Happy 2011! Although the New Year’s celebrations are over, there are still reasons for revelry. The year 2011 marks two very important anniversaries. The first is the 400th anniversary of the completion of the King James Bible in 1611, possibly the most influential English language book in history. The second is the 30th anniversary of the founding of ACMRS! This year marks three decades of scholarly research and academic outreach in the community. ACMRS was established in 1981 by the Arizona Board of Regents as a state-wide research unit. Located centrally on the campus of Arizona State University, ACMRS is charged with coordinating and stimulating the interdisciplinary exploration of Medieval and Renaissance culture. In honor of this momentous occasion a donation of $30 would be fitting and appreciated! 30 years is quite an accomplishment, and with your help, we can work toward 30 more! In the midst of fiscal hardships and budgetary restrictions, ACMRS endeavors to maintain our programs and would welcome support in any amount from our Friends and Affiliates. Thank you all for your generous support in the past, and please join us for our 30th-anniversary festivities planned for later this year! For more information on giving to ACMRS, please visit our website at: acmrs.org/Friends_of_ACMRS.html.

ACMRS: New Home to Saint John’s Bible

This past October ACMRS unveiled the Heritage Edition of the St. John's Bible at its annual Distinguished Lecture in Medieval Studies. Dr. Rodney M. Thomson, Honorary Research Fellow at the School of History and Classics of the University of Tasmania, presented a lecture on “The Great Illuminated Bibles of 12th-Century England: A Study in Splendor” following the dedication of the specially-printed facsimile Bible. The seven-volume Heritage Edition was donated by Phoenix resident George Berkner, a 1956 Saint John’s University graduate. It will be preserved and made accessible for class lectures or scholarly research at the Universities’ Special Collections in Hayden Library and in the offices of ACMRS. See www.saintjohnsbible.org for more information about this stunning 21st-century manuscript Bible and work of art.
ACMRS SPONSORS INTERDISCIPLINARY JOURNAL:
EARLY MODERN WOMEN

The Center for Renaissance & Baroque Studies at the University of Maryland, original publishers of Early Modern Women: An Interdisciplinary Journal, officially closed July 23, 2010 due to budget cuts. ACMRS will take over the publication of the journal and its entire management, including the Managing Editor position, which ACMRS Assistant Director William F. Gentrup will assume. It will also continue to produce, design, and distribute the journal which it has done since 2007. The founding editors Jane Donawerth and Adele Seeff of the University of Maryland and Diane Wolffthal of Rice University, will continue with the journal during a transition period from January until June 30, 2011, when Professors Anne Cruz, Mary Lindemann, and Mihoko Suzuki of the University of Miami will formally assume the editorship. Several Arizona faculty have also agreed to serve on the Editorial Board: Mary Bjork (ASU West), Albrecht Classen (UA), Stephanie Fink DeBacker (ASU West), Monica Green (ASU Tempe), Cynthia Kosso (NAU), Ian Moulton (ASU Polytechnic), Patricia Turning (ASU Tempe), Juliann Vitullo (ASU Tempe), and Retha Warnicke (ASU Tempe).

SHAKESPEARE’S BIRTHDAY BASH

For the last several years the ASU English Department has held a “Birthday Bash” for the Bard, William Shakespeare. This celebration commemorates his life and works with entertaining and interesting events each April. At past events, attendees read sonnets, performed monologues, and competed with Chaucerians in quiz-style challenges. This year’s bash will take place on Friday, 22 April, location: TBD. This event is free and open to the public. For more information contact: Kristen.LaRue@asu.edu or visit the English Department’s website: http://english.clas.asu.edu/shakespeare.

2011 ACMRS INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE

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The 17th annual ACMRS conference, Performance and Theatricality in the Middle Ages and Renaissance, will be held February 10-12, 2011, at Sheraton Phoenix Airport Hotel in Tempe. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Pamela Sheingorn, who specializes in visual, cultural, and women’s history of the Middle Ages, particularly hagiography and drama. Her work focused on representations of the late medieval family, medieval masculinities, and illuminations in medieval drama manuscripts. Her keynote address is entitled, “Narration and Theatricality: Experiencing Joseph in a 15th-Century German Manuscript.” A pre-conference workshop on Manuscript Studies, led by Professor Timothy Graham, Director of the Institute for Medieval Studies at the University of New Mexico, will also be offered. The conference includes welcoming and farewell receptions, two days of concurrent sessions (Friday and Saturday), and a plenary lecture. The opening reception will be held Thursday evening. For complete registration information, please see the website: www.acmrs.org/conferences.html.

2011 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEDIEVAL ACADEMY OF AMERICA AND THE MEDIEVAL ASSOCIATION OF THE PACIFIC

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ACMRS is honored to host the 86th annual meeting of the Medieval Academy of America jointly with the 32nd annual meeting of the Medieval Association of the Pacific on April 12-14. Due to the passage of Arizona Senate Bill 1070, the leadership of the Medieval Academy considered changing the location of the meeting but, following a poll of its membership, voted to keep it in Arizona. The program committee, led by ACMRS Director Robert Bjork, has worked to ensure that this year’s conference reflects certain contemporary issues from a medieval perspective: from race, ethnicity, and immigration to historical protests against governmental policies judged unjust to standards of judicial and legislative morality. On Thursday, from 4:00-5:30 p.m., a panel discussion called “Immigration: Then and Now” will feature the participation of the Episcopal Bishop of Arizona, Right Reverend Kirk S. Smith, who has been deeply involved in the state’s immigration legislation debate. Altogether, the conference includes forty-seven breakout sessions and six plenary talks on varied and fascinating subjects. The event will be held at the Chaparral Suites Hotel (5001 N. Scottsdale Rd.) in Scottsdale, Arizona. For details see: www.acmrs.org/conference.html.
Foundation Professor Robert Bjork was honored this year by ASU president, Michael Crow in his list of 2010 ASU accomplishments. In a compendium of university-wide academic achievements President Crow recognized the publication of the *Oxford Dictionary of the Middle Ages*, acknowledging that the “[T]wo-thousand page reference resource for all key aspects of European history, society, religion, and culture from circa 500 CE to circa 1500 CE was published by Oxford University Press. Robert E. Bjork, Foundation Professor of English and Director of the Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies (ACMRS) at ASU, edited the four-volume set. More than eight-hundred scholars, guided by a five-member international advisory board and an international editorial board of 26, wrote more than 5,000 entries.” Notably, the ODMA stood out as the only humanities-related item on the president’s list of accomplishments. The four-volume work was published in June 2010, and is now available at ASU’s Hayden Library and Ross-Blakley Law Library. The ODMA will be available online to institutions as part of the Oxford University Press Digital Reference Shelf Collection. Congratulations to Dr. Bjork and the many others who worked to make this possible! For more information on the ODMA, visit our website at: acmrs.org/publications/ODMA.html and to see the president’s list of accomplishments from 2003-present, visit his website at: president.asu.edu/node/737.

**Undergraduate Book Award**

Every year ACMRS offers its annual Undergraduate Student Book Award in honor of the founding director, Jean R. Brink. This award is given 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. The award is open to all undergraduate students at ASU, NAU, and UA. Faculty from any discipline are welcome to nominate, with a brief letter, any undergraduate student whom they feel is deserving of the award. Additionally, recommended students should submit to ACMRS their current, local mailing address, social security number (for check-issuing purposes), and an unofficial transcript. The faculty member’s letter and supporting documentation should be submitted to Dr. Robert E. Bjork, Director, by Friday, March 11, 2011 (robert.bjork@asu.edu). For further information about nominating a student for this award, contact Kendra TerBeek at kendra.terbeek@asu.edu.

**Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award**

ACMRS is pleased to announce Bryan VanGinhoven as the recipient of the 2011 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award for his paper “The Pilgrim, the Beggar, and the Virgin: Recognizing the Sacred in Twelfth-Century St Albans Abbey.” Mr. VanGinhoven is a Ph.D. student in English medieval literature at ASU. His research has led him to investigate the literature of northeast England in the 15th century and medieval Latin commentaries on classical and late-antique Latin writings. Mr. VanGinhoven will present his winning paper at the annual medieval conference held at Western Michigan University in May 2011. In addition, he will give a pre-conference presentation of his paper Spring 2011 on the ASU Tempe Campus, Lattie F. Coor Hall. This award provides an all-expenses-paid trip to the International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, which is one of the most prestigious conferences in medieval studies in the world. We are currently accepting submissions for the 2012 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award. The deadline for submissions is September 1, 2011.


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ASU Alumni Publications 2010


ACMRS Visiting Professor

ACMRS welcomes back Visiting Professor Dr. Chauncey Wood, Professor Emeritus of McMaster University in Canada, and previously an ACMRS Distinguished Visiting Professor. He has returned to ASU as a faculty-in-residence teaching in the English Department. Professor Wood specializes in medieval and Renaissance English literature, and he will be teaching English 494/598 “Studies in Troilus and Criseyde” this semester. We are honored to have Dr. Wood with us again.
In December 2010 ACMRS hired an Outreach Coordinator to fill the position formerly held by Karen Lackey as Research Coordinator. Kendra TerBeek brings an array of academic, professional, and life experiences to this new role. She received her B.A. in Ancient and Medieval European History from Hillsdale College with a minor in Classical Studies. After obtaining her degree she studied at Michigan State University where she completed intensive coursework in German, Latin, and English Constitutional history. She came to Arizona in 2010 when her husband was accepted to ASU for doctoral work in theoretical physics. Most recently, Kendra has worked as a substitute teacher, a private tutor, and a fiction writer. Throughout her formal education and beyond, Kendra has been an avid reader, writer, and world-traveler. She joined the weekly Latin Reading Group last August and has been an active participant in ACMRS sponsored events and activities ever since.

**ACMRS Programs**

**ACMRS Medieval and Renaissance Certificate Program**

ACMRS continues to offer an interdisciplinary medieval and Renaissance certificate to interested students attending ASU. The program provides students the opportunity to take classes from several disciplines and to receive training in both Latin, the international language of the periods, and paleography, the study of the physical medium through which Latin and other languages were transmitted. Obtaining the certificate prepares undergraduate students for advanced study, and it augments the skills and knowledge necessary for graduate students to succeed in academic positions in their field. In addition to rigorous language studies and upper-level cross-disciplinary courses, the certificate provides students an opportunity to conduct scholarly research and produce an original thesis. Along with their departmental advisor, ACMRS supports certificate students throughout the academic plan and awards successful students with a certificate appropriate to their level of achievement. To learn more about the ACMRS Certificate Program and to see the Interdisciplinary Course Listing for the Spring semester, please visit our website at: http://acmrs.org/web_pages/academic_programs/ac_pro_certificates.html

**Cambridge Study Abroad Program 2011**

The 16th annual ACMRS study abroad program will be in residence at St. Catharine’s College in Cambridge July 8-August 12, 2011. The Cambridge program continues to be a vital part of ACMRS’s offerings, and the Center strives to continually attract quality faculty to teach dynamic courses that take full advantage of the location. For the 2011 program, Dr. Albrecht Classen of the U of A has been chosen as the new Cambridge Program Director. He will teach “Crossing Borders: Medieval and Renaissance Travelers and Travel Narratives,” while Dr. Paul Hartle of the University of Cambridge will teach “Shakespeare in Performance” and also take the students to see plays at the Globe Theater and Stratford-upon-Avon. Dr. Diane Facinelli of ASU will be the instructor for “The Arthurian Legend in History, Literature, and Art,” and Dr. Charles Connell of NAU for “Harry and Liz – The Tudors in Fiction and History.” These courses include an off-site excursion each week, organized by one of the faculty and pertaining to his or her specific course. This summer, students will venture to Canterbury, Dover, Stratford-upon-Avon, London, and Glastonbury. During the five-week program, students immerse themselves in Cambridge life and have opportunities to travel and explore. The next Cambridge meeting for interested students will be held on February 9, 2011, in Coor Hall, room 4403 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Several of the program’s faculty and alumni will be there to speak and answer questions. Visit our Cambridge webpage: acmrs.org/web_pages/academic_programs/ac_pro_cambridge.html, or contact Kendra TerBeek at kendra.terbeek@asu.edu for more information.

**ACMRS Reading Groups**

Each semester ACMRS hosts reading groups open to interested students, faculty, and friends. Typically Latin, Old English, and Old Norse are offered, led by experts in their fields. This semester, Dr. Heather Maring will conduct an Old English Reading Group Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. in the ACMRS conference room, Coor 4457. Dr. Taylor Corse and Dr. Almira Poudrier will lead a Classical/Medieval Latin Reading Group Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. also in Coor 4457. Additionally, Dr. Bjork will teach Old Norse sagas. Interested students are welcome to sit in on the class, which will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30-2:45 p.m. in Coor 4438. For complete details on reading groups meeting during the Spring 2011 semester, visit the ACMRS website, acmrs.org/public_programs.html.
Spring 2011
Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, 28 JANUARY 2011
ACMRS Lecture Series
CIVIC RHETORIC IN THE MARTYRIAL LITURGY
AND HAGIOGRAPHY OF MEDIEVAL LIÈGE

Dr. Catherine Saucier
Asst. Professor of Music History, ASU
2:00 PM Coor Hall 4403
Free lecture open to the public

10–12 FEBRUARY 2011
17th Annual ACMRS Conference
PERFORMANCE AND THEATRICALITY
IN THE MIDDLE AGES AND RENAISSANCE

Sheraton Phoenix Airport Hotel Tempe
1600 S. 52nd Street, Tempe, AZ 85281
For details visit: acmrs.org/conferences

FRIDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2011
Melikian Center Lecture
PRESERVING THE WORLD’S HISTORIC WRITTEN CULTURES

Fr. Columba Stewart, OSB
Exec. Director, Hill Museum & Manuscript Library
1:00 PM Coor Hall 4403

TUESDAY, 8 MARCH 2011
ACMRS Lecture Series
RETURN TO RONCESVALLES:
REFLECTIONS ON THE SONG OF ROLAND

Dr. Gerard J. Brault
Pennsylvania State University
Edwin Erle Sparks Professor Emeritus of French and Medieval
Studies & Fellow Emeritus of the Institute for the Arts and
Humanistic Studies
2:00 PM Coor Hall 4403
Free lecture open to the public

FRIDAY, 25 MARCH 2011
FORMAL RECORD AND COURTROOM REALITY
IN 13TH-CENTURY ENGLAND

Dr. Paul Brand
All Souls College, Oxford
Brown-bag, Coor Hall 4403
For more information, please check the events
calendar for SHPRS: shprs.clas.asu.edu/events

14–16 APRIL 2011
Meeting of the
86th Annual Medieval Academy of America and
32nd Annual Medieval Association of the Pacific

Chaparral Suites Scottsdale
5001 Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85250
For more information visit:
acmrs.org/conferences/MAA_2011/MAAconference

All events will be held on the ASU Tempe campus unless otherwise noted.
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