



STARCRÆFT

watching the heavens in the early middle ages

**Saturday June 30th to Sunday July 1st
UCL Institute of Archaeology**

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Saturday 30th June

9:30 – 10:00	Coffee/tea and registration
10:00 – 10:30	Professor Richard North (UCL) 'Eostre the "goddess" and the free-standing posts of Yeavinger'
10:30 – 11:00	Dr Philip Shaw (University of Leicester) 'The Anglo-Saxon Months and their Germanic Context'
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:00	Katherine Cross (UCL) '"Astra splendebant gratius": Byrhtferth and Boethius'
12:00 – 12:30	Christian Etheridge (Aarhus University) 'Underneath the Northern Skies: An exploration of the rich astronomical heritage of medieval Iceland through its most complete example; the manuscript GKS 1812 4to'
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch Break
1:30 – 2:00	Dr Jon Mackley (University of Northampton) 'Nicole Oresme's treatises on cosmography and divination: a discussion of the Treatise of the Sphere (1360)'
2:00 – 2:30	Darrellyn Gunzburg (University of Bristol) 'The Language of Giotto's Sky'
2:30 – 3:00	Break
3:00 – 3:30	Dr Nick Campion (University of Wales, Lampeter) 'The Imaginal Sky in the Medieval World'
3:30 – 4:00	Dr Jennifer Neville (Royal Holloway, University of London) TBA
4:00 – 4:30	Break
4:30 – 5:00	Eric Lacey (UCL) 'Religious Bird-Watching: Heavenly Bodies and Divine Messages in the Medieval Germanic World'
5:00 – 5:30	Melissa Herman (University of York) 'The sky on his back': birds in early Anglo-Saxon art'
5:30 – 5:45	Break
5:45 – 7:00	Keynote: Professor Michelle Brown (Institute of English Studies, University of London) Title TBA
7:00 -	Wine reception

Sunday 1st July

9:30 – 10:00	Coffee/tea and registration
10:00 – 10:30	Professor Susan Irvine (UCL) ‘Sun, sea and eax: Old English poetic responses to Boethian astronomy’
10:30 – 11:00	Victoria Symons (UCL) ‘The Sky in Cynewulf’s Poetry’
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:00	Dr. Scott Ashley (University of Newcastle) ‘The Historians and the Astronomers, Carolingian and Contemporary: What we can learn from each other’
12:00 – 12:30	Dr. Gillian Butler (University of Leicester) ‘Astronomical and Meteorological Phenomena in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles: a physicist’s perspective’
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch
1:30 – 2:00	Dr. Mark Williams (Oxford) ‘A “Irish” medieval zodiac?: content and context’
2:00 – 2:30	Oisín Plumb (University of Edinburgh) – ‘Adomnán’s Universe’
2:30 – 3:00	Break
3:00 – 3:30	Dr. Michael Bintley (Oxford) ‘Heaven’s Hrof and Earth’s Hall: Constructing Celestial Space in Anglo-Saxon England’
3:30 – 4:00	Meg Boulton (University of York) ‘Behold the Vault of Heaven: eschatological stargazing within Early Christian Art and Architecture’

Conference ends

