

The Leonard E. Boyle, O.P.

Toronto-Rome Diploma Programme in Manuscript Studies

Rome

2 June - 4 July 2025



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The Pontifical Institute
of Mediaeval Studies
is pleased to offer
a full curriculum in
Manuscript Studies
leading to
a formal diploma
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The programme consists of four core courses, in Latin Palaeography, Diplomatics, Codicology, and Textual Editing, plus a variable content Special Subject. Courses are available on a rotating basis, with two three-week courses offered each summer. The venue for teaching alternates between the Pontifical Institute in Toronto and the Pontificia Università di San Tommaso d'Aquino in Rome (the Angelicum), to take advantage of the unique resources available in each location.

Students accepted to the programme may choose to enrol for a single summer only, that is, for the two courses offered any given year. Or, by taking four courses over two consecutive summers, and completing a final project, they can qualify for the Diploma in Manuscript Studies.

The programme is open to students of any nationality who are currently enrolled in graduate programmes, as well as to those who have already earned their degrees but who would like to enrich themselves with further technical training.

Tuition is \$2,000 CAD. The Pontifical Institute is, however, able to offer 12 scholarships of up to \$6,000 CAD per year, for which all applicants will be automatically considered.

Application

Applicants should send a completed application form, two letters of reference, a current c.v., and a statement of research interests by **1 February 2025** to:

Prof. M. Michèle Mulchahey
Director, Diploma Programme in Manuscript Studies
Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies
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Or via e-mail to: michele.mulchahey@utoronto.ca

Spaces are limited; early application is encouraged.

Further Information

Please visit

<https://pims.ca/article/diploma-programme-in-manuscript-studies/>

for further details about the programme, the application process, housing, and downloadable forms.

**The Pontifical Institute's
Diploma in Manuscript Studies**

**Courses Offered in Rome,
Summer 2025**

MSST 1004: Special Subject

"Via sanctorum: Canonization in the Middle Ages"

2 - 13 June

An examination of the evolving process by which saints were recognized in the Middle Ages, from the early Church's instinctive acknowledgement of its martyrs to the highly centralized bureaucratic canonization process of the later medieval period. A particular focus will be on the mature medieval *processus*, with its formal inquests, dossiers, *vitae*, and bulls of canonization. Field trips will include visits to the Vatican Library and to the Biblioteca del Sacro Convento in Assisi to examine surviving documents and manuscripts relating to medieval canonization cases, as well as to various churches in Rome to study the connections between those sources and the iconography developed for the saints.

Instructors: William J. Dohar (Teaching Professor, Religious Studies Department, Santa Clara University); M. Michèle Mulchahey (Leonard E. Boyle Professor of Manuscript Studies, Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies)

MSST 1003: Textual Editing

16 June - 4 July

An introduction to the textual criticism and editing of medieval texts from manuscript sources. Practical exercises will focus upon the transcription and collation of texts from multiple witnesses, with instruction in how to create a critical apparatus and an apparatus of sources. Modern editions of medieval scholastic and literary texts will be used to illustrate various aspects of the presentation of an edited text, from reconstructing the textual tradition and building a *stemma codicum*, to describing the manuscripts and the editorial conventions employed.

Instructor: Stephen M. Metzger (Dipartimento Manoscritti, Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, and Commissio Leonina)