

***Proverbia Septentrionalia.***  
***Uses of the Proverb in Medieval***  
***Cultures of Northern Europe***  
***November 11-13, 2011***

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**Preliminary Program**

**Friday, November 11, 2011**

6:30 – 7:30 pm                      Registration

7:30 – 8:30 pm                      Keynote Address

Dr. Susan Deskis, Associate Professor of English, Northern Illinois University  
Title: Traditional Proverbs in the Construction of the Old English Maxims I

8:30 – 9:30 pm                      Reception

**Saturday, November 12, 2011**

8:00 – 8:30 am                      Registration

8:30 – 9:45 am                      Session I (Webinar)

Dr.Carolyn Larrington, Supernumerary Fellow in English, St. John's College, Oxford  
Title: New Thoughts on Old Wisdom: Norse Gnostic Poetry, the Narrative Turn and Situational Ethics

Dr. Richard North, Professor of English, Department of English Language and Literature, University College, London

Title: *The Seafarer* as enacted proverb

Mr. Dale Kedwards, PhD Candidate, York University (UK)

Title: Þat hafa gamlir menn mælt: The unheeded proverbs of Egils saga

9:45 – 10:00 am                      Coffee Break

10:00 – 11:15                      Session II Wisdom—Regal and Rustic

Dr. Janken Myrdal, Professor of Agricultural History, Section of Agricultural History, Department of economics, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU),  
Title: Animal husbandry in medieval proverbs from Southern Scandinavia

Dr. Sarah M. Andersson, Lecturer, Department of English, Council of the Humanities, Princeton University

Title: Wise King Alfred: The Proverbs of Alfred and the Qualities of a King

Dr. Thomas D. Hill, Professor, Department of English, Cornell University

Title: Talking Cloaks and Hidden Wisdom: A Sapiential Figure in Old Norse-Icelandic Literature

11:15 am – 12:30 pm                      Session III German

Dr. Beate Allert, Associate Professor of German & Comparative Literature, Vice-President of the International Herder Society, Department of Foreign Languages & Literature, Purdue University

Title: Herder's Return to Proverbial Structures

Dr. Jeffrey Turco, Assistant Professor of German Foreign Languages and Literatures, Purdue University

Title: The Implied Proverb and its Implications in Grimms' Kinder- und Hausmärchen (Children's and Household Tales)

Mr. Adam Oberlin, PhD Candidate, Germanic Medieval Studies, University of Minnesota

Title: Sprichwörtlicher Minnesang: From *Beowulf* and the *Edda* to the German Lyric

12:30 – 1:30 pm                              Lunch Buffet

1:30 – 2:45 pm                              Session IV Old English Maxims

Dr. Megan E. Hartmann, Assistant Professor, University of Nebraska at Kearney

Title: Oral Formulas and Sententious Expansion in Old English Wisdom Poetry

Dr. Rachel Kessler, Independent Scholar, Toronto

Title: Order and Sequence: Phenomenological Synthesis in *Maxims I*

Mr. Karl Persson, PhD Candidate, University of British Columbia

Title: Frod...sibbe gelærað? The Vexed Spirit of Old English Wisdom Poetry

2:45 – 3:00 pm                              Coffee Break

3:00 – 4:30 pm                              Session V Renaissance

Dr. Jeanine De Landtsheer, K.U. Leuven, Seminarium Philologiae Humanisticae

Title: Erasmus' Political Thoughts: Institutio Principis Christiani versus Adagia

Dr. Donald Beecher, Professor, Department of English Language & Literature, Carleton University

Title: The Parody Proverbs of Marcolphus and the Logic of Simple Forms

Dr. Erik Thomson, Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Manitoba

Title: Proverbial Politics: Shaping Swedish political speech in the late Renaissance

6:30 – 7:45 pm                              Dinner Buffet

8:00 – 9:00 pm                      Keynote Address  
Dr. Joseph Harris, Francis Lee Higginson Professor of English Literature and Professor of Folklore, Harvard  
Title: Proverbial thought and historical depth: some early Germanic memes

**Sunday, November 13, 2011**

9:00 – 10:30 am                      Session VI Middle English  
Dr. Andrew Taylor, Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Ottawa  
Title: Chaucer's Whetstone: Pawky Folk Wisdom or Genteel Sententiousness?

Dr. Cameron Louis, Associate Dean (Undergraduate), Faculty of Arts, Professor of English, University of Regina  
Title: Chaucer's Concept of the Proverb

Dr. Corey Owen, Lecturer, Graham Centre for the Study of Communication, University of Saskatchewan  
Title: The Proverbs of *Pearl* and *Patience*

10:30 – 10:45 am                      Coffee Break

10:45 am – 12:15 pm                      Session VII Old Icelandic  
Dr. Russell Poole, Distinguished Professor, Department of English, Associate Dean Research and Graduate Studies, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Western Ontario  
Title: Proverbial and proverb-like sentiments in *Kormakr* and *Sigvatr*.

Dr. Shaun Hughes, Professor, Department of English, Purdue University  
Title: The Use of Proverbs in the Medieval Icelandic *Exempla* and Related Texts

Dr. Jonathan Evans, Associate Professor, Department of English, Graduate Coordinator, Linguistics Program; Director, UGA Medieval Studies Program, University of Georgia  
Title: Greed and Ill-gotten Gain in Medieval Icelandic