The ‘Rediscovered Francis of Assisi’ in the *Rediscovered Life* by Thomas of Celano

A Public Lecture by

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A French historian learns of a medieval manuscript about to be auctioned off in the United States and races to reveal its true value and share its secrets with the world! . . . It sounds like the plot of a mystery novel. But fact is sometimes more exciting than fiction. In January 2015 Jacques Dalarun announced that he had uncovered a new “life” of St. Francis of Assisi in a battered thirteenth-century manuscript that had traveled from Umbria to Chicago. Headlines from *Le Monde* in Paris to the *Osservatore romano* in Rome hailed “the most important manuscript discovery of the last half century,” with the text quickly dubbed the *Rediscovered Life* (and the manuscript purchased by the National Library of France). Now the author of this sensational discovery comes to UVM to explain its importance in understanding one of medieval Europe’s iconic figures, St. Francis of Assisi.

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