**Authority, Order of reading and Authenticity in two medieval manuscripts of the *Logica Vetus***

Jacob Archambault

**Abstract:**

This study compares two northern French manuscripts of Aristotle’s organon, the earlier never before examined, containing the Pseudo-Aristotelian *liber sex principiorum* and Boethius’ translation of the *de interpretatione*. After situating the earlier fragment – Columbia’s Smith 27 (c. 1255-75) – in relation to its former codex, it compares the curriculum suggested by the fragment to that of MS X88.Ar512 (c. 1300-1315). The comparison shows, in contrast to the received historiography of the shift from the 13th to 14thc., that authority and authenticity of text become not less, but more important as a principle of the organization of the codex.