ACMRS ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

ACMRS is dedicated to community outreach programs, the core of which is our annual fall symposium. This year the symposium will be “Men in Horns: The Fancied and Real World of the Vikings,” which will be cosponsored with the Scottsdale Public Library. This year’s symposium will consist of three speakers discussing various aspects of Viking life and culture. Tracey Sands, from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and Maria-Claudia Tomany, of Minnesota State University Mankato, will each deliver separate lectures on Viking topics; and Ron Newcomer, of Arizona State University, will round out the symposium with his presentation of a video montage of Viking-oriented films. In addition to these speakers, we are in the process of confirming participation in the symposium by a number of local Scandinavian groups (these activities will be confirmed and announced at a later date).

The symposium will be held on Saturday, November 3, 9:00 AM–2:00 PM, at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library Auditorium. Participants can register the day of the symposium from 9:00–10:00 AM, and breakfast refreshments will be served during the registration hour.

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE IN MEDIEVAL STUDIES

The Center is pleased to welcome Michael Flier, Oleksandr Potebnja Professor of Ukrainian Philology at Harvard University, as the Distinguished Lecturer in Medieval Studies for Fall 2007. Among Professor Flier’s accomplishments, he has served as Chair on the visiting committee for the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures at both Princeton University and the University of Michigan; he was Curator for the exhibition “100 Years of Slavic Languages and Literatures at Harvard,” comprising rare books and artifacts from the Harvard University library and special collections; he serves on editorial boards for such journals as The Russian Language in Scientific Perspective, Movoznavstvo (a Ukrainian general linguistic journal), and Slavic and East European Journal; and he also serves as editor for the Slavic Languages and Literatures portion of the Oxford Dictionary of the Middle Ages project currently in production at ACMRS. Professor Flier has coedited numerous books, including Old Church Slavic Reader, The Language and Verse of Russia, and Ukrainian Philology and Linguistics. He has also produced a large body of articles in various books and journals, some of which include “Till the End of Time: The Apocalypse in Russian Historical Experience before 1500” and “The Throne of Monomakh: Ivan the Terrible and the Architectonics of Destiny.” Professor Flier has been recognized for his scholarly achievements with a number of honors and awards, such as the Clark-Tozier Grant from Harvard University and the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship.

Dr. Flier’s distinguished lecture, entitled “The Apocalyptic Context of Ivan the Terrible,” is cosponsored by the ASU School of International Letters and Cultures and the Melikian Center, and it will be held on Thursday, October 25, 7:00 PM, in Lattie F. Coor Hall, room 174. A reception will follow the lecture, and both are free and open to the public. For further details, contact ACMRS.
The next ACMRS study abroad program will be in residence July 4–August 11, 2008, at St. Catharine’s College, University of Cambridge. The faculty teaching on the program and the courses being offered will be posted on the ACMRS website and announced through program brochures in November.

The Cambridge program continues to be a vital part of the Center’s offerings. It provides students with a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the study of a variety of topics on medieval and Renaissance history and culture, while inhabiting and visiting many of the locales that provide the context for their studies. In addition to the varied courses offered on the program, each faculty member organizes a group excursion pertaining to his or her course. The program also includes opening and closing receptions in the formal dining hall at St. Catharine’s College, and students have ample opportunity to travel and explore on their own.

A couple of the highlights from the Summer 2007 program included trips to Nottingham, Bakewell, and London as well as a visit to Stratford-Upon-Avon to attend a Royal Shakespeare Company performance of *Henry IV*, Part II.

The first student informational meeting for the Summer 2008 program will be held Friday, November 16, 2007, 3:30–5:00 PM, Lattie F. Coor Hall, room 4411. For further details about the program and upcoming meetings, visit the ACMRS website or contact Jennifer Michaud at jennifer.michaud@asu.edu or 480-965-8097.

**Featured Publication**

*Erotic Tales of Medieval Germany*, edited and translated by Albrecht Classen (University of Arizona)

While much attention has been given to Boccaccio and the *Decameron*, and to Chaucer’s *Canterbury Tales*, less attention has been paid to late-medieval German literature. This collection of stories offers the first selection of some of the best short verse narratives in late-medieval German literature (called maren), in which a wide range of erotic themes are treated, ranging from problems in marriage, sexuality, violence, and adultery. This English translation opens an interesting window to these late-medieval German writers of maren, who demonstrate similar narrative skills as their European contemporaries. For details on ordering this and other ACMRS publications, visit www.asu.edu/clas/acmrs/mrts.

**Annual ACMRS Interdisciplinary Conference**

The 14th Annual ACMRS Interdisciplinary Conference will be held February 14–16, 2008, at the Fiesta Inn Resort, Tempe. The theme of the conference is “Law and Sovereignty in the Middle Ages and Renaissance,” the conference keynote speaker will be Richard F. Green, Humanities Distinguished Professor of English and Director of the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at Ohio State University.

Proposals for sessions and individual papers will be accepted until 5:00 PM (MST) on Monday, October 15, 2007. To submit a proposal, visit http://link.library.utoronto.ca/acmrs/conference/.

The conference registration fee is $85 ($45 for students) and includes welcoming and farewell receptions, two days of concurrent sessions (Friday and Saturday), and the keynote address. The welcoming reception will be held Thursday evening following a pre-conference Manuscript Studies Workshop led by Timothy C. Graham, Director of the Institute for Medieval Studies at the University of New Mexico. For more information about the conference, please visit www.asu.edu/clas/acmrs/conferences.html.
The annual ACMRS Undergraduate Student Book Award was established in honor of the Center’s founding director, Jean R. Brink, and is intended to recognize the academic achievements of undergraduate students who demonstrate exceptional work in the areas of medieval and Renaissance studies. The recipient of the 2007 award is Benjamin Kearl, an undergraduate History student at ASU who received an excellent recommendation from Professor Hava Samuelson. Congratulations, Benjamin, on your academic success!

The annual ACMRS Undergraduate Student Book Award will be awarded to an undergraduate student who has excelled academically in medieval and/or Renaissance studies and who intends to continue study in one of these areas at the graduate level. The recipient of this award will receive $250 for the purchase of books. Along with ACMRS, the University of Arizona’s Medieval, Renaissance and Reformation Committee (UAMARRC) has generously offered to contribute to this award.

The award is open to ASU, NAU, and UA undergraduate students. Faculty from any discipline are asked to nominate, with a brief letter, any undergraduate student whom they feel is deserving of the award. Nominated students should submit to ACMRS their social security number, current local mailing address, and an unofficial transcript. The nomination letter and supporting documentation should be submitted to Dr. Robert E. Bjork, Director, by April 4, 2008. For further information about nominating a student for this award, contact Jennifer Michaud at 480-965-8097.
Special Collections in the ASU Hayden Library recently acquired a facsimile copy of the *Luttrell Psalter*, one of the greatest treasures of the British Library. It is an illuminated manuscript commissioned by Sir Geoffrey Luttrell, a wealthy landowner who lived at Irnham, Lincolnshire, and was created by several artists who probably lived and worked in the Luttrell household between the years 1330 and 1345. As a result of the artists’ close connection with the patron’s family, the manuscript provides a unique glimpse of medieval life in rural England with depictions of people at work and play. This reproduction also contains a scholarly commentary by Michelle Brown, former Curator of Illuminated Manuscripts at the British Library, which tells the story of the manuscript in great detail and includes a folio-by-folio description and analysis of the illustrations on each page. The call number for this work is Spec B-736. Contact the library for hours.

**ACMRS Distinguished Visiting Professor**

For Spring 2008, ACMRS welcomes Dr. Nadia Margolis as Distinguished Visiting Professor. For the past year, Dr. Margolis has been a visiting professor at Mt. Holyoke College, in Massachusetts, and she will come to ASU next spring to temporarily replace Professor Markus Cruse in the School of International Letters and Cultures as a professor of French and medieval literature. ACMRS looks forward to working with Dr. Margolis.

**ACMRS Reading Groups**

ACMRS is offering four reading groups for Fall 2007. The Latin reading group, led by Robert Bjork, will be held on Thursdays, 3:00–4:00 PM; the Old English reading group, facilitated by Heather Maring, will meet Tuesdays, 12:30–1:30 PM; and the Old Spanish reading group, led by Victor Parra-Guinaldo, will meet Tuesdays, 3:00–4:00 PM. All three of these groups will be held in Lattie F. Coor Hall, room 4457. The final reading group to meet is Old Norse, facilitated by Robert Bjork, and this group will meet Thursdays, 11 AM–noon, in Professor Bjork’s office (Lattie F. Coor Hall, room 4438). For complete details, call ACMRS or visit our website.

**MEDIEVAL MAP PROJECT**

ASU’s Institute for Humanities Research (IHR) awarded a Competitive Seed Grant to Dr. Asa Mittman, Senior Lecturer of Art History, ASU School of Art, for his resource map project *Digital Mappaemundi: A Resource for the Study of Medieval Maps and Geographic Texts*. Professor Mittman will be working on this project with Dr. Robert Bjork and Dr. Martin Foys (Associate Professor of English, Hood College). The *Digital Mappaemundi* will allow scholars of all levels to investigate medieval world maps in ways not possible in traditional print sources. Users will be able to instantly and fluidly move between every detail on every major world map to their textual sources and analogs on other maps, facilitating transdisciplinary investigation of these vital cultural documents.

**MEDIEVAL AQUISITION**

ACMRS and the Center for Renaissance & Baroque Studies at the University of Maryland are cosponsoring the interdisciplinary journal *Early Modern Women*, edited by Jane Donawerth, Adele Seeff, and Diane Wolfthal. This journal is the first annual journal dedicated solely to the interdisciplinary study of women and gender during the years 1400 to 1700. Each volume will include essays on Early Modern women from every country and region, by scholars from a wide range of academic disciplines, including art history, cultural studies, history, music, political science, religion, theater, history of science, and history of philosophy. The first issue of this journal was published last fall, and the newest edition for Fall 2007 will be available in September. For further details or subscription information, contact CRBS at emwjournal@umd.edu or call 301-405-6830.
2006 Faculty Publications


**Theresa Martin.** *Queen as King: Politics and Architectural Propaganda in Twelfth-Century Spain* (Leiden, 2006).


—. *Der Kardinal Albrecht von Brandenburg: Liturgische Festprozessionen am Neuen Stift in Halle* (Cardinal Albrecht of Brandenburg: Liturgical Processions at the Collegiate Church Neues Stift in Halle), produced for Stiftung Moritzburg, Halle an der Saale and HNH International (Naxos), Hong Kong, released in Germany September 2006 (Naxos 9.551255). The international version will be released on the Naxos label in 2007.


Fall 2007 Calendar of Events
(All events will be held at the ASU Tempe Campus unless otherwise noted.)

Saturday, September 8
Annual ACMRS Friends and Affiliates Reception
at the home of Bob and Mary Bjork, 6:00 pm
RSVP to audrey.walters@asu.edu or 480-965-9323

Thursday, September 13
ACMRS Ad-Hoc Lecture
“Leper Hospitals in Medieval Ireland”
Rachel Scott, Arizona State University
School of Human Evolution and Social Change
University Center Building (UCB), room 266, 3:00 PM
ASU West Campus

Friday, September 28
Annual Flagstaff ACMRS Friends and Affiliates Reception
at the home of Charles Connell, 6:00 pm
1253 N. Fox Hill Road, Flagstaff
for directions email audrey.walters@asu.edu
or phone 480-965-9323

Friday, October 5
Annual Tucson ACMRS Friends and Affiliates Reception
at the home of Kari and Gordon McBride, 4:00–6:00 pm
to RSVP and receive directions
email audrey.walters@asu.edu or phone 480-965-9323

Monday, October 15
ACMRS Ad-Hoc Lecture
“The Meaning of Christianization: The Case of Denmark, 700–1300”
Brian McGuire, Roskilde University, Denmark
Lattie F. Coor Hall, room 4403, 3:00 PM
Cosponsored with the Department of Religious Studies
free and open to the public

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Cosponsored with the Melikian Center and the School of International Letters and Cultures
free and open to the public with reception to follow

Thursday, October 25–Sunday, October 28
Annual Conference of the American Society for Legal History
hosted by The Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law
Plenary Speaker: Dr. Paul Brand, Senior Research Fellow and Academic Secretary,
All Souls College, University of Oxford
For more information, visit www.law.asu.edu/ASLH07 or www.aslh.net, or contact Professor Jonathan Rose at jonathan.rose@asu.edu or 480-965-6513.

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