President’s Report

Don’t let virtual meeting fatigue keep you from this year’s Hagiography Society business meeting! The Executive Committee has been hard at work and we need your presence as we forge future directions for the Society, present awards, express our gratitude to the outgoing HS officers, welcome new officers and new members, get an update on our book series, and hear about session proposals for ICMS 2022 (see below for the May 7 deadline).

Invite your friends, colleagues, and students to become members of the Society and join us on Friday, May 14, at 11 a.m.

Catherine Mooney, President

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Hagiography Society Election Results

It is my pleasure as the outgoing Nominations Chair to announce the results of the 2021 election for officers to serve on the Executive Board of the Society. We had an impressive number of members vote this year, and I thank you for your involvement in the Society. The following individuals will be serving three-year terms on behalf of the Hagiography Society starting at the International Congress on Medieval Studies in May (normally held in Kalamazoo, but this year virtually).

- Program Chair: Anna Harrison
- Communications Chair: Lydia Walker
- Outreach Chair: Stephanie Grace-Petinos

Please help me to congratulate these members, thank all those who ran, and express our gratitude to those who have served in the past. Thank you also to all those who voted and participated in the process.

Sincerely,
Nikolas Hoel

Business Meeting

ICMS (Digital), Friday, May 11th 11:00 a.m. (EST)

As Kalamazoo approaches, we’re already thinking about our slate of sponsored sessions for the 2022 conference.

Please email your panel proposals for the 2022 conference to the current and incoming Program Chairs (Barbara Zimbalist bezimbalist@utep.edu and Anna Harrison anna.harrison@lmu.edu) by Friday, May 7th.

We will run an electronic vote of all proposed panels the week of the conference, and all members are urged to participate!

Feel free to email Barbara and Anna with inquiries, ideas, and suggestions!

Online registration for the ICMS 56th Congress extends until Saturday, May 29, the last day when recorded content is available for viewing. All those participating in live-on-the-internet events must be registered before the event(s) take place. The meeting site opens on May 7.

https://wmich.edu/medieval_congress/registration
219* Wednesday, May 12, 5:00 p.m. EDT
Teaching the Saints (A Roundtable)
Sponsor: Hagiography Society
Organizer: Lydia M. Walker, Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies
Presider: Lydia M. Walker
A roundtable discussion with Jessica Barr, Univ. of Massachusetts–Amherst; Marita von Weissenberg, Xavier Univ.; Tory V. Pearman, Miami Univ.–Hamilton; Christine V. Bourgeois, Univ. of Kansas; Karen Winstead, Ohio State Univ.; and Mathilde Van Dijk, Rijksuniv. Groningen.

246* Thursday, May 13, 9:00 a.m. EDT
Saints and Animals
Sponsor: Hagiography Society
Organizer: Mathilde Van Dijk, Rijksuniv. Groningen
Presider: Mathilde Van Dijk
Holy Cat! Virtuous Felines and Their Medieval Saints
Ann M. Martinez, Kent State Univ.–Stark
Martinus et Lupus: Martin of Tours as Protector against Wolves in European Folkways and Folklore
Martin W. Walsh, Univ. of Michigan–Ann Arbor
Contested Popular Rituals in Late Medieval Italy: Franciscan Saints and Animal Baptism
Bianca Lopez, Southern Methodist Univ.
Animals and Saintly Charisma in the First Life of Saint Francis and the First Life of Saint Bernard
Anne Parker-Perkola, Rice Univ.

264 Thursday, May 13, 11:00 a.m. EDT
Witnessing the Canonization Process
Sponsor: Hagiography Society
Organizer: Barbara Zimbalist, Univ. of Texas–El Paso
Presider: Barbara Zimbalist
Clare of Assisi’s Canonization: Witness Clues regarding a Papal Process
Catherine M. Mooney, Boston College
The Canonization of Peter of the Morrone: Witnesses and Their Strategies
George Ferzoco, Univ. of Bristol/Univ. of Calgary
Lydgate’s Regular Guy: Witnessing Sacred and Secular Exemplarity in the Guy of Warwick Tradition
Gina Marie Hurley, Yale Univ.

281* Thursday, May 13, 3:00 p.m. EDT
Saintly Wounds
Sponsor: Hagiography Society
Organizer: Stephanie Grace-Petinos, Western Carolina Univ.
Presider: Stephanie Grace-Petinos
Byzantine Foreheads Disfigured: The Inversion of the Perfection of the Body in The Curious Case of Gruptoi
Nikolas O. Hoel, Northeastern Illinois Univ.
Losing Face, Saving Grace: The Trope of Facial Disfigurement in Saints’ Lives
Lacey Bonar, West Virginia Univ. *Winner of the 2020 Sherry L. Reames Graduate Student Travel Award*
The Postmortem Wound of Sainte Audrée
Christina Marie Virok, Independent Scholar
Desecration and Devotion: Integrating Douceline of Digne’s Wounded Body into Liturgical Spaces
Samantha Slabaugh, Univ. of Notre Dame
The Mystical Narrative of Giovanni di Paolo’s Saint Catherine of Siena Predella
Nina Gonzalbez, Florida State Univ.

358* Friday, May 14, 3:00 p.m. EDT
Disability and Sanctity in the Middle Ages
Sponsor: Society for the Study of Disability in the Middle Ages; Hagiography Society
Organizer: Leah Parker, Univ. of Southern Mississippi
Presider: Tory V. Pearman, Miami Univ.–Hamilton
Disability and Race in the Posthumous Leg Transplant Miracle of Cosmas and Damian
Stephanie Grace-Petinos, Western Carolina Univ.
Material Miracles: An Ecology of Healing in the Middle Ages
Richard H. Godden, Louisiana State Univ.
Saint Margaret and Natal Disability
Leah Parker
Perspectives on Blindness, Deafness, and Muteness in the Medieval Chinese Eminent Monks Literature
Christopher Jon Jensen, Carleton Univ.
Respondent: Jennifer C. Edwards, Manhattan College
Call for Papers

9-13 March, 2022, Medieval Academy of America, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

In an effort to encourage Hagiography Society member participation and hagiography-related panels at the 2022 Medieval Academy meeting, I am inviting you to contribute ideas to a brainstorming GoogleDoc: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OOKUHwN6g3JDAb_sVykSjPUgYeixB5Uapt81V4vU2a4/edit?usp=sharing The 2022 Medieval Academy Meeting will be in Charlottesville, VA, and we are particularly interested in using the venue to address head-on issues of racism, the appropriation of the past, and the future of medieval studies. We also aim to include a more equal representation of all geographical regions of medieval studies. The full CFP is here: https://www.medievalacademy.org/page/2022AnnualMeeting.

The GoogleDoc is an informal planning document and contributions do not need to reflect full commitment to participation nor do they guarantee participation at the MAA meeting. I encourage you to use the document to connect to others who share your interests and then put together the necessary formal proposal, following MAA guidelines. As a member of the MAA-2022 planning committee and of the Hagiography Society, I am happy to answer questions or discuss ideas.

Best wishes,

Amy V. Ogden
Secretary-Treasurer
Hagiography Society


Recent scholarly interrogations of race in the Middle Ages offer a much-needed intervention into the Eurocentrism of medieval studies. However, little published scholarship to date has focused explicitly on the intersections of race and religion. This special issue of the JMRC invites essays that examine any aspect of race and religion in medieval culture and society.

Possible topics include the role of race in the formation of religious identity; discourses of race in medieval theology; representations of race, including the imagining of racialized “others,” in religious literature; and encounters across differently raced or racialized religious traditions. How, we might ask, are racialized and religious discourses mutually constitutive? How do they work against each other? What are the various roles of race and ethnicity (one’s own, or that of the imagined “Other”) in religious self-formation? How does race figure into devotional, contemplative, or meditative practice? Such questions open up new avenues of research and challenge us to examine more closely the subtle and pervasive uses of racialized discourses to create religious identity.

The Journal of Medieval Religious Cultures welcomes article submissions from 5,000-10,000 words in length. Articles should be submitted through our online system at http://www.editorialmanager.com/jmrc by May 15, 2021, with a cover letter indicating that they are intended for the special issue. All submissions will follow our usual double-blind peer-review process. The issue is tentatively scheduled to be published in summer 2022.
Congratulations!

Join us in celebrating our members good news!

- Jennifer C. Edwards was promoted to full professor of History at Manhattan College.
- Marita von Weissenberg was promoted to associate professor of History at Xavier University.
- Christine Cooper-Rompato was promoted to full professor of English at Utah State University.
- George Piero Ferzoco has been appointed the Emilio Goggio Visiting Professor in the University of Toronto’s Department of Italian Studies and named Visiting Fellow in the Calgary Institute for the Humanities, University of Calgary.
- Carolyn Muessig has taken the endowed Chair of Christian Thought in the Department of Classics and Religion at the University of Calgary.
- Christina Carlson has been awarded a 2021 Medieval Academy of America/CARA Award for Excellence in Teaching.

New Books


New Books, continued


