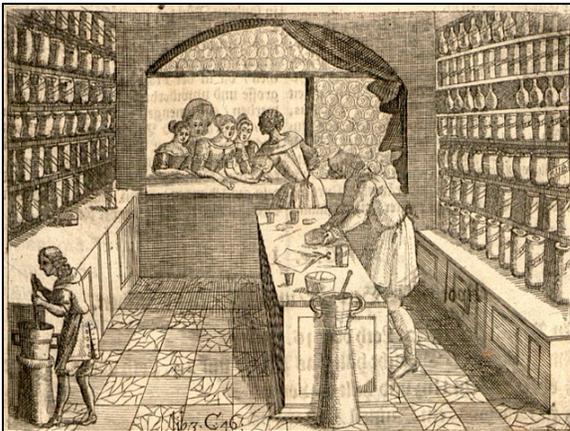


## “Communicating Chemical Secrets & Expertise in the 17<sup>th</sup> c. Holy Roman Empire”



**Margaret D. Garber** CSUF Liberal Studies Department

**Abstract:** The emergence of chemistry as a university discipline emerged in the last quarter of the 17<sup>th</sup> century primarily through its association with schools of medicine (as *iatrochemistry*, that is, chemical medicine). Through an examination of correspondence from the first medical and ‘scientific’ society in the Holy Roman Empire, the *Academy of Curiosi*, my talk proposes that the circulation of chemical, iatrochemical, and alchemical secrets played a central role in the legitimization of chemistry and chemists by providing a venue for physicians to demonstrate knowledge, practical expertise, and to attempt consensus about hitherto curious chemical mysteries.

**Free and open to the public**

Sponsored by the Department of **Liberal Studies** and the  
**Center for the History and Philosophy of Science, Technology and  
Medicine.**

**Thursday March 7, 2013**

**5:30 PM Langsdorf Hall 321**