

## Braided Histories

**Natalie Zemon Davis**

*Henry Charles Lea  
Professor of History,  
Princeton University  
George A. Miller Visiting  
Professor, UIUC*

## The Travels of Leo Africanus

Natalie Zemon Davis explores forms of cultural mixture in which mental landscapes, described as hybridities rather than polarities, are at center stage. Her work revolves around contemporary issues of multiculturalism, identity, and how historians conceptualize these issues.

**January 17, 1996**

Wednesday 7:30 pm

Third Floor, Levis Faculty Center  
919 West Illinois Street, Urbana  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



In this lecture, she follows Leo Africanus, a 16th-century traveler born in Granada, Spain. First moving to Morocco with his family upon the expulsion of Jews during the Spanish Inquisition, he then made the pilgrimage (haj) to Mecca, was captured by pirates, and taken to Rome where he wrote "Descriptions of Africa."

Office of the Chancellor  
Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and the Graduate College  
Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs  
The Council of Deans  
The Center for Advanced Study  
George A. Miller Endowment  
George A. Miller Committee  
Peggy Harris Memorial Fund

Department of Anthropology  
Department of English  
Department of French  
Department of History  
Women's Studies Program

Natalie Zemon Davis will give two additional public lectures:

**"Braided Histories: The Suriname Stories of David Cohen Nassy"** on Wednesday, January 24, and **"Braided Histories: Joanna, Stedman and the Knot of Slavery"** on Wednesday, March 20. The lectures will be held at 7:30 p.m., Third Floor, Levis Faculty Center.

Left: Map of the World, 1688

For more information, please consult  
<http://www.cas.uiuc.edu/millercomm.html>  
Or call the Miller Events Line at 333-1118