

Medieval Scholar from Princeton to Give Russell Lecture at Alfred University

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Alfred, NY -- Professor William C. Jordan, director of the Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies at Princeton University, will present the Willis C. Russell Lecture in History at 7 p.m. Thursday (March 23) at Alfred University. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will take place in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center. Jordan's topic is "God and the Animals: Northern Europe in the Early Fourteenth Century." A distinguished medieval scholar and fellow of the Medieval Academy of America, Jordan has published many books on 13th- and 14th-century history. They include *Louis IX and the Challenge of the Crusade: A Study in Kingship* (Princeton 1979), *The French Monarchy and the Jews from Philip Augustus to the Last Capetians* (University of Pennsylvania 1989), and, most recently, *The Great Famine: Northern Europe in the Early Fourteenth Century* (Princeton 1996). *The Great Famine* was chosen by the American Library Association as one of *Choice's Outstanding Academic Books of 1996*. A reception in the Powell Campus Center Knight Club will follow the lecture. The Willis C. Russell Lecture features lectures by prominent historians in honor of the late Dr. Russell, who was professor of history at Alfred University for 32 years. The lecture is sponsored by the Division of Human Studies.