

Marvelous



While it has often been held that an appetite for the marvelous in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance reflects the predominance of superstition and 'pre-scientific' thinking, modern scholarship has increasingly come to see it as a discourse worth taking seriously in its own right. The speakers in our 2006-07 series will evoke a wide variety of premodern marvels for us in what promises to be a truly marvelous series.

Unless indicated otherwise, each lecture will begin at 2:30 pm on Friday in the Science and Engineering Library, room 090. Conversation with the speaker for both Faculty and Graduate Students will be held immediately afterward in the same room. Refreshments will be provided. Posters downloadable below.

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Friday, October 13, 2006 at 3:30 pm
Mendenhall Laboratory 0100

Thomas Shippey

St. Louis University (English)

**Magic Comes Back:
The Inklings and After**

November 3, 2006

Peter Platt

Barnard College (English)

**Wondering About the
"Wonderer":
Paradox, the Marvelous, and
Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale"**

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December 1, 2006

Geraldine Heng

University of Texas (English)

**The Invention of Race in the
European Middle Ages**

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W I N T E R

January 19, 2007

Gary Tomlinson

University of Pennsylvania (Music)

Hamlet and Poppea

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February 9, 2007

Gerhild Scholz Williams

Washington University in St. Louis (German)

**The Global and the Local:
Wonders in the News**

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February 23, 2007

Stephen Knight

Cardiff University (English)

**Marvelous Merlin:
Knowledge, Prophecy and Power**

S P R I N G

April 13, 2007

Ronald Hutton

Bristol University (History)

**A General Framework
for the Study of
European Magic**

May 4, 2007

Francis Gingras

Université de Montréal (French)

**Romancing the Dwarfs:
The Marvelous and
the Genre of Romance**

May 18, 2006

Claudia Swan

Northwestern University (Art History)

**In the Realm of the Senses:
Collecting Marvels in
Early Modern Europe**

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