



**Emblem Sessions at Kalamazoo  
54th International Congress on Medieval Studies  
May 9-12, 2019**

*The Society for Emblem Studies* invites proposals for emblem sessions at the *International Congress on Medieval Studies* at the Medieval Institute at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

The Congress is an annual gathering of over 3,000 scholars interested in Medieval Studies. It features over 600 sessions of papers, panel discussions, roundtables, workshops, and performances. There are also some 90 business meetings and receptions sponsored by learned societies, associations, and institutions and a book exhibit by nearly 70 publishers and used book dealers. A full conference program is available on the congress web site:

<https://wmich.edu/medievalcongress>

*Suggested Topics:*

Emblem books and manuscripts. Medieval sources for emblems and imprese. Emblems and heraldry, court culture, and royal entries. Emblem and the arts and in architecture. Symbol theories and emblematic ideas in art and writing. Emblems and national traditions. Emblems in religious practice and theology. Emblems in political discourses and iconography. Emblems in the material and visual culture. Emblems and the history of the book. We welcome new approaches to emblem studies, including gender perspectives, global reception and production of emblems, contribution on the practice and theory of emblem digitization.

Applications are open to all with an academic interest in emblem studies. We encourage advanced graduate students, dissertators, post-docs, and independent scholars to apply and participate.

Abstracts are due by email to the session organizer by September 1, 2018.  
(Please indicate if you would be willing to chair one of the sessions.)

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