



## Research Group on Manuscript Evidence

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### The evidence of manuscripts

We will hold the next meeting of this seminar on Saturday, 20 June. For the first time it will meet in Oxford University.

The subject will be: research on Anglo-Saxon manuscripts in Cambridge and Oxford. We will consider current work at the Parker Library and explore links with Oxford. In the morning the Cambridge members of the Research Group will describe work on Corpus and related material. In the afternoon speakers from Oxford will talk on their current research on manuscripts.

Ray Page will begin by surveying how the Parker Library project came into being and how it now feeds into work elsewhere. He will address the importance of detailed study of primary material, focusing on letters, word division, punctuation and layout in manuscripts (with examples from *Gerefa* and *Brunanburh* in Corpus MSS 383 and 173A and elsewhere).

Catherine Hall will discuss how evidence derived from archival materials can cast light on manuscript contexts: for example, Matthew Parker's working habits in manuscripts and papers alike, his signature as it changed according to his office (as in Misc. Doc. 25 and MS 44) and his lists of his predecessors in office (as in MSS 108, 183 and 232).

Tim Graham will report on how detailed examination has yielded discoveries and recoveries of unknown, or only partially deciphered, texts and glosses: notably the faded rubricated Old English titles in MS 422B and many unsuspected drypoint glosses in MS 173B. He will also report on identifying hands of early modern and modern readers in Corpus manuscripts, including Abraham Whelock and William Stanley.

Leslie French will consider connections between fields of the arts and sciences. He will examine approaches to recording manuscript features, from letters to layout, in transcriptions, editions and other forms; and report on his study of MS 352 (Boethius' *De Arithmetica*).

Milly Budny will survey results of the Group's integrated approach to manuscript studies. Examples include collaborative monograph studies (MSS 197B and 383), a new catalogue of Anglo-Saxon and related manuscripts at Corpus, a palaeographical and textual handbook, colour facsimiles of manuscripts (as with MSS 23A and 173A + B) and research on material shared between Cambridge and Oxford (as with Corpus MS 389 and St John's College, MS 28; and Corpus MS 23 and Junius 11).

Associates: D. Baker (Texas), D.H. Farmer (Reading), C.E. Fell (Nottingham), M.R. Godden (Oxford), O. Gründler (Kalamazoo), C.A. Hough (Nottingham), S.L. Keefer (Ontario), S.D. Keynes (Cambridge), T. Kubouchi (Tokyo), A.R. Rumble (Manchester), G. Russom (Providence), S. Sato (Tokyo), T.H. Seiler (Kalamazoo), C.P.E. Springer (Illinois), D.M. Wilson (Isle of Man), C.P. Wormald (Oxford)



In the afternoon Malcolm Parkes will discuss the evidence of manuscripts for the reading of texts, and Patrick Wormald will talk about MS Hatton 42.

Slides will illustrate features in the manuscripts and other materials. Cases of linked material, such as books annotated by the 'Tremulous Worcester Hand' and books handled by Parker and his circle, and problems particular to Oxford material will be considered in the afternoon. We hope that participants will contribute to the discussion from their own experience with the sources and areas of interest.

The meeting will take place in Lecture Room 8 at Pembroke College. Coffee will be served from 10:30. The seminar will begin promptly at 11. A buffet lunch will be provided at Pembroke, and we will continue until about 4:30 p.m. To let us know whom we may expect, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to me as soon as possible.

Invitations are sent to: R.I. Page, Mildred Budny, Tim Graham, Catherine Hall, Leslie French, Nicholas Hadgraft, Nigel Wilkins, Patrick Wormald, Malcolm Godden, Andrew Watson, Malcolm Parkes, Bruce Mitchell, Martin Kauffmann, Nigel Ramsay, Terry Hoad, John Blair, Jeremy Griffiths, David Howlett, Henry Mayr-Harting, Richard Gameson, Marilyn Deegan, Stuart Lee, Joy Jenkyns, Richard Sharpe, Chris Fell, Carole Hough, Richard Buck, Katie Cubitt, Marlene van Arkel, Elizabeth Tyler, Fiona Gameson and Rohinie Jayatilaka.

Malcolm Godden

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I ☐ will be able to attend the seminar on Saturday, 20 June  
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