

# “The Mediterranean Origins of the West”



## Program & Papers

All sessions will take place at the “Skybox” on the top floor of the Duane Physics Building at CU Boulder

### 9:15—9:45 Coffee and Registration

### 10:00–10:15 Opening Remarks

• Brian A. Catlos (Religious Studies: CU Boulder) and Sharon Kinoshita (Literature: UC Santa Cruz), The Mediterranean Seminar

### 10:15–11:30 Workshop Paper #1

“Violence, Identity, and Connection: the Taifa of Denia and the Medieval Mediterranean” [abstract] • Travis Bruce (History: McGill University)

Respondent: Joshua White (History: University of Virginia)

### 12:00–1:15 Workshop Paper #2

“Mediterranean Vessels: Fibonacci, Copernicus, and the Role of Arabic Manuscripts in the Transmission of Scientific Knowledge” [abstract]

• Erica Ferg (Religious Studies: Regis University)

Respondent: Robert Pasnau (Philosophy: CU Boulder)

**1:15–2:30 Lunch** (for speakers and registered participants)

### 2:30–3:45 Workshop Paper #3

“Saladin: War and Peace, or the Mediterranean?” [abstract]

• Chris Chism (English: UCLA)

Respondent: William Granara (Near Eastern Studies: Harvard)

### 4:00–5:00 Keynote Presentation:

“*Musica turchesca*: Italian Ears and Mediterranean Sounds in Seventeenth-Century Tuscany”

• Emily Wilbourne (Musicology at Queens College and the Graduate Center in the City University of New York)

Introduced by: Suzanne Magnanini (French and Italian: CU Boulder)

**6:30 Dinner/ reception**

## **Saturday 22 October 2022**

**9:15—9:45** Coffee and Registration

**9:45—10:00** Opening Remarks

### **10:00—11:00 Keynote Presentation**

“Soldiers of Fortune: Two Brothers and the Adventures of Antiquities from the Mediterranean to Gilded Age New York”

- Konstantina Zanou (Italian Studies: Columbia)
- Introduced by: Sharon Kinoshita (Literature: UC Santa Cruz)

### **11:15–12:30 Round Table 1**

Religion, Ethnicity, Nation & Race: How did modes of identity evolve from Late Antiquity to Modernity?

Moderator: Brian A. Catlos (Religious Studies: CU Boulder)

Respondent: Celine Dauverd (History: CU Boulder)

- Sam Cohen (History: Sonoma State) [position paper]
- Andrew Devereux (History: CU Boulder) [position paper]
- Matthew Lynch (History, Religion, and Philosophy: Oregon State University) [position paper]
- Aaron Stamper (History: Princeton) [position paper]
- Joshua White (History: University of Virginia) [position paper]
- Nina Zhiri (Literature: UC San Diego) [position paper]

### **12:30–1:30 Lunch**

### **1:30—2:45 Round Table 2**

“European” or “Mediterranean” – How best to describe the intellectual and cultural genealogy of Modernity in the wider West?

Moderator: Sharon Kinoshita (Literature: UC Santa Cruz)

Respondent: Aun Hasan Ali (Religious Studies: CU Boulder)

- Suzanne Magnanini (French and Italian: CU Boulder) [position paper]
- Karen Pinto (Religious Studies: CU Boulder) [position paper]
- Nuria Silleras-Fernandez (Spanish and Portuguese: CU Boulder) [position paper]
- Rebecca Wartell (Jewish Studies: CU Boulder) [position paper]
- Jill Heydt-Stevenson (English: CU Boulder) [position paper]
- Filippo Gianferrari (Literature: UC Santa Cruz) [position paper]

### **3:00-4:15 Teaching the Pre-Modern as Mediterranean: The Sea in the Middle & Texts from the Middle •**

Sharon Kinoshita (Literature: UC Santa Cruz)

- Sergio La Porta (Armenian Studies: Fresno State)
- Brian A. Catlos (Religious Studies: CU Boulder)
- Thomas Burman (Medieval Studies: Notre Dame)

### **4:30–5:45 Round Table 3**

What was the Mediterranean role in the evolution of Western politics and the economy?

Moderator: Amy Remensnyder (History: Brown)

Respondent: Toby Yuen-Gen Liang (History: Academia Sinica)

- Nicole Archambeau (History: Colorado State University) [position paper]
- Fred Astren (Jewish Studies: San Francisco State) [position paper]
- Claudio Fogu (Italian Studies: UC Santa Barbara) [position paper]
- Camilo Gomez-Rivas (Literature: UC Santa Cruz) [position paper]
- Kathryn Hain (History: Northeast Community College) [position paper]
- Stefan Stantchev (Humanities, Arts, and Cultural Studies: Arizona State) [position paper]

### **5:45—6:00 Concluding Remarks**

- Brian A. Catlos, Sharon Kinoshita & participants

**7:00— Dinner**