

Elizabeth Walgenbach: Canon law in Skálholt and Hólar in the 14th-Century

This talk will address the influence of Latin canon law on the texts produced in and for the dioceses of Hólar and Skálholt (including their monasteries) in the fourteenth century. Church inventories give us some insight into the canonical works and commentaries that were likely available in Iceland in the fourteenth century, but much research remains to be done on the relationship between Latin canon law and Icelandic text production and circulation. This talk will examine fourteenth-century Icelandic legal manuscripts to reach a clearer sense of how Latin canon law texts, and in some cases translations of these Latin texts, were received and circulated within Iceland. My discussion will focus on the canon *si quis suadente* (C. 17 q. 4 c. 29), which forbid the laying of violent hands on clerics.