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september Monday the 26th

MEDICAL SPIRITS AND MAGIC

D. P. Walker

Professor Emeritus of the History of the Classical Tradition in the University of London at the Warburg Institute

Professor Walker is a Fellow of the British Academy, an Honorary Fellow of the Warburg Institute, and the author of Spiritual and Demonic Magic, The Decline of Hell, The Ancient Theology, Studies in Musical Science in the Late Renaissance, and Unclean Spirits.

October Monday the 24th

The Annual Mellon Lecture

WORDSWORTH AND BEN JONSON AT BARTHOLOMEW FAIR

Anne Bartor

Fellow and Tutor in English and a University Lecturer at New College, Oxford

Dr. Barton, author of Shakespeare and the Idea of the Play and of the introductions to the Comedies in *The Riverside Shakespeare*, is now completing a new book, Ben Jonson, Dramatist.

november Monday the 28th

THE AESTHETICS OF LITERARY SCHOLARSHIP: BOSWELL'S JOURNAL AS EXAMPLE

Irma S. Lustig

Senior Research Associate in English at Yale University

Dr. Lustig is the author of numerous articles on Boswell, Johnson, and their circle, and is the editor, with Frederick A. Pottle, of Boswell: The Applause of the Jury, 1782-1785, the eleventh volume of journals in the Yale Editions of the Private Papers of James Boswell.

december Monday the 12th

VASARI'S "PORTRAIT" OF RAPHAEL

Paul Barolsky

Associate Professor of Art History at the University of Virginia

Professor Barolsky is the author of Infinite Jest: Wit and Humor in Italian Renaissance Art, of Daniele da Volterra: A Catalogue Raisonné, and most recently of a series of essays on Walter Pater's The Renaissance.

january Monday the 30th

THE ITALIAN CHAMBER DUETS OF GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

J. Merrill Knapp

Professor Emeritus of Music at Princeton University

Professor Knapp is the editor of two opera volumes (Amadigi and Flavio) for the complete Handel edition in Germany, the author of Selected Lists of Music for Men's Voices and The Magic of Opera, and a conductor who gave the first performances in America of two Handel operas, Imeneo and Amadigi.

february Monday the 27th

PARADISE LOST: LITERARY FORMS AND HUMAN VALUES

Barbara K. Lewalski

William R. Kenan Professor of English Literature at Harvard University

Professor Lewalski, the author of such studies as Milton's Brief Epic: The Genre, Meaning and Art of "Paradise Regained," Donne's "Anniversaries" and the Poetry of Praise: The Creation of a Symbolic Mode, and Protestant Poetics and the Seventeenth-Century Religious Lyric, is now completing a book on Paradise Lost.

March Monday the 19th

CAVILS, CAUTELS, AND CODICES: THE IMAGE OF THE LAWYER IN RENAISSANCE GERMANY

Gerald Strauss

Professor of History at Indiana University

Professor Strauss, whose books include Luther's House of Learning: Indoctrination of the Young in the German Reformation and Nuremberg in the Sixteenth Century, is now completing a book on the opposition to Roman Law in sixteenth-century Germany.

april Monday the 16th

The Annual Shakespeare's Birthday Lecture "WERE IT NOT THAT I HAVE BAD DREAMS": THE INTERNALIZATION OF CHARACTER

Joseph G. Price

Professor of English at Pennsylvania State University

Professor Price is the general editor of a new thirty-volume series, Shakespearean Criticism, the editor of The Triple Bond: Plays, Mainly Shakespearean, in Performance, the author of The Unfortunate Comedy: A Study of "All's Well That Ends Well" and Its Critics, and a collaborator in a forthcoming book-length interpretation of Troilus and Cressida based upon the play's history.

May Monday the 21st

DIDEROT'S EXTRAORDINARY WORLD OF THE ORDINARY

Jack Undank

Professor of French at Rutgers University

Professor Undank is one of the contributing editors to the new international edition of Diderot's Oewres complètes, co-editor of the forth-coming Diderot: Digression and Dispersion, and author of Diderot, Inside, Outside, and In-Between; he is now at work on The Ethics of Discourse, a study of several Enlightenment writers.