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October 18-20, 2012

<http://www.medievalism.net/conferences/ksu2012conference.html>

ON-CAMPUS LOCATION: [Kent State University Stark](#)

ONLINE LOCATION: TBA

THEME: Medievalism(s) & Diversity

Is there diversity in medievalism? How has medievalism represented diversity of religion, race, nationality, ethnicity, sexuality, gender,...? How have medievalist works supported issues concerning equity and inclusion? How have medievalist works oppressed and suppressed? Are there elements of bigotry and discrimination? What about human rights as a medieval concept, as a contemporary concept? Media to consider might include (but are not limited to) any of the following: novels, plays, poetry, films, art works, the Internet, television, historical works, political works, comics, video games. Angles to consider might include (but are not limited to) any of the following: race, gender, sexuality, disability/ability, religion, corporation and/or class, nationality, human rights, political correctness, marginalization, anti-marginalization tactics, rewritten codes, rewritten ideologies, re-affirmed codes, re-affirmed ideologies.

GENERAL CALL FOR PAPER & SESSION PROPOSALS

100-300 Word Abstracts proposing papers on all topics relevant to medievalism(s) studies. Addressing the conference theme is encouraged but not required. Abstracts will be included in the conference program.

PAPER SESSIONS: Session proposals must include paper abstract proposals (100-300 words each), as well as an overall description of the intentions of this session (100-300 words).

WORKSHOP: Session proposals must be a 100-300 word abstract describing: 1) the purpose and/or goal of the workshop 2) the activity(ies), including a list of those presenting in the workshop.

ROUND TABLE: Session proposals must a 100-300 word abstract describing: 1) the intentions of the round table and 2) a list of the participants.

SPECIAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SESSIONS: Students must be college undergraduates currently enrolled for for classes at their academic institution. Sessions must be proposed and moderated by a professor. Professors are responsible for completed papers. Submit: paper abstracts as well as an over-all description of the intentions of this session (100-300 words for each).

VIDEO GAME WORKSHOP

(Sponsored by Medieval Electronic Multimedia Organization & Kent State University Trumbull)

MEMO invites both established scholars and undergraduate students to submit for participation in a medievalist video game poster session workshop (co-sponsored with Medieval Electronic Multimedia Organization). This workshop will be held in two ways. One way will be during an afternoon of the conference (in a room filled with the appropriate technology), where conference participants may wander from station-to-station of presented medievalist games. Each participant will have a station (a table) at which both the poster and the game will be made available to conference participants. The poster may be constructed of either paper poster board or be electronic (such as a PowerPoint presentation on a laptop). NOTE regarding the video game demonstrations at the conference: the game and the necessary equipment might have to be supplied by the presenter, but there will be some pieces available for general use. The other way that one might present would be fully online, in a password protected area, where electronic posters will be accessible to all conference participants for several weeks. Participants may be considered to present in both the physical and virtual environments. There are a limited number of stations available for the at-conference (physical) presentations. Proposals must address this conference theme. Please encourage your students to submit completed posters and the [Video Game Poster Session Student Application & Checklist](#) for consideration by June 1, 2012. In addition, please also consider submitting a paper proposal yourself (for the conference in general).

SPECIAL ONLINE SESSIONS (October 15-November 15, 2012)

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Papers and Session Proposals will be considered for the Special Online Sessions. Your presentation can be in any type of media format that can be hosted on the Internet: PDF, PowerPoint, Videos, and other online media. These sessions will be password protected and available only to Conference Registrants (both online and on-campus). Papers in the online sessions may not be presented in the on-campus conference. The online sessions will be available for both perusal and discussion (online) from October 15 to November 15, 2012.

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Deadline: June 1, 2012

Please send paper and/or session proposals to either

Carol Robinson (Conference Chair) or to Elizabeth Williamsen (Conference Assistant Chair).

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Publication Opportunities: Selected scholarly papers related to the conference theme will be published in *The Year's Work in Medievalism*.



STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

DEADLINE: July 15, 2012

RULES:

1. Students must be college undergraduates currently enrolled for for classes at their academic institution.
2. Essays must address the theme "Medievalism(s) and Diversity" (see description above).
3. Essays must be MLA formatted, double-spaced, and in 12 point font.
4. Essays must be submitted in PDF format via email or in paper format via regular postal mail to either Dr. Carol L. Robinson or Dr. Elizabeth Williamsen (see the addresses below).
5. NO FAXED SUBMISSIONS!

PRIZES

1ST PLACE: The winning essay will be published in *Medievally Speaking*, be mentioned on the International Society for the Study of Medievalism web site, and receive \$100.00 prize money. *The paper will also be expected to be presented in a Special Session at the 27th International Conference on Medievalism.*

2ND PLACE: The essay that earns Second Place status will be mentioned on the International Society for the Study of Medievalism web site, and receive \$75.00 prize money. *The paper will also be expected to be presented in a Special Session at the 27th International Conference on Medievalism.*

3RD PLACE: The essay that earns Third Place status will be mentioned on the International Society for the Study of Medievalism web site, and receive \$50.00 prize money. *The paper will also be expected to be presented in a Special Session at the 27th International Conference on Medievalism.*

HONORABLE MENTION: Any essay that earns an Honorable Mention status (which may or may not happen) will be mentioned on the International Society for the Study of Medievalism web site. *The paper might also be invited to be presented in a Special Session at the 27th International Conference on Medievalism.*

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