The SSHRC-funded GEMMS project seeks to improve researchers’ access to manuscript sermons (c. 1530–c. 1715) in British and North American libraries, to encourage research on early modern manuscript sermons, and to develop an online community of sermon scholars.

Established in 2014, we are available to provide a range of services relating to the database, tailored to the individual needs of researchers, students and non-specialists.

**GEMMS in Brief**

- collaboratively populated union catalogue and finding aid for early modern manuscript sermons
- active project in continual development
- records of preaching in the parishes and to the colonies
- includes some of the most significant men and women in British literature and history
- records for 22,000+ sermons/sermon reports from 1,300+ manuscripts in 50+ British archives and 10+ American archives

Interested in the history of preaching and religion in early modern Britain and America? Please get in touch if you would like to collaborate with us!

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What search functions are available?

- keyword search
- repository, manuscript
- Bible text, genre, sermon type (auditors’ notes, sermon drafts, etc.)
- people’s roles (preacher, notetaker, manuscript owner, auditor, dedicatee, etc.)
- preaching/composition date, preaching occasion, location

What can we do for you?

For Students
- Give masterclasses for Master’s and PhD students on the use of early modern manuscript sermons in their research
- Provide interactive (live or pre-recorded) workshops tailored to all levels (UG, PG and beyond) in the digital humanities and the study of early modern culture
- Offer training in metadata curation for our group-sourced database

For Early Modern Scholars
- Collaborate in roundtables or panels at international conferences
- Present seminar papers on aspects of early modern sermons or workshops on GEMMS
- Offer training in metadata curation for our group-sourced database
- Host seminars for scholars whose research specialization lies outside early modern religion to demonstrate the significance of manuscript sermons for other areas of research

For Genealogists, Local Historians, Archivists and Librarians
- Deliver presentations on researching local preachers in GEMMS or exploring manuscript sermons housed within local archives and their historical significance
- Offer workshops on how GEMMS can make your institution’s sermon manuscripts more accessible to researchers

How can you contribute to GEMMS?

To ensure GEMMS continues to grow and be sustainable in the long-term, we invite researchers to contribute their own data for manuscript sermons.

To learn how you can contribute, please visit our Contributors’ page:
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