HSCI 3823-001 – “Science in Medieval Culture”
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Public Lectures

September 11, 2012, Tuesday, 4:30 pm, Community Room, Zarrow Hall
Charles Burnett, The Warburg Institute, London
“Cultural Transmission across Religious Boundaries in the Middle Ages”

Charles Burnett has been Professor of the History of Islamic Influences in Europe at the Warburg Institute, University of London, since 1999. His work has centered on the transmission of Arabic science and philosophy to Western Europe, which he has documented by editing and translating several texts that were translated from Arabic into Latin, and by describing the historical and cultural context of the translations. A major project on which he has been engaged for several years with Keiji Yamamoto of Kyoto is the edition of the major Arabic texts on astrology in the Middle Ages, accompanied by English translations and editions of the medieval Latin translations. His interest in Japan has led him to investigate the impact of Jesuit education in Japan in the late sixteenth century, and the use of Japanese themes in Latin drama in Europe in the seventeenth century.

September 27, 2012, Thursday, 4:30 pm, Community Room, Zarrow Hall
William J. Courtenay, Hilldale Professor, Emeritus, University of Wisconsin, Madison
“The Medieval University as Religious Confraternity”

Professor Courtenay’s scholarship focuses on medieval intellectual history, including philosophy, theology and political thought, especially in the twelfth through the fourteenth centuries, and education in the Middle Ages. His many publications include Schools and Scholars in Fourteenth-Century England (Princeton UP), Parisian Scholars in the Early Fourteenth Century: A Social Portrait (Cambridge UP), and Rotuli Parisienses. Supplications to the Pope from the University of Paris (E. J. Brill).

October 9, 2012, Tuesday, 4:30 pm, Community Room, Zarrow Hall
Thomas F. Glick, Boston University
“The Scientific Translation Movement in Twelfth-Century Spain and the Invention of Hebrew Science”

Thomas F. Glick received his PhD from Harvard in 1968, and taught at the University of Texas prior to his appointment at Boston University. His research focuses on medieval Spain, medieval science and technology, as well as modern science and food history. He is the author of Islamic and Christian Spain in the Early Middle Ages (2nd ed., 2005); From Muslim Fortress to Christian Castle: Social and Cultural Change in Medieval Spain (1995); Irrigation and Hydraulic Technology: Medieval Spain and its Legacy (1996); Einstein in Spain (1988); and co-author of Negotiating Darwin: The Vatican Confronts Evolution, 1877-1902 (2006).
October 23, 2012, Tuesday, 4:30 pm, Community Room, Zarrow Hall
Joan Cadden, University of California, Davis
“Sex and Science in the Middle Ages”

Joan Cadden studied medieval history and literature before receiving a PhD in the History of Science. Her research focuses on issues relating to gender and sexuality in medieval science and medicine. She has taught at Harvard, the University of Colorado, and Kenyon College prior to her appointment at the University of California at Davis. During 2004-2005, she served as President of the History of Science Society. Her book, *Meanings of Sex Difference in the Middle Age: Medicine, Science, and Culture* (Cambridge University Press 1993), received the Pfizer Prize awarded by the History of Science Society for the outstanding book on the history of science published in the previous year.

November 8, Thursday, 4:30 pm, Community Room, Zarrow Hall
Laura Ackerman Smoller, University of Arkansas, Little Rock
“Astrology and the Sibyls: Astrology, Prophecy, and Natural Theology in Medieval Europe”

Professor Smoller received her PhD in history from Harvard. Her scholarly interests include the convergence of astrology and apocalyptic thought in medieval Europe and aspects of hagiography in popular culture. Among her publications is the important study, *History, Prophecy, and the Stars: The Christian Astrology of Pierre d'Ailly, 1350-1420* (Princeton UP).

November 27, 2012, Tuesday, 4:30 pm, Community Room, Zarrow Hall
Edith D. Sylla, North Carolina State University
“Mathematics and Imagination in Late-Medieval Physics and Astronomy”


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