

The Life Course in Early Medieval England

(Cambridge, 23 March 2019)

We are pleased to announce a one-day conference devoted to the theme of the life course in early medieval England with a keynote lecture by

Prof. Gale Owen-Crocker (University of Manchester)

We hope to bring together papers that deal with how the complex concept of the life course (with all of its biological, social and cultural aspects) influenced the lives, writings and art of the inhabitants of early medieval England. Paper proposals are welcome from all disciplines, including literary studies, art history, history, archaeology and lexicography.

Possible topics/themes include but are not limited to:

- ❖ Definitions, concepts, and constructions of the life cycle
- ❖ The life course in art and literature
- ❖ The life course of things, humans and texts
- ❖ Intergenerational relations and/or conflicts, including care for the young and the elderly
- ❖ Kings, queens, saints and warriors in various stages of life
- ❖ Semantic field studies

Subsequent to the sessions we hope to publish selected contributions as a volume of essays, with the goal of furthering interest in the topic.

Please send your abstracts to the organisers
before 31 December, 2018:

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Image: The three Patriarchs as the three Ages of Man in the Eadwine Psalter (Cambridge, Trinity College Library, R.17.1, fol. 185r)



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