



FROM IBERIAN KINGDOMS TO ATLANTIC EMPIRES

SPAIN, PORTUGAL, AND
THE NEW WORLD, 1250-1700

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Conference Schedule

Friday, September 17, 2010

9:00–10:00 *Registration and Coffee Service*

10:00–10:45 **Welcome and Opening Remarks** – *McKenna Hall, Room 100-104*

Moderator: John Moscatiello, University of Notre Dame
Olivia Remie Constable, University of Notre Dame
Felipe Fernández-Armesto, University of Notre Dame

10:45–11:00 *Break*

11:00–12:15 **Plenary Panel: “New Directions and New Resources in Medieval Iberian and Latin American History”** – *McKenna Hall, Room 100-104*

Moderator: Simon Doubleday, Hofstra University
Executive Editor, *Journal of Medieval Iberian Studies*

“The *Journal of Medieval Iberian Studies* and the Future of Medieval Iberian History”

Pablo Pastrana-Pérez, Western Michigan University
Executive Editor, *Journal of Medieval Iberian Studies*

“*Inquisitio*: A Virtual Presentation of Texts and Images Relating to Iberian Inquisitions”

Robin Vose, St. Thomas University (Canada)

“*Ubi Imperium?* Bringing Together Iberian and Latin American History”

Gretchen Starr-Lebeau, University of Kentucky

12:15–1:15 *Lunch – McKenna Dining Area, Lower Level*

1:15–2:30 **Concurrent Panels I**

A. “Merchants, Economy, and Greed in Mediterranean and Atlantic Empires”
– *McKenna Hall, Room 202*

Moderator: Olivia Remie Constable, University of Notre Dame

“Transition to Empire: Portugal and the Atlantic Trade in the Later Middle Ages”

Flávio Miranda, University of Porto (Portugal)

“The Moral Compass: Greed and New World Commerce”

Sara L. Lehman, Fordham University

“The Infernal Trickery of the Spanish New World: Galeotto Cei’s *Relazione delle Indie* (1539-1553)”

Nathalie Hester, University of Oregon

B. “The Languages of Evangelization in the Old and New Worlds: Arabic, Nahuatl, and Quechua” – *McKenna Hall, Room 210-214*

Moderator: Michael Ryan, Purdue University

“Language and the Evangelization of Moriscos in Sixteenth-Century Spain”

Daniel I. Wasserman Soler, University of Virginia

“The Invention of the Lengua General de Los Indios: Archive, Homogeneity, and the Search for Pure Quechua”

Angelica Serna, University of Michigan

“Re-conceptualizing the Sacred in Benardino de Sahagún’s *Psalmodia Christiana*”

Ana L. Méndez-Oliver, Columbia University

2:30–3:00 *Break*

3:00–4:00 **Plenary Address: “The First Rival: John II of Castile and Portuguese Overseas Expansion”** – *McKenna Hall, Room 100-104*

Moderator: Anne McGinness, University of Notre Dame
João Paulo Oliveira e Costa, New University of Lisbon

4:00–4:15 *Break*

4:15–5:30

Concurrent Panels II

A. “Law, Governance, and Authority in Spain and the New World”

– *McKenna Hall, Room 202*

Moderator: Roger L. Martínez, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

“The Secret Lives of Communities: Contesting the Constraints of Jurisdiction in Minority Communities in Pre-1492 Iberia and Early Colonial Peru”

Karen Graubart, University of Notre Dame

“Counsel and Rebellion in a Conquered Land: the 1540’s in Context”

Nicholas Bomba, Princeton University

“His Strength Was His Weakness’: Indigenous Authorities and the Colonial State in the Andes”

Victor Maqqe, University of Notre Dame

B. “Memory and the Writing of History in Medieval Spain and the New World”

– *McKenna Hall, Room 210-214*

Moderator: Margaret Ringe, University of Notre Dame

“History or Fiction? Of Medieval Kingdoms and Their Forged Identities”

David Arbesú, Augustana College (IL)

“The Language of History: Alfonso X and the Development of Vernacular Historiography”

Bretton Rodriguez, University of Notre Dame

“Memory and the Imagination in the *Comentarios Reales* by Inca Garcilaso de la Vega”

Sarah H. Beckjord, Boston College

5:30–6:00

Break

6:00–6:30

Special Remarks in Honor of Professor Jocelyn Hillgarth – *Hesburgh Library Auditorium*

Moderator: Olivia Remie Constable, University of Notre Dame

Paul Freedman, Yale University

6:45–7:45

Reception in Honor of Professor Jocelyn Hillgarth – *Hesburgh Library Special Collections*

8:00–9:30

A Banquet Dinner Hosted by the Medieval Institute (Invitation Only)

– *Morris Inn, Donors Room*

Saturday, September 18, 2010

9:00–9:30

Registration and Coffee Service

9:30–10:30

Plenary Address: “Tracing God in the Early Modern Spanish World”

– *McKenna Hall, Room 100-104*

Moderator: Max Deardorff, University of Notre Dame

Kenneth Mills, University of Toronto

10:30–10:45

Break

10:45–12:30

Concurrent Panels III

A. “The Transformation of Iberian Literature in the New World”

– *McKenna Hall, Room 202*

Moderator: Encarnación Juárez-Almendros, University of Notre Dame

“Monsters Inherited: European Medieval and Renaissance Monstrosity and its Cultural Role in Fernandez de Oviedo and Fernando de Alva Inxtitlilxochitl”

Victor Rodríguez-Pereira, Indiana University, Bloomington

“The Cosmographical Background of Bartolomé de Las Casas’ *Apologetic History*”

Michael Weinberg, University of California, Los Angeles

“Housing Disability: Albinos, ‘*enanos*,’ ‘*concorbados y contrechos*’ in Mexica and European Courts”

Elizabeth B. Bearden, University of Maryland, College Park

“New Worlds: The Transformation of Literary and Non-Literary Genres in the Age of Discovery”

Rachel Schmidt, University of Calgary

10:45–12:30

Concurrent Panels III (continued)

B. "Bishops, Heresy, and Inquisition in Medieval Spain and the New World"

– *McKenna Hall, Room 210-214*

Moderator: Gretchen Starr-LeBeau, University of Kentucky

"Understanding Lucas de Tuy's *De Altera Vita* and its Account of Heretics in Thirteenth-Century Leon, Spain"

Felipe Alberto Paredes-Canevari, University of Saskatchewan

"The Inquisition in Brazil: Targeting and Profiling a Colonial Society (1536-1821)"

Cátia Antunes, Leiden University (the Netherlands)

Filipa Ribeiro da Silva, University of Hull (United Kingdom)

"Imperial Alumbrados: Heresy, Intellectual Networks, and Empire"

Jessica Fowler, University of California, Davis

"Taking a Modern Inquisition to Cuba in 1606: A Bishop's Challenge"

Graciella Cruz-Taura, Florida Atlantic University

12:30–1:30

Lunch – McKenna Dining Area, Lower Level

1:30–2:30

Plenary Address: "Translating Events, Glossing Experience: European Texts and American Encounters" – *McKenna Hall, Room 100-104*

Moderator: Dayle Seidenspinner-Núñez, University of Notre Dame

E. Michael Gerli, University of Virginia

2:30–2:45

Break

2:45–4:30

Concurrent Panels IV

A. "The Legacy of Late Medieval Political Thought in the Spanish Atlantic Empire"

– *McKenna Hall, Room 202*

Moderator: Karen Graubart, University of Notre Dame

"A Christian Commonwealth: Spanish Political Thought on the *Respublica Christiana* and the Development of an Imperial Ideology"

Andrew Devereux, Johns Hopkins University

"Negotiated Landscapes: Law and Administration in Early Colonial Lima"

Kathleen Kole, University of Notre Dame

"Sor Juana's *Imperium*"

Anna More, University of California, Los Angeles

"Geography of Infidelities: Protestants, Moors, and Other Infidels in *La Florida del Inca*"

Erika Tanács, University of Chicago

B. "Medieval Religious Ideas in the Old and New Worlds" – *McKenna Hall, Room 210-214*

Moderator: David Coleman, Eastern Kentucky University

"What Did Rodrigo Jimenez de Rada Know About Islam?"

Lucy Pick, University of Chicago

"*Se nos han cumplido las evangélicas profecías*: the Conversion of the Jews, Joachimism, Fray Diego de Landa and the Maya"

Mark Evan Davis, Michigan State University

"Medieval Architectural Continuities in the New World: A Case for Moving Jerusalem"

Jaime Lara, University of Notre Dame

"The Spiritual Colonization of Death: Franciscans and Nahuas in New Spain's Puebla-Tlaxcala Valley"

Erika R. Hosselkus, Tulane University

4:30–5:00

Break

5:00–5:45

Closing Remarks – *McKenna Hall, Room 100-104*

Moderator: Gregory Sterling, Dean of the Graduate School

Sabine MacCormack, University of Notre Dame

About the Conference

The Nanovic Institute for European Studies presents an interdisciplinary, international conference on the history and literature of the Iberian empires from the High Middle Ages through the conquest of the New World. Although many scholars have acknowledged similarities between late-medieval Iberia and its colonies in the New World, few have offered precise answers to the questions that arise from these similarities. What is the relationship, for example, between “inquisition” in a medieval context and in the New World? Is it meaningful to compare minority Muslim communities in fifteenth-century Spain to indigenous peoples in the New World? How were the legal and political instruments of late medieval kings foundational for early modern Europe and Latin America? This conference encourages new ways of approaching the topic, based on the conviction that medievalists, early modernists, and Latin Americanists can make meaningful contributions to each other’s fields.

Featured Presenters

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Conference Organization

This conference has been organized by graduate student specialists in medieval and Latin American history and literature.

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