

Call for Papers for the Twentieth

Christianity in the Academy Conference

“The Medieval Legacy in Higher Education: Blessing or Curse?”

Friday, March 1, 2019

Union University Germantown, 2745 Hacks Cross Road, Germantown, TN 38138

The university and the Western model of higher education grew up in the church during the Middle Ages. Born in the religious communities that dotted the landscape of medieval Europe, colleges developed in the monasteries where monks studied the Scriptures and preserved the learning of the ancient world. Modern universities maintain the monastic dress of the Middle Ages, complete with hoods. The highest academic degree continues to be a theological idea – the Doctor, or one who teaches correct doctrine. Almost a thousand years after the emergence of the European university as a distinct institution, we will consider the significance of the Christian origins of the university and to what extent the medieval model still has relevance for higher education today now that the model has been adopted around the globe.

As always, you may explore other themes and issues at the intersection of Christianity and the academic disciplines unrelated to this year’s theme. We also welcome panels brought together by a moderator to discuss an important book, theme, issue, or author. Papers should be in the range of 9 to 12 pages to fit a 20 minute presentation. We expect to publish a selection of the papers presented at the conference. Guidelines for consideration of papers for publication will be forthcoming.

The deadline for submission of proposed paper titles and short 300 word abstracts is January 15, 2019. Earlier submissions are greatly appreciated. Please send proposals via WORD attachment to Hal Poe at: hpoe@uu.edu.

Registration fee includes the luncheon and keynote address. Advance registration is \$50 for adults and \$25 for students and those who are retired. These fees go up to \$55 and \$30 respectively when paid at the door. Checks should be made out to: Union University and mailed to:

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