

The Midwest Medieval History Conference is the oldest regional association devoted to medieval studies. For forty-eight years it has served as a forum for the discussion and presentation of new directions in historical research as well as a place of warm collegiality. The University of Notre Dame's Medieval Institute is the host institution for this year's conference. Five graduate student papers will open the proceedings on Friday afternoon. Saturday's meeting will feature a plenary address, as well as nine paper presentations in the course of the day. ([Conference web site: http://mmhc.slu.edu/](http://mmhc.slu.edu/))

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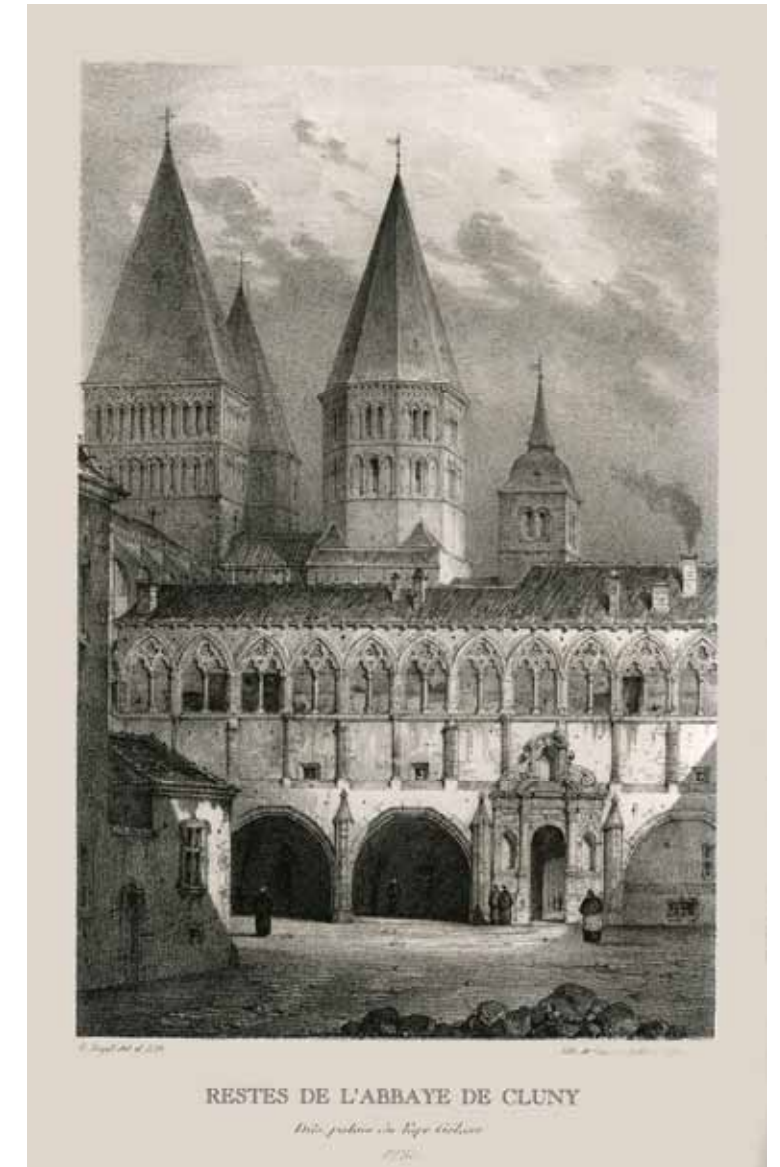
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All sessions will take place in McKenna Hall, the Center for Continuing Education, on the University of Notre Dame campus. From the main campus entrance at Angela/Edison Blvd. and Notre Dame Ave. follow the signs to the visitor parking lot. McKenna Hall is on Notre Dame Ave., across from the Morris Inn. On-site registration will begin at 1:00 pm. on Friday.



Forty-Eighth Annual  
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September 25-26, 2009

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### FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER

- 1:00 pm REGISTRATION BEGINS. McKenna Hall
- 3:00-4:00 pm **GERMANIC LAW**  
Chair: Louis Haas, Middle Tennessee State University
- “After Rome’s Fall: Law and Legal Administration in Ostrogothic Italy, 493-553”**  
Sean Lafferty, University of Toronto
- “The Sixth-Century Origins of the Frankish Ordeal by War”**  
Phillip Wynn, University of Notre Dame
- 4:15-5:30 pm **NORMANS, TEACHERS, AND THEORY**  
Chair: Valerie Garver, Northern Illinois University
- “The Monasteries of SS. Elias and Anastasius of Carbone: In the Periphery of Rome and Constantinople”**  
Panos Siampas, Loyola University Chicago
- “Rethinking the History of Scholasticism: The Case for the Secular Masters”**  
Stephen Metzger, University of Notre Dame
- “Infernal Communities within Medieval Society: Foucault and Pre-Modern Conceptions of Men Who Preferred Men”**  
Jordan Carroll, University of Cincinnati

(Dinner on your own)

- 8:00 pm RECEPTION, Medieval Institute, 715 Hesburgh Library

### SATURDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER

- 9:00-10:30 am **LANGUAGE & COMMUNITY IN THE MIDDLE AGES**  
Chair: Mark Angelos, Manchester College
- “Polluted Subjects: Lepers, Heretics, and Women”**  
Paula Rieder, Slippery Rock University
- “Chaucer and the History of Medieval Friars”**  
John Stachura, Independent Scholar
- “The Unknown Kingdom of the Rus”**  
Christian Raffensperger, Wittenberg University
- 10:30-11:00 am COFFEE BREAK
- 11 am-12:30 pm **CAROLINGIAN TEXTS**  
Chair: Amy Livingstone, Wittenberg University
- “‘Not the Least Charge of Cruelty or Unfairness’: Carolingian Counsel and a New Date for Einhard’s Vita Karoli”**  
Steven Stofferahn, Indiana State University
- “Dressing Correctly: Clothing in Carolingian Texts”**  
Valerie Garver, Northern Illinois University
- “Love and Politics in the Exegesis of Hrabanus Maurus”**  
Amy Oberlin, Loyola University Chicago
- 12:30-2:00 pm LUNCH & BUSINESS MEETING, Morris Inn, Donor’s Rm.
- 2:30-4:00 pm **GENOESE MERCHANTS & DEMONIC EXORCISM**  
Chair: Linda Mitchell, University of Missouri-Kansas City
- “Growing Up Fast: Sons of Medieval Genoese Merchants”**  
Jamie Smith, Alma College

### SATURDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER (continued)

- 2:30-4:00 pm (continued) **“Family Business Strategies in Late Twelfth- and Early Thirteenth-Century Genoa”**  
Mark Angelos, Manchester College
- “Possession, Exorcism, and Hagiography: The Encounters of Four Medieval Saints with the Demonic”**  
Erin Glunt, Yale University
- 4:15-5:30 pm **PLENARY ADDRESS**  
Chair: John Van Engen, University of Notre Dame
- “Cluny and Rome”**  
Giles Constable, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton
- 6:00 pm RECEPTION & BANQUET, O’Shaughnessy Great Hall

**REGISTRATION: Online or by telephone only.** (Paper registration is not possible.)

**For online registration go to:** <https://marketplace.nd.edu/cce> and click on “September Events” where you will find a listing for the MMHC. **For telephone registration call:** 574-631-6691.

The faculty registration fee is \$65; the graduate student registration fee is \$30. The registration fee includes entrance to the paper sessions and plenary address, coffee breaks, and lunch on Saturday. The Saturday evening banquet on campus is optional for attendees and tickets are \$45 per person, in addition to the conference registration fee.

**HOUSING:** Rooms are available at The Morris Inn on the Notre Dame campus for the nights of September 24, 25, and 26. Morris Inn single rooms are \$149.16 and double rooms are \$171.76 (both include tax and full breakfast). On-line hotel reservations can be made at the registration website <https://marketplace.nd.edu/cce> through Monday, August 24, 2009. (A variety of other hotels and motels are located in South Bend, within a short driving distance of the campus.)

