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2025–2026 MEETINGS

September 24 — *Crusade and Communications: Louis IX's Letter to the French of August 1250*
Cecilia Gaposchkin, Dartmouth College

October 22 — *Ghosts in the Text: Tracing the Thousand-Year Adventures of a Scribal Error*
Loraine Enlow, Jewish Theological Seminary

November 19 — *Interweaving Texts and Contexts in the History of Ideas: Roots of Relativistic Thinking in the Fourteenth Century*
Joel Kaye, Barnard College, Emeritus

January 28 — *New Perspectives on Power in the Medieval Mediterranean*
Marcel Elias, Yale University
Nathanael Aschenbrenner, Bard College
Joel Pattinson, Williams College

February 11 — *Pearls of Literature: The Rhetoric of Preciousness in Medieval England's Poetry*
Valerie Allen, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York

March 11 — *Embedded Objects: Sacred Intermediality in Medieval Murals*
Alexis Wang, Binghamton University, State University of New York

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