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At Home in the Parish: Priests and their Families in Medieval Italy

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McCune Conference Room

6020 Humanities and Social Sciences Building

For hundreds of years after the eleventh-century Gregorian reform of the Catholic Church required celibacy of all clergy, priests throughout Europe continued to live openly with domestic partners, raise their children, and provide for their household. This talk draws on some exceptionally rich documentation from the Tuscan diocese of Cortona to illuminate the world in which the medieval parish clergy lived, their relations with their families and their flocks, and the cultural model that approved and encouraged behavior so at odds with the formal standards of church law.

Daniel Bornstein, the J. E. and Lillian Byrne Tipton Distinguished Visiting Professor in Religious Studies for spring 2006, comes to UCSB from Texas A&M University. A historian of medieval and Renaissance Italy, he studies the role of religion in everyday life. He is the author of *The Bianchi of 1399: Popular Devotion in Late Medieval Italy* and a score of articles on the religious culture of medieval Europe, and co-editor of *Women and Religion in Medieval and Renaissance Italy*.

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