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Praying for Pardon: Devotional Indulgences in Late Medieval England

Tuesday, May 9 / 5:00 PM
Lobero Room, UCen

Although the practice of indulgences was not widely documented, they were of great importance in the total religious and devotional experience of late medieval England. Robert Swanson, Professor of Medieval History at the University of Birmingham and author of *Religion and Devotion in Europe, c.1215 to c.1515* (CUP 1995), discusses devotional indulgences, their complex textual genealogies and how they contributed to devotional practices in England between 1300 and 1540.

Purging Purgatory: Indulgences in England under Henry VIII

Thursday, May 11 / 5:00PM / Lobero Room, UCen

Professor Robert Swanson considers indulgence practices during Henry VIII's reign, the nature of papal power and the theology of justification, and their eventual elimination from English religious practice.

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