



# Newberry Premodern Studies Seminar

## 2018-2019 Academic Year CALL FOR PROPOSALS

**Submission Deadline: June 1, 2018**

This seminar will provide a forum for new approaches to medieval and early modern studies. Scholars from a range of disciplines will share work-in-progress on the inaugural theme of “what is the premodern?” The aim is to explore how presumptions of a rupture between the past and the present have shaped scholarship across the humanities and social sciences, and to consider how the interests and characteristics of premodern cultures reflect on, or even connect to, our own. We welcome submissions on these questions from all fields of premodern studies. Global approaches are particularly welcome, and we invite work that is at once archival and theoretical. Papers will be pre-circulated, so that the majority of the seminar session will be devoted to discussion. Presenters are encouraged to incorporate a hands-on workshop with original materials from the Newberry’s collection into their seminar session. If you will be able to do this, please indicate this in your proposal.

**The seminar will meet 2-4pm at the Newberry Library in Chicago on the following Fridays  
during the 2018-2019 academic year:**

**November 30, 2018 / February 22, 2019 / April 26, 2019**

**Please let us know which dates you are available in your proposal.**

To submit a proposal, please visit our webform at [www.newberry.org/seminar-proposal-form](http://www.newberry.org/seminar-proposal-form) and upload a one-page proposal, a statement explaining the relationship of the paper to your other work, and a brief CV. Applications will not be accepted via email or in hard copy. The Newberry is unable to provide additional funds for travel or lodging, but can assist in locating discounted accommodations.

**If you have any questions about the seminar, please send an email to [fletcherc@newberry.org](mailto:fletcherc@newberry.org)**