



## FRIDAY OCTOBER 21, 2011

6:30–8:00 Dinner, New Commons, Room 226  
(for Speakers and NEMC Steering  
Committee Members)

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 22, 2011

8:00–9:30 Business Meeting, New Commons  
Room 211 (for NEMC Steering Committee  
Members)

All Sessions will be held at Bates College, Pettengill  
Building on ground floor, Room G52

9:00–9:30 Registration and  
Continental Breakfast, Pettengill Hall

9:30–9:45 Welcome

9:45–11:45 Session I: Miseries  
Michael E. Jones, Bates College, “The Worst of  
Times and the Worst of Times: Climate, Famine and  
Pestilence during the Medieval Transitions”

John Aberth, Saint Michael’s College,  
“The Medieval Medical Response to the Black  
Death: A Reappraisal”

James M. Murray, Western Michigan University,  
“Nothing Fails Like Success: The Rise of the Bourse  
in Late-Medieval Europe”

11:45–1:15 Lunch: New Commons, Room 221

1:15–3:15 Session II: Miseries and the Others  
Cathleen Fleck, Saint Louis University, “Hard  
Times in Medieval Cairo: The Support of a Sultan’s  
Tomb”

Christopher Baswell, Barnard College and Colum-  
bia University, “Lame Power: Medieval Cripples  
and Royal Ambition”

Sara Lipton, State University of New York at Stony  
Brook, “The Jew in the Crowd: Surveillance and  
Urban Society in Late-Medieval Passion Imagery”



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3:15–3:45 Coffee Break

3:45–5:15 Session III: Processing Miseries:  
Grieving and Commemorating  
Judith Steinhoff, University of Houston, “Ordinary  
Miseries: Grieving for the Dead in Italian 14<sup>th</sup>-Century  
Painting”

Véronique Plesch, Colby College, “Writing Trauma:  
Graffiti and Commemoration”

5:30 pm Reception and viewing of *Marsden  
Hartley’s Medieval Art* (and Bates College  
Museum of Art 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Exhibition), Olin Arts Center

### Accommodations:

We have a block of rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn  
Auburn Riverwatch. Guests may call the hotel directly  
at 207-784-4433 and ask for the NE Medieval Confer-  
ence Group rate or reserve online at commu-  
nity.bates.edu/NEMC2011 and click on hotel link.  
Deadline is October 5, 2011. You may check out other  
local accommodations at  
<http://home.bates.edu/codex/accommodations>

### Local Restaurants:

Mac’s Grill  
1052 Minot Avenue, Auburn 207-783-6885  
Steaks and seafood

Margarita’s  
180 Center Street, Auburn 207-782-6036  
Steak House and Mexican restaurant

Fishbones  
70 Lincoln Street Mill #6, Lewiston 207-333-3663  
American Grill/Alternative Seafood

Fuel  
49 Lisbon Street, Lewiston 207-333-FUEL (3835)  
Modern French Bistro

Mother India  
114 Lisbon Street, Lewiston 207-333-6777  
Fine Indian Cuisine



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Registration Fee (including Saturday lunch):

\_\_\_\_\_ Full-Time Faculty: \$50.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Independent Scholars \$25.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Free for Current Student  
(registration form must be received by October 1st)

Total Amount Included: \_\_\_\_\_

To pay by credit card you may register on line at:  
[community.bates.edu/NEMC2011](http://community.bates.edu/NEMC2011)  
Please have check payable to Bates College NEMC  
and mail check and registration form to:

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