January Newsletter

Scholar to Present New Research on One of the Earliest Jesuits

Alfonsus Salmerón, one of the Society of Jesus' first Biblical scholars, is the subject of new research undertaken by Fr. Sam Zeno Conedera, S.J. at SLU. On Friday, January 25 at 3:00 p.m. in Adorjan Hall 142, Fr. Conedera will present some of his findings in a lecture entitled, "History and Mystery: Alfonso Salmerón, First Theologian of the Society of Jesus." A reception will follow.

Fr. Conedera, who is a SLU graduate, received his PhD. in History from UCLA in 2009. Since then he has taught at Santa Clara University and studied philosophy and theology in New York and Rome. He is the author of numerous studies, including Ecclesiastical Knights: The Military Orders in Castile, 1150-1330 (Fordham, 2015).
Visiting Scholar Explores Devotional Music of Early Modern England

Samantha Arten, who is Visiting Scholar at the CMRS and Project Administrator for the Lived Religion in the Digital Age Project, will deliver a lecture entitled, "'Read and regard this Psalme': Devotional Practice and Musical Performance of the English Reformation's Hymnal." The lecture will take place on Friday, February 1 at 3:00 p.m. in Adorjan Hall 142. A reception will follow.

Dr. Arten received her Ph.D in musicology at Duke University (2018). Drawing upon book history and theological studies, her musicological research is centered in congregational hymnody and the printed music of sixteenth-century England. Her work can be found in Early Music and in The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and the Arts, and her first edited collection, Elizabethan and Jacobean Praises of Music, is forthcoming from Routledge.

Welcome Reception for Incoming NEH Research Fellow

On Friday, January 18 the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies will welcome the first NEH Research Fellow of the new year. Fr. Randall J. Meissen of the University of Southern California will be investigating SLU's rich collection of Jesuit sources to explore the ways that missionaries observed and reported about the plants and animals of the New World in the seventeenth century. All affiliated faculty and students are invited to welcome Fr. Meissen at a reception on Friday, January 18 at 4:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Common Area of Adorjan Hall.
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