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She has been portrayed as saint , heretic , religious zealot, seer, demented teenager, proto-feminist, aristocratic wanna-be, savior of France, person who turned the tide of the Hundred Years War and even Marxist liberator. Despite the attempts by the judges to induce her to repent for her wearing of male attire, Joan repeatedly defended the wearing of this clothing as a "small matter" that was "the commandment of God and his angels. She had done nothing that was not by the commandment of God. Probably not even Cauchon could then have guessed the importance that her mode of dress would come to assume. Historical context[ edit ] Life and society in the late Middle Ages was heavily dominated by the teachings of the church. Concerning crossdressing, Deuteronomy On the other hand, there were the guidelines of St. Thomas Aquinas , who wrote that " Nevertheless this may be done sometimes without sin on account of some necessity, either in order to hide oneself from enemies, or through lack of other clothes, or for some similar motive. That is, unlike the holy transvestites, who totally disguised their sex, Joan had not concealed her anatomy or other "marks" of her biological femininity. Saint Pelagia followed the classic story: The devil tested her by framing her for the pregnancy of one of the nuns, and she was driven into exile. She clung to her identity until her deathbed, where she confessed and was absolved of guilt. Gaunt agrees with Anson in the description of these stories as "monastic fantasy" that attempts to appease sexual longing by imagining a woman in the monastery who need not inspire guilt; however, the appeasing of the longing is complexly gendered by the apparent masculinity of the subject. Saint Thecla , sourced from the New Testament Apocrypha The " Acts of Paul and Thecla ", was so enraptured with the teachings of Paul that she left her fiance and followed him, dressing as a man part of the time while in his retinue. A saint especially popular among the common people in Europe from the eleventh century on She was a Portuguese princess who refused to be married to the heathen King of Sicily , and prayed to God to be saved from this fate. Her salvation was unusual; she suddenly grew a beard. Variations on this theme recur more often As always, myth and reality interact, and several medieval women took these saints as their models. The example that first comes to mind here is Joan of Arc. Folklorist Stith Thompson documents only a few traditional "sex tests" for unmasking men dressed as women, but numerous tests for women, ranging from placing a spinning wheel nearby to scattering peas on the ground to cause women to slip but not men. The only known case of accepted female gender inversion in Medieval Europe comes from the Balkans , and extends back as far as the 15th century, as noted by a mention in the Kanun. These women could escape the very rigid social rules by declaring themselves sworn virgins , and would dress as men, live as men, and share the same status as them. Families without male heirs could even declare their infant daughters to be men and rear them as boys. Such a tradition did not exist elsewhere in Europe at the time. Coon noted the same custom among the mountaineers of Albania, and that under certain circumstances a woman dressing as a man becomes the head of the family and assumes a completely male role. Bennett and Froide, in "Single women in the European Past", note: The history of same-sex relations between women in medieval and early modern Europe is exceedingly difficult to study, but there can be no doubt of its existence. Church leaders worried about lesbian sex; women expressed, practiced, and were sometimes imprisoned or even executed for same-sex love; and some women cross-dressed in order to live with other women as married couples. Some legislation against lesbian relations can be adduced for the period Discourses of sexuality such as fine amor and mystical marriage with God may be less visible now than penitential doctrine, but their effects on subjectivity deserve the greater efforts of recovery. However, while she may have been aware of the context, she knew that her transvestism, while potentially acceptable to a degree, still carried social risks. Historical perspective[ edit ] Joan of Arc in armor, with a sword. During and immediately following her life, perspectives on Joan varied widely, often although not always along factional lines. Rumors of a woman

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leading an opposing army was historically used to incite troops against the obvious heresy, sorcery, and immorality. Comments from English soldiers at the time concerning Joan range from referring to her as a "bloody tart" to asking "whether she expected [her soldiers] to surrender to a woman" and referring to her troops as "unbelieving pimps". The English author of *The Brut* claimed that her troops followed her by "craft of sorcerie". From the beginning, for whatever reason, there was surprisingly little hesitation on the side of the French. Of special note was the loyalty given to her by her soldiers, who were among the most skilled in France. Each victory motivated more loyalty and further victory. Even disobedience to her higher command seems to have invited loyalty; she brought action and victory, while the older, noble generals achieved nothing but inaction and defeat. As Pinzino notes, "The pro-English Burgundian party into whose hands Joan fell in , over a year after her role in the vital French victory at Orleans, worked to defame her self-asserted divine calling and executed her at age nineteen in the marketplace of Rouen in . As Pernoud and Clin note, "That trial was now a symbol of complex cultural fissures in search of closure: The same justification was given for her relapse by a number of witnesses, such as Friar Martin Ladvenu, Pierre Cusquel, Guillaume Manchon, and Friar Isambart de la Pierre, although a number of others, such as Jean Massieu, Pierre Daron, and Guillaume Colles, alternatively claimed that she was entrapped into wearing male clothing by a guard who took away her female clothing. Jean Moreau testified that he had heard Joan reply to the preacher that she had adopted male clothing during her campaign because she had to live among soldiers, among whom it was more appropriate for her to be in male, rather than female clothing. The court ruled that "nothing improper has been found in her, only good humility, chastity, piety, propriety, simplicity.

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Adams has consistently focused on group identity, its formation and disintegration, exclusion from and inclusion into units of ethnic, cultural, political and social organization. His many works have approached materials from the Fathers of the Church Augustine, Jerome, etc. In addition to her administrative and editorial obligations, Ms. Goyne is committed to pedagogy and has lectured on the subject at a number of conferences, including: Her current book project, "Composing Custom: Kuskowski completed her Ph. His research interests include the Doctrine of the Trinity, Christology, philosophical issues in theology, and Judaism and Christian theology. Her first book, Pictorial Narrative in the Romanesque Cloister: Jews in the Christian Imagination of the Iberian Reconquest, is forthcoming. Teaching interests include the art and architecture of medieval Iberia, Jewish-Christian relations in medieval Europe, art of the medieval courts, and symbol and storytelling in medieval art. Patton received a B. Silvio De Santis Ph. De Santis main interests are agrarian history, social history, history of food and nutrition, medieval slavery and, the relationships between the men and the environment. His researches focus on Western Mediterranean during the late Middle Ages. He is currently proofing a monograph that addresses complex questions on economic sides, social conflicts, colonial policies, family strategies, agriculture productions, in Italy, its isles, and the Kingdom of Aragon 11th th C. She served as editor of Arthuriana from , when the journal moved to Purdue University. Professor Wheeler has edited or co-edited the essay collections: Garland, ; Listening to Heloise: Kindrick and Michael N. Brewer, ; On Arthurian Women: Essays in Honor of Elizabeth D. Bonnie Wheeler New York: Her most recent work includes finishing the scholarly heritage of Mary Martin McLaughlin in a new translation of the Collected Correspondence of Abelard and Heloise, trans. Palgrave Macmillan, and a forthcoming biography of the Abbess Heloise. She has received more than 20 teaching awards, including the Perrine Prize of Phi Beta Kappa for excellence in scholarship and teaching. She has organized more than 24 scholarly conferences. She is creator and series editor of The New Middle Ages in which more than peer-reviewed books have now appeared. Wheeler is the founder and first Chair of the Consortium for Teaching of the Middle Ages TEAMS , which is now a thriving independent organization helping medievalists in schools and colleges through its publication series and innovative conference presentations. He lectures widely on early printing topics, and was invited to speak on 15th-century illustrated books at the Library of Congress in In , they collaborated on the Meadows Museum exhibition Faith in Conflict: In particular, she is interested in literary representations of communicative practices, urban culture, space, festivals, and emblems. She also studies the participation of women in urban culture, and a forthcoming essay investigates writer Ana Caro and the representation of women in literary academies. She is currently working on her book project that examines the structure and content of the medieval exempla and early modern novella collections as a means to access social, cultural, and political transformations that Spain underwent in these key periods of national definition and imperial decline.

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