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ACMRS 30th Anniversary Benefit Gala

Please join the Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies in celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year! We will be hosting an Anniversary Benefit Reception on Saturday, October 15 at 6:00 PM. This event is free of charge and open to the public! We welcome any and all who are interested in the Center to attend a night of fun and festivities. We will have a silent auction, a book exhibit, a performance by Solis Camerata, and a brief presentation of the Center’s activities by our Faculty and Student Affiliates.

Saturday, October 15
at 6:00 PM
Hosted by:
Tony and Ileana Orlich
6533 N. 41st Street
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

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• ASU English Department
• ASU Center for Jewish Studies
• The Udinotti Museum of Figurative Art
• ASU School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies – Faculty of Religious Studies

Event Highlights:
• Silent Auction with donated artwork by featured artists: Laurie Lovely and Heather Kennedy
• Book Exhibit of ACMRS Publications
• Donated books for sale from The Cloisters at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC
• Presentation by ACMRS Affiliates
• Performance by Solis Camerata (Choir of the Sun): A company of singers, instrumentalists, scholars, dancers, thespians and historians dedicated to the study and performance of ancient music.

For more information visit:
www.acmrs.org/news/events/acmrs-30th-anniversary-benefit-gala

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A Field Trip to the Middle Ages: Tapestry of the Desert Homeschool Co-op Visit To ACMRS

On September 22, ACMRS played host to a group of 30 children from the Tapestry of the Desert Homeschool Co-op! The students ranged in age from 4 to 12 years-old and were joined by many of their parents too. This semester the students are working on a curriculum that spans the fall of Rome to the Protestant Reformation – a perfect fit with the historical concentration of ACMRS. Upon arrival, the group was greeted by an array of medieval trappings, Renaissance accoutrements, and a variety of learning stations. The Middle Ages came to life, as the students donned the armor of a knight, tried their hand at calligraphy and manuscript illumination, fired a missile from a medieval arbalest, and saw an array of artifacts from bows and arrows to gowns and cloaks! The students asked some great questions and everyone had a great time. We hope to see them back at ACMRS soon! To learn more about the Tapestry of the Desert Co-op, visit: www.todinfo.blogspot.com/.
ACMRS affiliate faculty Monica Green (SHPRS) and Rachel Scott (SHESC) have been awarded a $167,757 summer seminar grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities on the topic of “Health and Disease in the Middle Ages.” The five-week seminar for college and university teachers will be held June 24-July 28, 2012, in London. Based at the Wellcome Library—the world’s premier research center for medical history—this Seminar will gather scholars from across the disciplines interested in fundamental humanistic questions of health and disease in medieval Europe and the Mediterranean basin. A primary goal will be to explore how the scientific technologies of assessing disease prevalence and identifying pathogens (particularly leprosy and plague) can inform traditional, humanistic methods (historical, literary, art historical, and linguistic) of interpreting health-seeking behaviors and cultural responses to disease and disability. Not simply infectious diseases but medical knowledge and practices flowed freely between the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim cultures of Europe and the Mediterranean. This Seminar therefore allows exploration of medieval cultural intersections, and offers a model for cross-cultural and interdisciplinary explorations in other times and places. Special emphasis is placed on assisting participants with independent projects in the History of Medicine, especially from unpublished primary sources. For more information on this summer seminar, please visit: www.acmrs.org/academic-programs/grants/health-and-disease-2012.

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Upcoming ACMRS Events

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“Commonplaces: Love and the Book Market in the 16th Century”
Distinguished Lecture in the Renaissance
Ian Moulton
Professor and Head of Humanities,
ASU, Polytechnic Campus
October 27th at 6:30 PM
Memorial Union, Pima 230

ASU Homecoming Block Party
Saturday, October 29

NOVEMBER

Veterans Day - ASU Holiday
Friday, November 11

Thanksgiving Holiday
November 24-25

“Christmas from the Wise Men’s Point of View: The Revelation of the Magi, An Early Christian Apocryphal Writing”
Brent Landau
Professor of Religious Studies
at the University of Oklahoma
November 29th at 3:00 PM
Coor Hall 4403

Questions? Please feel free to contact ACMRS with any questions or suggestions you might have. Send all correspondence by email to acmrs@asu.edu or by mail to the address indicated. We’d love to hear from you!

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