

# CISTERCIAN AND MONASTIC STUDIES 2017 CONFERENCE

**Western Michigan University**

*Program and Schedule of Events*



*In conjunction with the*  
**52nd International Congress on Medieval Studies**

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**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 Canticle  
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** | Fetzer 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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