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September 15 *Familiar Bodies: Household Spirits, Money, and Magic in Early Modern Saxony*
Tara Nummedal, Brown University

October 27 *The Zebro and the Tlacuatzin: Animals in the Patchwork Columbian Exchange*
Mackenzie Cooley, Hamilton College

November 17 *The Anatomy of Work: Occupational Diseases Between Social Satire and the State*
Paola Bertucci, Yale University

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