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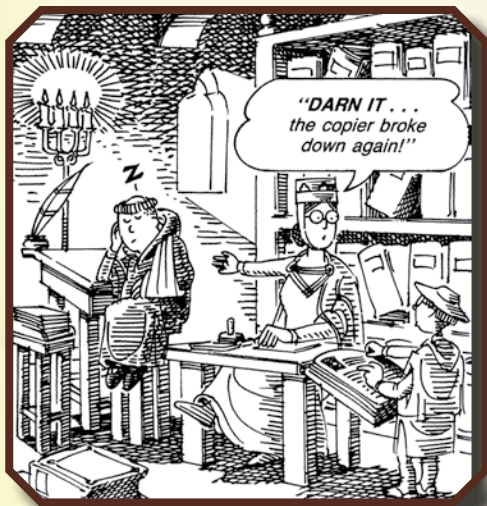
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ACMRS LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE!

On May 26th, 2011, ACMRS launched a newly redesigned website at www.acmrs.org. The new site has a beautiful new design that brings our web presence out of the Middle Ages! A lot of time and effort has gone into the redesign, and there is still much to improve upon, but we hope that the new features will provide an easy, convenient way to find information about our organization. New features of note: under the "Academic Programs" heading, there is now an online application for the ACMRS Undergraduate Certificate in Medieval and Renaissance Studies. We will be constantly updating our new calendar, so check out www.acmrs.org/calendar to get the most current dates and times of upcoming ACMRS events. Last but not least, all of our many publications are constantly being added to the website as they come out. We will soon be adding a shopping cart application so that our books can be purchased online! As always, we need and appreciate the support of our Friends and Affiliates, so please visit our website, click on "Donate" and find out how you can help to support this worthy organization.



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MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE STUDIES IN CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND

The 2011 ACMRS Cambridge Study Abroad Program is now in residence at St. Catharine's College in Cambridge, England and off to a great start! The 5-week program has drawn students from all over Arizona and the United States this year, both undergraduate and graduate students, all from a diverse background of disciplines. This year's program includes faculty from all three of Arizona's major universities and the senior tutor at St. Catharine's College, Dr. Paul Hartle. This year, Dr. Hartle is teaching his ever-popular "Shakespeare in Performance" course, which includes a trip for all the students to see *All's Well that Ends Well* at the Globe Theater in London and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford-upon-Avon. Dr. Charles Connell, history professor from Northern Arizona University, is teaching "Harry and Liz: The Tudors in Fiction and History" and taking the students to visit Hampton Court Palace and the Tower of London. Dr. Diane Facinelli from Arizona State University is teaching "The Arthurian Legend in History, Literature, and Art" and will be visiting Glastonbury Abbey, Tor, Chalice Well, and Stonehenge. This year's faculty director, Dr. Albrecht Classen of University of Arizona is teaching "Crossing Borders: Medieval and Renaissance Travelers and Travel Narratives" and, in keeping with the theme of the course, will be pilgrimaging to Canterbury Cathedral and then on to Dover Castle. This trip is the experience of a lifetime and one the students this year are not soon to forget. We wish them all a pleasant summer and a safe journey home.



If you have any medieval or Renaissance studies news from your department or university, please feel free to submit it for inclusion in the ACMRS monthly e-newsletter. We accept award announcements, lecture or event reminders, calls for papers, scholarly publication references, and other academic program news. Please send your submissions to acmrs@asu.edu. Thank you!

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER TRAVEL AWARD



ACMRS announces a research award for an outstanding paper written by an ASU, NAU, or UA graduate student working on any aspect of medieval or early Renaissance studies. The award provides up to \$500 toward the travel expenses of the student to attend the International Congress on Medieval Studies sponsored by the Medieval Institute and held every year in May at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

*Please note that in order to receive the award you must be able to attend the next Medieval Congress. The application should consist of a 15-page paper on any subject suitable to the Kalamazoo program and the name and contact information of a faculty mentor whom ACMRS may consult regarding your work. For more information about the application process, contact the ACMRS Outreach Coordinator (Kendra.TerBeek@asu.edu) and visit our website at www.acmrs.org/academic-programs/graduate-travel-award. Applications should be emailed to Dr. Robert Bjork, Director, ACMRS, Arizona State University, at acmrs@asu.edu by the submission deadline.



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ACMRS TRAVELS TO LEEDS, ENGLAND FOR INTERNATIONAL MEDIEVAL CONGRESS



ACMRS made an appearance at the 2011 International Medieval Congress at the University of Leeds with a book exhibit of our recent and successful publications. This year's congress program focused on the special thematic strand: "Poor...Rich" and was attended by over 1,600 delegates from around the globe. We at ACMRS are pleased to be a regular part of medieval and Renaissance scholarship on an international level. Thanks to our conference representative, Todd Halvorsen, the Manager of Design and Production at ACMRS, our presence there was truly a success! For more information about the International Medieval Congress at Leeds, please visit: www.leeds.ac.uk/ims/imc/.

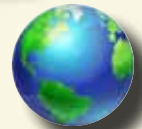


FEATURED FACULTY:

GOING GLOBAL WITH MEDIEVAL STUDIES THIS SUMMER



SPOTLIGHT ON ACMRS FACULTY AFFILIATES
MONICA GREEN AND RICHARD NEWHAUSER



Monica Green, Professor of History at ASU, attended several conferences in England this summer. At the Anglo-American Conference, the large annual gathering of the Institute for Historical Research in London, she was the opening plenary speaker, presenting a lecture on how new findings in several scientific fields may help enlarge the scope of the field of medical history. She also organized a panel on the Black Death that asked the question: *What can we know now about the causes and effects of perhaps the most lethal pandemic in human history?* In Southampton, she and colleagues presented a panel on new work on the so-called "School of Salerno." On-going research on manuscripts of 11th- and 12th-century medical texts are allowing new insights into the development of medical inquiry in this period, and the motives behind the adoption of medical thought and practices from the Islamic world. Green and her colleagues have identified the earliest copies of the works of the great Arabic translator, Constantine the African, and have been able to flesh out more about the circumstances of Constantine's arrival in southern Italy, and the reasons why his translations were immediately influential throughout Western Europe. Professor Green was elected this year as a Fellow of the Medieval Academy of America, an honor afforded only a handful of medievalists each year.

Richard Newhauser, Professor of English at ASU, is a renowned scholar of Middle English literature. While much of his research focuses on Chaucer and the Gawain-poet, he is also known for his study of the moral tradition in medieval thought. On that account, Dr. Newhauser was invited to speak at several forums this summer. On May 18 at the University of Oxford, he lectured on "Chaucer and the Senses" for the Medieval English Research Seminar. In July, he was invited to speak at the Facoltà Teologica del Triveneto in Padua, Italy, where he presented on "Unerring Faith in the Pulpit: William Peraldus' *Tractatus de fide in the Summa de virtutibus*," at the conference "*Fides Virtus. The Virtue of Faith in the Context of the Theological Virtues. Exegesis, Moral Theology, and Pastoral Care from the 12th to the Early 16th Century*." Dr. Newhauser will also speak on "The Chaucerian Multisensual" at ACMRS on **Wednesday, September 21 at 3:00PM in Coor Hall Room 4411.**

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Upcoming ACMRS Events

AUGUST

ACMRS Annual
Graduate Students
and Affiliates Reception

August 26th
3:00-5:00PM
Coor Hall 4457



SEPTEMBER

"The Chaucerian
Multisensual"
Dr. Richard Newhauser
Professor of English, ASU

September 21st at 3:00PM
Coor Hall 4411



It's almost time to get ready to go back to school! We hope you all had a fun and relaxing summer. This fall semester is sure to be a great one, and we hope you'll join us for our annual reception and fantastic lecture series! Make sure to check on our new website for the updated calendar and a complete listing of events. For more information, visit www.acmrs.org/calendar.

Don't forget! ACMRS needs your support to continue its many activities that not only support students and faculty, but benefit the wider community as well. With your support we can continue to promote medieval and Renaissance studies throughout the world. Please donate today by visiting www.acmrs.org/friends.



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