Information

For Friday, February 4, at the Getty Center, advance registration and a $15 registration fee are required. Please note that the parking fee will be waived for registered symposium participants. To register, visit http://www.getty.edu/museum/programs/lectures/future_of_the_past_symposium.html or call (310) 440-7300 by January 24, 2011. Space is limited. No refunds will be given.

On Thursday, February 3, and Saturday, February 5, at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), registration is not required, and there is no fee. Campus parking is available for $10 per day. Please use the Self-Service Pay Stations in UCLA Lots 2, 3, or 5. More UCLA parking information and maps are available at http://map.ais.ucla.edu/go/portal/1002187. For more information about The Future of the Past sessions at UCLA, please contact the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies: call (310) 825-1880, e-mail cmrs@humnet.ucla.edu, or visit http://www.cmrs.ucla.edu/programs/conference_futureofthepast_feb2011.html.

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Accommodations

The Hilgard House Hotel has made a limited number of rooms available to attendees at a discounted rate ($144 before tax, single; $149 before tax, double). Reservations must be made by January 2, 2011. Please contact the hotel directly at (310) 208-3945 and mention this symposium. Please note: The Getty Museum and UCLA cannot guarantee room availability. Attendees are advised to reserve a hotel room early.

The Future of the Past:
History in the Medieval Francophone West

February 3–5, 2011
Join medieval scholars from across North America and Europe to consider history writing in its material, paleographical, and iconographical contexts.

Between 1100 and 1500, history writing and its illustration in the francophone west were transformed. Universal Latin chronicles were supplemented by vernacular works in verse and in prose, biblical genealogy engendered national and regional genealogies, the sites of history writing migrated from monasteries to royal courts, and conquest and civil war became marginal rather than central propositions. The symposium will explore a wide range of topics, from the politics of iconography to the politics of patronage; from the idea of family genealogy to the creation of regional identities; and from multilingualism to nationalism.

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**Program**

**Day 1: Thursday, February 3, 2011**
University of California, Los Angeles, Royce Hall 314

2:30-3:00 p.m.  
Check-in and coffee

3:00 p.m.  
Welcome: Brian P. Copenhaver, Director, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, University of California, Los Angeles

Opening remarks: Matthew Fisher and Zrinka Stahuljak, University of California, Los Angeles

3:35-5:00 p.m.  
HISTORY WRITING AND HISTORY READING  
Chair: Patrick Geary, University of California, Los Angeles  
"The Historian as Actor, or Is There a Historian in This Text?"  
Leah Shopkow, Indiana University Bloomington  
"Fiction and History"  
David Rolle, University of Southern California  
"Rhetoric, Providence, and Violence in Chronicles of the Fourth Crusade and Latin Empire"  
Noah Guyau, University of California, Davis

5:00-6:00 p.m.  
Opening reception

**Day 2: Friday, February 4, 2011**
Getty Center, Museum Lecture Hall

8:30-9:00 a.m.  
Check-in and continental breakfast

9:00-9:35 a.m.  
Welcome: David Bomford, Acting Director, J. Paul Getty Museum  
Opening remarks: Elizabeth Morris, J. Paul Getty Museum, and Anne D. Hedeman, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

9:35-11:35 a.m.  
CREATING FRENCH HISTORY  
Chair: Mary Rouse, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, University of California, Los Angeles  
"From the Brut to the Lançolo en prose: A Rewriting of French Romances in the Twelfth to Thirteenth Centuries"  
Thierry Delcourt, Bibliothèque nationale de France  
"History and Hagiography in a Rare Constellation: La Vie de Saint Denis (Brûl. Ms. fr. 2090–2092) and the Chronique des rois (Brûl. Ms. lat. 1365)"  
Charlotte Lacaze, The American University of Paris  
"Who Made Up the Emperor in a Fourteenth-Century Manuscript of the Gesta chroniques de France?"  
Marie-Thérèse Guisset, Bibliothèque nationale de France

12:35 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
Exhibition visit (self-guided) and lunch break

1:30–3:30 p.m.  
ILLUMINATING HISTORY  
Chair: Richard Rouse, University of California, Los Angeles

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"Between Historical Romance and Romanced Storytelling: On Different Ways of Reading the Same Text in the Middle Ages—Looking at the Roman d'Alexandre en prose"  
Maud Pérez-Simón, Université Paris III-Sorbonne Nouvelle  
"Signs on the Wall: History Painting in Farthing's Hall (Boll. Ms. fr. 146)"  
Nancy Freeman Regalado, New York University  
"Princely Pretensions and Fictive Pasts: Antoine and Jean de Chabannes and the Fabled Counts of Dammartin"  
Elizabeth A. R. Brown, Brooklyn College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York

3:30–4:00 p.m.  
Break

4:00–5:00 p.m.  
Keynote address: "From Latin and Universal History to French and Regional Chronicle: The Manuscripts of Two Thirteenth-Century Historians, Vincent of Beauvais and the Anonyme de Béthune"  
Alison Stonest, University of Pittsburgh

5:00–7:00 p.m.  
Exhibition visit (self-guided) and reception

**Day 3: Saturday, February 5, 2011**
University of California, Los Angeles, Royce Hall 314

9:30–10:30 a.m.  
Continental breakfast

10:00 a.m.–noon  
INFLECTING TIME AND SPACE  
Chair: Cynthia Brown, University of California, Santa Barbara  
"Bent Bodies, Bending Time and Space"  
Christopher Basswell, Barnard College and Columbia University  
"Trojan Time and the Place of Troy in Robert of Anjou's Historie ancienne (BL, Royal Ms. 20 D.1)"  
Marilyn Desmond, Binghamton University, State University of New York  
"New Readers, Altered Past: The Troubled History of Christine de Pizan's Biography of Charles V"  
Deborah McGrady, University of Virginia

Noon–1:30 p.m.  
Lunch break

1:30–2:45 p.m.  
MANUSCRIPTS IN HISTORY  
Chair: Stephen Shepherd, Loyola Marymount University  
"From Latin to French in Twelfth- and Thirteenth-Century Flanders"  
Jeff Rider, Wesleyan University  
"French in Name: Counterfactual Medievalism and British Library, Harley Ms. 235"  
Daniel Birkholz, University of Texas, Austin

2:45–3:35 p.m.  
Coffee break

3:35–4:30 p.m.  
HISTORY IN MANUSCRIPTS  
Chair: Heather Blurton, University of California, Santa Barbara  
"Pictorial Narrative and Textual Images in the Late-Medieval Book of Hours"  
Jessica Branstley, Yale University  
"To construe his lessons and her lynings in Frensch as in England: The Manuscript Evidence"  
Christopher Cannon, New York University

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