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## The Apocryphal Apostle Saint Martial of Limoges and the Uses and Abuses of Authority

5:30 pm, Thursday April 2, 2009

Walnut Room

Indiana Memorial Union

**About the lecture:** This lecture concerns the faith and ambition surrounding the creation of the Latin *Vita sancti Martialis*, the evolution of the legend, and the representations of religious, secular, and linguistic authority in the early thirteenth-century French version of the work.

**About the Speaker:** Molly Lynde-Recchia is Professor of French and head of the French Section in the Department of Foreign Languages at Western Michigan University. She is an alumna of Indiana University, where she received her PhD in French literature in 1993. As a scholar of medieval French language and literature, Dr. Lynde-Recchia analyzes the increasing use of old French prose in literary texts in *Prose, Verse, and Truth-Telling in the Thirteenth Century* (French Forum, 2000). Her second book, *La vie seint Marcel de Limoges* (Droz, 2005), is a critical edition of a previously unpublished thirteenth-century text which relates the tale of the apocryphal Saint Martial of Limoges. She has also published several articles on these topics. Her current project involves the translation of Old French poetry into English.

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