

ARC Network for Early European Research
Postgraduate Advanced Training Seminar
Manuscripts and Records of Medieval England

University of Tasmania, 29-30 June 2005

*(In tandem with a symposium on Religion and Society in Pre-Reformation Britain,
30-June-1 July 2005)*

Applications are invited for participation in NEER's Postgraduate Advanced Training Seminar on 'Manuscripts and Records of Medieval England'.

The seminar is aimed at research higher degree students and early career researchers working on English history and culture in the period between the Norman Conquest and Reformation. It will introduce a range of manuscript sources — from chronicles to literary works, from patent rolls to bishop's registers, and from accounts to wills — and address issues of language, codicology, palaeography and *diplomatie*. It will provide practical guidance in the use of manuscripts, catalogues and archives, both in Australia and in Britain.

The two days will be organised primarily as a series of 'master-classes'; that is, workshops led by senior scholars with considerable experience with manuscripts and archives. Students will be encouraged to bring along material on which they are working, and lead fellow-students through their own texts.

Numbers will be restricted, so please register your interest early. Preference for inclusion will be given first to postgraduate students in Australia registered through the Network, then to early career researchers in Australia (ARC definition), taking into account the relevance of the seminar to applicants' research programs.

The presenters include Robert Swanson (Professor of Medieval Ecclesiastical History, University of Birmingham) and Rodney Thomson (Emeritus Professor of Medieval History, University of Tasmania).

Professor Robert Swanson is the author of *Universities, Academics, and the Great Schism* (Cambridge, 1979), *Church and Society in Later Medieval England* (Oxford, rev. ed. 1993), *Catholic England: Faith, Religion, and Observance before the Reformation* (Manchester, 1993), *Religion and Devotion in Europe c.1215-c.1515* (Cambridge, 1995), *The Twelfth-Century Renaissance* (Manchester, 1999). He has edited two bishop's registers, and five volumes in the *Studies in Church History* series.

Emeritus Professor Rodney Thomson is the author of *William of Malmesbury* (Woodbridge, rev. ed. 2003), has edited a number of medieval chronicles and saints' lives, including most recently *William of Malmesbury, Gesta Regum Anglorum The History of the English Kings* (Oxford, 1998), and has produced a series of catalogues of medieval manuscripts, including most recently *A Descriptive Catalogue of the Medieval Manuscripts in Worcester Cathedral Library* (D. S. Brewer, Cambridge, 2001).

The timetable is still being organised, but the seminar will include the following sessions:

‘Manuscripts of medieval England’ (Emeritus Prof. Rodney Thomson)

‘Introduction to palaeography’ (Emeritus Prof. Rodney Thomson)

‘Church records and articles of faith’ (Prof. Robert Swanson)

‘Government records: resources of the National Archives’ (Prof. Michael Bennett)

‘Literary manuscripts’ (Dr Jenna Mead)

‘Preliminary research in Australia: the internet, catalogues, microfilm and other local resources’ (Dr Elizabeth Freeman)

‘Exhibits and expositions’ (Students)

‘Preparing a research trip’ (Panel of senior scholars and students)

The seminar will conclude on Thursday afternoon, but participants are encouraged to stay on for Professor Swanson’s lecture and a meal on a Thursday night, and indeed for the Friday symposium.

How to apply

If you are interested in taking part in this seminar, please write to Dr Claire McIroy (ARC NEER Co-ordinator) by Monday, May 2, with a statement (300 words) outlining the reasons why you think the seminar might be relevant to your current or future research. Postgraduates should include proof of their enrolment at an Australian tertiary institution.

There will be no charge to attend this seminar, or for lunches and morning and afternoon tea.

Financial assistance

Postgraduates and ECRs accepted for the seminar may apply to NEER for financial assistance towards the cost of **essential** travel and accommodation (e.g. single room in budget hotel or hostel). If you are applying to NEER for financial assistance please include the following:

Estimate/quote of airfare

Estimate/quote of cost of accommodation

NEER’s policy is to award financial assistance on the basis of

- a. The demonstrated necessity of the funding.
- b. The applicant’s distance from the proposed activity.

Consideration is also given in awarding assistance for attendance at ARC NEER conferences, symposia and advanced training seminars to institutions which are cash-partners of NEER.

Accommodation

The seminar will be held during the mid-semester break. There will be a number of student apartments available on campus, at around \$40 per night per person. Contact Stephanie Atkinson at Accommodation Services (Steph.Atkinson@utas.edu.au).

Hobart has a range of other accommodation options, including many backpacker hotels.

Contact details

To apply for registration at this seminar, and for all inquiries about NEER entitlements and support, please contact:

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Symposium

Religion and Society in Pre-Reformation Britain

Thursday 30 June-Friday 1 July 2005

The symposium will begin with a lecture by Prof. Robert Swanson on Thursday, 5.10 pm: "'Pardon me for praying": Devotional Indulgences in Pre-Reformation England'

It will continue through Friday, with a series of papers by staff and postgraduates (some 30 minutes, some 20 minutes). If you would like to offer a paper please send an abstract to Prof. Michael Bennett (Michael.Bennett@utas.edu.au) by 2 May.