The Lecture

Doodling to Domesday:
The Real Story behind William the Conqueror's Survey of England and the Writing of "the King's Book," 1066-1100

For centuries, Domesday Book has been regarded as the confident product of royal power. This lecture reveals that it was really the precarious and accidental product of many people’s efforts to influence what went on the record and to leverage the process of documentation for their own purposes. It also presents new evidence to show that "the King's Book" was not created until many years after the Conqueror's death, and for reasons that had little to do with his survey of England in 1086.

Thursday, October 20th 7:00 pm
Plym Auditorium (134 Temple Buell Hall)

Join us for this special talk with Professor Carol Symes