

# ACMRS NEWS

DECEMBER 2013

## THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, THE CLOISTERS, NEW YORK CITY AND THE ACMRS ROAD SCHOLARS!

Leave your passport at home and get on the road with ACMRS Road Scholars! This unique travel opportunity includes visits to The Cloisters at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Led by Professor Robert Bjork, Director of ACMRS, and organized entirely by the Center, it will be a worry-free trip and an unforgettable experience!

- Elements from medieval cloisters—Saint-Michel-de-Cuxa, Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, Trie-sur-Baïse, Froville, and elements from Bonnefont-en-Comminges and from other sites in Europe—have been incorporated into the buildings of The Cloisters. Approximately 2,000 works of art from medieval Europe, largely dating from the twelfth through the fifteenth centuries and including exquisite illuminated manuscripts, stained glass, metalwork, enamels, ivories, and tapestries, are waiting for you.
- Three of the reconstructed cloisters feature gardens planted according to horticultural information found in medieval treatises and poetry, in garden documents and herbals, and in medieval works of art such as tapestries, stained-glass windows, and column capitals.

The flights are confirmed, the hotel is confirmed, the tour of The Metropolitan Museum is confirmed and The Cloisters tour is confirmed ... all is at the ready for a wonderful historical experience ... are you? We even have tickets to travel-expert Rick Steves's presentation on December 1st to give you travel and packing tips!

This all-inclusive trip with people who are as fascinated and excited about the Middle Ages and Renaissance as you, led by a world-renowned medieval scholar is the perfect holiday gift. Please join Professor Robert Bjork and others on March 20-24 2014 in New York City. For detailed itinerary and costs, please visit:  
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# PHOENIX ENGLISH SPEAKING UNION DINNER

Professor Robert Bjork, Director of ACMRS, will speak at the November 30th meeting of the English Speaking Union, Phoenix Chapter, at the Scottsdale House at 7:00 pm. Cost of dinner is \$35.

## "Viking Speak: The Cultural and Linguistic Influence of the Vikings on the English-Speaking World."



Learn how the Vikings and how Old Norse directly impacted the English language in its earliest stages. *Examples: when you "egg" a person on to something, for you are speaking Old Norse; when you use the pronoun "they," you are speaking Old Norse. The Scandinavian influence on English has been strong and persistent, extending down even to "skeet" shooting, a sport first introduced to the world in 1926.*

To RSVP, please contact Michele Peters at [acmrs@acmrs.org](mailto:acmrs@acmrs.org).

## CONFERENCE CFP REMINDER

### Catastrophes and the Apocalyptic in the Middle Ages and Renaissance

February 6, 2014 - February 8, 2014

Scottsdale, Arizona

Online submission date(s): August 1, 2013 - December 6, 2013

Register now for 2014: <https://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1254118>

ACMRS invites session and paper proposals for its annual interdisciplinary conference to be held February 6-8, 2014 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Scottsdale. We welcome papers that explore any topic related to the study and teaching of the Middle Ages and Renaissance, and especially those that focus on this year's theme of catastrophe and the apocalyptic.

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Professor Jaime Lara, Research Professor, ACMRS and HRC, Arizona State University. Professor Lara's research interests include art, architecture, liturgics, and anthropology. His studies have focused on early Christianity, the Spanish Middle Ages, medieval theater, and the colonial era of Latin America.

#### DEADLINES:

The deadline for proposals is midnight Mountain Standard Time on **December 6, 2013**. Please submit an abstract of 250 words and a brief CV via email to: [ACMRSConference@asu.edu](mailto:ACMRSConference@asu.edu). Proposals must include audio/visual requirements and any other special requests; late requests cannot be accommodated.

Questions? Call 480-965-5900 or email [acmrs@acmrs.org](mailto:acmrs@acmrs.org)

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## MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE STUDIES IN OXFORD

The Oxford Summer Study Abroad program offers interdisciplinary study opportunities in the history and culture of medieval and Renaissance Britain. During the five-week program, students live in residence and attend lectures at St. Michael's Hall at the Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies in Oxford. Courses are taught by faculty from CMRS Oxford, Arizona universities, and universities outside Arizona and include weekly excursions to cathedrals, museums, libraries, plays, or other relevant historical sites and cultural events around England. Apply through the ASU Study Abroad Office.

Highlights of the 2014 program include:

- 6 credits in 5 weeks
- 3-day weekends for personal travel
- Course excursions to London, Glastonbury, Stonehenge, and Stratford-upon-Avon
- Courses include: "The Arthurian Legend in History, Literature, and Art" and "Shakespeare and His Contemporaries in Performance"

<http://acmrs.org/academic-programs/oxford>



## MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE STUDIES IN TUSCANY

Spend three weeks of summer studying in the beautiful and historic city of Prato! Prato is a lesser-known cousin of Florence and Pisa in the central Italy region of Tuscany. The Prato Summer Study Abroad program provides an opportunity to study the Middle Ages and Renaissance while experiencing the rich traditions of Italian life, such as living in a local residence in Prato and having access to stunning, historic buildings, museums, and gardens. The program includes weekly excursions to local sites related to your studies and weekends free for your own exploration. Apply through the ASU Study Abroad Office.

Highlights of the 2014 program include:

- 3 credits in 3 weeks
- Course excursions to Florence, Arezzo, Siena, Ferrara, and Verona
- Course offered: "Music and Place: Experiencing Italian Music in Context"

<http://acmrs.org/academic-programs/prato>



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# "FASCISM AND THE ITALIAN RENAISSANCE"

Presented by Dr. David Baum  
Professor of Humanities and Director of Great Books, West Texas A&M University

Tuesday, December 3 at 11:00AM  
Life Sciences Building E (LSE) Room 244, ASU Tempe Campus  
~Refreshments and conversation following the seminar in LSE 232~  
Free and open to the public

This talk will focus on the reception of the Renaissance during the *ventennio*, the twenty years of Fascism. Dr. Baum will discuss both sides of this relationship: how Fascism used the Renaissance to promote its claims to cultural legitimacy and how the study of the Renaissance was influenced by Fascist-sponsored interpretations both during the *ventennio* and after the collapse of Fascist Italy. The latter has repercussions both for Italy and for the United States (which together become the principal centers of post-war Renaissance Studies); many Fascist-era scholars not only survive the war, but go on to have significant careers built, often without acknowledgment, on their work under the Regime in Italy. Not all of these are Italians, like Paul Kristeller, but many Italian scholars are involved, including Eugenio Garin, Giuseppe Toffanin, Giovanni Papini, and of course, Giovanni Gentile. The exploration of Fascist-era Renaissance scholarship is, then, an opportunity both to examine the relationship between Fascism and higher culture, and to tease out a more honest genealogy of recent Renaissance scholarship both in Italy and in the United States.

Please RSVP: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/fascism-and-the-italian-renaissance-tickets-9442112613>

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# UPCOMING ACMRS EVENTS

## DECEMBER

**"Fascism and the Italian Renaissance"**

**David Baum**

Professor of Humanities and Director of Great Books

West Texas A&M University

**December 3, 2013 at 11:00AM**

Life Sciences Building E (LSE), Room 244

(ASU Tempe Campus)

*~Refreshments and conversation to follow in LSE 232~*

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<http://acmrs.org/news/events/fascism-and-italian-renaissance>

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



## JANUARY 2014

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Fearless Females: Audacious and Feisty Women of the  
Middle Ages and Renaissance

**Ian Moulton**

**January 8, 2014 at 7:00pm**

Changing Hands Bookstore

6428 S McClintock Dr, Tempe, AZ 85283

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