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*"Medieval and Renaissance
Politics and Thought Today"*



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2023 Conference Programme

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Friday 22 September

5:00-5:30 Visit to Special Collections, with Laurinda Matheson (St. FX Library)
Father Charles Brewer Celtic Collections, Angus L. Macdonald Library

5:30-7:00 reception and opening remarks
Hall of the Clans, Angus L. Macdonald Library

Saturday 23 September

Hall of the Clans, Angus L. Macdonald Library

*note: the entire academic program will take place in the Hall of the Clans

8:30-8:40 welcome and coffee
Hall of the Clans, Angus L. MacDonald Library

8:40-9:55 **Panel 1: Spectatorship and Audience**
Chair: Andrew Klein

“John Donne’s Pictures”
Ronald Huebert, Dalhousie University

“By the Shallow Rivers of Babylon?: Musical Mashups and the Sound of
Lost Music on the Shakespearean Stage”
Jacqueline Wylde, St. Francis Xavier University

“Self-Likenesses in Selected Frescoes of the Italian Renaissance”
David McNeil, Dalhousie University

9:55-10:10 break

10:10-11:10 **Panel 2: Medieval Medicine**
Chair: Matthew Vanderkwaak

“Who Was David Armenicus?”
Donna Trembinski, St. Francis Xavier University

“Cross-Cultural Eyecare in David Armenicus’ *De curationibus oculorum*”
Clara O’Callaghan, St. Francis Xavier University

11:10-12:25 Panel 3: English Texts and Rhetoric

Chair: Jacqueline Wylde

“Reading English Poetry in Medieval Manuscripts, Then and Now: A Media-Specific Approach”

Andrew W. Klein, St. Thomas University

“Rhetoric of the Colonial Gentry”

Daniel Ellis, St. Bonaventure University

“Female Authorship and Identity in the Paratext of Isabella Whitney’s Printed Works”

Jane Goulding, Memorial University of Newfoundland

12:25-1:50 Lunch

Piper’s Pub

1:50-3:05 Panel 4: On Power

Chair: Steve Baldner

“Past, Present, and the Politics of ‘Witch Hunts’”

Kathryn Morris, University of King’s College

“The Cosmological Background of Giles of Rome’s theory of Ecclesiastical Authority”

Matthew Vanderkwaak, University College Dublin and University of King’s College

“Dante’s Vision of Justice as a Prelude to Contemporary Political Thought”

Neil Robertson, University of King’s College

3:05-4:25 Panel 5: Animalia

Chair: Donna Trembinski

“Werewolves in Wolf Land: A Biosemiotic Reading of the Old English ‘Wulf’”

Andrea Schutz, St. Thomas University

“Pour une politique de l’appréciation de l’animal ou la sagesse de la bête chez Michel de Montaigne / About Politics of Animal Appreciation or the Wisdom of the Beast in Michel de Montaigne”

Sanda Badescu, University of Prince Edward Island

“Francesco Salviati and the Horses of San Marco”

Sharon Gregory, St Francis Xavier University

4:25-4:40 break

4:40-5:55 **Panel 6: Religious Thinking and Practices**

Chair: Michael Szlachta

“Dying to be a Monk: Questions, Findings, and Sources about Lay Death and Burial in Religious Habits”

Kirsty Schut, University of King’s College

“Competing Hermeneutics: The Martyr Murals at Santo Stefano Rotondo”

Louis Groarke, St. Francis Xavier University

“Dutch Mennonites, Religious Freedom, and Philosophies of Toleration: Baruch Spinoza, John Locke, and Galenus Abrahamsz”

Gary Waite, University of New Brunswick

5:55-6:00 Announcements: Andrea Schutz, AMEMG President
Conference wrap-up

6:30-8:00 Dinner and Closing Reception
Professor Joseph Khoury’s home
26 Church St. Extension, B2G 2E6
Map to dinner: <https://bit.ly/AMEMG23Dinner>

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