

***Medieval Matters Conference***  
**Lightening Research Presentation Contest**

In the lightening research presentation contest, each presenter will have up to three minutes to give a verbal presentation providing an overview of their research in a concise and engaging way to a general audience. The contest will be held during the conference, during sessions 3 and 4 (all participants will be assigned to one of the two sessions). Each presentation is limited to a maximum of three minutes, challenging participants to convey the essence of their research succinctly and effectively. A panel of judges will evaluate the presentations on various presentation criteria and select the top three overall presenters who will be provided with monetary awards (1<sup>st</sup> place- \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> place- \$75, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place- \$50). The scoring card to be used by the judges is attached.

**Guidelines for presenters:**

- Each presentation must be given in 3 minutes. A visual timing signal will be given at the two-minute mark and an audible timing signal will sound at the three-minute mark. If a presenter is still speaking after three and half minute mark, the timer will interject so we can move on to the next presenter.
- The exact content of the presentation is up to the presenter, but the presentation should be focused on the highlights of the research.
- Due to the time constraints of the lightening presentations, no visual aids should be used in the presentations.

<b>Presenter Name:</b>				
<b>Presentation Title:</b>				
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Excellent (7-8)</b>	<b>Good (5-6)</b>	<b>Satisfactory (3-4)</b>	<b>Fair (1-2)</b>
<b>Clarity of Presentation</b>  <b>Score: /8</b>	The presenter articulates the research argument and key points with exceptional clarity, ensuring an audience of non-specialists can easily comprehend the content.	The presenter effectively communicates the research, with clear articulation of the main argument and key points, making it accessible to the audience.	The presenter communicates the research adequately, with some clarity in articulation, but minor improvements could enhance understanding.	The presentation lacks clarity, making it challenging for the audience to follow the research content.
<b>Significance and Impact</b>  <b>Score: /8</b>	The presenter convincingly conveys the significance and impact of the research, demonstrating its contemporary relevance and its impact on our understanding of the topic within the field.	The presenter effectively communicates the significance and impact of the research, highlighting its relevance within the field.	The presenter adequately addresses the significance and impact of the research, but some aspects could be more clearly emphasized.	The presentation provides limited insight into the significance and impact of the research.
<b>Creativity and Style</b>  <b>Score: /8</b>	The presenter demonstrates exceptional creativity and personal style in explaining complex ideas and uses an innovative approach in making the research understandable.	The presenter creatively conveys ideas, making the content interesting and capturing the audience's attention.	The presenter incorporates some creative elements, contributing to the overall engagement of the audience.	The research is presented, but the presentation misses opportunities to be engaging for its audience.
<b>Overall Presentation Skills</b>  <b>Score: /8</b>	The presenter demonstrates exceptional speaking skills, maintaining eye contact, speaking clearly and audibly, and conveying enthusiasm. Body language is highly effective and contributes to the presentation's ability to engage the audience. Presentation strictly adheres to time limits.	The presenter exhibits strong presentation skills, with frequent eye contact, clear and audible speech, and enthusiasm. Body language is effective. Presentation strictly adheres to time limits.	The presenter possesses satisfactory presentation skills, with the presentation being clear and audible, and some eye contact is made with the audience. Presentation closely adheres to time limits, although may be 10-15 seconds over time.	The presentation is difficult to understand due to the presenter's volume and/or pacing. The presenter's physical movements and body language may be distracting during their presentation rather than effective. Presentation does not adhere to time limits and timer must intervene to end the presentation.

**Judge Comments/Feedback:**