

CISTERCIAN AND MONASTIC STUDIES

2017 CONFERENCE

Western Michigan University

Program and Schedule of Events



In conjunction with the
52nd International Congress on Medieval Studies

May 11–14, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Monks and the World: Political and Economic Activities

Presider: Jean Truax, Independent Scholar

St. Bernard of Clairvaux and the Crusades

Ryszard Gron, Archdiocese of Chicago

Saint George's Abbey in Gratteri -

The First Cistercian Settlement in the Kingdom of Sicily?

Francesco Capitulmino, Independent Scholar

1:30 p.m.

Spirituality in Monastic Life

Presider: Hugh Feiss, OSB

“The Word Runs Swiftly”:

The Symbolism of “Running” in Bernard and William

Isaac Slater, OCSO

Early Symptoms of Humanism in Bernard's *de Deligendo Deo*

Luke Anderson, O. Cist, St. Mary's Monastery

The “Paradise of Inner Pleasure”:

The “Monastery” in Medieval Monastic Spirituality

Greg Peters, Biola University

3:30 p.m.

Monastic Theology and Sermons

Presider: Marsha Dutton, Ohio University

Adapting the Monastic Threefold Way:

The Synthesis of Apophatic Darkness and

the Existential Dark Night in the Sermons of Johannes Tauler

Glenn E. Myers, Crown College

The Theology of the Tree of Life in *On the Apocalypse* by Geoffrey of Auxerre

Paul E. Lockey, University of St. Thomas, Houston

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux's Practical Christology in his Ascension Sermons

Placid Morris, OSCO

The Trinitarian Dimensions of Cistercian Eucharistic Theology

Nathaniel Peters, Boston College

10:00 a.m.

Monastic Lives

Presider: Martha Krieg, Independent Scholar

The Wrong Side of History: Thomas Becket and Aelred of Rievaulx
Jean A. Truax, Independent Scholar

Ninian and the Rod of Aaron
Chad Turner, Saint Joseph's College

Exemplum as History: The Worlds of a Cistercian Nun
Katherine Richman, Laboure College

1:30 p.m.

Dubious Sources in Monastic History

Presider: Anne Lester, University of Colorado-Boulder

The First Life of Bernard: Can we trust it?
Brian Patrick McGuire, Independent Scholar

Popular Perceptions of Cistercians vs. Trappists in late 19th Century Austria
Alcuin Schachenmayr, O. Cist, Pontifical Athanaeum Benedict XVI.
Heiligenkreuz

Mortifera salutacio: Herbert of Torres' Version of the Devil's Letter
Stefano Mula, Middlebury College

3:30 p.m.

Teaching Monasticism (A Panel Discussion)

Presider: Stefano Mula, Middlebury College

A panel discussion with Virginia Blanton, University of Missouri–Kansas City; Rabia Gregory, University of Missouri–Columbia; Colleen Maura McGrane, OSB, Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration; Alcuin Schachenmayr, Pontifical Athanaeum Benedict XVI. Heiligenkreuz; and Judith Sutera, OSB, Mount St. Scholastica.

10:00 a.m.

Memory and Memory Aids in Twelfth-Century Cistercian Writing

Elias Dietz, OCSO, Abbey of Gethsemani

Memory and Mnemonic Devices in Bernard of Clairvaux's
and Aelred of Rievaulx's Sermons

Marvin Döbler, Ev. -luth. Landeskirche Hannovers

The Formation of Historical Memory in the Works of Aelred of Rievaulx

Marsha L. Dutton, Ohio University; Marjory Lange, Western Oregon University

Multiformi Disponens Distinctione: Rhetorical Structure and Mnemonic
Devices in Thomas the Cistercian's Commentary on the Canticum
Ilinca Tanaseanu-Döbler, Georg-August-University Göttingen

1:30 p.m.

Pseudo-Bernard: The Writers, Works, and Readers

Presider: Ann W. Astell, University of Notre Dame

Major Questions in the Study of Pseudo-Bernard Works as Exemplified by
the *Instructio sacerdotalis* and the *Tractatus de statu virtutum*

Elias Dietz, OCSO, Abbey of Gethsemani

On Pseudo-Bernard's *Tractatus de praecipuis mysteriis nostrae religionis*

Joshua Lim, University of Notre Dame

Pseudo-Bernard's *Tractatus de statu virtutum* in Translation:

Composition, Content, and "Bernardine" Themes

Breanna J. Nickel, University of Notre Dame

3:30 p.m.

The Cistercian and Monastic Inspiration for the Reformation:

On the Occasion of the Five-Hundredth Anniversary of Luther's Theses

Presider: Marvin Döbler, Ev. -luth. Landeskirche Hannovers

"Bernhardus ist uber alle Doctores in Ecclesia, wenn er predigt . . ."

(Martin Luther)

Aage Rydstrom-Poulsen, University of Greenland

The Two Monasteries of Grimma and

Their Impact on the Lutheran Reformation

Rose Marie Tillisch, Strandmarkskirken

"I here but follow the holy Bernard of Clairvaux in his book

On Consideration"

Else Marie Wiberg Pedersen, Aarhus University

The "Case" Fuerstenfeld (Campus Principum) and Luther's Theses

Klaus Wollenberg, Hochschule für angewandte Wissenschaften München

Sunday, May 14 | Fetzner 1040

8:30 a.m.

The Intersection of Material and Spiritual Culture in Medieval Monasticism

Presider: Paul E. Lockey, St. Mary's School of Theology, University of St. Thomas, Houston

Lessons from the Cloister?

The Location of the Monastic School in Early Benedictine Monasticism

Matthew Ponesse, Ohio Dominican University

Aquatic Spirituality:

The Aqua-culture and Spirituality in the Thought of the Early Cistercians

Daniel Marcel La Corte, Saint Ambrose University

Reading Aelred of Rievaulx's Architectural Metaphors by the Letter

Jason Crow, Louisiana State University

10:30 a.m.

Cistercian Abbeys of Brittany

Presider: K. Paul Evans, York University

Les abbayes cisterciennes de Bretagne au XIIe siècle:

Lieux de prières et sentinelles politique

Joëlle Quaghebeur, University de Bretagne Sud-Lorient

Acceptation et refus de la modernité stylistique dans l'architecture

cistercienne: L' exemple de la Bretagne

Yves Gallet, University Bordeaux Montaigne

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Thursday, May 11

7:00 a.m.

Daily Mass
Fetzer 1040

5:15 p.m.

Daily Vespers
Fetzer 1040

Opening Reception
Immediately after Vespers
Lee Honors College

Friday, May 12

7:00 a.m.

Daily Mass
Fetzer 1040

5:15 p.m.

Daily Vespers
Fetzer 1040

Saturday, May 13

7:00 a.m.

Daily Mass
Fetzer 1040

5:15 p.m.

Daily Vespers
Fetzer 1040

7:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass
Fetzer 1040

7:00 p.m.

Center for Cistercian and
Monastic Studies, Western Michigan University
Dinner with cash bar by invitation, advanced reservations required
Bernhard Center, President's Dining Room

Sunday, May 14

7:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass
Fetzer 1005

7:00 a.m.

Anglican (Episcopal)-Lutheran
Sunday Eucharist
Fetzer 1040

5:30 p.m.

Collation
Pick up at Valley III or
meet at restaurant TBD

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Panel proposals must be submitted by June 1, 2017

Abstracts must be received by September 15, 2017

Proposals and abstracts should be sent via email to:

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