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Ph.D., University of Utrecht, 2000

Specialties

History of Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages, early Medieval monasticism, hagiography, gender and sexuality

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Courses

HST 201: The Fall of the Roman Empire
 HST 210: The Ancient World
 HST 300: Death in the Middle Ages
 HST 301: Practicum in History
 HST 310: The Early Middle Ages
 HST/QSX 348: Queering the Middle Ages
 HST 398: Saints and Sinners in the Middle Ages
 HST 399: Early Monasticism
 HST 600: Utopian Communities and Total Institutions
 HST 803: Historical Methodology

Biography

Albrecht Diem is a historian of Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages. His research focuses on the history of Western monasticism from its beginnings to the period of the Carolingian monastic reforms. He approaches the history of monasticism as a long-term experiment in creating perfect communities, to overcome the effects of human sinfulness and to achieve institutional continuity. This “monastic experiment” produced a wide variety of theological frameworks and institutional models that had a lasting impact not only on monastic institutions but also on medieval society at large. Prof. Diem considers himself a historian of ideas and an archaeologist of concepts who contributes, for example, to the history of sex and love, silence, confession, discipline and control, bodies, space and boundaries. Prof. Diem’s various projects in digital humanities can be found on earlymedievalmonasticism.org. He is an Associate Project Investigator of the Project [Visions of Community](#): Comparative Approaches to Ethnicity, Region and Empire in Christianity, Islam and Buddhism (400-1600 CE) of the *Institute for Medieval Research* of the Austrian Academy of Science, Vienna.

Publications

Monographs

With Matthieu van der Meer: *Columbanische Klosterregeln: Regula cuiusdam patris, Regula cuiusdam ad virgines, Regelfragment De accedendo*, St. Ottilien: EOS-editions 2016.

Das Monastische Experiment. Die Rolle der Keuschheit bei der Entstehung des westlichen Klosterwesens, Vita Regularis, vol. 24, Münster: LIT-Verlag 2005.

Articles and Book Chapters

‘Exclusion and the Rhetoric of Accessibility in the Late Antique and Early Medieval Monasticism’, in: Sylvie Joye, Cristina la Rocca and Stephane Gioanny (eds.), *La construction sociale du sujet exclu (IVe-XIe siècle) Discours, lieux et individus*, Turnhout: Brepols 2018.



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- 'Disputing Columbanus's Heritage: The Regula cuiusdam patris (with a Translation of the Rule)', in: Alexander O'Hara (ed.), *Columbanus and the Peoples of Post-Roman Europe* (Oxford Studies in Late Antiquity), Oxford: Oxford University Press 2018, pp. 259-306.
- 'Teaching sodomy. Carolingian monasteries and queer anxieties. A study of Walahfrid Strabo's and Heito's *Visio Wettini*', in: *German History* 34 (2016), pp. 385-401.
- 'The stolen glove: On the hierarchy and power of objects in Columbanian monasteries', in: Krijn Pansters, and Abraham Plunkett-Latimer (eds.), *Shaping Stability The Normation and Formation of Religious Life in the Middle Ages*, Turnhout: Brepols 2016 (Disciplina Monastica, vol. 11), pp. 51-67.
- 'Columbanian monastic rules: dissent and experiment', in: Roy Flechner and Sven Meeder (eds.), *The Irish in Europe in the Middle Ages: Identity, Culture, and Religion*, London: Palgrave Macmillan 2016, pp. 68-85 and 248-249.
- 'The Carolingians and the *Regula Benedicti*', in: Dorine van Espelo, Bram van den Hoven van Genderen, Rob Meens, Janneke Raaijmakers, Irene van Renswoude, and Carine van Rhijn (eds.), *Religious Franks Religion and power in the Frankish Kingdoms: Studies in honour of Mayke de Jong*, Manchester: Manchester University Press 2016, pp. 243-261.
- 'Die «Regula Columbani» und die «Regula Sancti Galli» Überlegungen zu den Gallusviten in ihrem karolingischen Kontext,' in: Franziska Schnoor, Karl Schmuki, Ernst Tremp, Peter Erhart, Jakob Kuratli Hüebli (eds.), *Gallus und seine Zeit. Leben, Wirken, Nachleben* (Monasterium Sancti Galli, vol. 7), St. Gallen: Verlag am Klosterhof 2015, pp. 65-97.
- 'L'espace, la grâce et la discipline dans les règles monastiques du haut Moyen Âge', in: Isabelle Heullant-Donat, Julie Claustre, Élisabeth Luset, and Falk Bretschneider (eds.), *Enfermements II: Règles et dérèglements en milieu clos (VI^e-XIX^e siècle)*, Paris: Publications de la Sorbonne 2015, pp. 215-238.
- 'Gregory's Chess Board: Monastic Conflict and Competition in Early Medieval Gaul', in: Philippe Depreux, François Bougard, and Régine Le Jan (eds.), *Compétition et sacré au haut Moyen Âge : entre médiation et exclusion*, Turnhout: Brepols 2015, pp. 165-191.
- '...ut si professus fuerit se omnia impleturum, tunc excipiatur. Observations on the Rules for Monks and Nuns of Caesarius and Aurelianus of Arles', in: Victoria Zimmerl-Panagl, Lukas J. Dorfbauer and Clemens Weidmann (eds.), *Edition und Erforschung lateinischer patristischer Texte. 150 Jahre CSEL. Festschrift für Kurt Smolak zum 70. Geburtstag*, Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter 2014, pp. 191-224.
- 'My cell is my castle. Varieties op kloosterlijke huiselijkheid, 5de-9de eeuw', in: *Holland, Historisch Tijdschrift* 46:1 (2014), pp. 23-30.
- 'Einleitung zur Übersetzung der *Regula Donati*', in: Donatus of Besançon, *Nonnenregel*, transl. by Katharina Hauschild, St. Ottilien: EOS Verlag 2014. pp.7-25.
- 'Who is Allowed to Pray for the King? Saint-Maurice d'Againe and the Creation of a Burgundian Identity', in: Gerda Heydemann and Walter Pohl (eds), *Post-Roman Transitions. Christian and Barbarian Identities in the Early Medieval West*, Turnhout: Brepols 2013 (Cultural Encounters in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages vol. 14), pp. 47-88.
- 'The Gender of the Religious: Wo/Men and the Invention of Monasticism', in: Judith Bennett and Ruth Marzo-Karras (eds), *The Oxford Companion on Women and Gender in the Middle Ages*, Oxford: Oxford University Press 2013, pp. 432-446.
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- 'Das Ende des monastischen Experiments. Liebe, Beichte und Schweigen in der Regula cuiusdam ad virgines (mit einer Übersetzung im Anhang)', in: Gert Melville and Anne Müller (eds), *Female vita religiosa between Late Antiquity and the High Middle Ages. Structures, developments and spatial contexts*. Münster/Berlin: LIT-Verlag 2011 (Vita Regularis, Abhandlungen, vol. 47), pp. 81-136.
- 'Disimpassioned Monks and Flying Nuns. Emotion Management in Early Medieval Rules', in: Christina Lutter (ed.), *Funktionsräume, Wahrnehmungsräume, Gefühlsräume. Mittelalterliche Lebensformen zwischen Kloster und Hof*, Vienna/Munich: Oldenbourg/Böhlau 2011 (Veröffentlichungen des Instituts für Österreichische Geschichtsforschung, vol. 59), pp. 17-39.
- 'Inventing the Holy Rule: some observations on the history of monastic normative observance in the Early Medieval West', in: Hendrik Dey and Elizabeth Fentress (eds), *Western Monasticism ante litteram. The Spaces of Monastic Observance in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages*, Turnhout: Brepols 2011 (Disciplina Monastica, vol. 7), pp. 53-84.
- 'Vita, Regula, Sermo: Eine unbekannte lateinische Vita Pacomii als Lehrtext für ungebildete Mönche und als Traktat über das Sprechen' (with an edition produced in cooperation with Hildegund Müller Univ. of Notre Dame), in: Richard Corradini, Max Diesenberger and Meta Niederkorn-Bruck (eds), *Zwischen Niederschrift und Wiederschrift. Frühmittelalterliche Hagiographie und Historiographie im Spannungsfeld von Kompendienüberlieferung und Editionstechnik*, Vienna: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften 2010 (Forschungen zur Geschichte des Mittelalters, vol. 18), pp. 223-272.

'On opening and closing the body: Techniques of discipline in early monasticism', in: Kordula Schnegg and Elisabeth Grabner-Nie (ed.), *Körper er-fassen: Körpererfahrungen, Körpervorstellungen, Körperkonzepte*, Innsbruck/Vienna/Munich: StudienVerlag 2010, pp. 89-112.

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'A Classicising Friar at Work: John of Wales' *Breviloquium de virtutibus*', in: Alasdair A. MacDonald, Zweder von Martels and Jan Veenstra (eds.), *Christian Humanism. Essays in Honor of Arjo Vanderjagt*, Leiden: Brill Publishers 2009, pp. 75-102.

'Rewriting Benedict: The *regula cuiusdam ad virgines* and intertextuality as tool to construct a monastic identity', in: *The Journal of Medieval Latin* 17 (2007, published 2009), pp. 313-328.

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'Organisierte Keuschheit - organisierte Heiligkeit. Individuum und Institutionalisierung im frühen gallo-fränkischen Klosterwesen', in: Pavlina Rychterova, Stefan Seit and Raphalea Veit (eds.), *Das Charisma. Funktionen und symbolische Repräsentation*, Berlin: Akademie Verlag 2008, pp. 323-345.

'Monks, Kings, and the Transformation of Sanctity: Jonas of Bobbio and the End of the Holy Man', in: *Speculum* 82 (2007), pp. 521-559.

'Van liefde, vrees en zwijgen. Emoties en 'emotioneel beleid' in vroegmiddeleeuwse kloosters', in: *Groniek. Historisch Tijdschrift* 173 (2006), pp. 409-423.

'Virtus est via ad gloriam. John of Wales and Michele da Massa in disagreement', in: *Franciscan Studies* 63 (2005), pp. 219-273.

'Zielzorg met de zeven deugden. Thomas of Chobham, Robert Grosseteste en de rol van deugden in pastorale zorg', in: *Millenium, Tijdschrift voor middeleeuwse studies* 19 (2005), pp. 3-23.

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'Encounters between monks and demons', in: A. Harbus, Tette Hofstra and Karin Olsen (eds), *Miracles and the Miraculous in Medieval Latin and Germanic Literature*, Germania Latina, vol. 5, Leuven: Peeters 2004, pp. 51-67.

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'Was bedeutet Regula Columbani?', in: Max Diesenberger and Walter Pohl (eds), *Integration und Herrschaft. Ethnische Identitäten und soziale Organisation im Frühmittelalter*, Vienna 2002 (Forschungen zur Geschichte des Mittelalters vol. 3), pp. 63-89.

'Was de eerste monnik een vrouw? Het ontstaan van het Westerse kloosterwezen als een unisex experiment', in: *Groniek. Historisch Tijdschrift* 158/159 (2002), pp. 63-78.

'Verbeeldingen van seksualiteit - een middeleeuws diptiek', in: *Almanak van de historische Studentenvereniging Ubbo Emmius*, Groningen 2002, pp. 41-47.

'Organisierte Keuschheit. Sexualprävention im Mönchtum der Spätantike und des frühen Mittelalters', in: *Invertito. Jahrbuch für die Geschichte der Homosexualitäten* 3 (2001), pp. 8-37.

'The Emergence of Monastic Schools. The Role of Alcuin', in: L.A.J.R. Houwen and Alasdair A. McDonald (eds), *Alcuin of York. Scholar at the Carolingian Court*, Groningen: Forsten 1998 (Germania Latina, vol. 3), pp. 27-44.

in cooperation with Jeroen Westerman, 'Lol in Geschiedenis. Interview met Piet Leupen', in: *Madoc. Tijdschrift over de Middeleeuwen* 11 (1997), pp. 20-26.

'Van ongewassen asceten en zuivere monniken. Het ontstaan van het kloosterwezen langs het water verteld', in: *Ex tempore. Historisch tijdschrift KU Nijmegen* 16 (1997), pp. 159-169.

'Een verstoorder van de ordo. Gottschalk van Orbais en zijn Leer van de Dubbele Predestinatie', in: Mayke de Jong, Marie-Thérèse Bos and Carine van Rhijn (eds), *Macht en Gezag in de Negende Eeuw, Hilversum* 1995 (Utrechtse Historische Cahiers 16.2/3), pp. 115-131.

Digital Publications/Digital Humanities Projects

The Hildemar Project (project coordinator)

Translation of Hildemar of Corbie, *Expositio Regulae*,

- [chapter 1](#)
- [chapter 49](#) (in collaboration with Bruce Venarde)
- [chapter 66](#) (in collaboration with Gregor Kallas)
- [chapter 67](#) (in collaboration with Michael Martin and Matthieu van der Meer)
- [chapter 69](#) (in collaboration with Justin Haar)

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Felice Lifshitz, *Religious Women in Early Carolingian Francia: A Study of Manuscript Transmission and Monastic Culture*, New York: Fordham University Press 2014, in: *The Catholic Historical Review* 102:2 (2016), pp. 380-381.

Tremp, Ernst and the Stiftsbibliothek St. Gallen, eds. *Der St. Galler Klosterplan: Faksimile, Begleittext, Beischriften und Übersetzung*. St. Gallen: Verlag am Klosterhof, 2014, in: *The Medieval Review*.

Ruth Mazo Karras, *Sexuality in Medieval Europe. Doing unto others*, Second edition, London/New York: Routledge 2012, in *Sehepunkte.Rezensionsjournal für die Geschichtswissenschaften* 14:6 (2014).

Dieter Bauer, Klaus Herbers, Hedwig Röckelen, and Felicitas Schmieder (eds.), *Heilige, Liturgie, Raum*, Beiträge zur Hagiographie 8, Stuttgart 2010, in: *Zeitschrift für Historische Forschung* 40:4 (2013), pp. 666-668.

Glenn Olsen, *Of Sodomites, Effeminate, Hermaphrodites, and Androgynes*, Toronto: PIMS 2011, in: *Sehepunkte. Rezensionsjournal für die Geschichtswissenschaften* 12:11 (2012).

Lynda L. Coon, *Dark Age Bodies: Gender and Monastic Practice in the Early Medieval West*, in: *The Journal of Religion* 92:2, pp. 286-287.

Röcke, Werner and Julia Weitbrecht (eds), *Askese und Identität in Spätantike, Mittelalter und Früher Neuzeit*, Berlin/New York: De Gruyter 2010, in: *Theologische Literaturzeitung* 137:2 (2012), cols 213-215.

Jeziarski, Wojtek, *Total St Gall. Medieval Monastery as a Disciplinary Institution*. Acta Universitatis Stockholmensis, Stockholm: Stockholm Universitet 2010, in: *The Medieval Review*.

Goodrich, Richard J., *Contextualizing Cassian: Aristocrats, Asceticism, and Reformation in Fifth-Century Gaul* (Oxford Early Christian Studies). Oxford/New York: Oxford University Press 2007, in: *The Journal of Religion* 91:2 (2011), pp. 262-264.

Sabine vom Heusinger und Annette Kehnel (ed.), *Generations in the Cloister/ Generationen im Kloster. Youth and Age in Medieval Religious Life/Jugend und Alter in der mittelalterlichen vita religiosa (Vita Regularis, Abhandlungen, Bd. 36)*, Münster: LIT-Verlag 2008, in: *Mitteilungen des Instituts für Österreichische Geschichtsforschung* 118 (2010), pp. 285-287.

I Deug-Su, *L'eloquenza del silenzio nelle fonti mediolatine. Il caso di Leoba «dilecta» di Bonifacio Vinfrido*, Florence 2004, in: *Revue d'Historie Ecclesiastique* 102 (2007).

Marilyn Dunn, *The Emergence of Medieval Monasticism*, London 2000, in: *History* 89 (2004), pp. 449-450.

Klaus van Eickels, *Vom inszenierten Konsens zum systematisierten Konflikt. Die englisch-französischen Beziehungen an der Wende vom Hoch- zum Spätmittelalter*, Stuttgart 2002, in: *Invertito. Jahrbuch für die Geschichte der Homosexualitäten* 5 (2003), pp. 129-131.

Gerard Bartelink (transl.) and Frits van der Meer (introduction), *Gregorius de Grote. Het leven van Benedictus en andere heiligen*, Nijmegen 2001, in: *Madoc. Tijdschrift over de Middeleeuwen* 16 (2002), pp. 55-56.

Benedict van Aniane, *Concordia regularum*, ed. Pierre Bonnerue (Corpus Christianorum Continuatio Mediaevalis, vol. 168 and 168 A), Turnhout: Brepols 1999, in: *Early Medieval Europe* 10 (2001), pp. 402-403.

Teaching Appointments**Prior Employment**

2005-2007: Research fellow at the Institut für Mittelalterforschung, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna.

2004-2005: Lecturer at the Department of History, University of Utrecht.

2002-2004: Post doctoral researcher at the Catholic University of Nijmegen in a research project on the reception of the Cardinal Virtues in the Middle Ages.

2000-2001: Lecturer at the Department of History, University of Groningen.

Research Grants and Awards

2015-2016: Membership of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton

2015-2016: Fellow of the American Council of Learned Societies

2010-2011: Friedrich Solmsen Fellowship, Institute for Studies in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

9/2001-6/2002: Mellon Fellowship at the Pontifical Institute for Mediaeval Studies, Toronto.

8/2002-11/2002: Ted Meijer Fellowship at the Dutch Institute in Rome.

Selected Professional Activities

Courtesy Faculty Member, Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto

Associate Project Investigator, *Visions of Community. Comparative Approaches to Ethnicity, Region and Empire in Christianity, Islam and Buddhism (400-1600 CE)*, Austrian Academy of Science, Vienna

Dissertation

Keusch und Rein. Eine Untersuchung zu den Ursprüngen des Mittelalterlichen Klosterwesens und seinen Quellen (Chaste and pure: a study on the origins of medieval monasticism and its sources)

Supervisor: Prof. Mayke de Jong, University of Utrecht

Published as: *Das monastische Experiment. Die Rolle der Keuschheit bei der Entstehung des Klosterwesens*. Münster: LIT-Verlag 2000

Recent Invited Lectures

June 30, 2017: 'From regula sancta to monastic law: the long history of regular observance in the early middle ages', Cultural Memory and the Rules for a Christian Life in the Early Medieval West, workshop organized by the project 'Living the Law in the Early Medieval World: The Contribution of Canon Law to European Culture', Radboud University, Nijmegen (invited lecture).

May 13, 2017: 'Hildemar's Queer Anxieties', *International Medieval Conference*, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

May 7, 2017: 'Enclosure Re-Opened: Gender and Sacred Space in Early Medieval Monasticism', *International Medieval Congress*, Leeds, UK.

April 4, 2017: 'Two nuns go to hell. Confession could have saved their lives', *Building Bridges. First Chronos Undergraduate Conference*, Syracuse University.

February 25, 2017: 'The dangers of purity. New approaches to the Carolingian monastic reforms', keynote lecture, *Devotional Bodies, Graduate Conference of the Medieval Studies Student Colloquium*, Cornell University (invited lecture).

June 17, 2016: 'Ein neuentdeckter Kommentar zur Regla Benedicti im Kontext der karolingischen Regelrezeption' (with Matthieu van der Meer), *Arbeitskreis zum christlichen Diskurs der Spätantike und des Frühmittelalters*, University of Vienna.

April 19, 2016: 'Beyond Benedict: The Rule Between the Lines in Early Medieval Monasticism' (with Matthieu van der Meer), *Committee for the Study of Late Antiquity*, Princeton University (invited lecture)

Feb. 4, 2016: 'Rule and Practice in Early Medieval Monasticism', *Institute for Advanced Study*, Princeton

July 9, 2015: 'Nonnus and Monacha: How Gendered is Early Medieval Monasticism?', *International Medieval Congress*, Leeds, UK.

June 26, 2015: 'Early Medieval Monasticism-s: Vita regularis as One Variant Among Many Others', *International Colloquium Norm and Exercise: Forms and History of Christian Asceticism in Late Antiquity*, University of Turin (invited lecture).

June 5, 2015: 'The Monastery as Surrogate Family in the Early Middle Ages', *Conference Kinless Worlds. Familienlosigkeit und asketische Milieus von der Spätantike bis zum Spätmittelalter*, University of Konstanz (invited lecture).

May 22, 2015: 'Columbanian Monasticism - does it exist?', *Conference Making Europe: Columbanus and his legacy*, organized by the National University of Ireland, Galway, held in Bangor, Northern Ireland (invited lecture).

Oct. 11, 2014: '"No Fuss about Sex? Sodomy, Purity and the Restrained body in Hildemar's Commentary to the Rule of Benedict', *Conference: Sex in the Margins. Commentaries and the History of Sex and Gender*, University of California-Davis.

July 10, 2014: 'Hildemar's Body', *International Medieval Congress*, Leeds, UK.

May 5, 2014: 'Hildemar Going Wild: A Commentary on Sodomy and Other Nuisances', *International Medieval Conference*, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Feb. 7, 2014: '*You are not welcome here*. Exclusion from monastic entry'. *Conference L'exclusion dans les sociétés du haut Moyen Âge*, École française de Rome and Università degli studi di Padova, Padua, Italy (invited lecture).

Jan. 3, 2014: 'The Bishop on the Bucket. A case of Carolingian Slander'. Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington D.C.

Nov. 29, 2013: 'Gregory's Chessboard: Monastic Conflict and Competition in Early Medieval Gaul'. Workshop, Center for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto (invited lecture).

Sept. 27, 2013: 'A Saint Speaks Up: Angelic Texting in the Early Middle Ages', keynote lecture at the *Conference: The Return of the Text. A conference on the cultural value of close reading*, Le Moyne College/Syracuse University (invited lecture, [video](#)).

July 1, 2013: 'The Singing Barbarian', *International Medieval Congress*, Leeds UK.

June 6, 2013: 'Die *Regula Aureliani*', Studientag zu einem Editions-Projekt monastischer Texte, Institut für Benediktinische Studien, Salzburg (invited lecture).

Nov. 23, 2012: 'Hildemar's Library', *First International Workshop*, Center for Mediaeval Studies, Toronto.

Oct. 5, 2012: 'Organizing sanctity: discipline and theology in early medieval monasticism', *Conference Règles et dérèglements en milieu clos (VIe-XIXe siècle)*, Clairvaux, France, organized by the project *Enfermements. Histoire comparée des enfermements monastiques et carcéraux*, Universities of Reims, Paris 1-Sorbonne, Paris Ouest - Nanterre-La Défense (invited lecture).

Sept. 6, 2012: '*Die Regula Columbani*', Conference *Gallus und seine Zeit. Leben, Wirken, Nachwirken*, organized by the Stiftsarchiv and Stiftsbibliothek St. Gallen, Switzerland (invited lecture).

July 11, 2012: 'Nuns Don't Carry Knives: Discipline and Theology in Columbanian Monasticism', *International Medieval Congress*, Leeds UK 2012.

July 3, 2012: 'Reform and Conflict in Early Medieval Monasticism', Conference *Compétition et sacré au haut Moyen Âge: entre médiation et exclusion*, University of Limoges (invited lecture).

June 19, 2012: 'Views from outside. Conflict and Identity in Early Medieval Monasticism', Conference *Ethnicity and Christian Discourse in the Early Middle Ages*, organized by the Institut für Mittelalterforschung, Austrian Academy of Sciences (invited lecture).

May 12, 2012: 'Monks and Nuns from Afar: Outsiders' Perspectives on Early Medieval Monasticism', *International Medieval Conference*, Kalamazo MI.

February 2, 2012: 'Early Monastic Rules in the West', seminar of the Center for the Study of Early Christianity, Catholic University, Washington DC.

October 5, 2011: 'Die Wüste im Kopf: Askese und Sexualität im spätantiken Christentum', conference Let's think about sex, Frankfurt, oranized in collaboration with the Frankfurter Rudschau (invited lecture).

September 30, 2011: 'Emotion management in early monastic rules', conference Self among Selves, Emotions and the Common Life, Maxwell School of Citizenship, Syracuse University (invited lecture).

July 12, 2011: 'Monks writing (their) history: techniques of constructing a suitable past', *International Medieval Congress*, Leeds.

May 12, 2011: 'Negotiating the Past: Reform and Conflict in Early Medieval Monasticism', *International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Kalamazoo MI.

April 14, 2011: 'Gregory's Chessboard: Asceticism and Monastic Life in the Works of Gregory of Tours', Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, Scottsdale (Phoenix), AZ.

March 29, 2011: 'Rade Gund and the singing barbarian. Christian amateurism in the 6th century', Center for Medieval Studies, University of Minnesota (invited lecture).

Feb. 28, 2011, 'Nuns don't carry knives. Everyday monastic life in the seventh century', Brown bag lecture, Medieval Studies Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (invited lecture).

Dec. 9, 2010: 'Monastic identities - ethnic identities: competitive concepts of the past', Conference Ethnic Identities in Early Medieval Europe, Institute for Medieval Research. Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna (invited lecture).

Oct. 25, 2010: 'The Invention of Monasticism', Seminar of the Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison (invited lecture).

March 15, 2010: 'Who is allowed to pray for the king? Monasticism and ethnical boundaries in the Early Middle Ages', Center for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto.