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THE ORSINI

A ROMAN BARONIAL FAMILY IN CONTEXT

Politics, Society, and Art



CONFERENCE AND EXHIBIT

Thursday-Saturday, February 1-3, 2007

The Orsini, whose prominence in Italian history dates back to the twelfth century, boast three popes, twenty-eight cardinals, and marriages into several ruling houses of Europe.

This conference celebrates the conclusion of a two-year project to catalog the Orsini Family Papers in UCLA's Charles E. Young Research Library Department of Special Collections. It will bring together current scholarship on the family and encourage the use of this exceptionally rich store of primary material. The sessions will focus on the family and its milieu in the early modern period, addressing such questions as the research potential of baronial archives, the family's political strategies, their artistic patronage, and the role of Orsini women.

The cataloging of the Orsini Family Papers at UCLA was made possible by the Steinmetz Family Foundation, whose generous support is gratefully acknowledged.

Program

Thursday, February 1

5 p.m. Welcome
Royce Hall 314
Victoria Steele, UCLA Charles E. Young Research Library
Department of Special Collections
Brian Copenhaver, UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies
Elisabetta Mori, Archivio Capitolino, Rome

5:20 p.m. Keynote Lecture
Royce Hall 314
Carlo Ginzburg, UCLA
"Making Sense of the Chinese Rites Debate: Rome 1735,
Los Angeles 2007"

6:15 p.m. Reception
Royce Hall 306

Friday, February 2

Research Library Conference Center

9 a.m. - noon
Session One: "The Family Archive as a Resource"

Chair: Richard Rouse, UCLA

Guendalina Ajello Mahler, Special Collections, YRL, UCLA
"The Orsini Papers at UCLA: Property, Administration, and
Political Strategy"

Elisabetta Mori, Archivio Capitolino, Rome
"Paolo Giordano Orsini, the Archive, and the Reasons for Memory"

Thomas Kuehn, Clemson University
"*Fideicommissum* and Family: the Orsini di Bracciano"

2 - 5 p.m.
Session Two: "Politics, Power, and Administration"

Chair: John Marino, University of California, San Diego

Christine Shaw, Cambridge University, UK
"The Exemplary Career of a Rogue Elephant: Napoleone Orsini,
abate di Farfa"

Ingrid Rowland, Notre Dame, Rome
"Agostino Chigi and the Orsini"

Thomas Cohen, York University, Canada
"A Baron Explains his Lordship over a *feudo*: Giuliano Cesarini in 1556"

Saturday, February 3

Research Library Conference Center

9 a.m. - noon
Session Three: "Society and Culture"

Chair: Dale Kent, University of California, Riverside

Caroline Murphy, University of California, Riverside
"Women, Property, and Possessions in UCLA's Orsini Family Papers"

Caroline Castiglione, Brown University
"When a Woman 'Takes' Charge: Anne Marie de la Tremoille (1642-
1728) and the End of the Patrimony of the Dukes of Bracciano"

Renata Ago, La Sapienza, Rome
"The Orsini and the Aesthetics of Everyday Life between the
Seventeenth and the Eighteenth Centuries"

2 - 5 p.m.
Session Four: "Patronage and the Arts"

Chair: Geoffrey Symcox, UCLA

Henry Dietrich Fernández, Rhode Island School of Design
"Nicholas III's Interventions at the Vatican Palace"

Kristin Triff, Trinity College, Connecticut
"Patronage and Public Image in Renaissance Rome: The Orsini Palace
at Monte Giordano"

Barbara Furlotti, University of London
"Displaying Credit. The Dukes of Bracciano and their Possessions
in the Late Sixteenth Century"

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Roundtable Discussion

Dale Kent, University of California, Riverside
John Marino, University of California, San Diego
Richard Rouse, UCLA
Geoffrey Symcox, UCLA



Further conference details are available at <<http://www.library.ucla.edu/libraries/special/scweb/orsini.htm>>.

Participants

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John Marino	



Please RSVP by January 17, 2007, to Kelly Haigh at 310.794.4408 or <khaigh@library.ucla.edu>.

A block of rooms has been reserved for those planning to attend the conference at:

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