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Prof Madeleine Jeay

Professor Emerita, McMaster University

Women's Love Songs

Monday, February 2, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.
Clearihue Building, Room A206

Presented by the Medieval Studies Program

In 13th Century Southern France, women troubadours replied in their love songs to their male counterparts with their own view of courtly love or 'fin' amor". In Belgium, the mystic Hadewijch of Antwerp transposed profane eroticism in her poetry for conveying the expression of her longing to God and the intimate relationship between soul and God.

A specialist of medieval literature, Madeleine Jeay is internationally renowned for her studies on women, women's writings, authorship, or manuscripts. The

initiator of several major databases and softwares, the writer of popular documentaries on Mystic Women, she has authored many books and innumerable papers on medieval literature and cultures. She embodies the liveliness of medieval programs and research projects in Canada. Linking questions and genres often presented in separate context, Madeleine Jeay's talk will shed a new light on Women Studies and Religious Studies, as well as on Medieval Studies.

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