

MAGIC: FRONTIERS AND BOUNDARIES

at the University of Waterloo
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Waterloo, Ontario, Canada N2L 3G1
11-15 June, 2008

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY JUNE 11

4:00 PM ongoing: **[REV Front Desk Lobby] Registration**

5:30-6:45 PM **[Quad Lounge 102] Reception**

6:45-7:00 PM **Welcome**

7:00:-8:00 PM **[Quad Lounge 102] First Keynote Lecture: Marvin Meyer**

Magic and Miracle: The Boundaries of Experience in the Expression of Ritual Power

THURSDAY JUNE 12

9:00 AM -10:30 AM **Session 1 [Quad Lounge 102] *Magic, Science, and Prophecy in Hebrew Traditions***

Chair: Ayse Tuzlak

Daniel Miller, Bishops University (Sherbrooke, Quebec)

Magic and Non-Magic in the Yahwistic Marvels of Elijah and Elisha

Gideon Bohak, Tel Aviv University

Science, Magic and Religion in the Cairo Genizah

10:30 AM -11:00 AM **Refreshment Break**

11:00 AM-12:30 PM **Session 2 [Quad Lounge 102] *Metamorphosis and Monstrosity: Magic at the Cultural Fringe***

Chair: Kyle Fraser

Serge Cazalais, Université Laval

Telestika and Metamorphosis in Gnostic Literature: a Reception
of the Garden of Eden Episode in Two Nag Hammadi Treatises.

Pat Aakhus, University of Southern Indiana

Sirens and Skylla: Trophies and Talismans from the Frontier

12:30 PM -2:00 PM **Break for Lunch**

2:00 PM -3:30 PM **Session 3 [Quad Lounge 102] *Medieval Magic: Knowledge and Liturgy***

Chair: David Porreca

Jan Veenstra, University of Groningen

The Crowned Name of God: The Schemhamphoras in Christian Magic

Tom de Mayo, J Sargeant Reynolds Community College

Caesarius of Heisterbach and the Magical University

Laura Mitchell, University of Toronto

Exorciso te: Exorcistic Aspects of Magic in Medieval England

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM **Refreshment Break**

4:00 PM -5:30 PM [**Quad Lounge 102**] **Round table: The Shape of the Field**

Facilitated by conference organizers --An open venue for discussion of universities, departments, job prospects and special problems for students and recent graduates in this area of study. For graduate students, recent graduates, and others worried about the job market.

5:30PM - 7:00 PM **Break for dinner**

7:00:-8:00 PM [**Quad Lounge 102**] **Second Keynote Lecture: Richard Kieckhefer**
Heinrich Kramer and some 15th Century German Witch Trials

FRIDAY JUNE 13

9:00-10:30 AM **Session 4** [**Quad Lounge 102**] *Evidential Boundaries: Knowledge and Witchcraft*

Chair: Conference Organizer TBA

Christopher S. Mackay, University of Alberta

Henricus Institoris, the Scientific Witch Hunter

Jason van Boom, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley

Gendered Epistemology in Ritual Magic and Witchcraft

Adam Jortner, University of Virginia

Witches as Liars: Magic and Power in the Early United States

10:30 AM -11:00 AM **Refreshment Break**

11:00AM-12:30 PM **Session 5** [**Quad Lounge 102**] *Magic, Politics and Partisan Boundaries*

Chair: Claire Fanger

Ayse Tuzlak, University of Calgary

The Bishop, the Pope, and the Prophetess: Rival Ritual Experts in 3rd-Century Cappadocia

Deborah Lea, University of Liverpool

Confessional Conflict and Possession in Sixteenth Century Lancashire

12:30 PM -2:00 PM **Break for Lunch**

2:00 PM -3:30 PM **Session 6** [**Quad Lounge 102**] *Demons, Angels and the Legitimacy of Magical Knowledge*

Chair: Claire Fanger

Kyle Fraser, University of Kings College, Halifax

Daimonology and the Legitimation of Ritual in Pagan Monotheism

Shya Young, University of Alberta

Disrupting Boundaries: Theurgy and Knowledge in Reuchlin's *De arte cabalistica*

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM **Refreshment Break**

4:00 PM -5:30 PM [**Quad Lounge 102**] **Round Table: Magic Today**

Facilitated by Dr. Siân Reid, Carleton University

With participants Dr. Tanya Luhrmann, Stanford University; Dr. Douglas Cowan, University of Waterloo; Dr. Lucie DuFresne, University of Ottawa; Dr. Chris Klassen, Wilfrid Laurier University

A venue for discussion of issues confronting practitioners of magic today in the community, with attention to how these may be contiguous with issues confronting practitioners of scholarship.

5:30 PM -7:00 PM **Break for Dinner**

7:00-8:00 PM [**Quad Lounge 102**] **Third Keynote: T.M. Luhrmann, Stanford University**
Absorption, Magical Power, and the Art of Hearing God

SATURDAY JUNE 14

9:00-10:30 AM **Session 7 [Quad Lounge 102] *Magic, Knowledge, Modernity***

Chair: Randall Styers, UNC Chapel Hill

Graham Jones, Princeton University
Regimes of Enchantment: Magic, Knowledge and Power
on the Colonial Frontier

Alison Butler, St Francis Xavier University (Nova Scotia)
Caught Between Sciences: the “Scientific” Magic of British Occultism

10:30 AM -11:00 AM **Refreshment Break**

11:00 AM-12:30 PM **Session 8 [Quad Lounge 102] *Magic, Identity, Modernity***

Chair: Michael Ostling

Yvonne Petry, Luther College, University of Regina
Magical Causation and the Practice of Medicine in the Early Modern Era

Edward Bever, SUNY Old Westbury
Descartes’ Dreams, the Neuropsychology of Disbelief, and the
Making of the Modern Self

Maria Balfer, University of Koblenz-Landau
Living Magical Realism: Fluid Boundaries in Modern Western Paganism

12:30-2:00 PM **Break for Lunch**

2:00-3:30 PM **Session 9 [Quad Lounge 102] *Transformations and Illusions in Contemporary Literature***

Chair: Marco Pasi

Daniel Harms, SUNY Cortland
Reviving Dead Names: the Necronomicon as Re-envisioning of the Grimoire Tradition

Bruce Retallack, University of Toronto
Sorcerer’s Apprentices: Transformational Magic and the Western Psyche

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM **Refreshment Break**

4:00 -5:00 [**Conference Centre Board Room**] **Open meeting of Societas Magica and interested others**

6:00 PM-8:00 PM **Banquet [Laurel Room, South Campus Hall]. Prepaid guests only.**

SUNDAY JUNE 15

10:30 AM -11:00 AM **Refreshment Break**

11:00 AM-12:30 PM **Session 10 [Quad Lounge 102] *Knowledge, Superstition and Belief***

Chair: Michael Ostling

Benedek Láng, Budapest University of Technology and Economics

A Question in the Epistemology of Magic

Marco Pasi, University of Amsterdam

Ernesto De Martino, Antimagical Polemics, and the Doubtful Pleasures
of Critical Ethnocentrism

Randall Styers, UNC Chapel Hill

Bad Habits: How Superstition Disappeared in the Modern World.

12:30 PM CLOSURE AND FAREWELL