



## Emblem Sessions at Kalamazoo

### Call for Papers 53rd International Congress on Medieval Studies May 10-13, 2018

*The Society for Emblem Studies* has held sponsored sessions for over 35 years at the *International Congress on Medieval Studies* at the Medieval Institute at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, and will apply again to hold several sponsored sessions on emblem studies and visual culture.

The Congress is an annual gathering of over 3,000 scholars interested in Medieval Studies. It features over 600 sessions of papers, panel discussions, roundtables, workshops, and performances. There are also some 90 business meetings and receptions sponsored by learned societies, associations, and institutions and a book exhibit by nearly 70 publishers and used book dealers. A full conference program is available on the congress web site: <http://wmich.edu/medievalcongress>

#### *Suggested Topics:*

Emblem books and manuscripts, Medieval sources for emblems and imprese. Emblems and heraldry, court culture, and royal entries. Emblem and the arts and in architecture. Symbol theories and emblematic ideas in art and writing. Emblems and national traditions. Emblems in religious practice and theology. Emblems in political discourses and iconography. Emblems in the material and visual culture. Emblems and the history of the book. We welcome new approaches to emblem studies, including gender perspectives, global reception and production of emblems, contribution on the practice and theory of emblem digitization.

Please send paper proposals to the session organizer by September 28. Applications are open to all with an academic interest in emblem studies. We encourage advanced graduate students, dissertators, post-docs, and independent scholars to apply and participate.

***Deadline for proposals: September 28, 2017***

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