Medicine, Science, and Sexuality in the Middle Ages

Friday, October 14th - 2:00 pm
Maple Room, Erb Memorial Union

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Cadden’s 1993 Cambridge book, Meanings of Sex Differences in the Middle Ages: Medicine, Science, and Culture won the History of Science Society's annual Pfizer Prize for best book. The focus of her presentation comes from two of her current projects: a book on the ways medical and scientific writers in the Middle Ages perceived and dealt with the phenomenon of male homosexual desire, entitled, 'Nothing Natural is Shameful': Science and Sodomy in the Middle Ages; and a series of articles on medieval women whose writings involve ideas and information about the natural world, from Hrotsvit of Gandersheim (10th c.) to Hildegard von Bingen (12th c.) to Christine de Pizan (15th c.).

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