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- 1. New digital and computer-aided methods of codicology and palaeography are most accurate when informed by traditional methods based on 'scholarly intuition' and extensive hands-on experience.
- 2. Quantitative codicology is the most reliable and efficient means of identifying trends in manuscript production within a corpus.
- 3. Beyond being purely a relic of book culture in a particular time and place, medieval manuscripts should be understood more specifically as physical remnants of technologies.
- 4. There is considerable opportunity for more robust scholarly studies of medieval bookbindings.
- 5. Reading aids can indicate precisely how and in what context a manuscript was used.
- 6. Cistercian abbeys shared a common visual heritage that is echoed in the folios of their manuscripts.
- 7. The switch from blind ruling to plummet ruling in the mid twelfth century was driven by the emergence of new 'universal' glosses like the *Glossa ordinaria*.
- 8. Inner margin pricking is more common in large manuscripts.
- 9. In situ manuscript research is particularly enjoyable in regions with centuries-long traditions of beer brewing.
- 10. Digitizing medieval manuscripts helps to reduce an institution's carbon footprint.