

**56<sup>th</sup> Midwest Medieval History  
Conference**

**September 29-30, 2017**

**Western Michigan University  
Kalamazoo, Michigan**





WMU MS 170 (*Paschasius Radbertus, De corpore et sanguine domini*),  
fols. 23v-24r

In 2016, with the help of a grant from the B. H. Breslauer Foundation, WMU purchased a twelfth-century manuscript of *De corpore et sanguine domini* (“On the Body and Blood of the Lord”) by Paschasius Radbertus (d. 865), originally written as an instructional manual for Benedictine monks. The WMU manuscript is an extraordinarily small and handsome copy of the text and presents some interesting puzzles for the historian of medieval manuscript culture.

MMHC attendees have a pre-conference opportunity to view the manuscript on Friday, September 29 from 12:00-1:00 with Dr. Elizabeth C. Teviotdale, Assistant Director of the Medieval Institute in WMU Special Collections, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Waldo Library, a short walk from the Fetzer Center.

## Conference Schedule

### **Friday, September 29**

**12:00-1:00 p.m.** *Special Collections, 3rd floor, Waldo Library:*  
Viewing of WMU's recently acquired Radbertus manuscript with  
Elizabeth C. Teviotdale, Assistant Director, Medieval Institute

**12:00 p.m.** **Registration Desk opens in Fetzer Center Lobby**

*All Conference Presentations are in Kirsch Auditorium,  
Fetzer Center*

**1:15 p.m. Welcome**

Robert Berkhofer and Jana Schulman, Western Michigan  
University

**1:30-3:00 p.m. Session I: Women in the Middle Ages:  
Queens, Saints, and Souls**

Chair: Laura Michele Diener, Marshall University

**The Trial of Mathilda of Scotland and the Construction  
of Anglo-Norman Queenship**

Alexandra Locking, University of Chicago

**The Submission of God to the Soul in Mechthild of  
Magdeburg's *The Flowing Light of the Godhead***

Lisa Millen, South Dakota State University

**The Queen and the Swallow: Women and the Christianization  
of Islamic Valencia in the *Book of Deeds***

Emma Snowden, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

## **Friday, September 29 (continued)**

### **3:30-5:00 p.m. Session II: Monks and Monasteries: Liturgy, Liberty and Colonization**

Chair: James Murray, Western Michigan University

Churches as Courts: The Influence of Carolingian Liturgy  
on Iberian Legal Uses of Space

Adam Matthews, Columbia University

The Confines of the Flesh: The Spiritual Foundation of  
Personal Liberty in Early Anglo-Saxon Monasticism

William Smoot, Marshall University.

Monastic Colonization in Medieval Wales: The Cistercian  
Family of Margam and Whitland

Frank Lacopo, Ball State University

*Friday dinner on your own*

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## **Saturday, September 30**

### **9-11 a.m. Session III: Bodies, Gender and Masculinities**

Chair: Paula Reider, Slippery Rock University

The Intersection of Childlessness and Gender Identity:

Richard II and Anne of Bohemia

Kristen Geaman, University of Toledo

Corpulent, Inert, and Unfit for War: The Anglo-Norman

Fat Shaming Philip I and Louis the VI

Jim Halverson, Judson University

## **Saturday, September 30 (continued)**

Medieval Masculinities and the Feminized Church  
Lora Walsh, University of Arkansas

Matthew Paris, Mansplaining, and the Modern Historian:  
How Women Were Erased from the Grand Narrative  
Linda Mitchell, University of Missouri, Kansas City

**11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Session IV Plenary Address**  
Introduction: Anise K. Strong, Western Michigan University

Thou Art The Man: King David and Medieval Masculinities  
Ruth Mazo Karras, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

**12:15-1:30 p.m. Lunch and Business Meeting**  
(Fetzer - Rooms 1045-1055)

**1:30-3 p.m. Session V: People, Places and Things in the  
Medieval Landscape**  
Chair: Matthew Phillips, Concordia University, Nebraska

River Hybrids and Blurred Boundaries  
Ellen Arnold, Ohio Wesleyan University

Virgins, Slaves and Swamps: Gender and the Geography of  
Value in Medieval Portugal  
Miriam Shadis, Ohio University

The Templar Chapel of Cressac: Participation of Knights  
Templar in Chivalric Culture  
Elizabeth Lapina, University of Wisconsin - Madison

## **Saturday, September 30 (Continued)**

**3-3:30 p.m. Tea/Coffee Break (Fetzer Center Lobby)**

**3:30-5 p.m. Session VI**

**Digital Humanities and History: Research and Teaching**

Chair: Chris Riedel, Albion College

Sketching a Premonstratensian Landscape in Medieval  
France: Digital and Feminist Possibilities

Yvonne Seale, State University of New York at Geneseo

Changing Minds: With Manuscripts in Hand, Do Students  
Get More Medieval?

Steven Stofferahn, Indiana State University

Digital Humanities in the Medieval Classroom: Making  
Maps, Learning Scripts and Virtual Exhibit Design

Ellen Joyce, Beloit College

**7:30 p.m. Conference Banquet**

Held at *The Wine Loft*, 161 West Michigan Avenue, one  
block from the Radisson Hotel.

**Conference Ends**

### **MMHC History**

Founded in 1962, the Midwest Medieval History Conference is an ad hoc group existing primarily to hold annual meetings in the Midwest each fall. The MMHC also sponsors one or more sessions at the International Congress on Medieval Studies held each spring at Western Michigan University. It is one of the oldest constituent groups of the Committee on Centers and Regional Associations (CARA) of the Medieval Academy of America.

### **In Appreciation**

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