UNCA History Department Presents:

Elizabeth I and the Power and Language of Gifts

Dr. Carole Levin is Willa Cather Professor of History at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She has won awards for her teaching from SUNY/New Paltz and the University of Nebraska. She is the author or editor of seventeen books, including The Heart and Stomach of a King: Elizabeth I and the Politics of Sex and Power (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013; 2nd ed.) and Dreaming the English Renaissance (Palgrave, 2008). Recent books include the edited collection, Scholars and Poets Talk about Queens (Palgrave, 2015) and the co-edited, with Anna Riehl Bertolet and Jo Eldridge Carney, of A Biographical Encyclopedia of Early Modern Englishwomen 1500–1650: Exemplary Lives and Memorable Acts (Routledge, 2016). She has held long-term fellowships at both the Newberry Library in Chicago and the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, DC, and in 2015 she was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of York in England.

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Laurel Forum, Karpen Hall

In this talk, Dr. Carole Levin will examine the problematic relationships of royal gifts between Queen Elizabeth I and a number of women in her life. These included her older half-sister Mary, whom Elizabeth was afraid might have her executed during her reign and her cousin Mary Stuart who created elaborate gifts for Elizabeth but was also probably conspiring her death. None of these gifts, as gorgeous as they might be, were about affection: they were all about power.

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