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**Emporia State University
Emporia, Kansas**

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**All meeting rooms are in the
Emporia State University
Memorial Union**

8:00-9:00 A.M. Registration and Coffee (Webb Lecture Hall Lobby--second floor)

Session 1: 9:00-10:30

Contrarian Approaches to Chaucer (Flint Hills Room)
Organized by William Woods, Wichita State University
Chair: William Woods, Wichita State University

1. "The Commodification of Violence in Chaucer's Knight's Tale"

Sara Ott
Wichita State University

2. "Artist as Narcissist: Chaucer's Pardoner Reflected within the Conflicts and Characters of His Own Tale"

Suraj Shankar
Wichita State University

3. "The Wife of Bath's Mistaken Moralizing"

David Bernard
Wichita State University

Session 2: 9:00-10:30

Law, Literature, and Land (KSTC Room)

Chair: Cindy Rogers, Oklahoma State University

1. "Tending the Fields: Shifts in Paleoethnobotanical and Zooarchaeological Patterns during the Anglo-Saxon Period in England"

Thomas Chesly Hart
University of Missouri-Columbia

2. "Dispute Processing in the *Poema de Fernán González*"

Michael P. McGlynn
Wichita State University

3. "Crusade and Conversion in the Popular Literature of the Middle Ages"

Sarah Lambert
Goldsmiths College, University of London

Session 3: 9:00-10:30

Arthurian Literature I (Xi Phi Room)

Chair: Becky Miller, University of Kansas

1. "Merlin—The Wisdom of the Centuries"

Paula Prisacaru
Emporia State University

2. "The Ladies of Camelot: Female Influence on Arthur's Knights through the Role of Lancelot"

Ann Marie Martinez
San Diego State University

3. "Lull's *Le Libre del Orde de Cauayleria* and *Le conte du graal* of Chrétien de Troyes: Spiritual dimensions of the Knighting Ceremony"

Paula Luteran
Hutchinson Community College

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

Session 4: 10:45-12:15

Old English (KSTC Room)

Chair: Kathy Krause, University of Missouri-Kansas City

1. "An English Saint against the Danes: Ælfric's *Life of St. Edmund* and National Memory"

Lesley Allen
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2. "Bodies as Borders on the Christian Frontier: Cannibalism in the Old English *Andreas*"

Shannon Godlove
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

3. "Child-Beating in Wisdom Literature: Differences between the Old and Middle English Traditions"

Graham Johnson
St. Louis University

Session 5: 10:45-12:15

Chaucer II (Flint Hills Room)

Chair: Susan McKinnis, Allen County Community College

1. "Doing What Comes Naturally: Natural Law Reflected in Chaucer's Alysoun and Emelye"

Jana Schroeder
Wichita State University

2. "'And lat hym care, and wepe, and wrynge, and waille!':
Chaucer's Clerk as Advocate of Masculine Virtue"

Martha Johnson-Olin
University of Missouri-Kansas City

3. "What in the World Is a Chaucer?"

Beverly Boyd
University of Kansas

Session 6: 10:45-12:15

Middle English I (Xi Phi Room)

Chair: Robert Clark, Kansas State University

1. "The Contexts of Contemplation: Twentieth-Century
Appropriation of *The Cloud of Unknowing*"

Glenn Young
University of Missouri-Kansas City

2. "'What is this to mene, man?': Locating Subject and
Audience in *Richard the Redeless*"

Erin Dennis
South Dakota State University

3. "*Sir Orfeo* and the Subject of History"

Damon Kraft
University of Missouri-Columbia

12:15-1:30 P.M. Lunch (Ballroom)

1:30-2:45 P.M. General Session (Ballroom)

Welcome: Cynthia Patton, Chair of English, ESU;
Robert Grover, Associate Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies,
ESU

Plenary Address: "Labyrinths and Mazes: The
Shapes of Arthurian Romance"

Norris J. Lacy, Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of
French and Medieval Studies,
Pennsylvania State University

Brief Business Meeting

2:45-3:00 Coffee Break

Session 7: 3:00-4:45

Arthurian Literature II (Xi Phi Room)

Chair: Norris Lacy, Pennsylvania State University

1. "Chaucer's Arthurian Knights"

Kristin Bovaird-Abbo
University of Kansas

2. "Traces of Purgatory in *Sir Gawain and the Green
Knight*"

Stoyan Tchapravov
University of Minnesota

3. "Lost in Translation: In Search of Arthur in Occitan
Lyric"

Caroline A. Jewers
University of Kansas

Session 8: 3:00-4:45

The Place of Medieval Women in Text and History

(Flint Hills Room)

Organized by Lois Huneycutt, University of Missouri-Columbia

Chair: Jim Falls, University of Missouri-Kansas City

1. "The Ulster Women: Females of the Sagas and Early Irish Queenship"

Rebecca Swaters

University of Missouri-Columbia

2. "Life Becomes Art, Art Becomes Life: Rethinking the Roles of Royal Women in the Age of Conversion"

Lois L. Huneycutt

University of Missouri-Columbia

3. "Medieval Brides: Making, Breaking, and Exchanging Vows"

Linda Dorothy Brown

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Session 9: 3:00-4:45

Middle English II (KSTC Room)

Chair: Deborah Gerish, Emporia State University

1. "'Papeldar Priest' Revisited"

Michael S. Nagy

South Dakota State University

2. "Virginity and Chaucer's Prioress"

Merrall Llewelyn Price

Oklahoma State University

3. "Cupiditas and Caritas: The Pardoner's Carnavalesque Turn on Augustinian Theology"

Jennifer Sackhoff

Emporia State University

4. "Patience's Riddle in *Piers Plowman*"

Allison Lee Adair

Georgetown University

Session 10: 3:00-4:45

Gender, Class, and Culture (Phi Delta Kappa Room)

Chair: John McCulloh, Kansas State University

1. "Manning and Unmanning in *La Dame Escoille*"

Ingrid D. Horton

University of Kansas

2. "Jack Cade's Rebellion of 1450 and the London Midsummer Watch"

Alexander L. Kaufman

Purdue University

3. "Ruskin's Aesthetic Vision of San Marco: Individual or Universal Reality?"

Kara Cahill

University of Missouri-Columbia

4. "Rivalry for Love, or Love of Rivalry?"

Frances Johannsen

Wichita State University

5:00-5:15

Jim Falls Paper Prize (Flint Hills Room)

Registration: The registration fee of \$15 includes the Saturday buffet luncheon and MAMA membership.

Friday reception: Jim and Cathy Hoy and Mel and Donna Storm will host a reception Friday evening for early arrivals from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Storms' home, 2026 Fanestil Drive (telephone 620-343-3018). If you are driving west on 18th Street from Merchant Street (Highway 99), take the first right turn onto Morningside Drive (just past the Emporia Country Club) and the first right from that onto Fanestil Drive. 2026 is at the bottom of the hill on the right, just before the house with the bridge. We hope we will see you there.

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