Greetings to All Members and Friends of Medica, The Society for the Study of Healing in the Middle Ages.

We are now in our fifth year and continuing to grow. We are now starting to get past the hurdles of start-up (the by-laws, etc.) and have added some new projects and opportunities. As always, we invite your participation.

Medica’s purpose is to establish and maintain a friendly network of scholars interested in the varieties of healing in the Middle Ages. We are now regulars at Kalamazoo and will have a number of sessions this year at Leeds. We also maintain a website and listserve. This year we also have begun in earnest our journal, which is called, of course, Medica.

If you have items to add for the next issue, please contact one of the officers.

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Medica will sponsor only one session at Kalamazoo this year as well as our annual business meeting and luncheon. After years of nearly perfect support, the Institute seems to have lost our paperwork for our sessions, but was kind enough to assure us one at a late date.

Also see related sessions listed below.

Medica Sessions

Medicine as Metaphor
Session 543: Sangren 3217
Saturday, 10 May
3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sponsor: Medica: The Society for the Study of Healing in the Middle Ages
Organizer: Gerard NeCastro, Univ. of Maine-Machias
Presider: Gerard NeCastro

The Depression of Boethius: Symptoms and Therapy in The Consolation of Philosophy
J. J. Garber, Independent Scholar

Surgery as Salvation in the Siege of Jerusalem
Jeremy Citrome, Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies

Worms, Mors, and a Touch of Gout: Didactic Disease on Stage
Carolyn Coulson-Grigsby, Centenary College

Medica Business Meeting
And Luncheon

Please see the next page for information on this.

Other Sessions of Interest

Illustrating Medieval Medicine and the Natural Sciences I
Session 84: Fetzer 1035
Thursday, 8 May
1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sponsor: AVISTA & the History of Science Society
Organizer: Jean A. Givens, Univ. of Connecticut;
Karen Reeds, Princeton Research Forum; and Alain Touwaide, Smithsonian Institution
Presider: Jean A. Givens

Word and Image in Medieval Medical Texts
Peter M. Jones, Yale Univ.

Images of Medieval Astronomy
Betsey Price, York Univ./Harvard Univ.

Illustrating Illnesses of the Mind in Medieval Medicine
Patricia A. Helvenston, Historical Neuropsychological Researches

Illustrating Medieval Medicine and the Natural Sciences II
Session 145: Fetzer 1035
Thursday, 8 May
3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sponsor: AVISTA & the History of Science Society
Organizer: Jean A. Givens, Univ. of Connecticut; Karen Reeds, Princeton Research Forum; and Alain Touwaide, Smithsonian Institution
Presider: Alain Touwaide

Scientific Illustrations in Fifteenth-Century Manuscripts of Pliny the Elder's Natural History
Sarah Blake McHam, Rutgers Univ.

The Tacuinum sanitatis Manuscripts from Northern Italy ca. 1400 and the Creation of a New Pictorial Genre
Cathleen Hoeniger, Queen's Univ., Kingston

Vices and Complexions: The Representation of the System of Four Humors in the Ambit of Leonardo da Vinci
Piers Britton, Univ. of Redlands

(More Sessions, Next Page.)
Medicine as Magic, Magic as Medicine
Session 361: Sangren 3213
Friday, 9 May / 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Organizer: Elisabeth Carnell, Western Michigan Univ.
Presider: Francis B. Brevart, Univ. of Pennsylvania

Blood, Body, and Stone: Supernatural Cures in the Medical Treatises of John Rupescissa
Leah De Vun, Columbia Univ.

Fifteenth-Century Medicine and Magic at the University of Heidelberg
Elizabeth I. Wade, Univ. of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Celestial Impressions: Astral and Sacred Images in Medicine at Late Medieval Montpellier
Ralph Drayton, Reed College

Islamic Spain and Its Seminal Contributions to Modern Civilization
Session 391: Fetzer 2030
Saturday, 10 May / 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Organizer: Dilnawaz Ahmed Siddiqui, Clarion Univ.
Presider: Mustansir Mir, Youngstown State Univ.

Islamic Spain and Renaissance: Political Dimension
Syed Ahsani, Association of Muslim Social Scientists

Muslim Contributions to Medicine
M. Basheer Ahmed, Univ. of Texas-Arlington

Hispanic Muslim Philosophy: Its Impact on Europe
Dilnawaz Ahmed Siddiqui

Briefly Noted

Women in the Audience
Session 328: Fetzer 2016
Including: Gendering the Audiences of Texts on Medicine and Science. Monica H. Green, Arizona State Univ.

Medieval Translation: To and from Latin
Session 533: Sangren 2219

Business Meeting and Luncheon
Thursday, Noon
Bernhard President's Dining Room

Lunch is usually a selection of sandwiches, fruit, vegetables, cookies and drinks (soft drinks).
Cost: $9.00.

If you have not already done so, please email Gerard NeCastro at necastro@maine.edu to save a space at the table. We will plan for several unreserved spaces, so don’t be shy if you have not reserved a spot. Please Join Us.

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Business Meeting
Agenda

I. Announcements
II. Treasurer’s Report
III. New Business
   A. Kalamazoo 2004
   B. Leeds 2004
   C. Medica: The Journal for the Study of Health and Healing in the Middle Ages and Early Modern Period
   D. Officer Nomination Process
   E. Committee Membership
   F. medica.info, biz, or us?
   G. Other

IV. Adjournment

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Planning For Next Year

If you would like to propose a session for Kalamazoo or Leeds next year, please do.

If your session is accepted, you will automatically be the organizer and chair of the session (unless other arrangements are made). Your first step is to write a short rationale for the secretary to submit to the Medieval Congress organizers.

If your session is not accepted, we will gladly revisit it the following year.

The sessions not included in this year’s program were: 1. Stars and Scalps: Astronomy and Medicine in the Middle Ages; and 2. Yerdes in Bloom: Sexual Dysfunction in the Middle Ages
Session 124: Title: Medieval Devotional Practice and Medicine
Organiser Louise M. Bishop, Clark Honors College, University of Oregon
Moderator/Chair Bryon Grigsby, Department of English and Communications, Centenary College, New Jersey

Paper 124-a. Celebrating the Female Healer: The Virgin Mary as Nurse to Christus Medicus.
Speaker: Carole Rawcliffe, School of History, University of East Anglia.

Paper 124-b Medicina Sacramentalis.
Speaker: Peregrine Horden, Department of History, Royal Holloway, University of London.

Speaker: Danielle Westerhof Affiliation: Centre for Medieval Studies - University of York.

Paper 124-d. “And you shall be whole”: Vernacular Medical Reading and Cure.
Speaker: Louise M. Bishop.

Session Time: Mon. 14 July - 11.15-12.45

Session 324: Alchemy and Medieval Medicine
Organiser: Linda Migl Keyser, School of Medicine, Georgetown University, Washington DC.
Moderator/Chair: Louise M. Bishop, Department of English, University of Oregon.

Speaker: Jonathan Hughes, History of Medicine, School of History, University of East Anglia.

Speaker: Linda Migl Keyser.

Speaker: Urs Leo Gantenbein, Medizinhistorisches Institut, Universität Zürich.

Session Time: Mon. 14 July - 16.30-18.00

Session 1523: The Experience of Leprosy in the Middle Ages, I
Organiser: Isla Fay, University of East Anglia.
Moderator/Chair: Carole Rawcliffe, School of History, University of East Anglia.

Paper 1523-a. Devotion and Leprosy in the Middle English Romance Amis and Amiloun.
Speaker: Bryon Grigsby, Department of English and Communications, Centenary College, New Jersey.

Speaker: Charlotte Roberts, Department of Archaeology, University of Durham.

Paper 1523-c. Leper Burials at St John de Berstrete (Timber Hill), Norwich.
Speaker: Elizabeth Shepherd Popescu, Norfolk Archaeological Unit

Session Time: Thu. 17 July - 09.00-10.30

Session 1623: The Experience of Leprosy in the Middle Ages, II
Organiser: Isla Fay, University of East Anglia
Moderator/Chair: Patricia Cullum, Department of Humanities, University of Huddersfield

Paper 1623-a. St James and Mary Magdalene, Chichester: Detailing the Medieval Response to Leprosy
Speaker: Isla Fay

Paper 1623-b. Infant and Child Leprosy: Present and Past
Speaker: Mary Lewis, School of Conservation Studies, University of Bournemouth

Speaker: Dr. Antje Schelberg, Independent Scholar, Goettingen

Session Time: Thu. 17 July - 11.15-12.45
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Our Journal is up and running. Please visit us at http://faculty.centenarycollege.edu/medica/

Our Original and Ongoing Call for Papers.

Submissions may be on any subject matter of medieval medicine, health, or healing as well as the interrelationships between disciplines, such as medieval medicine and literature, law, politics, or religion. Authors are encouraged to submit manuscripts either via email as Microsoft Word attachments or via U.S. mail on disk. Endnotes should appear in a separate file from the text, and the author should also include a vita. If submitting manuscripts on disk, the author should include a SASE for the return of the disk. Manuscripts can be either emailed or mailed to:

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Most manuscripts should be between 15 and 30 pages in length. Manuscripts should follow the MLA Handbook, 5th edition. The author's name, address, phone number, email, and institutional affiliation should only appear on the title page, and all other references to the author should be omitted so that the manuscript can be reviewed anonymously. Medica accepts only unpublished works that are not under review at other journals.

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Society For The Social History Of Medicine 2003 Roy Porter Student Essay Prize Competition

The Society for the Social History of Medicine (SSHM) invites submissions to its 2003 Roy Porter Student Essay Prize Competition. This prize will be awarded to the best original, unpublished essay in the social history of medicine submitted to the competition as judged by the SSHM’s assessment panel. It is named in honour of the late Professor Roy Porter, a great teacher and a generous scholar.

The competition is open to undergraduate and post-graduate students in full or part-time education. The winner will be awarded £500.00, and his or her entry may also be published in the journal, Social History of Medicine.

Further details and entry forms can be down-loaded from the SSHM’s website http://www.sshm.org

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