

# Religion and the Life Cycle,



Queen Mary  
University of London

## 1500-1800



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Friday 6th  
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Senior Godines, painted  
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### Keynotes:

Professor Elaine Hobby (Loughborough): “We have an example in Scripture” (Jane Sharp, *The Midwives Book*): Women, Religion, and the Early-Modern Life Cycle’

Dr Adam Sutcliffe (King’s College London): ‘The Children of Israel and the Passage to Adulthood in Early Modern Europe’

## Graduate Centre, QMUL Mile End Campus, 9.00 – 19.00

Unwaged / Postgraduate Students: Free

Waged: £25

To register please visit <https://eshop.qmul.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/conferences-events/conferences-events/religion-and-the-life-cycle-15001800>

Conference Dinner 19.00 Verdi’s Restaurant Mile End Road

£25 per head for Main and Dessert + a glass of wine.

# Programme:

9.00 – Coffee & Registration		
9.20 – Welcome		
9.30 – Plenary 1 – Professor Elaine Hobby (Loughborough) <b>“We have an example in Scripture” (Jane Sharp, <i>The Midwives Book</i>): Women, Religion, and the Early-Modern Life Cycle</b>		
10.30 - Tea & Coffee		
11.00 – Parallel Panel 1 (3 strands)		
1. The Life Cycle in Art	2. Cross-Confessional Contact	3. Parenthood
<p><b>1.Rebecca Whiteley (UCL)</b> Prayer, Pregnancy and Print</p> <p><b>2. Rosemary Keep (Birmingham)</b> Birth, Death and Faith: <i>Sir Thomas Aston at the Deathbed of his Wife</i></p> <p><b>3.Helena Guzik (Oxford)</b> '<i>Per Satisfare al Voto Mio</i>': Pilgrimages in the Life of Isabella d'Este (1474–1539)</p>	<p><b>1.Francisco J. Moreno (Castilla-La Mancha)</b> Baptism, Godparenthood and Socio-Religious Minorities in Early Modern Spain</p> <p><b>2.Carolin Katzer (Mainz)</b> The Anointing of the Sick as a Transconfessional Experience – Religious Ceremonies and the Life Cycle Reexamined</p> <p><b>3.Mattias Ebejer (Malta)</b> La Corona del Cavaliere ; Death, Dying and the Knights of Malta.</p>	<p><b>1.Daphna Oren-Magidor (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)</b> Religion and Infertility in Post-Reformation England</p> <p><b>2.Matthew James Norris (Cambridge)</b> Religious Attitudes to Male Childlessness in Early Modern England</p> <p><b>3.Lauren Cantos (QMUL)</b> Breastfeeding and Wet-Nursing in Early Modern Sermons and Religious Literature</p>
12.30 – Parallel Panel 2 (2 Strands)		
1. Rites of Passage	2. Religious Childhoods	
<p><b>1. Alex Walsham (Cambridge)</b> Second Birth and the Spiritual Lifecycle in Protestant England</p> <p><b>2. David Hillman (Cambridge)</b> 'When one greets (salutat), one says health/salvation (salutem)': Miniature Rites of Passage</p>	<p><b>1. Bernard Capp (Warwick)</b> The Religious Understanding and Behaviour of Children in early modern England</p> <p><b>2. Mary Clare Martin (Greenwich)</b> Religious Practice and the Social Worlds of eighteenth century Children, 1688 to 1800</p>	

13.30 – Lunch

14.30 – Plenary 2 – Dr Adam Sutcliffe (King’s College London)

**The Children of Israel and the Passage to Adulthood in Early Modern Europe**

15.30 – Tea & Coffee

## 16.00 – Parallel Panel 3 (3 strands)

### 1.Sickness and Death

**1.Martyn Cutmore (Warwick)**

Puritan Funeral Rhetoric and the Experience of Grief  
Samuel Clarke (1599-1682):  
Puritanism, Emotion and Moderation

**2.Fraser Buchanan (Oxford)**

“Drunken, violent, and secluded from repentance”? Experiencing Death as an Atheist in Early Modern England.

**3.Sophie Mann (Warwick)**

The Sick, the Dying and Cultural Meanings in Reformation England

### 2.Childhood and Adolescence

**1.Jenny Dyer (Oxford Brookes)**

Religion and Child Servants in the Eighteenth Century

**2.Caroline Bicks (Maine)**

“From Thirteene Yeares ... resolved to serve God”: Accounting for Adolescence in the Life of Mary Ward

**3.Nancy Jiwon Cho (Seoul National University)**

‘The Day of Life’: Explaining Earthly Temporality and the Eternal Afterlife to Young Children in Ann and Jane Taylor’s Hymns for Infant Minds (1809)

### 3.Recording the Life Cycle

**1.Zoe Hudson (Kent)**

*“wth thanks to god for that Dayes worke”*: Everyday Religion and Lifecycle Events in the Diaries of Richard Stonley

**2.Francesca Terraccia (Archivio Diocesi di Milano)**

Records of the Convent of St Praxedes in Milan

**3.David Fletcher (Warwick)**

‘Nick them slab-dash with the ceremony’  
The Clergy and Marriage in Restoration Comedy

17.30 – Roundtable

With **Bernard Capp, Elaine Hobby, Adam Sutcliffe, Alex Walsham**

18.15 – Drinks Reception

19.00 – Conference Dinner