

**Gender and Medieval Studies 2014**  
**University of Winchester**  
**9-11 January 2014**

**Keynote lecture: Professor Barbara Yorke: "Gender and Status  
in the Early Middle Ages"**

**Optional pre-Conference activities**  
**8 January**

**Guided tour, Winchester Cathedral, 12.00-13.15**

**Guided tour, Winchester College, 14.30**

**A History of Winchester in Four Pubs, 16.45 for 1700,  
meeting at The Olde Gaolhouse**  
Guide: Mark Allen (Senior Lecturer in History, Winchester)

**9 January**

**8:00-4:00** Registration table open  
Foyer, St Edberga

**8:00-9:00** Coffee & Tea  
St Alphege 203

**9:00-9:15** Welcome and Opening Remarks, Katherine Weikert, University of  
Winchester  
St Alphege 201

**9:15-10:45 Parallel Sessions I**

**Session 1: Gender and the Traces of Authority: The Heiresses of Bologne**  
St Alphege 202

Moderator: Ellie Woodacre (Winchester)

*\*Linda Brown (University of Missouri-Kansas City): An aristocratic, albeit temporary,  
Abbess of Romsey"*

*\*Heather J. Tanner (The Ohio State University): "Authority, Power and Display - The  
Inheriting Countesses of Boulogne, 1160-1258"*

*\*Kathy M. Krause (University of Missouri-Kansas City): "'Honor and Charity are  
brought low': an Old French Planctus for the Countess of Boulogne"*

## **Session 2: Gender in Legal Sources I: Virtue, Honour and Status**

St Alphege 201

### **Sponsor: Network for Gender and Legal History (NGLH)**

Moderator: Sara Elin Roberts

*\*Daan Keijser (University of Leiden): "Honor, virtue and fertility: masculinity and femininity in thirteenth-century Old-Frisian tariff lists"*

*\*Teresa Phipps (Nottingham): "Trespass, honour and gender in English urban society - evidence from trespass litigation records in Chester, Winchester and Nottingham"*

*\*Sarah Ifft (Yale University): "Rape, money and the status of women in late medieval Catalonia"*

## **Session 3: Impairment, Illness and the Medieval Medical Professions**

St Alphege 204

Moderator: Nick Thorpe (Winchester)

*\*Rose Drew (Winchester): "Gender, status and impairment"*

*\*Christina Welch and Rohan Brown (Winchester): "From villainous leech and sinful outcast, to 'especially beloved of God': complicating the medieval leper through gender and status"*

*\*Lydia Harris (Durham): "Physicians, Healers and Midwives: Women in the Medical Occupation, 1050-1350"*

**10:45-6:00** Poster exhibition: early career scholars and research-in-progress

St Alphege 203

**10:45-11:15** Tea and coffee

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## **11:15-12:45 Parallel Sessions II**

### **Session 4, Dress, Gender and Status**

St Alphege 202

Moderator: Simon Sandall (Winchester)

*\*Frank Battaglia (College of Staten Island - CUNY): "Wrist Clasps, Scutiform Pendants, and Patriline - A Hypothesis"*

*\*Sarah Schafer-Althaus (Universitat Paderborn): "Dressing and Undressing: The Function of Clothing in the Formation of Gender Identity and Social Status"*

*\*Jacek Olesiejko (College of Modern Languages, Swiecie, Poland): "(Un)gendering the saint in the Old English prose Life of St Eugenia: holy transvestites and the question of order and hierarchy"*

## **Session 5, Gender in Legal Sources II: Lawcodes, Authority and Autonomy in the Earlier Medieval Period**

St Alphege 201

### **Sponsor: Network for Gender and Legal History (NGLH)**

Moderator: Courtney Konshuh (Winchester)

\**Helen Oxenham (Cambridge)* "Women's legal status in early Ireland: Was it as simple as it seemed?"

\**Daniela Fruscione (Goethe Universitat Frankfurt)*, "Gender, social and marital status in Kent the 7th century: the legal framework"

## **Session 6, In Nonhuman Realms**

St Alphege 204

Moderator: Rebecca Lyons (York)

\**Hannah Priest (Manchester)*: Why Can't Gawain be King? Masculinity, Merit and Monsters

\**Chera A. Cole (St Andrews)*: "Gender, power and 'performing' fairy in Partonope of Blois and Eger and Grime"

\**Katherine Anne Leach (Aberystwyth)*: "Transgressing the Boundaries of Sex and Species in Medieval Welsh Literature: Punishment in the Tales of the Mabinogion"

## **12:45-2:00 Lunch**

Dining Hall, Student Union Building

## **1.15-2.00 Poster Session**

St Alphege 203

Posters:

\**Lydia Furse (Warwick)*: "When boy becomes man: shifting concepts of youth and adult masculinity in *Les enfances Vivien* and *La Vie de saint Laurent*"

\**Andrea-Bianka Znorovszky (Central European University, Budapest)*: "Cross-dressing for Christ's Sake: Visualizing the *Sponsa* in Illuminated Manuscripts"

\**Christos Giannaris (independent scholar)*: "The Seven Works of Mercy of Master of Alkmaar: artistic and social approaches"

\**Nicola Tallis (Winchester)*: All the Queen's Jewels

\**Katy Bell (Winchester)*: "The Lady and the Law: Isabelle de Fortibus"

\**Ivette Villalba (independent scholar)*: "The Conceptualization of Treason in the *Sendebur* (*The Book of Wives of Women*)"

\**Angela Clark (Winchester)*: "Lords, Ladies, Citizens and Queens: Spiritual Privileges"

## 2.00-3.45 Parallel Sessions III

### Session 7, Ruling Men and Women I

St Alphege 202

Moderator: Alexander Brondarbit (Winchester)

\**Emma Levitt (Huddersfield)*: "A second king': chivalric masculinity and the meteoric rise of Charles Brandon, the duke of Suffolk (1484-1545)"

\**Alison Creber (King's College London)*: "Mirrors for margraves: Peter Damian's different models for male and female rulers"

\**Rebecca Lyons (York)*: "Margaret of Anjou's Book: A Reassessment"

\**Hanna Ilona Kilpi (Glasgow)*: "Unveiling the lesser aristocratic women in twelfth-century England: the families of Rumilly and Arches"

### Session 8, Gender in Legal Sources III: Lawcodes, Authority and Autonomy in the Later Medieval Period

Sponsor: Network for Gender and Legal History (NGLH)

St Alphege 201

Moderator: Gordon McKelvie (Winchester)

\**Sara Elin Roberts (independent scholar)*: "'Far more things forbidden': women and their rights in medieval Welsh law"

\**Linsey Hunter (University of the Highlands and Islands)*: "Agents without Agency?: The Construction of Gendered Roles in the Charters of the Anglo-Scottish Border Region, c.1066-c.1250"

\**Cordelia Beattie (Edinburgh)*: "Gender, Age and Social Status: Coming of Age in Late Medieval England"

### Session 9, Women, historiography and history writing

St Alphege 204

Moderator:

\**Katariina Nara (Aberystwyth)*: "'Elle estoit de basse lignie': expressing female social status in late medieval French historiography"

\**Katherine Basanti (Aberdeen)*: "Cerebral Women, Condemned or Commemorated? Attitudes to Scholarly and Intellectual Women in Late Medieval Scottish Political Thought, 1441-c. 1449"

\**Linda E. Mitchell (University of Missouri-Kansas City)*: "Does Social Status Trump Gender, or Vice Versa? Theoretical Approaches and the Medieval World"

### 3:45-4:15 Coffee and Tea

St Alphege 203

### 4:15-5:45 Keynote Lecture, Barbara Yorke "Gender and Status in the Early Middle Ages"

St Alphege 201

**5:45-? Wine reception, hosted by the Network for Gender and Legal History and the Centre for Gender Studies, University of Winchester**

**10 January**

**8:00-12:00** Registration table open  
Foyer, St Edberga

**8:00-5:15** Poster exhibition: early career scholars and research-in-progress  
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**9:00-10:30 Parallel Sessions IV**

**Session 10, Women and Statecraft**

St Alphege 202

Moderator: Carey Fleiner (Winchester)

*\*Alexander Brondarbit (Winchester): "The best I ever saw': The Marriage and Joyous Entry of Margaret of York."*

*\*Ann Adams (Courtauld Institute of Art): "Post-mortem diplomacy: the tombs of Anne of Burgundy and Isabella of Bourbon"*

*\*Erika Graham (York): "So noble a prince: contested hierarchies of female political activity in the Breton succession of 1341"*

**Session 11, Religious Women and the Law**

St Alphege 201

**Sponsor: Network for Gender and Legal History (NGLH)**

Moderator: Linsey Hunter (UHI)

*\*Sara Danielle Mederos (Lincoln): "Duplicity and the status of earthly wife and celestial Bride in the Life of Saint Bridget of Sweden."*

*\*Tracy Collins (independent scholar), "Archaeological Explorations of Gender and Status in Medieval Nunneries in Ireland"*

*\*Gillian Kenny (Trinity College Dublin): "Religious women and landholding"*

**Session 12, Ruling Men and Women II**

St Alphege 204

Moderator: Ellie Woodacre (Winchester)

*\*Laura Thompkins (Chester): "'she went beyond herself as a woman': the Gender and Status of Alice Perrers, 1360-1377"*

*\*Elton O.S. Medeiros (CAPES – Brazil): "The 'Brave Lady': Powerful Women in Anglo-Saxon England"*

*\*Antonella Sciancalepore (University of Macerata): "The other side of the kingship: Saracen Ladies and Male Status in medieval French epics"*

**10:30-11:00** Coffee and tea  
St Alphege 203

**11:00-12:30 Parallel Sessions V**

**Session 13, The modern 'medieval'**

St Alphege 202

Moderator: Ellie Woodacre (Winchester)

\**Lillian Cespedes Gonzales (Winchester)*: "Old Norse Women and Power: Representations in the Visual Media"

\**Karl Christian Alvestad (Winchester)*: "'None of them have the courage to be a man, but judge me for being a woman.': Medieval Women in Modern Norwegian Nation-building

\**Carey Fleiner (Winchester)*: "'She is my Eleanor.' The Character of Isabella of Angouleme in Novels and Film: A Medieval Queen in Modern Media"

**Session 14, Gender Law and Land**

St Alphege 201

**Sponsor: Network for Gender and Legal History (NGLH)**

Moderator: Katherine Weikert (Winchester)

\**Rachel Swallow (Chester)*: "Pushing the boundary?: Cross-border marriage and the castles of medieval Cheshire"

\**Emma Cavell (Leeds)*: "Landholding, widows and heiresses in the Welsh borders"

\**Ryan Lavelle (Winchester)*: "Men, Women, Rebels and Rulers: Gendered Place and Gendered Status in Acts of Rebellion in England and France in the Central Middle Ages"

**Session 15, Pushing the boundaries of masculinities**

St Alphege 204

Moderator:

\**Gareth Evans (Oxford)*: "Grettis saga and the limits of acceptable masculinity"

\**Flavio Sanza (Swansea)*: "A friar against 'macho' conquistadores"

\**Thomas Devaney (University of Rochester)*: "Viejo, puto y judio: gender and conversion in late-medieval Castile"

**12:30-1:45** Lunch

Dining Hall, Student Union Building

**1:00-1:45**, GMS Steering Committee Meeting  
St Alphege 202

**1:45-3:15 Parallel Session VI**

**Session 16, Widowhood**

St Alphege 202

Moderator: Carey Fleiner (Winchester)

*\*Rebecca Holdorff (Southampton): "She has not one pound not seisin of the lands which she held before the death of her lord': Alice de Lacy and the Hazards and Possibilities of Medieval Widowhood, 1322-1348"*

*\*Mireia Comas Via (University of Barcelona): "Widowhood and Economic Difficulties in Medieval Barcelona"*

*\*Courtney Konshuh (Winchester): "Katharina of Mecklenburg: Use of Piety as a Political Tool in Widowhood"*

**Session 17, Patrons and Visual Patronage**

St Alphege 201

Moderator: Hollie Morgan (York)

*\*Victoria Whitworth (University of the Highlands and Islands): "Gimmas haefdon bewrigene weordlice: Evidence of female patronage on a cross from Mary Castlegate, York"*

*\*Katja Fält (University of Jyväskylä): "Women, status and the visualisation of donations in wall paintings of the late-medieval Finland"*

*\*Marisa Costa (University of Lisbon): "Gender, Social Status and Power: Isabel, Princess of Portugal and Duchess of Burgundy (1397-1471)"*

**Session 18, Reexamining Men and Masculinity**

St Alphege 204

Moderator:

*\*Beatrice Fannon (Cardiff): "Masculinity in Question: Is Roland a Virgin Knight?"*

*\*Jennifer N. Brown (Marymount Manhattan College): "Catherine of Siena, her confessors, and the status of gender"*

*\*April Harper (SUNY Oneonta) "Critiques of masculinity and status in the Old French Fabliaux"*

**3:15-3:45** Coffee and tea

St Alphege 203

**3:45-5:15 Pedagogy Round Table**

St Alphege 201

**7:30** Conference Dinner (Optional)

Bistro La Place, Winchester city centre

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9:00-2:15 Poster exhibition: early career scholars and research-in-progress  
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9:00-10:30 Parallel Session VII

**Session 19, Theoretical and practical landscapes**

St Alphege 202

Moderator: Rachel Swallow (Chester)

\**Gabriela Cavalheiro (King's College London)*: "Through the Tower Window: Women in the landscape in thirteenth century Middle English romance and law"

\**Rachel Delman (Oxford)*: "Planting a Dynasty: Lady Margaret Beaufort and her Pleasure Garden at Collyweston, Northamptonshire"

**Session 20, Childhood and Children**

St Alphege 201

Moderator:

\**Rosalind Lintott (Cambridge)*: "Child-bearing and child-rearing in two medieval accounts of the monstrous races"

\**Ana Maria S.A. Rodrigues (Universidade de Lisboa)*: "'The king's upbringing by a woman will be very harmful for he will always be weak and effeminate': masculinity, chivalry and princely status in late medieval Portugal"

\**Sean McGlynn (University of Plymouth at Strode)*: "Pueri sunt pueri: Machismo, chivalry and the aggressive past-times of the medieval male youth"

**Session 21, Gender, transition and religious representation**

St Alphege 204

**Sponsor: The Centre for Gender Studies, University of Winchester**

Moderator: Christina Welch (Winchester)

\**Justin Byron-Davies (Surrey)*: "Gendering Babylon: The personification of Lady Meed in Piers Plowman and Langland's Biblical sources"

\**Daisy Black (Manchester)*: "Gendering the Last Judgement: Performing Male and Female Status at the End of the World"

\**Hetta Howes (Queen Mary, University of London)*: "50 Shades of Water: depicting spiritual status in late medieval devotional texts"

10:30-11:00 Coffee & tea

St Alphege 203



### 11:00-12:30 Parallel Sessions VIII

#### Session 22, Representation/Misrepresentation

St Alphege 202

Moderator: Karl Christian Alvestad (Winchester)

*\*Grzegorz Pac (Poznan and Warsaw): "The Attire of the Virgin Mary and Female Rulers in Iconographical Sources of 9th-11th c.: Analogies, interpretations, misinterpretations"*

*\*Elizabeth S. Leet (University of Virginia): "The ladies of Landevale and Launfal: Separatist Autonomy Seen through the Male Gaze in Two Middle English Breton Lays"*

*\*Ecaterina Lung (University of Bucharest): "Depictions of Women in the Works of Early Byzantine Historians and Chroniclers: Between Stereotype and Reality"*

#### Session 23, At work, at play

St Alphege 201

Moderator: Simon Sandall (Winchester)

*\*Sophia Germanidou (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens): "Illustrating woman at peasant labour: comparative evidences from medieval and Byzantine art"*

*\*Elizabeth Kinne (The American University of Paris): "The Name of the Game: Upholding One's Estate in Le Menagier de Paris"*

*\*Sheila Sweetinburgh (Huddersfield): "Shepsters, hucksters and other business women: economic prospects in Canterbury before the mid-15th century depression"*

#### Session 24, Clerical Masculinity

St Alphege 204

Moderator: Katherine Lewis (Huddersfield)

*\*Matthew Mesley (University of Zurich): "Why German bishops could not be saved: Clerical masculinities in the works of Caesarius of Heisterbach"*

*\*Katherine Harvey (Birkbeck College, University of London): "Food, gender and status in the life of the medieval bishop"*

*\*Jessica Knowles (York): "Imagery, Fecundity and Clerical Masculinity"*

**12:30-1:45** Lunch

Dining Hall, Student Union Building

### 1:45-2:15, Parallel Sessions IX

#### Session 25, Material culture and identity

St Alphege 202

Moderator: Victoria Whitworth (University of the Highlands and Islands)

*\*Katherine Weikert (Winchester): "Textiles, gender and status in Anglo-Saxon England"*

*\*Hollie Morgan (York): "Beds and Bodies: Gendering and Engendering in the Late-Medieval Chamber"*

*\*Winona Manrique (independent scholar): "Anglo-Saxon Weaving Swords: Feminine Identity and Power in Context"*

## **Session 26, Redefining Gender, Authority and Status in Medieval Iberian Nunneries**

St Alphege 204

Moderator:

*\*Laura Cayrol Bernardo (EHESS (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris)/University of Oviedo): "New Perspectives on the Monasteries of San Pelayo and San Vicente, Oviedo: royal memory, double monasticism and the cura monialum"*

*\*Mercedes Perez Vidal (UNED - Affiliated Centre of Gijon): "The Corpus Christi Devotion: Gender Liturgy and Authority Among Dominican Nuns in Castile in the Middle Ages"*

**2:15-2:45** coffee and tea

St Alphege 203

## **2:45-4:45 Parallel Sessions X**

### **Session 27, Being and Becoming Men**

St Alphege 202

Moderator: Jessica Knowles (York)

*\*Hannah Probert (Sheffield): "Becoming a Father: Authority and Fatherhood in the Early Middle Ages"*

*\*Carla Jardim (independent scholar): "Becoming Men in Amis and Amiloun: a Case Study"*

*\*Rachel Moss (Oxford): "'And much more I am sorryat for my good knyghts': Masculine emotional display, homosociality and status"*

### **Session 28, Female Saints and Sainthood**

St Alphege 201

Moderator: Sara Danielle Mederos (Lincoln)

*\*Mami Kanno (King's College London): "Women's religious status: a case of abbess saints in the South English Legendaries"*

*\*Alexandra Fried (University of Gothenburg): "Life, text and image: St Bridget's pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela"*

*\*Kirsty Day (Leeds): "Rethinking the 'blessed princess': Gender, status and Franciscan identity in the hagiographical vitae of Salome of Krakow, Anna of Silesia and Cunegunda of Poland"*

**Session 29, Representing Marriage**

St Alphege 204

Moderator:

\**Natalie Hanna (Liverpool)*: "To take a wyf"

\**Elizabeth Cox (Swansea)*: "Le Pris del tornoy: The De-Centralized Women of the FitzWarren Family in Fouke le Fitzwaryn"

\**Niki Megalommati (independent scholar)*: "Depicting Byzantine women's status within the institution of marriage"

\**Phoebe C. Linton (Edinburgh)*: "Subversions of Domesticity: Comedy, Gender and the Home"

**4:45-5.00** Closing remarks, Katherine Weikert, University of Winchester

St Alphege 201