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A Conference in Honor of Patrick J. Geary
Saturday, April 13–Sunday, April 14, 2019
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Celebrating both the anniversary of this important essay as well as the scope and impact of Professor Geary’s work and career, this conference features scholarly papers by his former students and less formal presentations commending his professional and personal impact on his students and colleagues.

This conference is organized by Kristina Markman (UCSD), Maya Maskarinec (USC), Kate Craig (Auburn University), and Warren Brown (Caltech).

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9:00 Coffee

9:30 Introduction & Welcome
Massimo Giavolella, Director (UCLA-CMRS)
Kate Craig, Assistant Professor (Auburn University)
Scott L. Waugh, Executive Vice-Chancellor & Provost (UCLA)
Carla Pestaña, Chair, History Department (UCLA)
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SESSION 1: MEMORY
Moderator: Gabriele Spiegel (Johns Hopkins University)

10:00 Edward Schoolman (University of Nevada, Reno)
The Long Reach of Charlemagne: The Portrayal of Carolingians in Italy’s Episcopal Gestae and Monastic Chronicles (8th–12th century)

Maya Maskarinec (University of Southern California)
Invoking Gregory on the Caelian in Medieval Rome

11:00 Break

SESSION 1: MEMORY (continued)
Moderator: Michel Sot (Sorbonne-Université)

11:15 Eric Goldberg (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
The Last Carolingian Capitulary: Caroloman II’s Capitularies of Ver (884)

John Eldevik (Hamilton College)
(Re)Visions of the World: Prester John in Twelfth-Century Bavaria

12:15 Lunch Break

SESSION 2: CREATING IDEOLOGIES
Moderator: Stefan Esders (Freie Universität Berlin)

13:30 Dana Polanichka (Wheaton College, Massachusetts)
“From under the Table of God”: Dhuoda and the Mid-Ninth-Century Carolingian Church

Courtney Booker (University of British Columbia)
False Hope and Real Fear in Nithard’s Libri historiarum

Boris Todorov (Independent Scholar, Sofia)
Charity and Persuasion in a Wilderness of No Mirrors

3:00 Break

SESSION 3: MYTHS OF ORIGINS AND IDENTITY I
Moderator: Frank Rexroth (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)

3:15 Helmut Reimitz (Princeton)
Ethnicity, Culture and Society in the Merovingian Kingdoms

Sarah Whitten (Hobart & William Smith Colleges)
Secundum Legem: Gender, Law, and Ethnicity as a Situational Construct in Early Medieval Southern Italy

Bonnie Effros (University of Liverpool)
Ultramontane History, Archaeology, and the Apostolic Origins of France

12:15 Lunch Break

SESSION 4: MYTHS OF ORIGINS AND IDENTITY II
Moderator: Gábor Klaniczay (CEU)

3:15 Carrie Beneš (New College of Florida)
The Blackbird, the Basilisk, and the Evicted Corpse: Sacralizing Landscape in Jacopo da Varagine’s Genoese Relic Treatises

Kristina Markman (University of California, San Diego)
Hero or Villain?: Constructing Ideological Boundaries on the Baltic Frontier

Stacey Graham (Middle Tennessee State University)
How a Background in Medieval History Prepared Me for a Career in Historic Preservation

3:00 Break

SESSION 5: CONFLICT AND SOCIAL BONDS
Moderator: Gerd Althoff (Universität Münster)

10:45 Warren Brown (California Institute of Technology)
Violence in Early Capetian v. Early Valois France: Same Behavior, Different Ideas of Order?

Geoffrey Kozioł (University of California, Berkeley)
Pragmatic Sanctions? The Peace of God and Its Carolingian Antecedents

Cosmin Popa-Gorjanu (University of Alba Iulia)
Anti-corruption Measures in the Legislation of Thirteenth-century Hungary

12:15 Lunch Break

SESSION 6: LIFE AND DEATH
Moderator: Jinty Nelson (King’s College, London)

1:30 Leanne Good, (Independent Scholar, CMRS Affiliate)
Taming Wilderness in East Frankish Hagiographical Accounts

Hans Hummer (Wayne State University)
Kinship and Inheritance in Early Medieval Europe

Kate Craig (Auburn University)
Thieves, Pilgrims, and Fraudsters: Traveling with Relics in the Central Middle Ages

3:00 Break

3:15 Roundtable: Memories and Myths about Patrick J. Geary
Moderator: Jason Glenn (University of Southern California)
Participants: Barbara H. Rosenwein (Loyola University Chicago), Gábor Klaniczay (Central European University), Régine Le Jan (Université Paris 1 - Panthéon-Sorbonne)

4:30 Closing Remarks
Kristina Markman (University of California, San Diego)