Medieval Studies Graduate Conference Program 28 April 2012

The McCune Conference Room of the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, HSSB 6020

“Fear and Loathing in the Middle Ages”

Program

9:00-9:30 Coffee

9:30-9:40 Opening Comments

9:40 – 10:40 Panel I: “Fear and Diplomacy”

Colleen Ho, History, UCSB “Is There a Prester John among the Mongols? Europe's Thirteenth-Century Search for the Mythical Christian King.”

Nikki Malain, History, UCSB “Historicizing Fear: The Mosque of Genoa.”

Comment: Munther Al-Sabbagh, History, UCSB

10:40-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 Panel II: “Fear and the State”

Joe Figliulo-Rosswurm, History, UCSB “‘Let us kill this wretched dog’: The Emotional Structures of Class Conflict in Fourteenth-Century Florence.”
Paul Megna, English, UCSB “Timor Domini.”

Comment: Lauren Horn Griffin, Religious Studies, UCSB

12:00-1:15 Lunch

1:15-2:15 Keynote: Teofilo F. Ruiz (Distinguished Professor of History, UCLA)

“Enduring Fears in the Medieval West: Time, Power, and Salvation.”

2:15-2:30 Break

2:30- 3:30 Panel III: “Fear and Piety”

Anna Katharina Rudolph, History, UCR “Laughing in the Face of Fear: Differing Medieval Perceptions of the Presentation of the Torments of Hell.”

Jessica Marin Elliott, History, UCSB “`Jews Feigning Devotion’: Christian Fears about Converted Jews in France after the Expulsion of 1306.”

Comment: S. C. Kaplan, French, UCSB

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