

Geography as it was understood and practiced in the Middle Ages, within both eastern and western traditions, and as represented both graphically and textually, is a subject of renewed interest and importance among historians, philologists and geographers.

This conference aims to promote an exchange between those of different disciplines working on geographical ideas and thinking from late Antiquity to the Renaissance on two themes:

“Translation, transmission, transculturation” will focus on the continuities in geographical knowledge from Antiquity into and through the Middle Ages; the complex transculturation of formal geographical and cartographic knowledge between Latin, Byzantine and Islamic scholars and travelers; and the copying and transmission of key geographical texts and sources, and their selection and adaptation.

“Mapping, imagining, placing” will consider questions of “scale, place, and the geographical imagination” looking at the changing distinctiveness, character and uses of “geography” in medieval thought; the intertextual nature of “medieval geography” between visual (cartographic) and textual descriptions, and connections between “thinking geographically” (i.e., spatial sensibility) and “geographical thinking” (i.e., writing and visualizing “geography”) in the Middle Ages.

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#### REGISTRATION

Advance registration is not required. No admission fee.

Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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### Thursday, May 28, 2009

Royce Hall 314

4:00 Registration and refreshments

4:45 Welcoming Remarks

**Brian P. Copenhagen** (UCLA)  
Director, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies

**David L. Rigby** (UCLA)  
Chair, Department of Geography

**Patrick Geary** (UCLA)  
Department of History

5:00 **Keith Lilley** (Queen's University Belfast)  
"Mapping Medieval Geographies"

5:30 **Veronica Della Dora** (University Bristol)  
"Denis E. Cosgrove and Mapping Geography's History"

6:00 Reception

7:00 **Alessandro Scafi** (The Warburg Institute, University of London)  
"The Naked Philosophers: India and the Medieval Geography of Religion"

### Friday, May 29, 2009

Royce Hall 314

8:30 Coffee, Tea, Pastries

**Session 1. Geographical Traditions**  
**Chair: Keith Lilley (Queen's University Belfast)**

9:00 **Natalia Lozovsky** (UC Berkeley)  
"The Uses of Classical History and Geography in Medieval St. Gall"

9:45 **Andrew Merrills** (University of Leicester)  
"Time, Space and the 'Origines' of Isidore of Seville"

10:30 Break

10:45 **Jesse Simon** (University of Oxford)  
"Chorography Reconsidered: Roman Mapping Traditions in Late Antiquity and Beyond"

11:30 **Angelo Cattaneo** (New University of Lisbon)  
"Venice and Castille, 1430-1457. The Translation and Adaptation of Ptolemy's *Geography* and Mid-Fifteenth Century Mapping"

12:15 Discussion

12:45 Lunch

**Session 2. Geographical Imaginations**  
**Chair: Veronica Della Dora (University of Bristol)**

1:45 **Amanda Power** (University of Sheffield)  
"The Cosmographical Imagination of Roger Bacon"

2:30 **Nessa Cronin** (National University of Ireland, Galway)  
"'Blistered toes' and the Eye of History: Continuity and Change in the Cartographic Narratives of Giraldus Cambrensis"

3:15 Break

3:30 **Marcia Kupfer** (Ohio State University)  
"'Location, location, location!': New Light on the Hereford and Ebstorf Maps"

4:15 **Meg Roland** (Marylhurst University)  
"'After Poyetes and Astronomers': English Narrative Geography 1480-1600"

5:00 Discussion

### Saturday, May 30, 2009

Royce Hall 314

8:30 Coffee, Tea, Pastries

**Session 3. Embodied Geographies**  
**Chair: Matthew Fisher (UCLA)**

9:00 **Daniel Birkholz** (University of Texas at Austin)  
"Atlas of a Medieval Life: Biography, Cartography, Roger de Breynton (c.1290-1351)"

9:45 **Melanie Caiazza** (University of Kent)  
"'Next to John Holland's Hedge': Late Medieval Experiences of Authority in a Small Island Landscape"

10:30 Break

10:45 **Kathy Lavezzo** (University of Iowa)  
"Geographies of Gender and Race in Medieval Norwich"

11:30 **Sarah Gordon** (Utah State University)  
"Disability and Travel to Multiple Pilgrimage Sites in Medieval Miracle Narratives"

12:15 Discussion

12:45 Lunch

**Session 4. Imagined Geographies**  
**Chair: Meg Roland (Marylhurst University)**

1:45 **Karen Pinto** (Gettysburg College)  
"Portraits of 'the West' in Arab Maps and Poetry"

2:30 **Camille Serchuk** (Southern Connecticut State University)  
"Gaul Undivided: Cartography, Geography and Identity in France at the Time of the Hundred Years War"

3:15 Break

3:30 **Sara Torres** (UCLA)  
"Purgatorial Voyages in Anglo-Iberian Cultural Exchange"

4:15 **Covadonga Lamar Prieto** (UCLA)  
"The Origin of the Mexicans in Juan Suarez de Peralta's *Tratado del descubrimiento*"

5:00 Discussion

5:30 Closing Discussion  
Chair: **Keith Lilley** (Queen's University Belfast)