



Sonderforschungsbereich 980  
**EPISTEME IN  
 BEWEGUNG**

Freie Universität  Berlin



CONFERENCE VENUE:  
 SFB 980 «Episteme in Bewegung»  
 Schwendenerstraße 8  
 14195 Berlin-Dahlem

Organised by  
 Andrew James Johnston  
 Joshua Easterling  
 Martin Bleisteiner

SFB 980 «Episteme in Motion»  
 Project B01: Artefacts, Treasures and Ruins –  
 Materiality and Historicity in the Literature  
 of the English Middle Ages

CONTACT AND REGISTRATION:  
[m.bleisteiner@fu-berlin.de](mailto:m.bleisteiner@fu-berlin.de)

[www.sfb-episteme.de](http://www.sfb-episteme.de)



[http://www.sfb-episteme.de/  
 veranstaltungen/Vorschau/2019/  
 b01\\_objects-of-belief.html](http://www.sfb-episteme.de/veranstaltungen/Vorschau/2019/b01_objects-of-belief.html)



# Objects of Belief

DISSENT, REFORM  
 AND MATERIAL CULTURE  
 IN LATE MEDIEVAL  
 ENGLAND

International Workshop  
 1–3 August 2019



THURSDAY, 01 AUGUST 2019

- 13.30 Registration
- 14.30 Welcome Address:  
«Some Uncertainties:  
Matter in Medieval English Literature»  
JOSHUA EASTERLING (MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY)
- 15.00 «Friars' Knots and Knots of Gold:  
Girdling Late Medieval England»  
ANKE BERNAU (UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER)
- 16.00 Coffee
- 16.30 «Actor or Prop?  
Lively Things and Human Puppets  
in Medieval English Drama»  
SARAH SALIH (KING'S COLLEGE LONDON)
- 17.30 Reception

FRIDAY, 02 AUGUST 2019

- 09.30 «Annihilation and Reform  
in Walter Hilton's Latin Letters»  
JOSHUA EASTERLING (MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY)
- 10.30 «Division and Decay:  
Power over the Material World  
in the Late Medieval Church»  
IAN FORREST (OXFORD UNIVERSITY)
- 11.30 Coffee
- 12.00 «Wyclif, Lollardy and Material Scepticism  
of Transubstantiation»  
ANDREW LARSEN  
(UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON)
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.30 ««Prime Matter» in Wycliffite Discourse»  
KANTIK GHOSH (OXFORD UNIVERSITY)
- 15.30 «Believing in the Pardoner's Objects»  
SHANNON GAYK  
(INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON)
- 16.30 Coffee
- 17.00 «Religious Archaeology:  
The Matter of the Green Chapel  
in *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*»  
ANDREW JAMES JOHNSTON  
(FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN)
- 19.30 Conference Dinner

SATURDAY, 03 AUGUST 2019

- 09.30 «The Matter of Belief:  
Nicholas Love's Erotic Rhetoric  
in Defense of the Doctrine  
of the Real Presence»  
MICHAEL SARGENT  
(CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK)
- 10.30 «My Yoke is Soft: Object as Metaphor  
in Cambridge University Library MS Ff.6.31»  
FIONA SOMERSET  
(UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT)
- 11.30 Coffee
- 12.00 «Prayer Is a Bead Is a Rose:  
The Immaterial Matter of the Rosary»  
CLAIRE M. WATERS  
(UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS)
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.30 Conclusions  
ANDREW JAMES JOHNSTON  
(FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN)
- 15.30 Summary/Farewell