

# The Frick Collection: Detail Report

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## Sperone Speroni (1500–1588)

Ludovico Leoni (Italian, 1542–1612)

**Date** after 1560

**Medium** Lead tin alloy, cast

**Dimensions** Diam.: 2 11/16 in. (6.79 cm)

**Credit Line** Dr. Stephen K. and Janie Woo Scher Collection

**Accession Number** SCHER.2014.15.172

Currently On View

Second Floor, Room 32, Medals Room

**Commentary** Sperone Speroni was a Paduan humanist and scholar who taught first logic and then philosophy at the University of Padua. He moved to Rome later in his career but returned to Padua to concentrate on his writing. His *Dialogo della retorica* (1542) was followed by discourses on a broad range of topics, including the nature of love, language, and ancient writings. The present medal, along with that listed in Armand and by Attwood, is a signed version. There are also other fine, unsigned versions. Source: Scher, Stephen K., et al. *The Scher Collection of Commemorative Medals*. New York and London, 2019.