

A Call for Papers:

Authority and the Book in Medieval Culture

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Yale University

Abstracts from graduate students are now being accepted for the 26th Annual New England Medieval Studies Consortium Graduate Student Conference, the theme of which will be “Authority and the Book in Medieval Culture.”

The organizers hope that this broad heading will elicit proposals for papers from all disciplines of Medieval Studies. Of especial interest are papers dealing with palaeography and manuscript studies; hagiography; literary studies; art history; history and historiography; gender studies; religious studies; musicology and medieval liturgical studies; as well as biblical exegesis and the relationship between Latin and various medieval vernaculars. Further, we look forward to receiving proposals that take more theoretical approaches to ideas of authority in the medieval period. We also hope to have one panel devoted to papers that explore different aspects of the history of modern Medieval Studies.

The conference will feature a plenary lecture by **Kathryn Kerby-Fulton** (Notre Dame), as well as an exhibition of manuscripts in the collection of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Papers are to be no more than twenty minutes in length and read in English. Abstracts of no more than 250 words should be sent by e-mail to Andrew.Kraebel@Yale.edu or SamanthaLily.Katz@Yale.edu; a hardcopy may be mailed to:

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The deadline for submissions is December 15, 2008. Graduate students whose abstracts are selected for the conference will have the opportunity to submit their paper in its entirety for consideration for the Alison Goddard Elliott Award.