Henry Daniel's Linguistic Innovation

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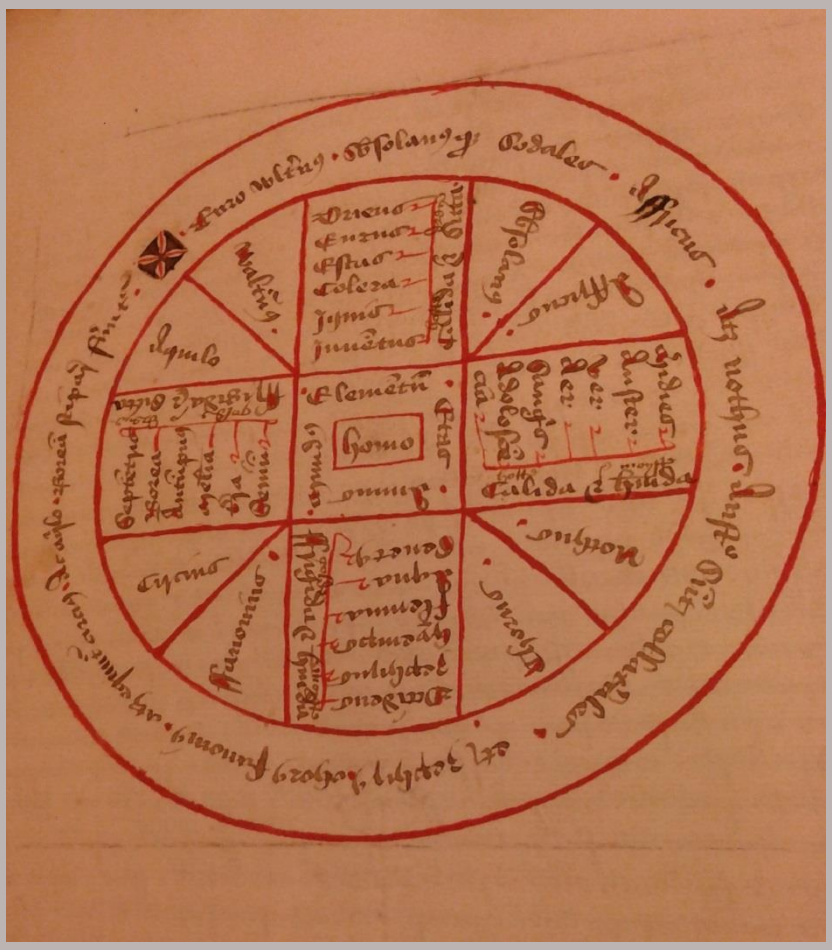

Henry Daniel, fourteenth-century Dominican friar, wrote the earliest known academic medical treatise in Middle English. To accomplish this task, he had to create much of the vocabulary needed to express specialist knowledge in English. In this talk, I outline some features of Daniel's linguistic innovation, idiosyncratic style, and connections with medieval English literary culture to show how he established his vernacular authority.