

CALL FOR PAPERS

To Have and To Hold: Marriage in Pre-Modern Europe 1200-1700

An international and interdisciplinary conference at
The Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies
Victoria University in the University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada
16, 17, 18 October 2009

Proposals are invited for an interdisciplinary conference on marriage in pre-modern Europe (1200-1700). Proposals are welcome from disciplines including, but not limited to, history, literature, art history, religious studies and may be in either English or French. Presentations are encouraged on a wide variety of topics including:

- practices and forms of marriage including formal, informal, clandestine, and religious marriages, monogamy, serial monogamy, bigamy, polygamy, same-sex, mystical, clerical
- marriage as a social, political, and religious institution, across the vast geographic and cultural diversity of this period, urban, rural, and ethnic
- marriage in various religious traditions – Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, Jewish, Muslim, heretical, and practices associated with cultures in Africa, Asia, and the Americas
- the material culture of marriage, including where people married, ceremonies, wedding clothes and shoes, feasts and ceremonies, *cassone* and other artefacts related to marriage
- marriage in the art, music, and theatre, as marker, record, model, metaphor, and commentary
- the failure and/or dissolution of marriage as political compact, familial strategy, and human relationship, as unions of interest to church, state, families, and the couple
- the impact of overseas expansion and contact with other cultures in Africa, Asia, and the Americas, and their different understandings of marriage, including second unions

Email **abstracts 150 words max** and a **one-page curriculum vitae** in Rich Text Format to:

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