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Present

**The Edward A. Dickson Emeritus/a Professorship Lecture Series**

# COSMOPOLITANISM AND THE MIDDLE AGES

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

3:00 - 4:30 p.m. with Reception to follow

In-person at University Extension Building 1101 in the  
University Village

Livestreamed via Zoom

## Featuring

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UCR Distinguished Professor Emeritus of the Graduate Division



## Description

One of the most important ideas surrounding human rights, international relations and political responsibility has been the concept of cosmopolitanism. These discussions focus on the heritage of enlightenment thought, as the eighteenth century reconceived what it meant to be “a citizen of the world.” In this tradition, medieval concepts of the global and the other have been usually dismissed as one dimensional and xenophobic. This lecture describes some examples of cosmopolitan experience in medieval writings that complicate our present-day assumptions and concludes with some modern literary and visual imaginings of medieval cultural interactions.



## Register

Priority seating is given to members of the UCR Retirees' and Emeriti Associations who must register by February 3, 2025 on the [Retirement Center webpage](#).

*Registration will open to UCR and the public on February 4, 2025.*

Questions may be sent to [retirees@ucr.edu](mailto:retirees@ucr.edu).