

The Orsini. Politics, society, art (UCLA, 1-3 Feb 07)

THE ORSINI

A ROMAN BARONIAL FAMILY IN CONTEXT POLITICS, SOCIETY AND ART

Conference and exhibit at UCLA
February 1-3, 2007

The Orsini, whose prominence in Italian history dates back to the twelfth century, boast three popes, twenty-eight cardinals, and marriages into several ruling houses of Europe. This international conference celebrates the conclusion of a two-year project to catalog the Orsini Family Papers in UCLA's Charles E. Young Research Library Department of Special Collections. The Orsini collection at UCLA constitutes a significant portion of the family's private archive, with documents dating from ca. 1300 to 1950.

The conference will bring together current scholarship on the the Orsini family and encourage the use of this exceptionally rich store of primary material. The sessions will focus on the family and its milieu in the early modern period, addressing such questions as the research potential of baronial archives, the family's political strategies, their artistic patronage, and the role of Orsini women.

It is hoped that this constellation of perspectives will yield a portrait of the family, in context, as a formidable political, economic and social entity, and also as a human one.

The UCLA Library gratefully acknowledges the support of the Steinmetz Family Foundation, whose generous funding of the two-year project to catalog the Orsini Family Papers at UCLA has made this conference and exhibit possible.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday, February 1, 2007
Royce Hall 314

WELCOME

5:00 p.m.

Victoria Steele

UCLA Charles E. Young Library Department of Special Collections

Brian Copenhaver

UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies

Elisabetta Mori

Archivio Capitolino, Rome

KEYNOTE LECTURE

5:20 p.m.

Carlo Ginzburg, UCLA

"Making Sense of the Chinese Rites Debate: Rome 1735, Los Angeles 2007"

OPENING RECEPTION

6:15 p.m.

Royce Hall 306

Friday, February 2, 2007

Charles E. Young Research Library Conference Center

SESSION 1

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

THE FAMILY ARCHIVE AS A RESOURCE

Chair:

Richard Rouse

UCLA

Panel:

Guendalina Ajello

UCLA Special Collections

"The Orsini Papers at UCLA: Property, Administration and Political strategy"

Elisabetta Mori

Archivio Capitolino, Rome

"Paolo Giordano Orsini, the Archive and the Reasons for Memory"

Thomas Kuehn

Clemson University

"Fideicommissum and Family: the Orsini di Bracciano"

SESSION 2

2-5 p.m.

POLITICS, POWER AND ADMINISTRATION

Chair:

John Marino

UC San Diego

Panel:

Christine Shaw

Cambridge University, UK

"The Exemplary Career of a Rogue Elephant: Napoleone Orsini, abate di Farfa."

Ingrid Rowland

Notre Dame, Rome

"Agostino Chigi and the Orsini"

Thomas Cohen

York University, Canada

"A Baron Explains his Lordship over a feudo: Giuliano Cesarini in 1556"

Saturday, February 3, 2007

Charles E. Young Research Library Conference Center

SESSION 3

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

SOCIETY AND CULTURE

Chair:

Dale Kent

UC Riverside

Panel:

Caroline Murphy

UC Riverside

"Women, Property and Possessions in UCLA's Orsini Family Papers."

Caroline Castiglione

Brown University

"When a Woman 'Takes' Charge: Anne Marie de la Tremoille (1642-1728) and the End of the Patrimony of the Dukes of Bracciano"

Renata Ago

La Sapienza, Rome

"The Orsini and the Aesthetics of Everyday Life between the Seventeenth and the Eighteenth Centuries"

SESSION 4

2-5 p.m.

PATRONAGE AND THE ARTS

Chair:

Geoffrey Symcox

UCLA

Panel:

Henry Dietrich Fernández
Rhode Island School of Design
"Nicholas III's Interventions at the Vatican Palace"

Kristin Triff
Trinity College, Hartford, CT
"Patronage and Public Image in Renaissance Rome: The Orsini Palace at Monte Giordano"

Barbara Furlotti
University of London
"Displaying Credit. The Dukes of Bracciano and their Possessions in the Late Sixteenth Century"

5:30-6:30 p.m.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Dale Kent, UC Riverside
John Marino, UC San Diego
Richard Rouse, UCLA
Geoffrey Symcox, UCLA

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ACCOMODATION

A block of rooms has been reserved for those planning to attend the Orsini conference at:

Hilgard House
927 Hilgard Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90024
<http://www.hilgardhouse.com/>
Tel: 310-208-3945
Fax: 310-208-1972
Rsrv: 800-826-3934
Reserve by December 31, 2006 to take advantage of the conference rate.

PRESENTED BY:

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UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies

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UCLA Charles E. Young Library Department of Special Collections

UCLA Department of Italian

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