

Cistercian Studies Conference

2009



International Medieval Studies Congress
Western Michigan University

7 - 10 May 2009

THURSDAY

10 AM

William of Saint Thierry I: Comparative Studies

Chair: E. Rozanne Elder, Institute of Cistercian Studies

How Good The Fragrance of Humility: This Insignificant Herb Called Nard. William of Saint Thierry's *Expositio super Cantica Canticorum* 77+108-113 compared with Bernard of Clairvaux's Sermon 42 on the Song of Songs

Rose Marie Tillisch, University of Copenhagen

Saint Bernard's Pre-theological 'Self' or William of Saint Thierry's Trinitarian 'Image'?

Emero Stiegman

Saint Mary's University, Halifax, *emeritus*

In the Streets and the Squares of the City: Gilbert of Hoyland and William of Saint Thierry on Song of Songs 3:1-2

Marsha L. Dutton, Ohio University

THURSDAY

1:30 PM

Cistercian Perseverance

Chair: Maureen M. O'Brien, Saint Cloud State University

The Ardennais Monastery of Élan in the Late Twelfth and Early Thirteenth Century

William Chester Jordan, Princeton University

La remarquable carrière de Vincent de Kerléau, abbé de Bégard (1443-1476)

Claude Evans, University of Toronto

Hidden Testimony: A Comparative Look at Cistercian Nuns' Abbeys in Northeastern Germany

Cornelia Oefelein, Independent scholar

THURSDAY

3:30 PM

Bernard of Clairvaux in His Letters

Chair: Brian Patrick McGuire, Roskilde University

Bernard of Clairvaux in his Letters to the Misled, the
Misbehaving, and the Miserable

Philip F. O'Mara, Bridgewater College

Saint Bernard's Epistle 310, Once Again

Richard Upsher Smith, Jr., Franciscan University

Regere animas in the Letters of Bernard of Clairvaux

Michael Voigts, Ashbury Theological Seminary

Vespers

5:15

Thursday

7 PM

Cîteaux at Kalamazoo and On the Road

Cîteaux at Kalamazoo: The Early Days of The Institute of
Cistercian Studies and Cistercian Publications

John R. Sommerfeldt, The University of Dallas

Saint Bernard on the Cistercian Circuit

Brian Patrick McGuire, Roskilde University



1 May 1973. John Sommerfeldt and Rozanne Elder observe
WMU Vice-President Wetnight and M. Basil Pennington
sign the Agreement establishing the ICS

FRIDAY

10 AM

William of Saint Thierry 2: Works and Words

Chair: Aage Rydstrøm-Poulsen, University of Greenland

The Place of William of Saint-Thierry's Commentary on Romans
within the Corpus of his Works

Steven Cartwright, Western Michigan University

William of Saint Thierry and the *ratio fidei*

Matthew Ryan McWhorter, Ave Maria University

Sensus Amoris and the Originality of William of Saint Thierry

F. Tyler Sergent, Marshall University/Roskilde University



FRIDAY

1:30 PM

Exempla and Exemplars

Chair: Sharan Newman, Independent Scholar

Geography and the *Exempla*: Following The Manuscript Track

Stefano Mula, Middlebury College

Beards and Bodies in Burchard of Bellevaux

Abraham Plunkett-Latimer, Carleton University

Cistercians In Heaven and Hell: Formation of the Living and
Care for the Dead in Cistercian *Exempla*

Martha G. Newman, The University of Texas at Austin

FRIDAY

3:30 PM

Close and Yet Remote: The Cistercian Patrimony

Chair

Mark F. Williams, Calvin College

Close and Yet Remote I: Classical Antiquity in the Writings of
Alan of Lille Ilinca Tanaseanu-Döbler, Ohio State University

Close and Yet Remote II: Twelfth-Century Cistercians and the
Topos of Cultural Difference in the History of Religions
Marvin Döbler, Universität Bayreuth

Lectio Divina and Literary Criticism: From John Cassian to
Stanley Fish Duncan Robertson, Augusta State University

Vespers

5:15

FRIDAY

7 PM

Carolingian Monastic Spirituality

Chair

Thomas Sullivan OSB, Conception Abbey

Smaragdus of Saint Mihiel's Evidence for a Carolingian Monastic
Spirituality Daniel M. La Corte, Saint Ambrose University

Monastic Spirituality in Carolingian Hagiography: Odo of
Glanfeuil's Life of Saint Maurus
John B. Wickstrom, Kalamazoo College

Discussion, followed by a Reception
co-sponsored by The Institute of Cistercian Studies and
The American Benedictine Academy

SATURDAY

10 AM

Cistercian Saints and Hagiographers

Chair Elizabeth Freeman, University of Tasmania

Creating Bernard: Rhetorical and Narrative Strategies in the *Vita Prima*
Marjory Lange, Western Oregon University

Bernard Made a Covenant with his Eyes: The Saint and His Biographer, William of Saint Thierry
James France, Independent Scholar

Cistercian Influence on the Hagiography of Jocelin of Furness
Lindsay M. Irvin, University of Toronto

SATURDAY

1:30 PM

Cistercians and 'The World'

Chair Charles Cummings ocsa, Holy Trinity Abbey

Putting the Cistercians in the Parliament Rolls of England into Context
Martha F. Krieg, Independent Scholar

Reform or Neglect? Pope Clement VI and His Position on the Cistercian Order
Ralf Lützelshwab, Freie Universität Berlin

The Economic Effects of Friendship and Hospitality on the Cistercian Order (Part II)
Klaus Wollenberg, University of Applied Sciences, Munich

SATURDAY

3:30 PM

Anthropology, Christology, Soteriology

Chair

Elias Dietz ocso, Gethsemani Abbey

Pride and Prejudice: Humility and Pride in Bernard's *De gradibus*

Luke Anderson O.Cist., Saint Mary's Priory

The Christ of the Exchange: Ascent to the One Who Descended
and Ascended Again as the Centerpiece of Saint Bernard's
Soteriology

Natalie Beam Van Kirk, Southern Methodist University

The Christology of William of Saint Thierry

Aage Rydstrom-Poulsen, University of Greenland

Vespers

5:15



1990 Bernardine Nonacentenary Dinner

Cistercian Studies Dinner

6:15 Reception

7:00 Dinner

Prior reservations required

SUNDAY

8:30 AM

Aelred of Rievaulx

Chair

Marsha Dutton, Ohio University

Aelred of Rievaulx: Cistercian Doctor of Love

Ryszard Gron, Pontifical Faculty of Theology, Wroclaw

Why Can't We Be Friends? Aelred of Rievaulx and the
[Im]possibilities of Modern Friendship

Travis Neel, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Aelred of Rievaulx's Pastoral Care of Religious Women, with
Special Reference to *De institutione inclusarum*

Elizabeth Freeman, University of Tasmania

SUNDAY

10:30 AM

Three Cistercian Writers

Chair

Marvin Döbler, University of Bayreuth

Isaac of Stella's *De canone missae*: The Text and Its Twelfth-
century Context

Elias Dietz ocso, Gethsemani Abbey

Virgins and Doctors: Katherine of Alexandria and John the
Evangelist in the Visions of Gertrud of Helfta

Laura M. Grimes, Independent Scholar

Images of Mary's Womb: A Study of Thomas the Cistercian's
Exegesis of the Song of Songs

Catherine Rose Cavadini, University of Notre Dame

SUNDAY

1-3 PM

**Reception and Display of Manuscripts from the Collections
of Western Michigan University & the Newberry Library**

Waldo Library, Rare Books Room (third floor)

LITURGIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Weekday Liturgies

Fetzer 1040/1050

Mass 7 AM Thursday - Saturday

Vespers 5:15 PM Thursday - Saturday

Sunday Liturgies

Mass 7 PM Saturday Fetzer 1040/1050

Mass 7 AM Sunday Fetzer Auditorium

Eucharist
Anglican-Lutheran 7 AM Sunday Fetzer 1040/1050

SPECIAL EVENTS

Cistercian Studies Dinner

Saturday, 10 May

6:15 Reception

7:00 Dinner



Collation

Sunday, 11 May

5 pm

Pick up at Valley III

Prior reservations are required for Saturday and Sunday dinners

Reservations must be received by April 15th.

Please contact the Institute of Cistercian Studies

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if you have not received a reservation form.

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