

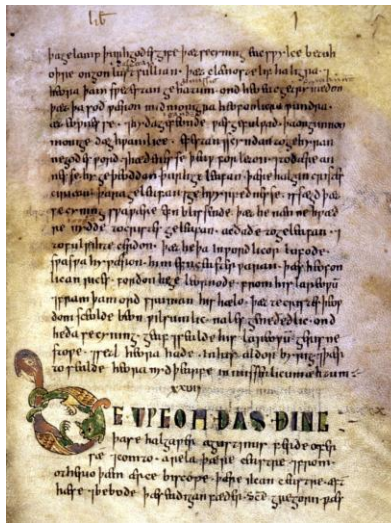
The Medieval Studies program is sponsoring a lecture:

**Carol Braun Pasternack**

**“Bloodlines: Purity, Warfare and the Procreative Family in Bede’s Historia Ecclesiastica”**

**Friday, 16 February 2012**

**HSSB 4020, 12:00 PM**



**“Bloodlines” in this talk has two referents, the blood that is spilt in war and the blood that is part of lineage. Lineage, in turn, involves the full life-cycle from sexual intercourse, through childbirth, to death and reputation. Bede is concerned with both of these, and, in fact, they are necessarily intertwined. I will analyze specifics of his narratives and language to show how ideology concerning sexuality and the family are embedded in this foundational history. I hope the talk will be stimulating to those interested in analyzing early historical narratives, the early history of Britain, and gender and sexuality.**

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