the history department at Michigan State University. Website: <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2017/01/06/cfp-converting-spaces/#more-44344>

Barcelona, 17-19 May 2017. The conference "Living on the Edge: Transgression, Exclusion, and Persecution in the

Middle Ages” aims to address the widespread medieval phenomenon of transgression as both a result of and the cause for the exclusion and persecution of those who were considered different. The main language of the conference will be English. For information please contact to congress.ardit@ub.edu.

Grand Junction, CO, 22-24 June 2017. The Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association conference, to take place on the campus of Colorado Mesa University, is themed “Reformations during the Middle Ages and Renaissance,” in honor of the 500th anniversary of the publication of Luther’s *Ninety-Five Theses*. For additional information on the RMMRA, please visit <http://www.rmmra.org/>

Oxford, 28-30 June 2017. An international conference organised by the Faculty of English, University of Oxford, on “After Chichele: Intellectual and Cultural Dynamics of the English Church, 1443 to 1517,” will take place at St. Anne’s College. 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.

Nottingham, UK, 11-13 July 2017. “Religion and Conflict in the Medieval and Early Modern Periods” is the inaugural event for the Centre for the Study of Religion and Conflict in the Medieval and Early Modern Periods at NTU. The centre has been established in order to increase understanding of the origins, ideology, implementation, impact and historiography of religion and conflict in the medieval and early modern periods. Conflicts with religious elements incorporate not just military engagements but also social, political, cultural and economic events, forming a common strand between Medieval and Early Modern worlds. The conference will serve as an official launch for CSRCMEM and seeks to highlight new subjects and strategies for the centre’s future development. The conference will incorporate a broad chronological spectrum from medieval to early modern with a view to developing current research, sharing techniques, investigating new approaches and enhancing study in the wider field. Please see <https://csrcmem.wordpress.com/conferencescalls-for-papers/>

Rome, Italy, 4-6 October 2017. The 6th Hagiotheca conference “The Saints of Rome: Diffusion and Reception

from Late Antiquity to the Early Modern Period,” co-organized by the newly-founded Hungarian Hagiography Society and the Croatian Hagiography Society, will take place in the Hungarian Academy in Rome, 4-6 October 2017. The proceedings will be published in the *Hagiotheca Series Colloquia* by the Croatian Hagiography Society. For information, please contact sanctiromae@gmail.com

Kaunas, Lithuania, October 5-6, 2017. “Religion(s) and Power(s)” is the topic of the upcoming international conference of the Lithuanian Society for the Study of Religions, in cooperation with the Latvian Society for the Study of Religions and Estonian Society for the Study of Religions. It will be held at Vytautas Magnus University. For information, please contact religiousstudieslt@gmail.com

Minneapolis, MN, 5-8 October 2017. The 43rd Annual Byzantine Studies Conference to be held at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, We invite session proposals on any topic relevant to Byzantine studies. Please contact Brandie Ratliff (mjcbac@hchc.edu), Director, Mary Jaharis Center for Byzantine Art and Culture with any questions.



Book (and Other) Announcements

Two books have so far been published in the Hagiography Society’s series with Routledge. The newest is:

Massimo A. Rondolino, *Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Hagiographical Strategies: A Comparative Study of the ‘Standard Lives’ of St. Francis and Milarepa*. London & NY: Routledge, 2017.

A recently published book of interest is:

Joel Blanchard and Renate Blumenfeld-Kosinski, *Philippe de Mézières et l’Europe : nouvelle histoire, nouveaux espaces, nouveaux langages*, édité par Joël Blanchard et Renate Blumenfeld-Kosinski, Droz, collection “Cahiers d’Humanisme et Renaissance, vol. 140”, 2017. 9782600057851