



Consortium for the Study of the Premodern World

CSPW Research Workshops 2014-15

Project title

Group leader & contact information

History of Science Virtual Museum

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A group working with CSPW Digital Premodern Workshop to create an online “Virtual Museum of the History of Science” in conjunction with the international organization “Scientiae: Disciplines of Knowing in the Early Modern World.”

Scientiae International Conference

Steven Matthews, smatthew@d.umn.edu

Support to host a future meeting of “Scientiae: Disciplines of Knowing in the Early Modern World” in 2017 or 2018

Erich Auerbach's Mimesis, It's Historical

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A graduate student led reading group devoted to the Erich Auerbach classic work *Mimesis* and the theorization of the modern and premodern in this text.

Transitions in Reading and Writing

Nita Krevens, nkrevens@umn.edu

A workshop devoted to writing and texts in the ancient world, and their relationship to premodern forms of media such as stone, papyrus, and scrolls.

Manuscript Studies

Ruth Karras, rmk@umn.edu

A workshop devoted to manuscript culture especially at the moment of the advent of mechanical printing and the relation between manuscript and printed texts and writing practices.

Visualizing the Body

Jole Shackelford, shack001@umn.edu

A workshop centered around the 450th anniversary of Vesalius’s death, or the 500th anniversary of his birth. The group will host events exploring the relation of anatomy and the dissected body to culture.

A Thousand and One Nights

Jason Zencka, zencka@gmail.com

A graduate student led research group that will explore the modern and postmodern applications and interpretations of the classic text *A Thousand and One Nights*.

Pre/Early Modern America

Molly Tun, leona237@umn.edu

A graduate student led workshop devoted to Latin America across the divide of the Columbian Encounter.

Premodern Economy and Moral Philosophy

Karsten Olson, olso6313@umn.edu

A research collaborative linked with faculty and students at the European University Viadrina, in Frankfurt-Oder, Germany that will explore the eighteenth-century beginnings of political economic science.

Theory Workshop: Interrogating the Present in the Past

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A graduate student led reading group that will explore the problem of theorizing the modern and premodern in the humanistic disciplines.

Popular Culture and Media

Andrew Gallia, abgallia@umn.edu

A research workshop that will explore the value and meaning of the category “the popular” across different geographies and periods

The Problem of Time in African History

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A graduate student led research workshop that will explore the politics of time, memory, and history in the context of Africa

Intersections of Power, Kinship, and Gender in the Medieval World

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Graduate student led workshop that will explore kinship and gender relations in the medieval world

Premodern Recipe Workshop

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A graduate student led workshop that will explore premodern recipes and recipe books and the role of recipes in the wider culture

Rethinking Premodern Germanic Studies

James A Parente, JR, paren001@umn.edu

A collaborative of faculty and researchers who are working to re-shape the categories defining the study of premodern literature in the German-speaking world.

Rethinking Cosmopolitanisms

David A Chang, dchang@umn.edu

A research workshop devoted to the varieties of cosmopolitanism present across time and space, and their value for thinking about cosmopolitanism today

Premodern Texts in the Postmodern World

Katherine Scheil, kscheil@umn.edu

A research workshop devoted to the adaptation and translation of premodern texts in contemporary contexts, with a particular interest in Shakespeare.

Early Modern Atlantic Workshop

Katherine Gerbner, kgerbner@umn.edu

A research workshop devoted to the Atlantic world in the early modern period, and the transatlantic networks linking Europe and Africa with the Americas.

Politics and Literature Between North and South in Premodern Mediterranean Traditions

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A research workshop exploring political and literary interactions in the premodern Mediterranean.