



# THE MULTICULTURAL MIDDLE AGES PODCAST

## The Multicultural Middle Ages Podcast Series welcomes proposals for single episodes to be featured in its fourth season.

After three successful seasons, The Multicultural Middle Ages (MMA) will return for its fourth in 2025. Sponsored by the Medieval Academy of America, MMA is an anthology-style podcast that welcomes the global turn in Medieval Studies. This podcast series is a platform from which to continue ongoing conversations and generate new and exciting avenues of inquiry related to the Middle Ages that emphasize its diversity. We seek to highlight thoughtful reflections on culturally responsible approaches to the study of the Middle Ages. This is a space from which to speak to fellow medievalists and, more importantly, the wider public to inform our audience about the multicultural reality of the medieval period and the plurality of voices that comprise the fields of medieval studies.

We invite proposals from individuals and collaborators of all ranks and disciplines, including graduate students, for single podcast episodes aimed at fellow medievalists and the wider public.

### **Possible topics include, but are not limited to, the following:**

- Innovative methodological and disciplinary approaches to the Middle Ages
- The future of Medieval Studies
- Research on the multicultural, multiracial, and multiethnic Middle Ages
- Discussions of recent scholarship
- Archival discoveries
- Academic activism and responses to misappropriations of the Middle Ages
- Pedagogical approaches
- Medievalisms
- Medieval culture in contemporary political discourse
- Cultural heritage and approaches to curating exhibitions of the Middle Ages

Possible formats may include narrative expositions, interviews, textual analysis, visual analysis, oral performances, and panel discussions.

No previous experience with podcasting is required. The Graduate Student Committee of the MAA has hosted several podcasting workshops, which are now available on the MAA YouTube channel. If accepted, an MMA team member will support you through the episode development process and post-production. If you would like our technical assistance to realize your episode, such as facilitating an interview, helping record the episode, or taking care of the audio editing, please make a note of it in your proposal.

Your application should include **a brief description (500 words)** of your proposed episode, noting the following:

- the chosen topic and its relevance;
- the plan for adapting the topic to a podcast medium (we encourage 40-50 min. episodes, but also welcome proposals for shorter or longer episodes);
- and the episode format (interview, narrative, etc.) with an overview of its structure a description of the support you'll need (if any) from the MMA production team.

This information is not binding but will help the committee assess the potential of the project. **Please include the name and CV of each author.** Submit your proposals and any questions to [mmapodcast1@gmail.com](mailto:mmapodcast1@gmail.com) and to Loren Lee ([lel7qsf@virginia.edu](mailto:lel7qsf@virginia.edu)) by **October 11, 2024**.

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