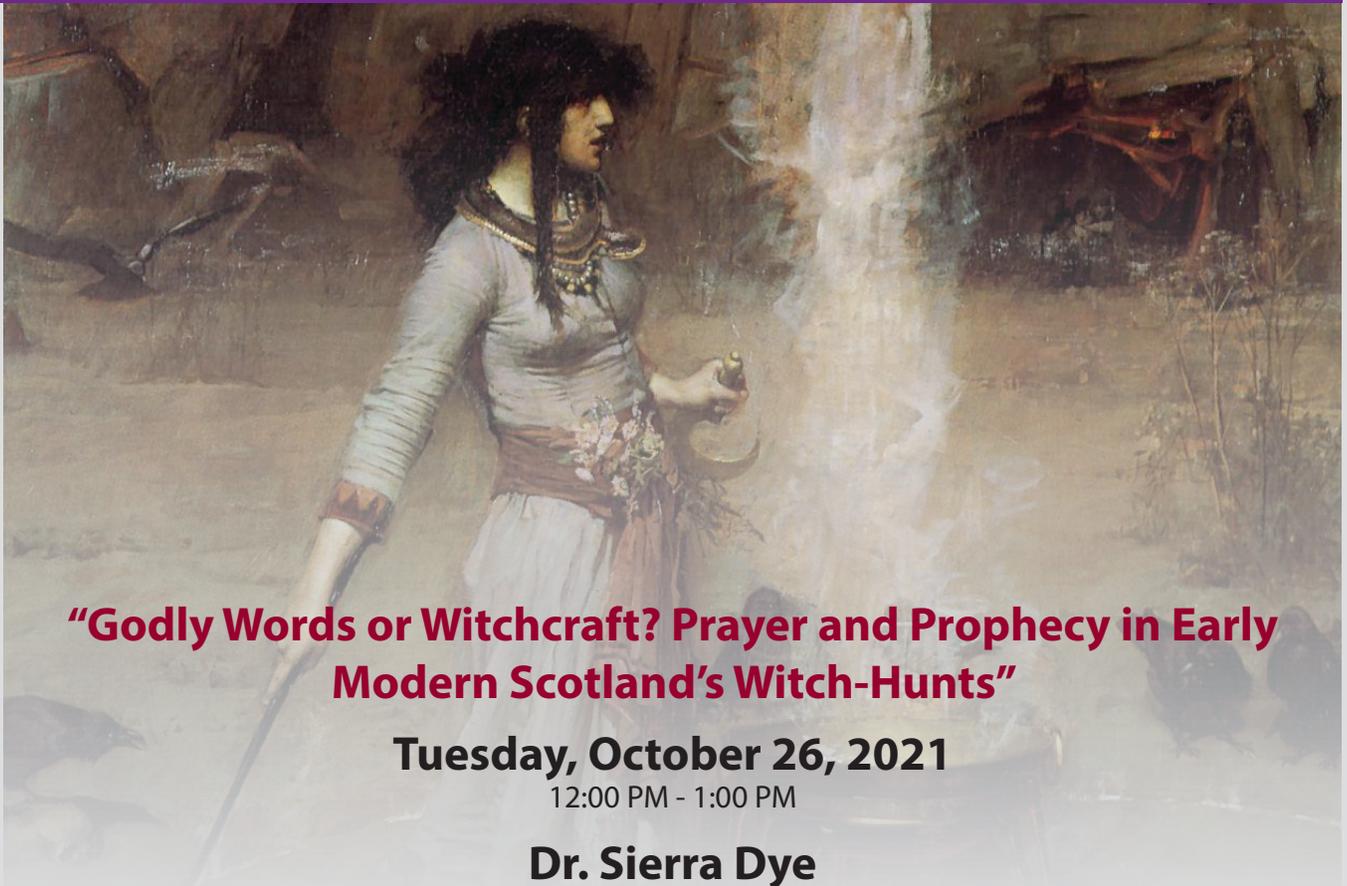


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“Godly Words or Witchcraft? Prayer and Prophecy in Early Modern Scotland’s Witch-Hunts”

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Dr. Sierra Dye

Witchcraft has long been associated with magical incantations and sorcerous spells, and these “witchy words” were often used as judicial evidence in the trials of many alleged witches in early modern Scotland. When examined closely, many of these utterances bore a strong resemblance to pre-Reformation prayer or prophecy, both of which were extremely alarming to Protestant ministers and kirk sessions. However, evidence suggests that it was not so much the format of these suspicious words, but their supposed efficacy that made them dangerous and even diabolical. In this talk, we will explore some of the charms, prayers, and prophecies attributed to alleged Scottish witches and the role they played in the rise (and decline) of witch-hunting in Scotland.

Dr. Sierra Dye is a Postdoctoral Fellow for the Centre for Scottish Studies at the University of Guelph. Her research focuses on witchcraft, speech, and judicial evidence in early modern Scotland.

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