Guest speaker! On Monday, 17 November, we will welcome Professor Vance Smith, a medievalist in Princeton’s Department of English, who will chair an informal discussion of romance and history for our seminar. Professor Smith specializes in several areas of medieval literature, including work on the Middle English poem Piers Plowman, historiography, and medieval ideas about the masculine body. He is currently finishing a book on possession, exchange, and aristocratic signification in the Middle Ages.