

Call for Papers:

Leeds International Medieval Congress 2025

'Worlds of Learning'

07 (Mon.) – 10 July (Thurs.) 2025

The Vercelli Book: Language, Learning, & Spirituality

Research paper proposals are invited for consideration as part of a dedicated Leeds IMC session centered around the Old English Vercelli Book (Biblioteca capitolare di Vercelli, MS. cxvii). The session aims to explore the rich connections between language, learning, and spirituality as manifested across the poetic and prose texts preserved in the anthology.

We invite papers (particularly from postgraduate students and early career researchers!) that engage with any aspect of the purposefully broad themes of language, learning, and spirituality, including:

- literary and linguistic analyses of specific Vercelli prose and/or poetic texts...
- comparisons between different Vercelli texts and/or sources, corrolaries, analogues...
- manuscript studies and considerations of material culture with regard to the Vercelli Book as a physical artifact...
- evaluations of editorial practices and previous scholarly approaches to the anthology and its various texts...
- your ideas!

Please submit an abstract (100 words) and paper title to the organizer, Jacob Runner via email (jwrunner@staff.kanazawa-u.ac.jp) by **Friday, 20 September 2024**. Along with your name, affiliation, and contact information, please also indicate your preference for presentation format (in-person/remote).

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