

*Queenship and Female Power in the Middle Ages:
A Symposium*

Tuesday, 1 May 2018
Harvard Hall 102

Welcoming remarks

9:00 am - 9:15 am

1. Rhetorics of Queenship

9:15 am - 10:30 am

Ava Hampton '21, "Power Suits: Attire, Status, and Queenship"

Hannah Johnston '19, "On Speaking Women: Voicing the Female Self in Boccaccio and Christine de Pizan"

Tyler Spear '18, "The Queen's Ministry of Consolation: When a Powerful Woman's Husband Dies"

2. Fictions of Queenship

10:30 - 11:45 am

Sonja Eliason '19: "Esther Unmasked: From Jewish Savior to Christian Queen"

Anna Juul '21: "Born a Woman, Buried with Weapons: Powerful Women in the Icelandic Sagas"

Leah Smart '21: "Guinevere: Between a Rock and a Hard Place"

Lunch break

11:45 am-1:00 pm

3. Pragmatics of Queenship

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Fiona Davis '18: "Frenemies: Queens as Peacemakers and Rivals in the Medieval World"

Stephanie Ferrarie '18: "'That Greek Woman' Theophanu: A Foreign Princess in the Ottonian World"

Neil Reilly '19: "The Medieval Evolution of the Queen Mother"

Response and discussion

2:15-3:30 pm

Dr. Talia Zajac, Eugene and Danel Shklar Research Fellow, Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute

Dr. Sean Gilsdorf, Administrative Director and Lecturer on Medieval Studies, Harvard University

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