

The Medieval Studies Program is sponsoring another lunch-time seminar on research by our faculty.

**Heather Blurton, Department of English
Monday, 18 May 2009 in HSSB 4020 at 12:00PM**

“The Evidence of Things Not Seen: Narratives of Ritual Crucifixion in 12th Century England?”



In the second half of the twelfth century, in England, there suddenly appear three unconnected narratives of accusations against English Jews that they had kidnapped and ritually crucified Christian children. This project attempts to account for the strange appearance of these narratives of ritual crucifixion in Anglo-Norman England by situating them in the first instance in the literary context of changes in the practice of insular hagiography after the Norman Conquest, and in broader terms in the epistemological shifts of the twelfth century.

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