Rethinking Early Modern Conversion

Explorative Workshop
Indiana University, Bloomington
December 4-5, 2014

College Arts & Humanities Institute
1211 E. Atwater Ave.

Each presenter will introduce a textual or visual cultural artifact from his or her own research which is judged to be of particular significance for the conceptualization of conversion. Rather than traditional papers, the workshop will consist of discussion of the common corpus constituted by this set of artifacts.

For access to the pre-circulated corpus, please contact Hall Bjørnstad (hallbjor@indiana.edu).

Thursday, December 4

9:00-9:30
Welcome and Introduction

9:30-12:30 Panel 1
Chair: Hall Bjørnstad (French and Italian, IU)
Bret Rothstein (Art History, IU): Bosch’s Garden of Earthly Delights
Christopher Wild (German & Theatre, U of Chicago): Descartes’ Dreams
Constance Furey (Religious Studies, IU): Luther and Donne

12:30-2:00 Lunch

2:00-5:00 Panel 2
Chair: Anita Lukic (German, IU)
Ellen McClure (French & History, U of Illinois, Chicago): The Conversion of the Prince de Tarente (1670)
Hall Bjørnstad (French and Italian, IU): Pascal’s Mémorial
Michelle Molina (Religious Studies, Northwestern U): The Conversion of Lorenzo Ignazio Thülen (1768)

5:00 Reception

Friday, December 5

9:00-12:00 Panel 3
Chair: Christopher Wild (German & Theatre, U of Chicago)
Patricia Ingham (English, IU): Chaucer’s Man of Law’s Tale
Peter Erickson (German, U of Chicago / Oakland U): G. S. Steinbart, against conversions on the scaffold (1769)
Sonia Velázquez (Religious Studies & Theatre, IU): Jusepe de Ribera’s St Mary of Egypt

12:00-12:30 Final Discussion

12:30-1:30 Lunch

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