ACMRS Celebrates its 30th Anniversary:
A benefit celebrating 30 years of scholarly research, academic support, and interdisciplinary exploration

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 at the home of Tony and Ileana Orlich, 6533 N. 41st Street, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253. This event is free of charge and open to all of our Friends and Affiliates! 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 brief presentation of the Center’s activities by our Faculty and Student Affiliates, and a musical performance by the Early Music Chamber Choir, Solis Camerata. Refreshments will be provided. If you would like to attend, please R.S.V.P. by October 1, 2011 to acmrs@asu.edu. This event is generously sponsored by: the ASU School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies – Faculty of Religious Studies, the ASU Center for Jewish Studies, the ASU English Department, and The Udinotti Museum of Figurative Art. Thank you to all of our gracious sponsors! For more information about the event, please visit www.acmrs.org/news/events/acmrs-30th-anniversary-benefit-gala.

The Periodic Table of Elements:

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Professor Corey Olson of Washington College has just started a new online institute called the “Mythgard Institute.” This online program bills itself as “a new era in higher education” and is motivated by a passion for J.R.R. Tolkien, evidenced by the “New Center for Tolkien Studies” that will soon have scholarship and grant opportunities for students. The Institute offers literature courses at the master’s level. Currently, concentrations are offered in the following areas: Tolkien studies, medieval literature, Renaissance literature, fantasy literature, and classical literature and languages. The Institute is in the process of acquiring full certification and accreditation and expects to be able to award MAs in English by Spring 2014. There are presently four faculty at the institute, President Olson and three guest lecturers. These include: Tom Shippey, emeritus professor from Saint Louis University; Verlyn Flieger, English professor from the University of Maryland; and Michael Drout, Chair of the English Department at Wheaton College (MA). Michael Drout is also the editor of Beowulf and the Critics by J.R.R. Tolkien, a revised publication from the MRTS series. To learn more about the unique nature of this institute and to see the Fall schedule of courses, please visit www.mythgard.org.

Over July 15-18, ACMRS Editorial Assistant, Leslie MacCoull attended Mythcon 42 in Albuquerque, where three-time MRTS author Michael Drout (Beowulf and the Critics) was the scholarly guest of honor, and gave a paper entitled “‘There Is No Emperor’: Merlin and the Ideal State in That Hideous Strength”. In speaking of her trip, Leslie recalls: “I enjoyed the opening procession complete with recorder player, and especially Drout’s initial plenary speech in which he related how he tells the students: Yes, this is my day job, -- I get to study Lord of the Rings and get paid, how cool is that?! Also, we all got to go see Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 as a group, which was fun. I do look forward to a Tempe Mythcon!” To learn more about Mythcon conferences and the Mythopoeic Society, please visit: www.mythsoc.org.

ACMRS is pleased to announce the grant award of a Summer Seminar for College and University Teachers from the National Endowment for the Humanities on the topic of “Health and Disease in the Middle Ages.” The project directors are Monica Green (SHPRS) and Rachel Scott (SHESC), and ACMRS will be the institutional home with Assistant Director Bill Gentrup as project administrator. The award of $167,757 covers five weeks of study (June 24-July 28, 2012) in London for sixteen participants, including up to two graduate students, at the Wellcome Library, as well as field trips to Bath, the Chelsea Physic Garden, and the Museum of London underground archaeological exhibits. This is the second award of an NEH summer seminar in three years for Professor Green and ACMRS. Congratulations for this scholarly “Olympian” effort! For more information on this summer seminar, please visit: www.acmrs.org/healthanddisease2012.

This summer, ACMRS Affiliate and ASU Professor of Law Jonathan Rose traveled to the University of Cambridge as a Visiting Member of the Faculty of Law and a Life Member of Clare Hall. While there, he attended the British Legal History Conference and presented a paper, “Advocatorum Militia: The Chivalric Ethos of the Legal Profession—Loyalty and Honor.” He also made a presentation to the ACMRS study abroad program Faculty & students on the “Origins of the Anglo-American Legal System.” For more information about this conference and the University of Cambridge, please visit: www.law.cam.ac.uk.

Pre-Olympic Summer Seminar in London 2012!

Mythcon 42 in Albuquerque

British Legal History
The 18th Annual ACMRS Conference will be held the 16–19 February 2012 in Tempe, Arizona, and will focus on the topic of “Erotica and the Erotic in the Middle Ages and Renaissance.” ACMRS invites session and paper proposals for its annual interdisciplinary conference to be submitted by October 16, 2011. 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 erotica and the erotic, both in literal and metaphorical manifestations. Selected papers related to the conference theme will be considered for publication in the conference volume of the Arizona Studies in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance series, published by Brepols Publishers (Belgium). The conference keynote speaker will be Professor Albrecht Classen, noted medievalist in the Department of German Studies at the University of Arizona. Professor Classen’s keynote address is titled “The Erotic and the Quest for Happiness in the Middle Ages: What Everybody Does and Hardly Anyone Truly Achieves.” He has a broad range of research interests covering the history of German and European literature and culture from about 800 to 1800. In 2010 he was elected Vice President and President-Elect of the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association. In 2011 he also assumed, once again, the role of President of the Arizona Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German. The deadline for proposals is 9:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time on 16 October 2011. Proposals must include audio/visual requirements and any other special requests. Subsequent a/v requests may not be honored without additional charge. In order to streamline the committee review process, submissions will only be accepted online at www.link.library.utoronto.ca/acmrs/conference from 1 June through 16 October 2011. Questions? Call 480-965-9323 or email ACMRS Program Coordinator Audrey.Walters@asu.edu.

ACMRS Reading Groups for Fall 2011

**LATIN**

The Fall 2011 Latin Reading Group will be held every Thursday from 2:30-4:00 PM in Coor 4457.

For more information, please contact Almira.Poudrier@asu.edu or Taylor.Corse@asu.edu.

**OLD ENGLISH**

The Fall 2011 Old English Reading Group will be held every Friday at 1:00 PM in Coor 4438.

For more information, please contact Robert.Bjork@asu.edu.

**OLD NORSE**

The Fall 2011 Old Norse Reading Group will be held every Thursday at 1:00 PM in Coor 4438.

For more information, please contact Robert.Bjork@asu.edu.

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Upcoming ACMRS Events

SEPTEMBER

ASU Study Abroad Fair featuring the ACMRS Cambridge Program
September 7th
10:00 AM-3:00 PM
Memorial Union
AZ and Ventana Rooms

“The Chaucerian Multisensual”
Dr. Richard Newhauser
Professor of English, ASU
September 21st at 3:00 PM
Coor Hall 4411

OCTOBER

ACMRS 30th Anniversary Benefit Gala
October 15th at 6:00 PM
at the home of
Tony and Ileana Orlich
6533 N. 41st Street
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

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

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

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!