

Thanks to The Society for the Study of Medieval Languages and Literature, I had a successful three-month Exchange Scholar position at Yale University. The purpose of my Yale visit was to examine the unedited or undigitised medieval legal manuscripts in the Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library and the separate collection in the Lillian Goldman Law Library. Both libraries were most welcoming and the manuscripts I accessed were enlightening as to the transmission of law and its links to legal culture. Furthermore, one of the early printed books I investigated was especially intriguing as to how previous legal texts informed a later understanding of law.

While on the East Coast, I attended the International Congress on Medieval Studies, where I gave the paper, "Framing Law: Building Authority through the Anglo-Saxon Prologues." The paper sparked intriguing questions and helped to shine light on further areas to explore in this research.

Talking with other legal scholars—both at the conference and at Yale—helped to solidify that siloing the legal texts hinders broader scholarship; it is thanks to SSMLL that I had the opportunity to undertake this research and meet with these scholars from across the United States. This research trip increased the breadth and depth of my dissertation and will have lasting impact on how I approach early medieval law.