

# Pastoralia in the Late Middle Ages – Teaching, Translation, Transmission

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The University of Kent, Canterbury

## Call for Papers

Pastoralia – the corpora of catechetical, homiletic and pastoral texts designed to aid in teaching the tenets of Christianity to the laity – flourished in the wake of the Fourth Lateran Council's plea for the clergy to take their pastoral duties more seriously, and the subsequent ecclesiastical legislation enacted to implement this. In England, Pecham's Lambeth Constitutions (1281) outlined the pastoral syllabus that was to be taught in the province of Canterbury, whilst similar legislation was enacted to cover the province of York. In recent years, a great deal of scholarly attention has begun to focus on the extraordinary range of surviving texts that were composed to help the clergy carry out these pastoral duties. This conference seeks to investigate the utility and efficacy of pastoralia, the evolving emphases of pastoral support, and the ways in which the laity responded to these developments.

Papers might consider:

- Evidence of manuscript transmission: production, acquisition, and circulation; individuals, institutions, and networks.
- The transmission of ideas: from the university to the parish, the cloister to the tavern.
- *Translatio* and its many interpretations: contemporary translations of Latin texts into the vernacular, and vice versa; modern principles of translating and editing texts.
- Teaching: the efficacy of pastoralia as a catechetical tool; how pastoral discourse was controlled, appropriated, and contested.

**Keynote papers to be presented by Prof. Ralph Hanna  
and Prof. John Arnold**

**Please send abstracts of 200 words for a 20 minute paper to**  
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**Deadline for Abstracts: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016**