



# CALL FOR PAPERS

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## *Qui primus legit:* **Studies in Sentence Commentaries on the Eighth Centenary of Alexander of Hales's Lectures**

The Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University  
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From 1223 to 1227, Alexander of Hales, Regent Master in Theology at the University of Paris, delivered his magisterial morning lectures based not on the traditional material—Sacred Scripture—but rather on Peter Lombard's *Sentences*. This innovation changed the study of theology in the European universities for the next several centuries. Until the time of the Reformation (and considerably beyond it in some places), the *Sentences* would retain its place as the most important textbook for advanced study of theology and philosophy in the Latin language. Alexander subsequently joined the Franciscan Order, giving the Franciscan Friars a permanent place within the University of Paris theology faculty and a share in the common scholastic culture that included commenting on the *Sentences*. On the eighth centenary of his groundbreaking *Gloss on the Sentences*, this conference welcomes session and paper proposals highlighting the genre of the *Sentence* commentary as a key locus for the handing on (*tradere*) of theological tradition, doctrinal development, and theological and philosophical debate in medieval and early modern intellectual culture.

Session and paper proposals addressing this thematic should be submitted by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to Dr. Aaron Gies ([agies@sbu.edu](mailto:agies@sbu.edu)).

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