Mysticism, Heresy, & Witchcraft

The Marco Institute's

First Undergraduate Conference in Medieval & Renaissance Studies

Friday, April 8, 2011 The University of Tennessee

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SESSION ONE

8:30-10:00 AM

1A. PERSECUTION AND KINGSHIP IN MEDIEVAL SOCIETY

Baker Center Room 204/205

Chair

NICOLE HAMONIC, lecturer in Medieval Studies at the University of Tennessee

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Trial and Terror: The Europe that Spawned *The Malleus Maleficarum*

JOSHUA MAYS, University of Tennessee

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For the Glory of England: The Changing Nature of Kingship in Fourteenth Century England

LAUREN TIEDEMANN, Harvard University

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Death and Aging in the Time of the Plantagenets

KELLI DOCKTER, University of Tennessee

1B.

IB. LITERATURE OF THE HIGH TO LATE MIDDLE AGES

Baker Center Room 208

Chair

MILLIE GIMMEL, associate professor of Spanish at the University of Tennessee

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The Acallam na Senórach: A Stepping Stone to a Change of Heart for Early Irish Literature

ESTHER PANG, University of Miami

Love and War in Chaucer's Troilus and Criseyde

ALEX MCCLENDON, Troy University

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Memory and Chivalry in La Chanson de Roland

MEAGHAN NOVI, Ohio State University

PLENARY LECTURE

5:30-6:30 PM

PLENARY LECTURE BY DR. DYAN ELLIOTT OF NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

McClung Tower Rooms 1210-11

Introduction

JENNY BLEDSOE, University of Tennessee

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Women and Demons in the Middle Ages: Not a Love Story

DR. DYAN ELLIOTT, John Evans Professor of History, Northwestern University

Dyan Elliott was recently elected as a fellow of the Medieval Academy of America and has just completed a book entitled *The Bride of Christ Goes to Hell: Metaphor and Embodiment in the Lives of Pious Women, 200-1500.* Dr. Elliott's talk will examine how medieval representations of the demon-incubus gradually evolved from would-be rapist who overpowered his resistant victim, to persistent lover, to exacting husband. Demonic strategies for seduction tended to mirror contemporary religious ideologies, particularly new understandings of marriage and approaches to spirituality. The changing rapport between women and incubus-demons sets the stage for the rise of witchcraft charges.

SESSION FOUR

3:30-4:45 PM

4A. GENDER, MYSTICISM, AND WITCHCRAFT

Baker Center Room 204

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SALVADOR BARTERA, lecturer in Classics at the University of Tennessee

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Margery Kempe and the Sexualized Nature of Medieval Female Mysticism

KATHLEEN CONNELLY, University of Tennessee

A Fall from Grace: Medieval Visionary Birgitta of Sweden versus The Church

REBECCA HILL, University of Florida

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Diabolical Marriages and Satan's Seed

KILEY SAMZ, Duke University

4B. ON LANGUAGE

Baker Center Room 205

Chair

SAMANTHA MURPHY, lecturer in English at the University of Tennessee

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What's Language Got to Do With It?: *Mankind*'s Heretical Attack on Church Latin

HANNAH WILLIAMS, Carson-Newman College

Latin Liturgical Vocabulary Made Laughable: Mankind and Its Ultimate Refutation of Heretical English Vernacular

 ${\sf Kayla\ Beth\ Moore}, {\it Carson-Newman\ College}$

From God's Lips to Your Ears: The Unique Rhetoric in a Visionary Letter by Pedro of Aragon

HOLLIS DVORKIN, Northwestern University

SESSION TWO

10:15-11:45 AM

2A. RENAISSANCE ENGLAND

Baker Center Room 207

Chair

J.L. MCINTOSH, assistant professor of History at the University of Tennessee

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Donne's Unreasonable Wit

RICHARD ALEXANDER, Clemson University

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Marlowe's Conflicted Creed: Dr. Faustus and the Anxiety of Religious Allegiance

HELEN CUSHMAN, University of Virginia

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The Art of Legerdemain in a Rapidly Changing World

KATHERINE DRASH, University of Virginia

2B. CHRISTIANITY IN THE MIDDLE AGES AND RENAISSANCE

Baker Center Room 208

Chair

ELIZABETH SUTHERLAND, associate professor and associate head of Classics at the University of Tennessee

The Third Baptism: Protestant Identity and Persecution of Anabaptists

MICHAEL CASEY W. WOOLF, University of Tennessee

Destroying Gods with Words: A Look at Christianization in Early Medieval Europe

SCOTT CRAMMOND, Ohio State University

"Whatever is More Excellent": Scholarly Praise in the High Middle Ages

MANDY LOWELL, Duke University

LUNCH 12:00-1:15 PM

Lunch Catered by Ephesus Mediteranean Grill

Black Cultural Center Multipurpose Room

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SESSION THREE

1:30-3:15 PM

3A. ART AND PHILOSOPHY

Baker Center Room 204

Chair

BRIAN BECKER, lecturer in History at the University of Tennessee

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To Fear Our Fates: Determinism in Macbeth

JACOB VINES, East Tennessee State University

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Mind Over Matter: Reason as a Balm for Worldly Concerns

CLIFFORD E. HOPKINS, University of Tennessee, Martin

Establishing Legitimacy: Early Christians' Incorporation of Pagan and Jewish Iconography in the Via Latina Catacombs

JESSICA ETTINGER, University of Virginia

Medieval Illumination in Flux: Iconographic Integrity in a Sixteenth Century Book of Hours

BENJAMIN DURHAM, Ohio State University

3B. WITCHCRAFT AND ALCHEMY

Baker Center Room 205

Chair

MARIA STEHLE, assistant professor of German at the University of Tennessee

An Undisclosed Art Made an Exposed Science: The Impact of a Monk

ELIZABETH HAYDU, Virginia Polytechnic and State University

Bamberg at the Intersection of False Dichotomies in Witchcraft Studies

BRITTANY PRINCE, Oglethorpe University

The Devil's Consorts: Witch Trials in Early Seventeenth Century Bamburg

MATTHEW GRAMLING, Oglethorpe University

3C. SHAKESPEARE

Baker Center Room 208

Chair

ANTHONY WELCH, assistant professor of English at the University of Tennessee

Falling Out of Orbit: Roles and Reversals in *The Merchant of Venice*

ELISE HEUBERGER, University of Tennessee

The Magic Nature of Rape in Othello

DAVID BERNARD, University of Tennessee

Act V Scene IV of *Henry IV*: Prudential and Gracious Liars

 ${\tt AUDREY\ HUNGERPILLER},\ {\it University\ of\ the\ South}$

Wit and Witchcraft in Shakespeare's Othello

SAMUEL GLEASON, University of Tennessee