

ANCIENT – MEDIEVAL – EARLY MODERN LATIN & GREEK

LETTER COLLECTIONS

METHODOLOGICAL AND THEMATIC INTERSECTIONS

RITSON ROOM, DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS & ANCIENT HISTORY

DURHAM UNIVERSITY, 17-19 MAY 2023

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WEDNESDAY 17 MAY

16h00: **R. Gibson (Durham) and S. Smets (UCL / LBI Neo-Latin Studies)**

Opening and introduction

SESSION 1, CHAIR: SIMON SMETS

16h30 – 17h00

16h30 **R. Gibson (Durham)**

Greco-Roman epistolography 400 BCE – 400 CE: two epistolary cultures

17h00 **L. Amaya (Rio de Janeiro)**

Letter-writing practices in the Late Middle Ages: continuities & disruptions from Antiquity

17h30 Questions

THURSDAY 18 MAY

SESSION 2, CHAIR: ROY GIBSON

9h00 – 10h45

9h00 **J. Ebbeler (Austin, Texas)**

Petrarch, Posterity, and Epistolary Biography

09h30 **S. Smets (UCL / LBI for Neo-Latin Studies)**

Letter Count and Book Divisions as an Intertextual Device: From Pliny to Peter of Blois to Petrarch, Brunni and Poliziano

10h00 **M. Rozein (Liège)**

Collecting Papal Letters in Late Carolingian Times. The Salzburg Rotulus (Vienna, ÖStA, HHStA UR AUR 15)

10h30 Questions

COFFEE

10h45-11h15

SESSION 3, CHAIR: ROY GIBSON

11h15 – 12h30

11h15 **I. Hermant (Sorbonne)**

Julius Victor's Chapter de epistulis – A Pragmatic Reading of Cicero's Correspondence in the 4th Century AD

11h45 **S. Fascione (Naples)**

Learning from Fronto. The art of letter writing in the scholia to the palimpsest Ambros. E.147 sup.+Vat. lat. 5750

12h15 Questions

LUNCH

12h30 – 15h00

SESSION 4, CHAIR: SIMON SMETS

15h00 – 16h15

15h00 **S. van Dijk (Birmingham)**

A Correspondence in Print? The 1536 Edition of the Letters of Zwingli and Oecolampadius

15h30 **P. Botley (Warwick)**

Early modern editors of early modern letter-collections: censorship, silent omissions, and asterisks

16h00 Questions

SHORT BREAK: COFFEE

16h15 – 16h30

SESSION 5, CHAIR: ROY GIBSON

16h30 – 17h45

16h30 **D. Berrens (Mainz)**

Letters from the Practice: Didactics, Polemics, and Self-fashioning in Early Modern *Epistolae medicales*

17h00 **E. Simonetti (Bari)**

«*Naso priorum primus*». Imitation and Divergence in Boyd's '*Epistolae Heroïdes*' (1592)

17h30 Questions

FRIDAY 19 MAY

Workshop-like discussion

9h30 – 11h30