Religious War Beyond the Battlefield in the Reformation Era

St. Philip’s in the Hills Episcopal Church
4440 N. Campbell Avenue
Bloom Music Center, 10:15 - 11:00 AM

The Thirty Years’ War (1618-1648) was a period of unparalleled destruction in central Europe, razing towns and villages to the ground and claiming millions of lives through combat, famine, and disease. In 2018 the UA Division for Late Medieval and Reformation Studies is marking the 400th anniversary of the beginning of the Thirty Years’ War with a series of events on “The Miseries of War.”

This year’s Summer Lecture Series will extend its scope beyond the political strategies, military tactics, and battle fronts. The lectures will seek to examine the daily hardships, suffering, and devastation inflicted on civilian populations in towns and villages. They will focus on various aspects of the experience of religious wars: that of civilians compelled to quarter invading troops, the role of women in early modern armies, clergy advising on war and military activities, and the emotional effects on individuals and communities.

Ute Lotz-Heumann, Director of the Division and Heiko A. Oberman Professor of Late Medieval and Reformation History, and Beth Plummer, Susan C. Karant-Nunn Professor of Reformation and Early Modern European History, will contextualize and comment on each of the following lectures.

August 5
Living with the Enemy: Quartering, Mustering, and Daily Interactions between Soldiers and Civilians during the Age of Religious Wars
Benjamin Miller, doctoral student

August 12
Blessed are the Peacemakers? Monks, Friars, and Religious Violence in Early Modern Europe
Hannah McClain, master’s student

August 19
No queens were they; these wenches were called soldier-girls: Women and Warfare in Early Modern Europe
Rachel Davis Small, doctoral student

August 26
None of us knows who is friend and who is foe: The Civilian Experience of Religious Diversity and Suffering During Early Modern War
Annie Morphew, doctoral student

Free and open to the public

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