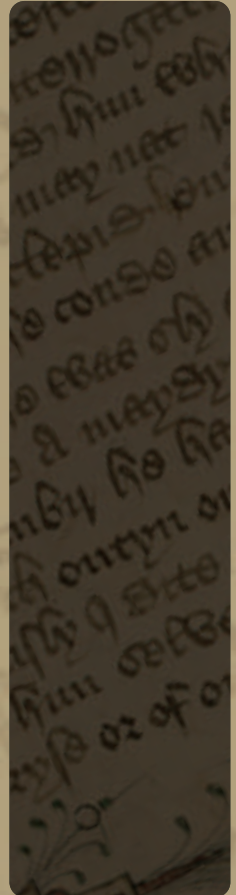


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# Manchester Middle English Manuscripts Conference

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## Programme

### Thursday 17th

<b>Public lecture:</b> Professor Julia Boffey, Queen Mary University, London, "‘Note all old English Mss are very valuable’": scrutinizing the Middle English manuscripts in the John Rylands Library'	18.00 – 19.15
Conference Dinner (venue tbc)	19.45

### Friday 18th

*Registration & Coffee* 09.30 – 10.00

Welcome & introductory remarks, John Hodgson, University of Manchester 10.00 – 10.10

#### Session 1. Chair: Dr Oliver Pickering, University of Leeds

Dr Alex Rumble, University of Manchester, 'Making sense of a miscellany: the Rylands English manuscripts'

Ms Carol Burrows, University of Manchester, 'In the Bigynnyng: the Rylands Middle English manuscripts digitisation project'

Professor Wendy Scase, University of Birmingham, 'Digital corpora and next-generation manuscript studies'

*Break* 11.30 – 11.50

#### Session 2. Chair: Dr Anke Bernau, University of Manchester

Dr Orietta da Rold, University of Leicester, 'Picture this: Manchester, John Rylands, English MS 113 and digitising paper'

Dr Simon Horobin, Magdalen College, Oxford, 'The scribe of the John Rylands fragment of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales'

Discussion 12.50 – 13.05

*Lunch & opportunity to view a selection of Rylands ME manuscripts* 13.05 – 14.15

#### Session 3. Chair: Dr David Matthews, University of Manchester

Professor Tony Edwards, De Montfort University, Leicester, 'Shaping the audience: the Rylands Lydgate manuscripts'

Dr Raluca Radulescu, Bangor University, 'The Middle English Brut in Manuscript and Print: Current User Experience and Future Research'

Professor John Thompson, Queen's University, Belfast, 'Production and reception issues in Middle English manuscript study: 'Brut' texts and readers'

Discussion and closing remarks 15.45 – 16.05

*Afternoon tea & depart* 16.05 – 16.30

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