



## The 17<sup>th</sup> Vagantes Conference on Medieval Studies

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Keynote Address:

### “Mapping Race in Medieval Iberia”



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**Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ 4:30pm ~ 120 Andersen Library**

**Abstract:** This lecture will explore how early Spanish Christians, who lived in an Arabic-speaking Muslim milieu, conceived of race and history in ways that were very different from that of intellectuals in the rest of Latin Europe during this period. Such notions of the origins and nature of the ‘races’ of the earth and their characteristics became part of the later medieval Spanish intellectual tradition.

**Biography:** Michelle M. Hamilton is the Director for the Center of Medieval Studies and Professor of Spanish at the University of Minnesota. Her scholarship explores the intersection of Arab, Jewish and Christian cultural production in medieval Iberia. In her recent work, Hamilton is investigating medieval material culture and its use in the construction of modern narratives of the past. She is author of two monographs, *Beyond Faith Belief, Morality and Memory in a Fifteenth-Century Judeo-Iberian Manuscript* (2015) and *Representing Others in Medieval Iberian Literature* (2007), in addition to several articles on medieval literature and culture. She is also the co-editor/organizer of *In and of the Mediterranean* (2015).

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