



September Newsletter#

Ring in the Academic Year at Our New Medieval Studies Office!#

To celebrate our new B.A. in Medieval Studies, the CMRS will be hosting its beginning-of-the-year Welcome Reception in our expanded digs at the Catholic Studies Centre. All affiliated faculty, students, regional affiliates and friends are cordially invited to attend! The [reception will take place Friday, September 8 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.](#)#

Headed up by our Associate Director, **Steven Schoenig, S.J.**, the new B.A. in Medieval Studies offers undergraduate students with a cross-disciplinary exposure to the medieval world as well as interdisciplinary courses that bring together strands of the various fields. It is an independent degree, but it can also



serve as a second major for students in any one of the CMRS's affiliate degree programs in the College of Arts and Sciences. Detailed requirements for the new major can be found on the CMRS website. Students have already begun enrolling in the required introductory course, so we have reason to believe that the major will serve the needs of many students.#

The long-standing CMRS Happy Hour will resume on Friday, September 15 at 4:00 p.m. and take place every Friday unless preempted by other CMRS events. It is a great opportunity to spend some relaxed time with colleagues and students.# Hope to see you there!#

Two Major Manuscript Studies Projects (and One Professor Emerita) Find a New Home in the CMRS#

For many years, **Susan L'Engle**, the Associate Director of the Vatican Film Library in Pius XII Memorial Library, organized the internationally renowned **Annual Saint Louis Conference on Manuscript Studies** (among her many other duties). Although she recently retired from her position in the library, we are delighted that she has agreed to continue her work on the conference under the sponsorship of the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. The move will bring with it, however, a few changes. #



The 44th Annual Saint Louis Conference on Manuscript Studies will be held, as usual, on October 13-14. Registration and program information are available [here](#). Henceforth, though, the conference will be held in conjunction with the CMRS's [Annual Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies](#), which takes place on campus every June. This will allow the Conference on Manuscript Studies to leverage its impact and reach with the large number of attendees at our summer event. The conference will operate as usual within the SMRS. It will even continue to host the annual Lowrie J. Daly, S.J. Memorial Lecture, which will be supported by the Pius XII Memorial Library. We are grateful to **Dean of Libraries David Cassens** and **Assistant Dean for Special Collection Gregory Pass** for their support with this exciting transition. #

But that's not all! As many readers will know, Dr. L'Engle is the editor of the well-known electronic newsletter, *Manuscripts on My Mind*. The production of this important resource will also move to the CMRS. Dr. L'Engle has already moved into a CMRS office in Adorjan Hall, where she can continue to work on these two important projects. #

Welcome Professor Emerita L'Engle! #

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Fifth Annual Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies Brings Hundreds of Scholars to SLU's Campus # Plans Underway for 2018



Once again this year the Annual Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies was a tremendous success. With nearly three hundred registered

attendees, the SMRS is one of the largest such conferences in the United States. That is due in no small part to the hard work of hundreds of faculty and graduate students across campus. #



Plenary lectures this year were delivered by **Christopher Baswell** (Columbia University) and **Bruce Campbell** (Queen's University, Belfast). Professor Baswell explored the roles of disability in Arthurian literature. Professor Campbell examined the factors that led late medieval people to respond to plenty by reducing leisure time and increasing industriousness. #

With more than forty sessions, there was a wide variety of scholarship presented. The

Symposium hosted two mini-conferences, *Chivalry and Its Anxieties, 1000-1600* and *Lineage, Loyalty, and Legitimacy in Iberia and North Africa (600-1600)*. The list of sponsoring societies continued to grow this year. Aside from the International Arthurian Society, which holds its Annual Loomis Lecture at the Symposium, sponsors included the International Boethius Society, the International Center for Medieval Art, the Society for the Study of the Crusades and the Latin East, the Society for the Appreciation and Study of Seneca the Younger, and the University of Birmingham Centre for the Study of the Middle Ages. #

Registration and publishers' tables continued to be located in the Center for Global Citizenship. Sessions met in the Cook Business School. Once again, attendees were uniformly positive in their post-conference assessments. The Annual Symposium has carved out a permanent place for itself on the conference calendar of medieval and early modern studies. #

Next year's plenary lectures have been booked and the Call for Papers posters for the conference (June 18-20, 2018) are being produced. The plenary speakers next year will be **Geoffrey Parker** (The Ohio State University) and **Carole Hillenbrand** (University of St Andrews). The *Saint Louis Conference on Manuscript Studies* will be moving permanently to the Symposium next year. In addition, the quadrennial *International Symposium on Crusade Studies* will take place during the 2018 meeting. #

You can help! The success of the Annual Symposium is a direct result of the sessions organized and papers delivered by faculty and graduate students from SLU and the region. Please consider submitting a session or paper proposal for 2018! Submissions can be made easily online at: <http://smrs.slu.edu>.



The deadline for proposals is **December 31**. #

CMRS Launches New Graduate Student Travel/Research Fund#

One of the many aims of the Annual Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies is to generate new income to support faculty and student research in these fields across campus. As the first financial fruits of the SMRS are harvested, we would like to give back to those students who have worked so hard to make it a success.#

Beginning this academic year, the CMRS has established the *SMRS Graduate Student Fund* to help support travel and research expenses for those students who volunteered their time during the previous June's Symposium..#



Here's how to apply: Student volunteers during the last Symposium can submit a short one-page proposal, which should include a description of the activity and a tentative budget. Proposals should be received in the CMRS Office by **September 15**. Awardees will be notified before the end of September. And thanks for your help!#

Expert on Ovid in the Middle Ages Arrives as New NEH Research Fellow#

Frank T. Coulson, Professor of Classics and Director of Palaeography at The Ohio State University, is the incoming NEH Research Fellow for the Fall semester. Professor Coulson will be working in the Vatican Film Library, researching the medieval glosses and commentary on Ovid texts. He will present a lecture on his work entitled "Why the Vulgate Commentary of Ovid?" on **September 29** at 3:15p.m. in Adorjan Hall 142. A reception will follow..#



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Have a Nominee for the 2017 Annual Lecture?#

For a quarter of a century the CMRS Annual Lecture as brought some of the leading scholars in medieval and early modern studies to Saint Louis University. We are eager to receive nominations for the next lecture, which will take place in November. All fields and topics are welcome. Please send your nominations to cmrs@slu.edu. And thank you!#

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CMRS Now Accepting Applications for Newberry Library Research Funds#

The Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies funds Saint Louis University's membership in the Newberry Library Consortium. One of the many benefits of that membership is the opportunity for faculty and students at SLU to request funding to conduct research, attend seminars, or take part in workshops at the Newberry in Chicago.#

Affiliated faculty and students who would like to apply for funds to offset travel expenses to the Newberry Library should contact Teresa Harvey in the CMRS Office (Adorjan Hall I40) for details on the application process.#



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CMRS Sponsors Conference at SLU Madrid#

The conference *San Fernando (1217-1252) and His Age* will be held at SLU Madrid on **October 6-7 2017**. It is part of a continuing series of international conferences concerning aspects of Christian, Muslim, and Jewish interactions in the Mediterranean World. This fifth installment will examine the transformative reign of San Fernando, king of Castile-León and nephew of our own Saint Louis, and through international dialogue will provide a re-evaluation and re-contextualization of his place on the local, regional and international stages. Participants in the conference include Dr. **Ana Rodríguez López** (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas), Dr. **Martín Alvira Cabrer** (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), Dr. **Carlos de Ayala Martínez** (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid); Dr. **José Manuel Rodríguez García** (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia) Dr. **Francisco García Fitz** (Universidad de Extremadura), Dr. **Bárbara Boloix Gallardo** (Universidad de Granada), Dr. **Teresa Witcombe** (University of Bristol) and Dr. **Simon Barton** (University of Central Florida).#

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Session Organizers for the International Congress on Medieval Studies at Kalamazoo#

Please note that the deadline for submitting completed session forms for the 2017 International Congress on Medieval Studies at Kalamazoo is fast approaching! All materials should be submitted to the CMRS Office in Adorjan Hall I40 by the end of the business day on **Monday, September 18**. We will then collect, verify for accuracy, and submit all of session materials to the Medieval Institute the following day.#

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The 44nd Annual Saint Louis Conference on Manuscript Studies#

The [Annual "Manuscripta" Conference](#) will be held October 13-14. The public Lowrie J. Daly, S.J. Lecture will be delivered this year by **Marianna Shreve Simpson** of the University of Pennsylvania. The title of the lecture is "Persian Manuscripts and the Meaning of Masterpiece." It will be delivered at 4:00 p.m. on October 13 in the Anheuser-Busch Auditorium of the John Cook School of Business.#

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