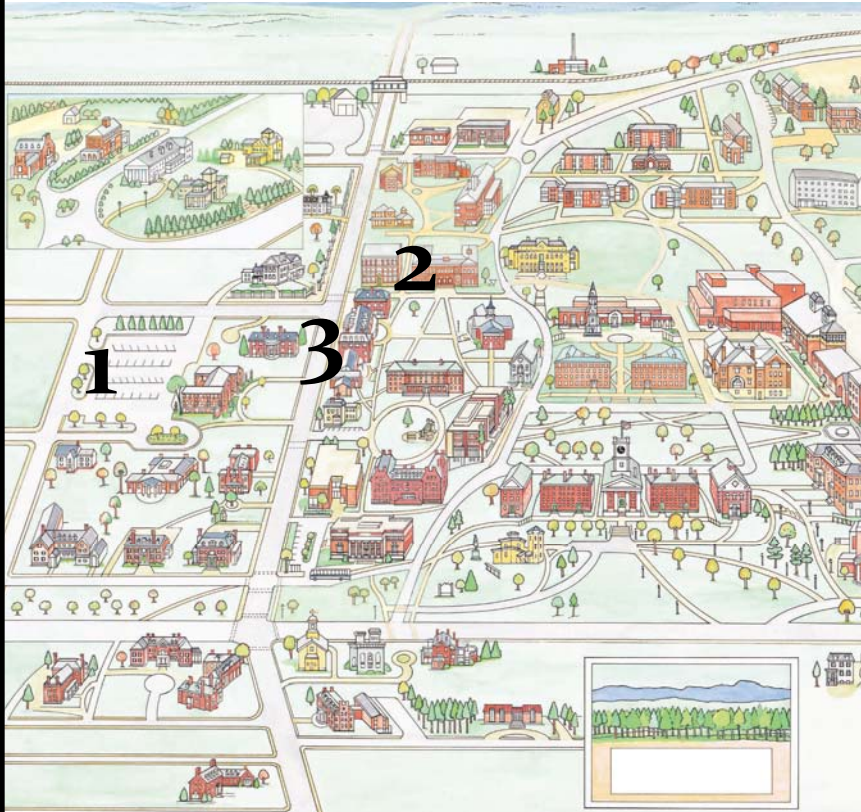
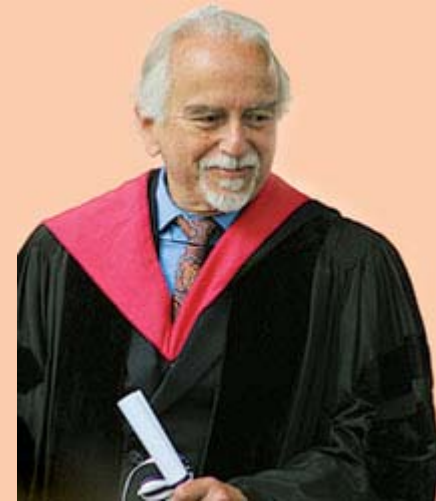


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**LAND, LAW, AND LORDSHIP
IN MEDIEVAL FRANCE:**
**A MEMORIAL SYMPOSIUM FOR
FREDRIC L. CHEYETTE
(1932-2015)**

Saturday, October 10, 2015
Pruyne Lecture Hall ▪ Fayerweather 115
Amherst College

Symposium Program

Symposium Organizers: Frank G. Couvares and Sean Gilsdorf

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Fredric Lawrence “Fred” Cheyette (1932—2015)*

Fred was born Jan. 13, 1932, in New York City, to Irving and Ruth Cheyette. The family later moved to Indiana, Pennsylvania. Fred received his AB from Princeton in 1953, and his doctorate from Harvard in 1959. While working on his doctorate, he lived in Paris for several years, where he met Shlomit Sam-bursky of Jerusalem, Israel. She later became his wife and the mother of his three children.

After teaching at Stanford, the University of Wisconsin, and Oberlin, Fred settled with his young family in Amherst. He was professor of medieval history at Amherst College from 1963 to 2005. His book, *Ermengard of Narbonne and the World of the Troubadours*, published in 2001, garnered numerous prizes and a glowing review in the *New York Review of Books*.

During his retirement, Fred auditioned for and won a spot as tenor in the Boston Symphony Orchestra chorus. He especially loved performing with the BSO at Tanglewood in the summers, as well as a European concert tour in 2007. He was also one of the founding members of the Da Camera singers, an Amherst choral group focused on early music.

When at home, Fred poured his heart and soul into restoring his 200+ year old farmhouse, and in the surrounding acreage creating an idyllic garden. He was a devoted father and doting grandfather, hosting each of his four grandchildren in the summer for a week long "Camp Grandpa" filled with fun.

His marriage to his first wife ended in divorce in 1978. He married Susan Ross Huston in 1984, and she died in 1997. Ellen Baker of Cambridge was his loving companion for the last 17 years of his life. His youngest daughter Tamara Cheyette Cohen of West Hartford, Connecticut, tragically predeceased him in 2014.

He is survived by his son Oren of Berkeley, California, daughter Dina of Mountain View, California, and grandchildren Sam, Anna, Jacob and Natan.

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Special Thanks To:



Reader

Nicola M. Courtright
Professor of Art and the History
of Art, Amherst College



Organizer

Francis G. Couvares
Professor of History and American
Studies, Amherst College

Local Restaurants

30Boltwood
30 Boltwood Ave.
(413) 835-2011

Antonio's Pizza
31 N Pleasant St.
(413) 253-0808

Bistro 63
63 N. Pleasant St.
(413) 259-1600

The Black Sheep
79 Main Street
(413) 253-3442

Bueno Y Sano
1 Boltwood Walk
(413) 253-4000

Chez Albert
178 N. Pleasant St.
(413) 253-3811

Fresh Side Café
39 S. Pleasant St.
(413) 256-0296

Judie's
51 N. Pleasant
(413) 253-3491

Lumber Yard
383 Main St.
(413) 253-4200

Miss Saigon
96 N Pleasant St
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Oriental Flavor
25 S. Pleasant St.
(413) 253-7673

Pita Pockets
103 N. Pleasant St.
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Rao's Coffee
17 Kellogg Ave.
(413) 253-9441

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63 S. Pleasant St.
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Panelists



Bailey K. Young
Distinguished Professor of History,
Eastern Illinois University

“Fred and Archeology”

Bailey K. Young completed his Ph.D. in early medieval archeology at the University of Pennsylvania, continuing his studies at the École Pratique des Hautes Études IV in Paris before teaching at the Université de Paris IV, the Université de Lille III, and Assumption College. He currently is Professor of History at Eastern Illinois University, where he chairs the program in Medieval Studies and oversees the Walhain-St. Paul summer program in medieval archeology. A specialist on Merovingian material culture and the built environment, he has published extensively on early medieval funerary archeology and the post-Roman landscape, with a particular emphasis upon the fortified site at Walhain (Belgium), where he has led excavations for over a decade. Professor Young currently is working with French archeologist Isabelle Catteddu on revising and editing Fred Cheyette’s long-anticipated study of the transformation of the European landscape in the early Middle Ages, which will be published by Cornell University Press.



Keynote / Welcome

Howell D. Chickering
Professor Emeritus, Department of
English, Amherst College



Roundtable / Organizer

Sean Gilsdorf
Committee on Medieval Studies;
Harvard University

Program

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| 9:00—9:30: | Greetings and Coffee |
| 9:30—10:00: | Opening Remarks
Howell D. Chickering |
| 10:00—10:30: | “Fred, Feudalism, and Me”
Elizabeth A. R. Brown
Read by Nicola M. Courtright |
| 10:30:—11:30: | “F. L. Cheyette, W. H. Auden,
and the Law”
Geoffrey Koziol |
| 11:30—1:00: | LUNCHEON
Valentine—Lewis Sebring |
| 1:00—2:00: | “A View of Property Possession
& Ownership in Early England”
Paul R. Hyams |
| 2:00—3:00: | “Ceremonial Executions in
England, 1196-1306”
Stephen D. White |
| 3:00-3:15: | BREAK |
| 3:15—4:15: | “Fred and Archeology”
Bailey Young |
| 4:15—5:00 | Roundtable Discussion
Facilitated by Sean Gilsdorf |
| 5:00—6:00 | Closing Reception
Valentine—Lewis Sebring |

Panelists



Elizabeth A. R. Brown
Professor Emeritus, Brooklyn College

“Fred, Feudalism, and Me”

Read by Nicola M. Courtright, Prof.
of Art/History of Art, Amherst

Elizabeth A.R. Brown completed her graduate training at Harvard University, where she and Fred Cheyette studied under Charles Taylor, and taught for many years in the Department of History at Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. Professor Brown's wide-ranging interests include the institutional and ideological history of the French monarchy, female power in the Middle Ages, and medieval historiography. In addition to her groundbreaking 1974 article “The Tyranny of a Construct: Feudalism and Historians of Medieval Europe”, she has published numerous monographs and edited volumes, including *Politics and Institutions in Capetian France* (1991), *Customary Aids and Royal Finance in Capetian France* (1992), and *The Lit de Justice: Semantics, Ceremonial, and the Parlement of Paris, 1300-1600* (1994). A Fellow of the Medieval Academy of America, Professor Brown served as the Academy's President from 2010 to 2011.



Geoffrey Koziol
Professor, Department of History,
University of California, Berkeley

“F. L. Cheyette, W. H. Auden,
and the Law”

Geoffrey Koziol received his Ph.D. in medieval history from Stanford University, where he studied with Fred Cheyette's Harvard classmate Gavin Langmuir. After teaching at Hamline College, he joined Harvard's history department before moving to the University of California Berkeley, where he now is Professor of History. A scholar of northern European intellectual, political, and religious institutions, Professor Koziol's research and teaching focus in particular upon the political development of the post-Carolingian world and the complex ritual, discursive, and documentary processes underlying it. He is the author of *Begging Pardon and Favor: Ritual and Political Order in Early Medieval France* (1992) and *The Politics of Memory and Identity in Carolingian Royal Diplomas* (2012).

Panelists



Paul R. Hyams
Emeritus Professor, Cornell
University; Emeritus Fellow,
Pembroke College, Oxford University

“A View of Property Possession &
Ownership in Early England”

Paul Hyams was educated at Oxford University. After receiving his Ph.D., he was a Fellow of Pembroke College for twenty years before moving to Cornell University, where he was Professor of History until his retirement in 2013. In addition to being, with Fred Cheyette and Peggy Brown, a leading “feudo-sceptic”, Professor Hyams also is a leading scholar of the history and practice of law in the Middle Ages, with a particular interest in criminal law, dispute settlement, and legal procedure in post-Conquest England. In addition to many influential articles, including “Trial by Ordeal” (1980), “The Charter as Source in the Early Common Law” (1991), he is the author of *Kings, Lords, and Peasants in Medieval England* (1980) and *Rancor and Reconciliation in Medieval England: Wrong and its Redress from the Tenth to Thirteenth Centuries* (2003). Professor Hyams is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, and in 2010 was elected as a Corresponding Fellow of the Medieval Academy of America. In 2014, he was honored with a special issue of *Reading Medieval Studies* entitled *Law's Dominion in the Middle Ages*.



Stephen D. White
Candler Professor of Medieval
History, Emeritus, Emory University

“Ceremonial Executions in England,
1196-1306”

Stephen D. White received his A.B. and Ph.D. from Harvard University, where he subsequently was a Junior Fellow (1971-74), Lecturer in History (1974-5), and Research Fellow in the Law School (1974-5). He taught medieval history at Wesleyan University until 1989, when he was named Asa G. Candler Professor of Medieval History at Emory University. Since retiring from the Emory faculty, he has returned to the Boston area, where he currently is a visiting professor in the Harvard History Department. Professor White, a scholar of French and English social, legal, and political history, was named an Honorary Professor of Mediaeval History at the University of St. Andrews, and is a Fellow of the Medieval Academy of America. Among his many publications are *Custom, Kinship, and Gifts to Saints: the Laudatio Parentum in Western France, 1050-1150* (1988), *Feuding and Peacemaking in Eleventh-Century France* (2005), and (with Elizabeth Pastan), *The Bayeux Tapestry and Its Contexts* (2014).