“The Minds of Medieval Murderers: Reconstructing motivations and emotions involved in 14th century London homicides”

What went on inside the minds of people who killed in late Medieval London? We cannot know, of course. But we have detailed narratives of around 150 murder events based on the surviving reports by the investigative juries. They give us an extraordinary glimpse into where, when and why homicide happened; how anger, fear, honour, jealousy, arrogance, greed, and a sense of justice and fairness all played a role in the dynamics that led to homicide some 800 years ago. I will present selected statistical data based on the Medieval Murder Map project, a detailed analysis of the Coroner’s Rolls. But the focus will be on a qualitative interpretation of selected cases by listening to what the jurors said, and proposing interpretations based on what we have learned in modern criminology about the motivations and emotions leading to aggressive behavior.

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