

REPORT: SMFS AT THE LEEDS INTERNATIONAL MEDIEVAL CONGRESS JULY 9-12, 2007

The Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship made its first incursion into the Leeds Medieval Congress this summer, sponsoring five sessions rather than the three it had originally planned (such was the interest in taking part in these sessions that each of the two main sessions was divided into two, allowing for four full sessions and a roundtable event to be run). The sessions were as follows: Feminism and the (Post) Graduate Student: A Roundtable Discussion; The Body and the Medieval City I & II; Viewing Women in the City: The Feminist Difference I & II. Overall, the sessions were successful, well-attended, and informative. Additionally, an SMFS social followed the Roundtable on Monday evening. This informal gathering allowed current and prospective members to mingle, continuing the discussion begun in the more formal setting of the Roundtable event. We would like to offer our sincere gratitude to the University of Galway who generously funded the social. The success of this conference has led us to recommend a permanent SMFS presence at the Leeds Medieval Congress, and we look forward to furthering our society presence outside North America.

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