

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

**Preliminary Conference Schedule / Programme préliminaire**

**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**  
**May 27 / le 27 mai**  
**Concurrent Sessions / Sessions simultanées**

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

**Session 1A: Policies and Pageantry in Late Medieval England**

**Room TBD**

**Chair: TBD**

**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 TBD**

**Chair: TBD**

**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 TBD**

**Chair: TBD**

**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, postdoctoral researcher, Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies (Reykjavík, Iceland)**

Is Parchment Medieval?

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

**Room TBD**

**Chair: TBD**

**1. Grant Schrama, Queen's University**

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

**2. Rasa Mazeika, University of Toronto**

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 15-15:30h**

**Session 3 3:30-4:30pm / Session 2 15:30-16:30h**

### **Session 3A: Medieval Medical Narratives**

**Room TBD**

**Chair: TBD**

- 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

### **Session 3B: Modern Re-Envisionings of Medieval Narratives**

**Room TBD**

**Chair: TBD**

- 1. Christine Ekholst, Uppsala University, Sweden**

Our Home and Native Land: Medieval Origin Stories and Right-Wing Populism

**2. Michael Kightley, University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

Queer Beowulfs in Contemporary Adaptations

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

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

**End of Day 1 / Fin du premier jour**

**DAY 2 / JOUR 2**  
**Live-streamed / Diffusion en direct**  
**May 28 / le 28 mai**  
**Consecutive Sessions / Sessions consécutives**

**Session 1 8:30-10am / Session 1 8h30-10h**

**Session 1: Reckonings and Re-imaginings:**  
**The Ethiopian ‘Dark Ages’ (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> centuries) I: The ‘Facts’**  
(presented with support from the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences’ Open Programming Fund)

**Room TBD**

**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**

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 10-10:30am / PAUSE CAFÉ 10-10:30h**

**Session 2 10 :30am-12noon / Session 2 10 :30-12h**

**Session 2: Reckonings and Re-imaginings:  
The Ethiopian 'Dark Ages' (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> centuries) II: The Legends**

**Room TBD**

**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 Tadesse, 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 12noon-1:30pm / PAUSE DÉJEUNER 12-13:30h**

**(Big Thinking Event 12:15-1:15pm:**

**Thinking across differences: Decolonial, anti-racism and feminist perspectives)**

**(Événement Voir Grand 12:15-13:15h :**

**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 TBD**

**Chair: TBD**

**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 15-15h30**

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

**PLENARY ADDRESS**

**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 TBD**

**Chair: Siobhain Bly Calkin, Carleton University, President CSM / SCM**

**5pm: York University President's Reception / 17h : Réception du Président de la Université York**

**7pm: CSM Conference Dinner: Location TBD / 19h: Dîner de la conférence SCM : Lieu à déterminer**

**End of Day 2 / Fin du deuxième jour**

**DAY 3 / JOUR 3**  
**May 29 / le 29 mai**  
**Concurrent Sessions / Sessions simultanées**

**! Note the different timeslots for today!**

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

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

**Room TBD**

**Joint Session with German Studies Canada**

**(Organizers: Ann Marie Rasmussen, University of Waterloo and Markus Stock, University of Toronto)**

**Chair: TBD**

**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 Depictions of Relations Between Peoples**

**Room TBD**

Chair: TBD

**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

**COFFEE BREAK 10:30-10:45am / PAUSE CAFÉ 10:30-10:45h****Session 2 10:45am-12:15noon / Session 2 10 :45-12:15h****Session 2A: Middle English: New Questions and Approaches to Oft-Taught Texts****Room TBD**

Chair: TBD

**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 TBD**

Chair: TBD

**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 / 12:30-14h30**

Lunch will be provided for in-person attendees. / Le déjeuner sera offert aux participant.e.s en personne.

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 on Funding Opportunities:**

**SSHRC's postdoctoral program and non-SSHRC external major funding****Room TBD****Chair: TBD****Organizers: Chris L. Nighman, Wilfrid Laurier University and Richard Matthew Pollard, UQAM****Participants: TBA****End of Day 3 and of Conference / Fin de la troisième journée et de la conférence**