

Medieval Studies Presents a Lecture:

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**"Divine and Human Love in Two Twelfth-Century
Letter Collections"**

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The well-known correspondence between Heloise and Abelard contains profound reflections on the relation between human erotic love and love of God. The recently-discovered collection of “Epistolae duorum amantium,” sometimes ascribed to Heloise and Abelard, also explores this theme from a somewhat different perspective. This talk will compare the two collections in light of larger twelfth-century concern with relating the two forms of love.

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