

Preaching and Gender

23rd Symposium of the International Medieval Sermon Studies Society

University of St. Thomas, St. Paul Minnesota, USA
15–19 July 2022

As much of the Symposium as possible will also be accessible via Zoom

**All times listed are Central Daylight Time (GMT -5) (St. Paul, Minnesota Time)
For Central European Summer Time (Paris), add 7 hours (9:00 am becomes 4:00 pm)**

Friday 15 July 2022

3:00 University of St. Thomas: Arrivals, registration, rooms available, etc.

5:30 Welcome, walking tour of campus

6:30 Dinner

7:30 Drinks and desserts

Saturday 16 July 2022

7:30 Breakfast

9:00 **Keynote 1:** Bernard McGinn – Bernard of Clairvaux and Meister Eckhart Preach Mary

10:00 Coffee

10:30 **Workshop: Contemporary Gender Theory: Implications for Medieval Sermon Studies**

Christine Cooper-Rompato and Barbara Zimbalist, co-chairs

- An article or two will be distributed for reading ahead of time

12:00 Lunch

1:30 **Session 1: Windows onto Gendering Identities in Late Medieval Preaching**

- Laura Gaffuri – Building Gendered Identity in Late Medieval Preaching: The Italian Historiographical Perspective
- Linda Gale Jones – Constructing Gender in a Mudejar Hortatory Sermon Addressed to Women
- Clovis Maillet – Trans and Gender Issues in Jacobus de Voragine’s *Sermones Aurei* and *Chronica*

3:00 Coffee

3:30 **Session 2: Franciscan Methods of Evangelization**

- Darleen Pryds – Preaching through Presence: Peter the Combmaker and Somatic Preaching among Lay Franciscans in the 13th century
- Helmut Flachenecker – From Lectio Divina to Preaching the Word of Christ: The Images of Women in the ‘Sunday Sermons’ of St Bonaventure
- Edward J. Sutcliffe – *Exemplo virtutis*: Preaching and Clerical Masculinity in Tommaso da Pavia’s *Dialogus de gestis sanctorum fratrum minorum*

5:00 **Poster Session with coffee and cookies**

- Pietro Delcorno – Database of Lenten Sermons
- Christine Cooper-Rompato – *The Book of Tobit* in Middle English Sermons: Sarah, Her Eight Husbands, and the Sin of Lust
- Timothy J. Johnson and Agnieszka Johnson – The Invisible Woman and Other Tales from La Florida
- Lidia Grzybowska – Marriage Counselling in the Sermons of Mikołaj of Błonie (c. 1400–pre 1448)

7:00 Dinner

Sunday, 17 July 2022

7:30 Breakfast

8:30 Mass and opportunities for other worship activities

9:30 **Session 3: Vernacular Preaching for Women I**

- Beata Spieralska – Gendered Language and Translation: The Case of Maurice de Sully’s Sermons
- Hans-Jochen Schiewer – Male Virginity, Female Identity: The Discourse in Early Dominican Sermons for Nuns
- Beth Allison Barr – Preaching for Women? Applying Eliana Corbari’s *Vernacular Theology* to Middle English Sermons

11:00 Coffee

11:30 **Session 4: Vernacular Preaching for Women II**

- Merith Wüthrich – An Exhortatory Sermon for Observant Dominican Nuns: Geiler von Kaysersberg’s Sendtbrieff to the Penitents of St. Mary Magdalene at Freiburg im Breisgau
- Constanze Albers – The Premonstratensians and the Virgins
- Katherine Goodwin – Preaching Reform, Printing Continuity: Women and the Reformation in Early Modern Strasbourg

1:00 Lunch

2:00 **Session 5: Preaching Biblical Women**

- Nirit Ben-Aryeh Debby – Queen Esther and Judith in Italian Sermons, Drama and Art
- Giuseppe Paternicò – ‘Lacrimis lavit maculas criminis’: Mary Magdalen, Gender and Indirect Preaching in the Sermons of Federico Visconti, Archbishop of Pisa (1253–1277)
- Olga Kalashnikova – A Chameleon Female Saint: Mary Magdalene’s Rhetorical *functionale* in Bohemian Good Friday Sermons from the Fourteenth Century

3:30 Coffee

6:00 Departure for Lake Minnetonka

7:00 Dinner Cruise on the Lake

Monday, 18 July 2022

7:00 Breakfast

8:00 Departure for Hill Museum and Manuscript Library

10:00 Presentation by Dr. Matthew Heintzelman on HMML's work and rare book collection

11:00 Coffee

11:30 **Keynote 2:** Carolyn Muessig – Challenging Boundaries: The Private and Public Discourse of Medieval and Early Modern Female Preachers

12:30 Lunch at St. John's University

1:30 **Session 6: Problematic Sexuality**

- W. Fiona Chen – Subversion of Gendered Language and *Meliora Spectacula* in Augustine's Sermons on the Passion of Perpetua and Felicitas
- Alexander Marx – Adultery and Crusade Preaching in the Shadow of 1187: A Case Study of Martin of León
- Zuzana Čermáková Lukšová – Mates of Priests in the Archdiocese of Prague at the Turn of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries in Narrative and Administrative Sources

3:00 Coffee

3:30 St. John's Bible/Liturgical Press

5:00 Depart for University of St. Thomas

Evening and Dinner on your own

Optional Beer Excursion (Surly Brewing Co. in Minneapolis)

Tuesday, 19 July 2022

7:30 Breakfast

9:00 Business Meeting

- Information will be distributed ahead of time

10:30 Coffee

11:00 **Session 7: Author, Preacher, and Mystic: The Varied Roles of Women in Late Medieval Preaching**

- Patricia Stoop – Women’s Authorial Roles in Sermon Writing in the Late Medieval Low Countries
- Debra Stoudt – The Impact of Preaching and Lack Thereof on the Writings of Medieval German Women Mystics
- Pablo Garcia Acosta – The Order of the Visionary Sermon: The Liturgical Preaching of the Abbess Juana de la Cruz (1481–1534)

12:30 Lunch

2:00 **Round Table: Preaching and Gender: Method, Approach and Sources**

Conveners: Christine Cooper-Rompato, Anne Thayer

- Summary discussion of themes raised by the conference

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