

**Canadian Society of Medievalists / Société canadienne des
médiévistes**

Conference Schedule / Programme

27-29 May / 27-29mai, 2023

York University / Université de York , Toronto, Ontario

We recognize that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships with the territories upon which York University campuses are located that precede the establishment of York University. York University acknowledges its presence on the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations. The area known as Tkaronto has been care taken by the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat. It is now home to many First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities. We acknowledge the current treaty holders, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory is subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to peaceably share and care for the Great Lakes region.

Nous reconnaissons que de nombreuses nations autochtones entretiennent des relations de longue date avec les territoires sur lesquels sont situés les campus de l'Université York, relations qui précèdent l'établissement de l'Université York. L'Université York reconnaît sa présence sur le territoire traditionnel de nombreuses nations autochtones. La région connue sous le nom de Tkaronto est sous la responsabilité de gardiennage de la Nation Anishinabek, la Confédération Haudenosaunee et les Hurons-Wendat. Elle abrite maintenant de nombreuses communautés de Premières nations, d'Inuits et de Métis. Nous reconnaissons les détenteurs actuels du traité, les Mississaugas de la Première Nation de Credit. Ce territoire fait l'objet du Pacte de la ceinture de wampum Dish with One Spoon, une entente visant à partager pacifiquement et à prendre soin de la région des Grands Lacs.

DAY 1 / JOUR 1
Saturday / Samedi
May 27 / le 27 mai

In-Person Concurrent Sessions / Sessions en personne et simultanées

Arrival 10:15am / Arrivée 10h15

Room: Ross Building- R S101A

Land Acknowledgement and Welcome
Reconnaissance du territoire et accueil

Past President / Président sortant
Marc Cels, Athabasca University

Session 1 10:30am-12noon / Session 1 10h30-12h

Session 1A: Policies and Pageantry in Late Medieval England

Room: Ross Building- R S101A

Chair: Allison Fizzard, University of Regina (Campion College)

- 1. Ruth Frost, UBC Okanagan**
 The Regulation of the Sale of Corn and Grain in Early Fourteenth-Century Norwich
- 2. Emma-Catherine Wilson, DPhil Candidate, University of Oxford**
 The Fanciful Challenge Letters of London, College of Arms, MS L6 and the Role of
 Heralds in the Elaboration of Early Tudor Pageants

Session 1B: Re-contextualizing Kingship

Room Ross Building- R N120

Chair: Richard Firth Green, Professor Emeritus, The Ohio State University

- 1. Darren Henry-Noel, PhD Candidate, Queen's University**
 A "Most Crusading King"? The Role of the Crusades in the Reign of Philip Augustus
- 2. Ruth Wehlau, Queen's University**
 The Power of Patient Kingship; Supernatural Abduction in *Sir Orfeo* and the Third
 Branch of the *Mabinogi*

3. Andrew Taylor, University of Ottawa

Chamber, Hound, and Hawk: Froissart's Account of Henry IV's Seizure of Power

LUNCH BREAK 12noon-1:30pm / PAUSE DÉJEUNER 12-13:30h

Session 2 1:30-3pm / Session 2 13h30-15h

Session 2A: Manuscripts and the Questions They Pose

Room Ross Building- R N120

Chair: David Watt, University of Manitoba

1. Chris L. Nighman, Wilfrid Laurier University

An Unexpected Tract on Preaching Within a Dominican Florilegium

2. Stephanie J. Lahey, University of Toronto

Statistical Analysis of the Statuta Angliæ Corpus—Some Initial Findings

3. Katelin Marit Parsons, Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies, Iceland

Is Parchment Medieval?

Session 2B: Blurring Boundaries: Interactions and Images Across the Religious Divide in Catalonia, Byzantium and the Baltic Crusade

Room: Ross Building- R S101A

Chair: Derek Neal, Nipissing University

1. Grant Schrama, Queen's University

Race or Religion? Eastern Roman Commentaries on Christian-Muslim Interactions, 1200-1500

2. Rasa Mazeika, University of Toronto, New College

Pagan Rites Abetted by Christian Clerics in Medieval Lithuania

3. Alexandra Guerson, University of Toronto and Dana Wessell Lightfoot, University of Northern British Columbia

The Women of the Cerç Family and Multi-Generational Credit Relationships Between Christians and Jews in Medieval Girona

COFFEE BREAK 3-3:30pm / PAUSE CAFÉ 15h-15h30

Session 3 3:30-4:30pm / Session 2 15h30-16h30

Session 3: Medieval Medical Narratives

Room: Ross Building- R N 120

Chair: Marc Cels, Athabasca University

1. **Shirley Kinney, Independent Scholar**
 Zoopharmacognosy and Distrust of the Medical Profession in the *Herbarium* of
 Pseudo-Apuleius

2. **Ben Nilson, UBC Okanagan**
 English *Miracula* Related to Pregnancy, 11th to 15th centuries

**Optional / Optionnel: CSM Members Informal Social Night / Soirée
 sociale informelle des membres de la SCM**

Location / Lieu: Timbers Lodge

**Executive Committee Planning Dinner / Dîner de planification du
 comité exécutif**

Location / Lieu: TBD / A Déterminer

End of Day 1 / Fin du premier jour

DAY 2 / JOUR 2

In-Person and Live-streamed / En personne et Diffusion en direct
 (Zoom links available to registered attendees on CFHSS Virtual Platform / Liens
 Zoom disponibles sur le plate-forme virtuelle de la FSH pour les participant.e.s
 inscrit.e.s)

Sunday / Dimanche

May 28 / le 28 mai

Consecutive Sessions / Sessions consécutives

Session 1 9:15-10:45am / Session 1 9h15-10:45h

Session 1: Reckonings and Re-imaginings:

The Ethiopian 'Dark Ages' (6th-12th centuries) I: The 'Facts'

(presented with support from the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences' Open Programming Fund)

Room: Vari Hall – VH D

Chair: Michael Gervers, PhD, University of Toronto

1. **Mohammad Ahmad Mian, University of Toronto**
 The Axumite-Sassanian War During the Sixth Century C.E.: The Martial, Political, and Religious Decline of Axum in Late Antiquity
2. **Shijie Zhang, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), Geneva, Switzerland (Remote Presenter)**
 A Chinese General's Grand Adventure toward Africa: The Kingdom of Molin, Laobosa, and the Trade between East Asia and the Axumite Kingdom in the Eighth Century
3. **River M. Hobel, University of Toronto**
 Rethinking Christianity in Šäwa During the 'Dark Ages'

COFFEE BREAK 10:45-11:05am / PAUSE CAFÉ 10h45-11h05

Session 2 11:05am-12:35noon / Session 2 11h05-12h35

Session 2: Reckonings and Re-imaginings:

The Ethiopian 'Dark Ages' (6th-12th centuries) II: The Legends

Room: Vari Hall – VH D

Chair: Michael Gervers, PhD, University of Toronto

1. **Adam Heagle, University of Toronto**

Speculation on the Origins and Development of Ethiopian Liturgical Chant in the Middle Ages

2. **Habtamu Mekonnen Taddesse, Sessional Instructor, University of Toronto**
Gudit: Was She a Mere Tradition/Myth or an Actual Political Figure in Ethiopian History?
3. **Katherine Robertson, University of Toronto**
Myth and Conflict Under the Solomonic Dynasty: A Case Study of Queen Gudit and the Queen of Sheba

LUNCH BREAK 12:35-1:30pm / PAUSE DÉJEUNER 12h35-13h30

(Big Thinking Event 12:15-1:15pm:
Thinking across differences: Decolonial, anti-racism and feminist perspectives)
(Événement Voir Grand 12h15-13h15:
Penser au-delà des différences : Perspectives décoloniales, antiracistes et féministes)

Session 3 1:30-3pm / Session 3 13h30-15h

**Session 3: Reckonings and Re-imaginings:
Rethinking Medieval Gendered Violence After #MeToo**
Room: Vari Hall – VH D
Chair: Shannon McSheffrey, Concordia University

1. **Matthew Roby, University of Toronto (Remote Presenter)**
The 'Bed-Trick' in Old Norse Sagas
2. **Gavin Foster, PhD Student, Dalhousie University**
Judith, Éowyn, and the Alloying Effects of Sexualized Violence
3. **Mariah Cooper, Acadia University**
'Let's bring the boys in': Collective Sexual Violence as a Male Bonding Experience in Junior Hockey and Medieval Gang Rape
4. **Kathy Cawsey, Dalhousie University**
'Threte is unthrivande in thede ther I lende': Gawain's Defence of Consent in *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*

COFFEE BREAK 3-3:30pm / PAUSE CAFÉ 15h-15h30

Plenary Address 3:30-5pm / Discours en séance plénière 15h30-17h

Dr. Arafat Razzaque, University of Toronto

**The City a Desert: The Moral Self and Anxieties of Social
Difference from Late Antiquity to Early Islam**

Room: Vari Hall – VH D

Chair: Siobhain Bly Calkin, Carleton University

5pm: York University President's Reception

17h : Réception du Président de la Université York

Location / Lieu: Scott Library - Atrium

7pm: CSM Conference Dinner

19h: Dîner de la conférence SCM

Location / Lieu : Timbers Lodge

End of Day 2 / Fin du deuxième jour

DAY 3 / JOUR 3
Monday / Lundi
May 29 / le 29 mai

In-Person Concurrent Sessions / Sessions en personne et simultanées

Session 1 9-10:30am / Session 1 9h-10h30

Session 1A: Shifting Identities in Medieval German and Dutch Narratives

Room: Ross Building- R N120

Joint Session with German Studies Canada

Chair: Ann Marie Rasmussen, University of Waterloo

1. **John Greenfield, German Studies, University of Porto**
 God's Own Society? On the Divided Allegiances of *minne* [love] in Wolfram von Eschenbach's Grail Community
2. **Sophie Jordan, Germanic Languages and Literatures, University of Toronto**
 Black Excellence at Arthur's Court: *Moriaen* and Northern Germanic Medieval Concepts of Blackness
3. **Jana Koepcke, Germanic and Slavic Studies, University of Waterloo**
The Queen of France in its Codicological Contexts: Manuscript Compilation as the Site of Shifting Identity Formations

Session 1B: Reckonings and Re-imaginings: Medieval Narratives and Relations Between Peoples

Room: Ross Building – R S101A

Chair: Kathy Cawsey, Dalhousie University

1. **Robin Waugh, Wilfrid Laurier University**
 Displacement of Indigenous Knowledge in *Vatnsdæla saga*
2. **Andrew W. Klein, St. Thomas University**
 A Synecdochic Slipper: Reckoning with the Racialized Scot in Medieval Anglo-Scottish Conflict
3. **Christine Ekholst, Uppsala University, Sweden**
 Our Home and Native Land: Medieval Origin Stories and Right-Wing Populism

COFFEE BREAK 10:30-11am / PAUSE CAFÉ 10h30-11h

Session 2 11am-12:30noon / Session 2 11h-12h30

Session 2A: Middle English: New Questions and Approaches to Oft-Taught Texts

Room: Ross Building- R N120

Chair: Kathryn Walton, Lakehead University

1. **Richard Firth Green, Professor Emeritus, The Ohio State University**
How Christian is Sir Gawain's Pentangle?
2. **Joanne Findon and Katrina Keefer, Trent University**
Introducing *Riding with Chaucer: an Immersive Pilgrimage*
3. **Elizabeth Edwards, Inglis Professor, University of King's College**
Chaucer's Suicides

Session 2B: Latin Engagements with Rome and Italy

Room: Ross Building R S101A

Chair: John Geck, Memorial University of Newfoundland

1. **Cillian O'Hogan, University of Toronto**
Foundation Narratives and the Classical Tradition in Hrotsvit's *Primordia Coenobii Gandeshemensis*
2. **Sarah Griffin, Memorial University of Newfoundland**
Dante's *Paradiso* and its Philosophical Thematic Resonance with Augustine's *Confessions*
3. **Eva Plesnik, University of Toronto**
Leisure and Place in the Anticourt Discourse of Petrarch's *De vita solitaria* and Aeneas Silvius Piccolomini's *De curialium miseriis*

LUNCH and AGM / DÉJEUNER et AGA

12:30-2:30pm / 12h30-14h30

Location / Lieu: Ross Building- R N120

Bagged lunch provided for in-person attendees (to be picked up at Ross Building R S101A / Le déjeuner sera offert aux participant.e.s en personne et peut être trouvé à Ross Building R S101A)

All members not able to attend in person are welcome to attend via Zoom (links will be sent by e-mail to all members) / Tous les membres qui ne peuvent pas

participer en personne sont invités à participer via Zoom (les liens seront envoyés par courriel à tou.te.s les membres).

COFFEE BREAK 2:30-3pm / PAUSE CAFÉ 14h30-15h

Session 3 3-4:30pm / Session 3 15-16h30

Session 3: Roundtable: Funding and Publishing Your Work in Medieval Studies

Room: Ross Building- R N120

Chair: Chris L. Nighman, Wilfrid Laurier University

1. **Stephanie J. Lahey, University of Toronto**
“Applying for Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Funding: SSHRCC and Beyond”
2. **Michael Gervers, University of Toronto**
“Applying for Research Funding and Finding a Publisher”
3. **David Watt, University of Manitoba and Editor of *Florilegium***
“Tips on Publishing Articles: An Editor’s Perspective”
Siobhain Bly Calkin, Carleton University
“Tips on Publishing Articles: A Scholar’s Perspective”
4. **Speaker awaiting confirmation**
“Writing Books and Book Proposals”

End of Day 3 and of Conference / Fin de la troisième journée et de la conférence