

The Renaissance Studies Program
“Truth, Falsehood, and Fraud in the Renaissance” Series
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Anna Zieglerin’s Double Fraud



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In 1574, jurists determined that the Saxon court alchemist and prophet Anna Zieglerin (c. 1545-1575) was guilty of “deliberate alchemical fraud.” They went on to elaborate that Zieglerin’s crime was in fact a double and intertwined fraud: she pretended both to possess alchemical expertise and to operate with God’s blessing, neither of which, according to the court, she could rightfully claim. In this talk, I examine the relationship between the two halves -- spiritual and epistemological -- of Zieglerin’s perceived fraud, as well as why the particular combination was so troubling to Zieglerin’s patrons.

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