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All sessions will meet in the Pere Marquette Gallery located on the second floor of DuBourg Hall.

Friday, October 12, 2007

1:30 p.m. Registration Begins. Pere Marquette Gallery.

2:30 - 4:00 Graduate Student Session: Rediscoveries
Chair: Cullen J. Chandler, Lycoming College

From Frontier Fortress to Trading Center: Cologne’s Transformation in the Early Middle Ages
Thomas R. Farmer, University of Minnesota

The Church in Languedoc Prior to the Albigensian Crusade: Less Efficient and Less Zealous?
Walker Reid Cosgrove, Saint Louis University

Finding Eleanor Cobham: The Search for Sources on the Life and Trial of a Fifteenth-Century English Witch
Julia Geiger, The Ohio State University

4:15 - 5:45 Graduate Student Session: Cross-Currents
Chair: Shirley Wolbrink, Drury University

Felicians, Paulicians, and Carolingians: The Construction and Interaction of Borderland Heresies in the Eighth and Ninth Centuries
James B. Williams, Purdue University

“Fere impotabiles et onorose”: Financing Reconquest and Crusade in the Thirteenth Century
Miguel Gomez, University of Tennessee

Enemies of the Cloister: Ideas about Jews in the Monasteries of Medieval Germany
John D. Young, University of Notre Dame

8:00 - 10:00 Cocktail Reception. Drury Inn. Hosted by the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Saint Louis University.

Saturday, October 13, 2007

8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast. Pere Marquette Room.

8:45 a.m. Welcome
Thomas F. Madden, Director, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Saint Louis University

9:00 - 10:30 Debating the Early Middle Ages
Chair: David S. Selton, Eastern Kentucky University

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break.

11:00 - 12:30 Plenary Address
Is There a Monk in the House? Death-Bed Conversion to Monastic Life in the Twelfth Century
Joseph H. Lynch, The Ohio State University

Religious Culture
Chair: Thomas Burman, University of Tennessee

Capitalization or Capital Punishment? The Dividing Lines in al-Andalus in the Ninth and Tenth Centuries
Andrew Kurt, Grand Valley State University

Scripture, Liturgy, and the Treasury of Merit
Robert W. Shaffern, University of Scranton

The Devil in the Late Middle Ages
Michael Bailey, Iowa State University

4:00 - 4:15 Coffee Break

4:15 - 5:45 Power and Memory
Chair: Linda Mitchell, Alfred University

Where’s Daddy? Family Commemoration of Aristocratic Men in the Lands of the Loire, 1050-1200
Amy Livingstone, Wittenberg University

Talking about Kingship When Preaching about Saint Louis
M. Cecilia Gaposchkin, Dartmouth College

Dialogue of Power: Funerals and Ritual in Fourteenth-Century Florence and Siena
William Cafiero, Vanderbilt University

Cocktails. Cupples House.

6:00 Banquet. Pere Marquette Gallery.

9:00 President’s Reception.

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