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The First Annual ScandGrads Conference  
Berkeley, California, March 3-4

Schedule of Events

**Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	<b>Coffee and Welcome</b>
9:00 AM – 10:20 AM	<b>Panel A: <i>Viking Diaspora</i></b>
10:20 AM – 11:40 AM	<b>Panel B: <i>Eastern Connections</i></b>
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 PM – 2:20 PM	<b>Panel C: <i>Material Culture</i></b>
2:20 PM – 3:40 PM	<b>Panel D: <i>Romance</i></b>
3:40 PM – 4:00 PM	<b>Coffee Break</b>
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>Plenary Talk: <i>Marianne E. Kalinke</i></b>
6:30 PM	<b>Conference Dinner</b>

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	<b>Coffee</b>
9:00 AM – 10:20 AM	<b>Panel E: <i>Cultural Negotiations</i></b>
10:20 AM – 11:40 AM	<b>Panel F: <i>Medieval Scandinavia and the Modern World</i></b>
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1:00 PM – 2:20 PM	<b>Panel G: <i>Ecclesiastical Reimaginings</i></b>
2:20 PM – 3:40 PM	<b>Panel H: <i>Monsters and the Supernatural</i></b>
3:40 PM – 4:00 PM	<b>Coffee Break</b>
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>Plenary Talk: <i>Jonas Wellendorf</i></b>

**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM	<b>Field Trip to San Francisco</b>
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# Panels

Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

## **Panel A: *Viking Diaspora*** 9:00 AM – 10:20 AM

Moderator: Sara Ann Knutson, University of California, Berkeley

Taylor Mankin, University of Houston

*“Danish remnants in Post Conquest Anglo-Saxon Culture: The tale of Hereward the Wake and its context”*

Caitlin Ellis, University of Cambridge

*“Cultural Encounters and Hybrid Identities: Eleventh-century Orkney and Dublin”*

Kristen Mercier, University of Oslo

*“Norse Identity after Clontarf”*

## **Panel B: *Eastern Connections*** 10:20 AM – 11:40 AM

Moderator: Zachary Blinkinsop, University of California, Berkeley

Rosie S. Taylor, University of California, Berkeley

*“Money Matters: The Arrest of Haraldr Sigurðarson in Constantinople”*

Ólafur Haukur Árnason, Royal Library of Copenhagen

*“Three Armenians in Eleventh-century Iceland”*

Barbora Žiačková, University College London

*“Vikings on Camels: The cultural impact of Norse trade with the Islamic World”*

## **Panel C: *Material Culture*** 1:00 PM – 2:20 PM

Moderator: Rosie S. Taylor, University of California, Berkeley

Tenaya Jorgensen, University of Iceland and University of Oslo

*“Irish Sea Settlement in the Early Viking Age and Influences on Later Longphuir”*

Sara Ann Knutson, University of California, Berkeley

*“An Ivory Diaspora: The Archaeology of Cultural Movements”*

Line M. Bonde, MF Norwegian School of Theology

*“Picturing Jerusalem in Twelfth-century Denmark: Arcading on Baptismal Fonts”*

## **Panel D: *Romance*** 2:20 PM – 3:40 PM

Moderator: Isobel Boles, University of California, Berkeley

Synnøve Midtbø Myking, University of Bergen

*“Travelling books: Fragments from French manuscripts in Medieval Norway”*

William Biel, University of Connecticut

*“‘Sá er þessu sverði bregður’: Arthurian Swords across Sagas”*

Daniel Zimmermann, Free University of Berlin

*“Historical encounters, literary reimaginings: The Ibero-Norse Roland and Blómstrvalla saga”*

## **Plenary Talk** 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Marianne E. Kalinke, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

*“Pictorial Hagiography on Gotland: The Death of a German Emperor”*

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Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

## **Panel E: *Cultural Negotiations*** 9:00 AM – 10:20 AM

Moderator: Tiffany White, University of California, Berkeley

Christian Cooijmans, University of Edinburgh

*“An Enemy for all Epochs, The Historiography of the Vikings in the Late Medieval Low Countries”*

Timothy Rowbotham, University of York

*“Encountering the Past: Reimagining Native Poetic Tradition as European Vernacular Historiography in Völsunga saga”*

Ana Belén Piñera Álvarez, University of Frankfurt

*“The Right to Belonging: Jómsvíkingadrápa and Málsháttakvæði’s Place in the Snorra Edda Tradition”*

Bob Oscar Benjamin van Strijen

*“The God on the Windy Tree: Christian Origins for the Figure of Wodan in the Cross-cultural Relations of Northern Europe”*

## **Panel F: *Medieval Scandinavia and the Modern World*** 10:20 – 11:40

Moderator: Jenna Coughlin, University of California, Berkeley

Vanessa Iacocca, University of Iceland

*“Nationalist Ideology and the Íslendingasögur: Recontextualizing Iceland’s Legends for Nationalistic Purposes in Icelandic Revivalist Poetry”*

Tekla Babyak, independent scholar, PhD, Cornell University

*“God is Dead: Norse Mythology, Wagnerian Opera, and Nietzschean Nihilism”*

Troy Wellington Smith, University of California, Berkeley

*“From Enthusiasm to Irony: Søren Kierkegaard’s Reception of Old Norse Mythology and Literature”*

## **Panel G: *Ecclesiastical Reimaginings*** 1:00 PM – 2:20 PM

Moderator: Jacob Hobson, University of California, Berkeley

Isobel Boles, University of California, Berkeley

*“Duggals leiðsla: A Knight in Lucifer’s Court”*

Ben Allport, University of Cambridge

*“The Edge of the World as We Know It: Concentric identity and the reimagining of the Christian world view in Icelandic scholarly texts from the twelfth to fourteenth centuries”*

Ryder Patzuk-Russell, University of Birmingham

*“Merlínusspá and Concepts of Prophetic Interpretation in Medieval Iceland”*

Haraldur Hreinsson, University of Münster

*“The Ecclesiastical Other in Commonwealth Iceland”*

## **Panel H: *Monsters and the Supernatural*** 2:20 PM – 3:40 PM

Moderator: Sarah Eriksen, University of California, Berkeley

Tiffany White, University of California, Berkeley

*“A Man in Wolf’s Clothing: Magic, Shapeshifting, and Augustinian Theology in Late Old Icelandic Literature”*

Jan Kozák, Charles University in Prague

*“Otherworldly Encounters in the Burial Mounds”*

Daria Segal, University of Iceland and University of Oslo

*“Margýgr, Mermaid, and Siren: A case study of the illumination in Flateyjarbók”*

Arngrímur Vídalín, University of Iceland

*“The Monstrous Fourteenth Century”*

## **Plenary Talk** 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Jonas Wellendorf, University of California, Berkeley

*“The Enean Current in Old Norse Literature”*

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