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Biography

Caterina comes from Parma, Italy. She graduated in 1993 at the University of Bologna in *Classical Literature and Philology*, but discussed a BA Dissertation on the *History of Heresy and the Medieval Church* in her native town, under the supervision of Professor Lorenzo Paolini. She studied in Bologna for her PhD in *Romance Philology and Medieval Culture*, and completed it in 1996. Her dissertation was the critical edition of a 1235 anti-heretical treatise written by a layman in the city of Piacenza.

After the PhD she worked at the same time for various Academic Institutions (**Ecole Francaise de Rome (http://www.ecole-francaise.it/eng/home_page_eng.htm)**, **Centro Italiano di Studi per l'Alto Medioevo (http://www.cisam.org/en_home.php)**, University of Bologna, Brown University – USA -), and in the 'real' world. She came to England in 1998 to work with Professor Peter Biller at the University of York on a 2-year project on French and Italian Cathar heresy. Since then, she joined the University of Birmingham in 2000 as a Lecturer in Medieval History, has married a Scotsman and has two little children.

Teaching

Undergraduate

Level 1

- Late medieval 1050-1500 Survey Course

Level 2

- Option: Travel in the Middle Ages
- Group Research: Wills in Late Medieval England.
- Critical Analysis: Patterns of emotions in the Middle Ages

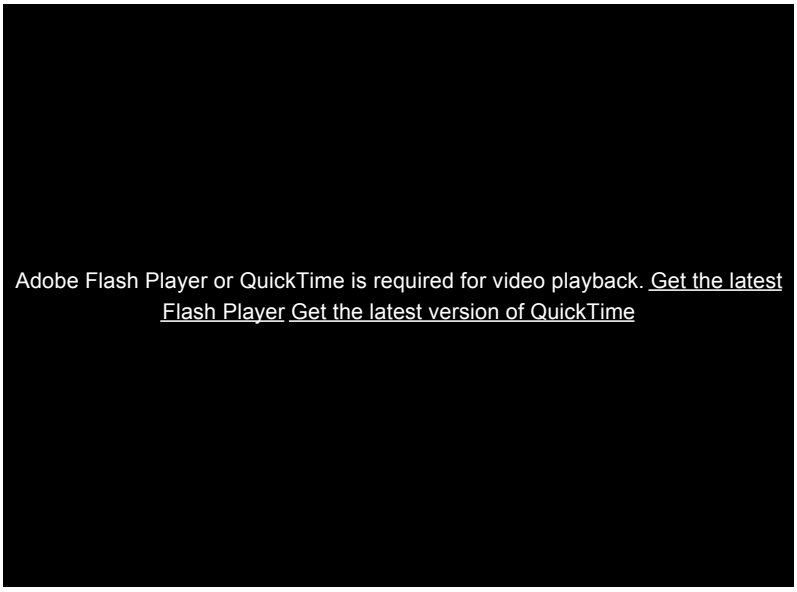
Level 3

- Special Subject: Heresy and Heretics in the Middle Ages

Research

Current research

Caterina has just completed a 6-months AHRC fellowship and produced an article on the '*Familia inquisitionis*', the inquisitors' entourage, forthcoming. Also, she has just finished a long-standing project on the transmission of stereotypes (the greedy inquisitor) between judicial and literary sources, in Thirteenth-Fourteenth century Florence.



Past research

Humiliati in Emilia-Romagna – Italy – between c. XIII and XIV; Heresy and Inquisition in Northern Italy; Female and lay sainthood in the North of Italy; anti-heretical texts, their construction and reception; Dominican and Franciscan Inquisition in the Late Middle Ages; heresy and ghibellinismin the c. XIII; heresy in the Languedoc.

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- C. Bruschi, *Il 'Liber Suprastella', fonte piacentina: l'ambiente ed il motivo di produzione,* 'Archivio Storico per le Province Parmensi', IV ser., 49 (1997), pp. 405-427.
- C. Bruschi, *'Liber qui Suprastella dicitur'. Primi rilievi testuali sulla struttura e la tecnica polemica,* 'Bollettino della Societa` di Studi Valdesi', 179 (1997), pp. 95-108

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