[CMRS] September Newsletter

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Seventh Annual Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies Brings Hundreds of Scholars to SLU's Campus



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.

Plenary lectures this year were

delivered by **John J. Contreni** (Purdue University) and **Maureen C. Miller** (University of California, Berkeley). Professor Contreni explored the Jewish communities in Carolingian Europe Professor Parker presented new evidence on the abbatial registers of the important monastery of Cava de' Tirreni.

Once again the **Annual Saint Louis Conference on Manuscript Studies**' took place during the SMRS. The plenary speaker was **Francesca Manzari** of the Sapienza Universita di Roma Additional mini-conferences were held on Arthurian Studies, Later Medieval Philosophy, and the Early Modern

Mediterranean. The Fourth Annual Loomises Lecture hosted by the International Arthurian Society was delivered by **Kevin J. Harty** (La Salle University).



With more than fifty sessions, there was a wide variety of scholarship presented! The list of sponsoring societies at the SMRS continued to grow this year as well.

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.

Next year's plenary lectures have been booked and the Call for Papers posters for the conference (June 15-17, 2020) are being produced now. The plenary speakers next year will be **David Abulafia** (Cambridge University) and **Barbara Rosenwein** (Loyola University, Chicago).

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 2020! Submissions can be made easily online at: smrs-slu.org. The deadline for proposals is December 31. Also, if you have promising undergraduate students who would like to offer their research at an academic conference, pleases contact Jay Lemanski, who organizes the annual *Tirones Mediaevales* sessions.

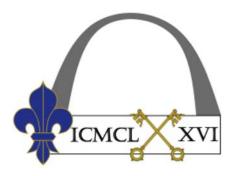
CMRS Now Accepting Applications for Newberry Library Research Funds

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 140) for details on the application process..

NEH Fellowships Follow Medieval Canon Law Theme for 2019-2020



19-25, 2020.

This summer SLU has the honor of hosting the **Sixteenth International Congress of Medieval Canon Law**. The prestigious conference, which is sponsored by ICMAC (Iuris Canonici Medii Aevi Consociatio/International Society of Medieval Canon Law), will take place on campus July

To support this major event, the CMRS has made NEH Fellowships available for ICMAC scholars conducting research on medieval canon law. The first fellow is **Pier V. Aimone** of the Pontifical University Urbaniana in Rome. A welcome reception for Prof. Aimone will be held on September 13 at 4:00 pm in Adorjan Hall Third Floor Common Area. Prof. Aimone's lecture will be delivered on October 4 at 3:15 pm in Adorjan Hall 142.

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