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**Stuard to Deliver 20th O. T. Driggs Distinguished Lecture**

*Summary:*

(September 23, 2004)-Professor Emeritus Susan Mosher Stuard of Haverford College will deliver the 20th annual O. Truman Driggs Distinguished Lecture at the University of Minnesota, Morris at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, in Recital Hall of Humanities Fine Arts. Professor Stuard's topic will be "Gilding the Market in Fourteenth Century Italy."

A distinguished medieval and women's historian, Dr. Stuard is author or editor of seven books, including *A State of Deference: Ragusa (Dubrovnik) in the Medieval Centuries* (1992), *Quaker Women: Witnesses for Change* (1989), *Women in Medieval History and Historiography* (1987), *Restoring Women to History* (1983), and *Women in Medieval Society* (1976), among others, and the author of more than 30 scholarly articles. She holds a bachelor's degree from Smith College and a doctoral degree from Yale.

Professor Stuard has represented the Medieval Academy of America on the American Council of Learned Societies, served from 2001-2004 as an elected member of the Professional Division of the American Historical Association, and as a member of the Founding Editorial Board of the *Journal of Women's History*. She has also worked as a consultant to the history departments of almost a dozen colleges.

The O. T. Driggs Distinguished Lecture was founded in 1985 by history colleagues, UMM alumni, and friends of the late O. Truman Driggs who taught history at UMM from 1963 until his death in 1989. Annually, it brings distinguished visitors to speak on topics relating to history, the liberal arts, or public affairs.

A panel discussion and questions from the audience will follow the lecture. Panelists will include Janet Erickson, UMM English professor UMM alumna Kate Kelsey Staples, who is pursuing a doctoral degree in medieval history on the Twin Cities campus of the University of Minnesota and Rachel Kelash, a UMM junior who is the history discipline's elected student representative as well as a student of medieval history.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

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