

# Call for Papers: Parenthood and Childhood in the Middle Ages

8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015, University of Edinburgh.

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Keynote Speakers:  
Dr Rachel Moss (Oxford) &  
Dr Sarah Dunnigan (Edinburgh).



In recent years, scholars from a range of disciplines have considered how concepts such as ‘family’ and ‘the home’ can be used to understand and explore the wider structures of medieval society. This two day interdisciplinary conference will bring together researchers from across the Humanities, in order to consider these approaches and to identify new avenues for the study of family life in the medieval world.

Participants are invited to respond broadly to the title of ‘Parenthood and Childhood in the middle ages’ and we welcome papers which adopt interdisciplinary approaches, or which make geographical and thematic comparisons. Paper topics may include, but are not limited to: the spaces and objects of family life, discipline and disobedience, pregnancy and childbirth, foster parents, wards, godparents and adoptive parents, education, discord and harmony, holy and secular families, belonging and exclusion and legal disputes and inheritance.



We invite prospective speakers to submit proposals of no more than 300 words for 20 minute papers, along with their paper title and affiliation to: [rachel.delman@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:rachel.delman@univ.ox.ac.uk) & [phoebe.linton@ed.ac.uk](mailto:phoebe.linton@ed.ac.uk) by 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015. We encourage proposals from postgraduate and postdoctoral researchers. A limited number of grants will be available to support the travel costs of accepted speakers.

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