Behavioral Practice, Social Boundaries, & the Marking of Identity in the Early Modern Era

September 30th and October 1st, 2015
Francis Scott Key Hall 2120
University of Maryland, College Park

Wednesday, September 30

10:00-12:00 Language and Religion: Boundary or Frontier
  Chair: Philip Soergel
  Christopher Celenza
  Johns Hopkins University
  The Problem of the Latin Language in the Italian Renaissance.

  Stefano Villani
  University of Maryland
  Becoming Italian: Early Modern British Converts and the Inquisition

Shai Zamir
Tel Aviv University
The Image of the Jewish Woman in the Trent Blood Libel (1475)

Lunch Break (RSVP Required)

1:45-5:00 Gender, Sexuality and Behavioral Practices
  Chair: Marsha Rozenblit
  Pawel Maciejko
  Hebrew University of Jerusalem
  Sexuality and Rabbi Jonathan Eybeschütz

  Hugo Brulhart
  University of Maryland
  Sodomy & Crime in 16th-Century Geneva

  Tamar Herzog
  Tel Aviv University
  Being a 'Jewish Nun' in Early Modern Italy

  Eyda Merediz
  University of Maryland
  Canary Islands’ Malinches: Happy Foundational Couples in the Atlantic?

Thursday, October 1

9:10-10:45 Change in the Marketplace; Change in the Environment
  Chair: Bernard Cooperman
  Robert Friedel
  University of Maryland
  Beer, Cheese, and Bread. Men, Women, and Work in Early Modern Britain.

  Noel Johnson
  George Mason University
  Jewish Persecutions and Weather Shocks

11:00–12:30 Labeling People
  Chair: Tamar Herzog
  Ira Berlin
  University of Maryland
  What’s In a Name?

  Bernard Cooperman
  University of Maryland
  Race, Slavery, and Synagogue Honors

  Holly Brewer
  University of Maryland
  Identifying People as Property. Creating a Common Law of Slavery for England and its Empire

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1:45–4:30 Cultural Shifts
  Chair: Stefano Villani
  Andrea Frisch
  University of Maryland
  Moving History: Affect & National Memory after the French Wars of Religion

  Ralph Bauer
  University of Maryland
  Lucretius’ New World: Cannibalism, Materialism, and Humanism in the Early Modern Encounter with the Americas

  Jonathan Allen
  University of Maryland
  Excluding and Defending Tomb Visitation in Early Modern Ottoman Islam?

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