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is pleased to present a lecture by

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“ANNE OF BOHEMIA AND RICARDIAN KINGSHIP”

ANNE OF BOHEMIA was queen of England from 1382–1394. There are some contemporary chronicle accounts of her and some traces in official records, as well as hints in literary texts either about her or addressed to her. Medieval “readings” of Anne, like modern “readings,” fictionalize her, employ her as a sign for Richard II’s understanding of his own regal power and suggest that Anne fulfilled her role as queen by functioning as a figure for mercy in the face of Richard’s justice. In this talk Professor Staley will go over the facts and fictions we have about Anne and add some new ways of thinking about her by re-conceiving the role of royal women during the Fourteenth Century, particularly in relation to what ideas were available to them about their own relationships to power.

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