



‘At their perfect age’: child betrothal and parental control c. 1480 – 1560

Speaker: Dr. Heather Parker
Department of History, Guelph

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1 – 2:30
ROOM MACK 309

This talk will concentrate on child betrothals in pre-Reformation Scotland. It will examine literary and legal evidence of marriage ideals and practices and put them in the context of the European phenomenon of child betrothal and marriage. The marriage negotiations of Scotland’s noble and lairdly families offer unique evidence about parent-child interactions that provide with a more nuanced picture of this power dynamic in the later medieval and early modern periods.

UNIVERSITY
of GUELPH

CHANGING LIVES
IMPROVING LIFE



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Centre for
Scottish Studies