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‘Status, Rank, or Office? Social Boundaries in England c. 900-1200’

St John’s College, Durham University, July 8th–10th 2023

Welcome

Greetings, delegates! The organizers of ‘Status, Rank, or Office’ are thrilled to welcome you to the beautiful city of Durham and to St John’s College, Durham University. We are excited to meet and dialogue with fellow scholars interested in social boundaries in the early and high medieval worlds! Many of you have traveled from far and wide to attend our conference – thank you for coming! We are looking forward to a weekend of vibrant, collegial, and fruitful discourse with all of you. Please don’t hesitate to contact any one of the conference organizers if you have questions at any time.

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All conference sessions take place in LRC Lecture Theatre, unless otherwise noted

Friday, July 7, 2023

16:00–19:00 *Registration and Check-in*
St John’s College
3 South Bailey, Durham
DH1 3RJ

NB: Check-in to St John’s will be open from 13:00. If an early check-in is needed, please proceed to reception upon arrival. In addition to Friday evening, the organizers will be available each morning for collection of registration packs.

20:30 *Dinner (advance registration required)*
Lebaneat
47 North Bailey, Durham
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Saturday, July 8, 2023

9:00 Conference Welcome

9:15–10:45 *Session I* [Available Online]
Chair: Barbara Yorke

The tenth century as a locus for institutional queenship in England

Matt Firth

Women's titles in documents from the early kingdom of England: rhetoric and reality

Alison Hudson

King Edgar, his abbesses, and family alliances

Mary Blanchard

10:45–11:55 Coffee Break, Bowes Dining Hall

11:15–12:45 *Session II*

II.a: LRC Lecture Theatre [Available Online]

Chair: Craig Nakashian

Monastic Reform in tenth-century Winchester

Chris Riedel

Ownership of land and social status at Worcester from the 960s to the 990s

Yanfei Chen

Power, Politics, and the Crozier of Archbishop Ealdred

Sophie Kelly

II.b: Allchurches Room

Chair: Tom Licence

Lawrence of Durham: The Boundaries Between Court and Cloister

Lottie Thompson

The Office of "Historian" in twelfth-century England?

Charlie Rozier

William of Malmesbury and his Monastic Career

Ming Liu

12:45–14:00 Lunch Break, Bowes Dining Hall



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14:00–15:30 *Session III* [Available Online]
Chair: Mark Hagger

King's Thegns and the Thegns of the Shire

Richard Purkiss

The Office of 'reeve' in Domesday Book

Chelsea Shields-Más

Officer's Accountability: Punishing the Man or the Officer (1066–1154)?

Hugo Fresnel

15:30–16:00 Coffee Break, Bowes Dining Hall

16:00–17:00 Keynote I: [Available Online]
Chair: Mary Blanchard

Social status, lay literacy and multilingualism in pre-Conquest England

Francesca Tinti

18:00 Conference Dinner (with cash bar [open 17:00–23:00], Haughton Dining Hall)



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Sunday, July 9, 2023

9:45–11:15 *Session IV* [Available Online]

Chair: Alison Hudson

A Connection between Social Status and Political Boundaries in mid tenth-century England?

Alexander Thomas

Rent and the Case for Disambiguating between Rank and Status

Stuart Pracy

Sociology of Anglo-Saxon thegns: from ‘servants’ to ‘elite’

Denis Sukhino-Khomenko

11:15–11:45 Coffee Break, Bowes Dining Hall

11:45–13:15 *Session V*

V.a: LRC Lecture Theatre [Available Online]

Chair: Elisabeth van Houts

Surviving the Conquest: The Contrasting Fortunes of Oda of Winchester and Cypping of Worthy

Katherine Blayney

Dissolving the boundaries of thegnhood after 1066

Chris Lewis

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Robert Webley

V.b: Allchurches Room

Chair: Hannah Boston

The Cooks, the Bakers and the Tailors–Pushing Social Boundaries in Eleventh-Century Normandy

Sarah Fry

Townpeople and their associations in twelfth-century English historical writing

Stanislav Mereminskii

“My enemy’s enemy is my friend”: Abbot Scolland and Odo, Bishop of Bayeux

Vanessa King

13:15–14:30 Lunch, Bowes Dining Hall



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14:30–16:00 *Session VI* [Available Online]
Chair: Francesca Tinti

Who's in the Money? Status and Monetary Wealth in Tenth- and Eleventh-Century England

Rory Naismith

The Master Moneyer in Late Pre-Conquest England

Jeremy Piercy

Moneyers in the southwest: a case study in the development of minting into an official office

Dickon Perryman

16:00–16:30 Coffee Break, Bowes Dining Hall

16:30–17:30 Keynote II: [Available Online]
Chair: Robert Berkhofer

“What is in a Title?” the Case of Empress Matilda

Elisabeth van Houts

17:30–18:30 Drinks reception, John's Bar and Linton Garden (open 17:30–23:00)

Please note that there is no organized meal on Sunday evening; delegates are free to make their own plans.



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Monday, July 10, 2023

9:00–10:30 Keynote III: [Available Online]
Chair: Charlie Rozier

**Of Adolescent Rank, Status or Office? Age as Social Boundary, c.1050–
c.1200**

Emily Ward

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break, Bowes Dining Hall

11:00–12:30 *Session VII*

VII.a: LRC Lecture Theatre [Available Online]

Chair: Emily Ward

***Magnates and Curiales: Attestation Appearances of Witnesses in
Twelfth Century Scottish Royal Acts***

Alexander Crawford

***The King's Clerks in Eleventh-Century England: Mobility, Status and
Function***

Julia Barrow

***Vanishing Emperors. The Survival and Disappearance of the Title imperator
in Hispanic and English Charters in the eleventh and twelfth Centuries***

Giovanni Collamati

VII.b: Allchurches Room

Chair: Sethina Watson

Priests, Priestly Status, and Land in the *Liber Eliensis*

Gerald Dyson

Administration and land acquisition in the late twelfth century

Hannah Boston

Clerics, Inheritance, and Secular Society in Early Medieval England

Alex Traves

12:30–13:30 Lunch, Bowes Dining Hall



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13:30–14:30 *Session VIII* [Available Online]
Chair: Katy Cubitt

Spiritual identity for political purpose: Archbishop Wulfstan

Kate Marlow

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in a time of crisis***

Samuel Holmes

14:30–15:00 Coffee and Plenary

15:00 Departures



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