Global Medieval and Renaissance Studies Colloquium

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Class of 1978 Orrery Pavilion, Kislak Center, Van Pelt Library. Saturday, 19 March, 2022

10:00– Opening Remarks
10:15am Eleanor Webb and Vito Acosta, Fellows in Global Medieval and Renaissance Studies, UPenn

10:15– Panel 1: Reading, Historiography, and Historical Documents
11:30am Chair: Professor Ann E. Moyer
Guilty Pleasures: Christine de Pizan and the Perils of Solitary Reading.
Itay Blumenzweig, Comparative Literature and Literary Theory, UPenn.

Lists, Limits and Lies: Inquisitorial Hermeneutics beyond the Tribunal.
Kathryn Phipps, Hispanic and Portuguese Studies, Romance Languages, UPenn.

Divya Nair, English, UPenn.

Discussion

11:30– Coffee break
11:40am

11:40– Panel 2: Moving Objects: The Local and the Global
12:30pm Chair: Professor Nancy Steinhardt
Given Up: Donating Objects and Constructing Pagodas in China, 10–11th Centuries.
Bryce Heatherly, East Asian Languages and Civilizations, UPenn.

Transcultural and Transmedial Ornament along the Silk Roads: Pearl Roundels in China, Japan, and Central Asia during the Sixth and Eighth Centuries.
Aria Diao, East Asian Languages and Civilizations, UPenn.

Discussion

12:30– Lunch
1:30pm

1:30– Panel 3: Reading Italian Vernacular Literature
2:20pm Chair: Professor Rita Copeland
UPenn MS. Codex 331 and the Vernacular Exemplum.
Mario Sassi, Italian Studies, Department of Romance Languages, UPenn.

Staging Artificiality: Dante’s Limbo in Light of Virgil’s Parva Troia.
Paolo Scartoni, Department of Italian Studies, Rutgers University.
Discussion

2:20 – 2:20pm
2:40pm

Break

2:40 – 3:30pm
Panel 4: Italian Renaissance Philosophy
Chair: Professor Eva Del Soldato
Sperone Speroni on Fortuna: Philosophy and Literature at the Accademia degli Infiammati.
Eleanor Webb, Department of History, UPenn.

The Reception of Galen in Marsilio Ficino and Pietro Pomponazzi: a Study of the Overlap between Philosophy and Medicine in the Renaissance.
Abigail Worgul, Department of Classics, UPenn.

Discussion

3:30 – 3:40pm
Break

3:40 – 4:30pm
Panel 5: Imperial Politics and Power
Chair: Professor Christopher P. Atwood
Continuities in Inner Asian Legitimation: The Case of the Secret History of the Mongols.
Vito Acosta, Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations, UPenn.

Khan Krum and the Change of Bulgarian Grand Strategy at the Turn of the 9th Century.
Ilia Curto Pelle, Department of Classics, Princeton University.

Discussion

4:30pm
Closing remarks
Julia Verkholantsev, Director of GMRS.