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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In 2025 we published three new titles: Mark Earngey, *John Ponet (1516-1556): Scholar, Bishop, Insurgent*; Vincent Evener, *The Passion of Christ and the Making of Christian Selves in Sixteenth-century Germany*; Morten Fink-Jensen and Charlotte Appel, *Pastors and Parishioners in Post-Reformation Denmark (1550-1750)*. We are looking forward very much to the first book of 2026, a collection of essays on *Religion and Freedom of Expression in the Early Modern Period* edited by Silke Muylaert, Francesco Quatrini and Nina Schroeder-van t' Schip. For further details see <https://brill.com/display/serial/SASRH>

Senior Global Fellow

Professor **Joel Harrington** (<https://as.vanderbilt.edu/history/bio/joel-harrington/>) will join the Institute from April to June as a Senior Global Fellow. Joel will be working on his monograph, *The People Eater Book: Anatomy of a Sixteenth-Century Bestseller*, which examines the celebrated account by German mercenary Hans Staden of his nine-month captivity among the Tupinambá in Brazil.

The **USTC** now has a quarterly newsletter sharing our news with interested libraries and scholars. If you wish to be added to the circulation list, please drop a note to Jacob Baxter (jeb23@st-andrews.ac.uk). It now holds information on 1.64 million editions published before 1701, with 6.7 million copies from over 10,000 libraries, archives and museums worldwide (and one pub). The team is in the process of matching 2 million extra copies, and we aim to have a further 3 million copies stockpiled for a second round of matching beginning in September 2026.

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Conferences

Death and Bereavement in Early Modern Britain, 1520 – 1689

26 – 27 June 2026

This conference will explore how individuals, families, and communities experienced death and mourning during a period of profound religious and social change. The event brings together postgraduate students, early career researchers, and established scholars for a vibrant discussion.

Papers presented at the the conference will investigate social and cultural History, legal and medical history, religious studies, material and print culture and literary studies.

For inquiries, contact organisers Andrew Simpson and Abraham Sullivan at deathinbritain@gmail.com

The Reformation Studies Colloquium will take place in London at UCL on April 15-17, 2026. **Professor Emily Michelson** will be one of the three keynote speakers, with Dr Rosamund Oates (Manchester Metropolitan University) and Professor Craig Harline (Brigham Young University).

In St Andrews, the 2nd COMLAWEU project conference, **Proclaiming, Affixing, Distributing: Disseminating the Law in Early Modern Europe**, will take place 5-6 May 2026. Details: <https://comlaweu.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/events/>

The 18th USTC / St Andrews Book History Conference will be held 18-20 June 2026: this year's subject is **Print and Education**. More information: <https://ustc.ac.uk/conference>

Congratulations to...

Maria Zukovs, who has completed her PhD, 'The Dublin Press and the French Revolution, 1788-1794'. Maria also published 'Politics behind Publishing: the Publication of French Revolutionary Books for the Dublin Market, 1789-1794', in Barnaby Cullen, Ian Maclean and Arthur der Weduwen (eds.) *Early Modern Publishers: Identities and Strategies in the Book Trade* (Leiden: Brill, 2025).

Institute Members' News

'War, Destruction and Reform: The Early Years of Mary Queen of Scots', **Amy Blakeway's** exhibition, is at the Wardlaw Museum from 6 March 2026 to 20 September 2026. Visitor information is here <https://mary-queen-of-scots.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/>

In December **Emily Michelson** gave a joint talk (with Eva Projmovic, Leeds) on 'Jewish Objects of the Italian Renaissance' to the Limmud Conference in Birmingham.

Emily is also celebrating the publication of *The Cambridge Companion to Counter-Reformation Sanctity*, which she coedited with Jan Machielsen and Katrina Olds. The editors argue that it is the role of sanctity in society that best defines the differences between confessions in the Reformation period. Full details are here <https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/cambridge-companion-to-counterreformation-sanctity/02960E7E0FBD64D51636801589780794>

Chelsea Reutcke has published *Catholic Print Networks in Restoration London, 1660-1688 The Cross-Confessional World of Later Stuart Print Culture* with Durham University IMEMS Press. This book Uncovers the hidden networks behind Catholic publishing in Restoration London, where politics, religion, and print intersected in unexpected ways under Charles II, James VII/II, and Queen Catherine of Braganza. Full details are available here <https://boydellandbrewer.com/book/catholic-print-networks-in-restoration-london-1660-1688-9781914967108/>

Philippa Woodcock has published 'Heraldry and Regime Change. The Trivulzio Chapel at San Nazaro, Milan', in *Heraldry in the City*, Laurent Hablot, Torsten Hiltmann and Matteo Ferrari eds., (Berlin; Thorbecke Verlag, January 2026), pp.139-57.

Applications are invited...

For the following School of History M.Litt Programmes: **M.Litt in Early Modern and Reformation History** and the **M.Litt in Book History**. For further information, see the School of History website: <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/history/prospective/pgt/>

Early Modern and Reformation Seminar Programme

Semester 2, 2025-26

*Seminars will take place at 5.15 in the **Old Class Library***

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| 5 February | Christophe Gillain (St Andrews)
'Troubling the Kingdom Across Land and Sea: Exile and Revolt in Seventeenth-Century France.'
cmfg1@st-andrews.ac.uk |
| 19 February | Sara Rindlisbacher (Bern)
'Godly Agents. Swiss Reformed Clergymen and their Influence on Foreign Relations with England in the 1650s.'
sarah.rindlisbacher@unibe.ch |
| 12 March | Sukwoo Choi (St Andrews)
'Calvin's long print afterlife in Protestant England.'
sc437@st-andrews.ac.uk |
| 26 March | Helen Williams (Northumbria)
'Towards a Global Women's Book History, 1600-1900'.
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| 16 April | Joel Harrington (Vanderbilt)
'Netherlandish Migrants in the Language Sector of Early Modern England'.
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| 30 April | Alisa van de Haar (Leiden)
'Netherlandish Migrants in the Language Sector of Early Modern England'.
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