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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:
FRIDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2006**

All proposals should be submitted directly to the session organizers, listed below. Proposals must include the author's name, paper title, a 300-word abstract, and a completed Abstract Cover Sheet. Forms can be found at: <http://www.wmich.edu/medieval/congress/42cfp/forms.html>.

1. "Commentaries on the Twelve Prophets: Tradition and Controversy," organizer: Frans Van Liere (fvliere@calvin.edu). This session is occasioned by the appearance of the first critical edition of Andrew of Saint Victor's commentary on the twelve Prophets (Brepols, 2007). The books of the twelve prophets, a somewhat neglected area in the history of Christian exegesis, nevertheless sparked intensive debates between Christians and Jews on the future course of history, and the role of prophecy within the larger framework of exegesis.

2. "Paul in the Middle Ages," roundtable session organized by Steven Cartwright (cartwrights@wmich.edu). This roundtable session is occasioned by the publication of a volume of essays on Paul and Romans in the Middle Ages (T & T Clark, 2006). The editors are Peter Hawkins, William Campbell, and Brenda Schildgen. The essayists include Philip D. Krey, H. Lawrence Bond, John Doutre, Ian Christopher Levy, Thomas F. Ryan, Peter Hawkins, Charles H. Cosgrove, William Franke, James Dunn, Deeana Copeland Klepper, Mark. W. Elliott and Brenda Schildgen.

3. "Exegetical Theory and Practice, Medieval and Contemporary," organizer: Michael Signer (msigner@nd.edu). This session invites both papers that discuss medieval theories or practices of exegesis, as well as papers using contemporary "theory" (or theories) to analyze medieval exegetical works, in the spirit of Elizabeth A. Clark's recent volume *History, Theory, Text* (Harvard 2004).

4. "Vernacular Bibles in the Later Middle Age," organizer: Jane Beal (Jane.Beal@wheaton.edu). In this session, the SSBMA hopes to provoke thought and discussion about vernacular Bibles--their production, circulation, and influence--in the later Middle Ages. This necessitates consideration of translation, the relation of vernacular Bibles to Jerome's Latin Vulgate, and the cultural and ecclesiastical implications of vernacular Bible usage. Mary Dove, author of forthcoming volume, *The First English Bible: The Text and Context of the Wycliffite Versions*, has been invited to speak in the session. Other papers are most welcome.

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