

Sex And Sexuality In Anglo Saxon England

Sexual Culture in the Literature of Medieval Britain - Amanda Hopkins 2014

An examination into aspects of the sexual as depicted in a variety of medieval texts, from Chaucer and Malory to romance and alchemical treatises.

Marriage in Medieval England - Conor McCarthy 2004

A survey of attitudes to marriage as represented in medieval legal and literary texts. Medieval marriage has been widely discussed, and this book gives a brief and accessible overview of an important subject. It covers the entire medieval period, and engages with a wide range of primary sources, both legal and literary. It draws particular attention to local English legislation and practice, and offers some new readings of medieval English literary texts, including Beowulf, the works of Chaucer, Langland's Piers Plowman, the Book of Margery Kempe and the Paston Letters. Focusing on a number of key themes important across the period, individual chapters discuss the themes of consent, property, alliance, love, sex, family, divorce and widowhood. CONOR MCCARTHY gained his PhD from Trinity College Dublin.

Old English Lexicology and Lexicography - Maren Clegg Hyer 2020

Essays demonstrating how the careful study of individual words can shed immense light on texts more broadly.

Before the Closet - Allen J. Frantzen 2000-05

Examining the intolerance of homosexuality in the early medieval period, this study challenges the long-held belief that the early Middle Ages tolerated same-sex relations. The work focuses on Anglo-Saxon literature but also includes examinations of contemporary opera, dance and theatre.

Early Medieval English Life Courses - 2021-11-22

This volume captures the complexity and diversity of ideas surrounding the life course in early medieval English culture, with chapters ranging across the interconnected realms of language, culture, medicine, onomastics, literature and the material world.

Sex and Sexuality in Anglo-Saxon England - Daniel Gillmore Calder 2004

A Cultural History of Sexuality in the Middle Ages - Ruth Evans 2012-03-01

Historians of sexuality have often assumed that medieval people were less interested in sex than we are. But people in the Middle Ages wrote a great deal about sex: in confessors' manuals, in virginity treatises, and in literary texts. This volume looks afresh at the cultural meanings that sex had throughout the period, presenting new evidence and offering new interpretations of known material. Acknowledging that many of the categories that we use today to talk about sexuality are inadequate for understanding sex in premodern times, the volume draws on important recent work in the historiography of medieval sexuality to address the conceptual and methodological challenges the period presents. A Cultural History of Sexuality in the Middle Ages presents an overview of the period with essays on heterosexuality, homosexuality, sexual variations, religious and legal issues, health concerns, popular beliefs about sexuality, prostitution and erotica.

Middle-aged Women in the Middle Ages - Sue Niebrzydowski 2011

New research into medieval women from the Anglo-Saxon to the late medieval period demonstrates their energy, defiance and wit.

Class and Gender in Early English Literature - Britton J. Harwood 1994

"[The essays] focus on class and gender not only sheds new light on old texts but also stretches the boundaries of the critical modus operandi which is often applied to such literature." --Women's Studies Network (UK) Association Newsletter These dramatic new readings of Old and Middle English texts explore the rich theoretical territory at the intersection of class and gender, and highlight the interplay of the critic, methodology, and the medieval text.

Monsters, Gender and Sexuality in Medieval English Literature - Dana Oswald 2010

A gendered reading of monster and the monstrous body in medieval literature.

Medieval Obscenities - Alastair J. Alastair J. Minnis 2014

"Obscenity" is central to an understanding of medieval culture, and it is here examined in a number of different media.

Chaucerotics - Geoffrey W. Gust 2018-07-12

Chaucerotics examines the erotic language in Chaucerian literature through a unique lens, utilizing the tools of "pornographic literary theory" to open up Chaucer's ribald poetry to fresh modes of analysis. By introducing and applying the notion of "Chaucerotics," this study argues for a more historically-nuanced and theoretically-sophisticated understanding of the obscene content in Chaucer's fabliaux and Troilus and Criseyde. This book demonstrates that the sexually suggestive language of this magisterial Middle English poet could stimulate and titillate various literary audiences in late medieval England, and even goes so far as to suggest that Chaucer might well be understood as the "Father of English pornography" for playing a notable, liminal role in the development of porn as a literary genre. In making this case, Geoffrey W. Gust presents an insightful account of an important intellectual issue and opens up the subject of premodern pornography to consideration in a way that is new and highly provocative.

Castration and Culture in the Middle Ages - Larissa Tracy 2013

Essays exploring medieval castration, as reflected in archaeology, law, historical record, and literary motifs.

The Old English Penitentials and Anglo-Saxon Law - Stefan Jurasinski 2015-05-19

This is the first book-length study of the four penitentials composed in Old English. This book argues that they are also important to our understanding of how written law developed in early England. This book considers their backgrounds and shows how they illuminate obscure passages in better-known Old English texts.

A Handbook of Anglo-Saxon Studies - Jacqueline Stodnick 2012-08-08

Reflecting the profound impact of critical theory on the study of the humanities, this collection of original essays examines the texts and artifacts of the Anglo-Saxon period through key theoretical terms such as 'ethnicity' and 'gender'. Explores the interplay between critical theory and Anglo-Saxon studies. Theoretical framework will appeal to specialist scholars as well as those new to the field. Includes an afterword on the value of the dialogue between Anglo-Saxon studies and critical theory.

Humour in Anglo-Saxon Literature - Jonathan Wilcox 2000

Essays lay the groundwork for a theory of humour in Old English literature.

The Haskins Society Journal 33 - 2021 - Laura L. Gathagan 2023-03-21

Continuing the Society's commitment to historical and interdisciplinary research from the early and central Middle Ages, interrogating primary documents to yield new insights into our understanding of the past.

Between Medieval Men - David Clark 2009-02-26

Between Medieval Men argues for the importance of synoptically examining the whole range of same-sex relations in the Anglo-Saxon period, revisiting well-known texts and issues (as well as material often considered marginal) from a radically different perspective. The introductory chapters first lay out the premises underlying the book and its critical context, then emphasise the need to avoid modern cultural assumptions about both male-female and male-male relationships, and underline the paramount place of homosocial bonds in Old English literature. Part II then investigates the construction of and attitudes to same-sex acts and identities in ethnographic, penitential, and theological texts, ranging widely throughout the Old English corpus and drawing on Classical, Medieval Latin, and Old Norse material. Part III expands the focus to homosocial bonds in Old English literature in order to explore the range of associations for same-sex intimacy and their representation in literary texts such as Genesis A, Beowulf, The Battle of Maldon, The Dream of the Rood, The Phoenix, and Ælfric's Lives of Saints. During the course of the book's argument, David Clark uncovers several under-researched issues and suggests fruitful approaches for their investigation. He concludes that, in omitting to ask certain questions of Anglo-Saxon material, in being too willing to accept the status quo indicated by the extant corpus, in uncritically importing invisible (because normative) heterosexist assumptions in our reading, we risk misrepresenting the diversity and complexity that a more nuanced approach to issues of gender and sexuality suggests may be more genuinely characteristic of the period.

Sexuality and Its Impact on History - Hunter S. Jones 2018

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