

CALL FOR PAPERS

58th International Congress on Medieval Studies

In Person and Online, May 11th-13th, 2023

It is with great pleasure that the Lydgate Society seeks proposals for 20-minute papers and roundtable participants for the 58th Annual International Congress for Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University, to take place in person and virtually May 11th-13th, 2023. If you have work that would fit either of the calls listed below we encourage you to submit your proposals or contact us to seek further information.

The Problem of Presentation: Fifteenth-Century Texts and the Virtual Facsimile



There is a popular tendency to approach written works, art, and other cultural products online as “content.” For material objects of the fifteenth century this presents a problem of presentation. When virtually presented, the contexts of these objects are often not fully considered, encouraging the perpetuation of stereotypes about authors, artists, and scribes because the divided text is then re-contextualized to fit more modern notions of the medieval rather than those of the times it was written within. The Lydgate Society invites papers on any aspect of this problem as it relates to manuscripts and authors of the fifteenth century.

The Fifteenth-Century Classroom: Strategies for Teaching the Divide between Chaucer and Shakespeare



Ever since David Lawton’s “Dullness and the Fifteenth-Century” there has been a concerted effort to reassess the literary accomplishments of authors such as Lydgate and Hoccleve; these efforts have not translated to the average undergraduate British Literature Survey, where books such as the Norton anthology tend to leave these poets as a bit of an afterthought relegated to ancillary online material. To combat this we would like to invite participants in a roundtable in a virtual roundtable (to cast as wide a net as possible) regarding methods to bring fifteenth-century authors into the undergraduate classroom in the best possible light.

Proposals Due September 15th

Submissions can be made [via the Confex system](#) on the Congress website. Please contact matthew@matthewedavis.net with any questions.