

Report of Activities 2014-2015 to the UM Institute for the Humanities

Research cluster: Conceptualizing and Experiencing Aging before Modernity

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Presentations and colloquiums

The cluster met regularly every month, having formal and informal colloquiums in the
boardroom of the UMIH. The activities were coordinated with the Centre on Aging:

1. September 23, "Conceptualizing and Experiencing Aging Before Modernity Research
Cluster." Inaugural session, round panel.
2. October 29, "Are Seniors Selfish? A historical exploration of the issue from the
perspective of the humanities and social sciences." Presenter Lynne Fernandez
3. November 27, "Aging in China across the Centuries." Presenter Hai Luo
4. January 28, "Aging in Medieval Italy," presenter Roisin Cossair
5. Feb. 24, "Changes in Geriatrics across the centuries," Present Phil St John, MD
6. March 25, "Healthy Aging in Peace after War: The Manitoba Follow-up Study of WWII
RCAF Veterans," presenter Robert Tate

Other activities related to the cluster

Enrique Fernandez gave the two following presentations:

- Feb. 23 Presentation "Don Quixote of La Mancha and active aging in the Renaissance."
Creative Retirement Society, First Unitarian Universalist Church of Winnipeg,
- March 4, 2015, "Don Quijote y Santa Teresa como casos de vejez activa." XV *Congreso
Internacional de Literatura Hispánica*, Antigua, Guatemala,

Publication

Article by Enrique Fernandez, "The role of Early Modern Spanish Literature in a Cluster
on Aging Studies," *Bulletin of the Dept. of French, Spanish, and Italian*, vols. IV and V,
ed. by Dominique Laporte and Neil Gablenz 2012-2013, published March 2014, pag. 42.