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## A Word from the President

Dear Medievalists,

Active planning is now under way for the meeting of our Society to be held on 28 - 30 May, 1997 at the general conference of the Learned Societies at the University of Ottawa. We hope to plan a one day-long session with the Association of Canadian College and University Teachers of English (ACCUTE) which will be devoted to medieval literature. But we are still in great need of a wide variety of other papers on all aspects of the Middle Ages. In particular, we would welcome proposals for sessions and panels from groups of scholars. Final planning won't take place until early 1998, so please feel free to email me ([dutton@sfu.ca](mailto:dutton@sfu.ca)) with any suggestions or inquiries.

1996-97 CSM members should soon receive their issue of *Florilegium*. The new editor of our Society's journal, Jane Toswell ([toswell@uwo.ca](mailto:toswell@uwo.ca)) would be happy to receive submissions and recommendations from our members for the next issue.

Best wishes for a successful year,

Paul Dutton,  
President

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## Un Mot du Président

Chers médiévistes,

Nous avons déjà amorcé activement la planification de la prochaine rencontre de notre Société, qui se tiendra du 28 au 30 mai 1997 à l'Université d'Ottawa, dans le cadre du Congrès des sociétés savantes. Nous espérons organiser avec l'Association of Canadian College and University Teachers of English (ACCUTE) une journée conjointe consacrée à la littérature médiévale. Cependant, nous avons encore besoin d'une grande variété d'articles portant sur tous les aspects du Moyen Âge. Nous serions heureux, en particulier, de recevoir des propositions d'ateliers et de tables rondes en provenance de groupes d'universitaires. La planification finale ne se fera pas avant le début de 1998. Aussi, n'hésitez pas à me faire parvenir vos suggestions et vos questions par courrier électronique ([dutton@sfu.ca](mailto:dutton@sfu.ca)).

Les personnes membres de la Société canadienne des médiévistes pour l'année 1996-1997 recevront bientôt leur exemplaire de *Florilegium*. Jane Toswell, la nouvelle rédactrice en chef du journal officiel de notre société, attend avec impatience les propositions d'articles des membres ainsi que leurs recommandations pour le prochain numéro ([toswell@uwo.ca](mailto:toswell@uwo.ca)). J'offre à tous mes meilleurs voeux de succès en ce début de nouvelle année.

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Le président,  
Paul Dutton

## Calls for Papers/ Appels de Communications

**"MAKING CONTACT: NATIVES, STRANGER, AND BARBARIANS,"** Medieval and Early Modern Institute, University of Alberta, **1 - 4 October 1998**. This conference will explore cross-cultural contacts and other boundary crossings in the medieval and early modern periods. In particular we invite proposals for papers or sessions on Multilingualism; early Canadian contact narratives; Crossing boundaries; Production and disruption of hegemonic identities; Europeans as barbarians and strangers; War and peace making; Issues of representation; Religious polemics/conversion; Linguistic encounters. Papers must be limited to a reading time of 20 minutes. Abstracts of 250 - 500 words and a short CV, or proposals for entire sessions including abstracts and CVs should be sent to: Glenn Burger, Dept of English, Univ of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada T6G 2E5, telephone (403) 492-4639, fax (403) 492-8142, or email [glenn.burger@ualberta.ca](mailto:glenn.burger@ualberta.ca). **Deadline: 1 November 1997.**

**SEMINAR IN THE HISTORY OF THE BOOK TO 1500. 1998 CONFERENCE: FRAGMENTS AND THEIR PROBLEMS, 10 - 12 July 1998,** Oxford, England. One-page abstracts should be sent to: Peggy Smith, Department of Typography & Graphic Communication, University of Reading, 2 Earley Gate, Whiteknights, Reading, RG6 6AU. **Deadline: 1 November 1997.**

**ANZAMEMS CONFERENCE 1998: "BORDER-LINES: CROSSINGS AND CONFLICTS," 2 - 5 February 1998,** Victoria Univ of Wellington, Wellington, NZ. All papers should be 20-25 minutes long. Abstracts of 300 words should be

sent to: Dr Kim Walker, ANZAMENS, Conference Convenor, Department of English, Victoria University, PO Box 600, Wellington, New Zealand, fax 64 4 495-5148. **Deadline: 3 November 1997.**

**11<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL NEW COLLEGE CONFERENCE ON MEDIEVAL-RENAISSANCE STUDIES, 12 - 14 March 1998.** All aspects of Europe and the Mediterranean before 1630 A.D., any discipline. Send a one-page abstract to: Prof Lee D. Snyder, Director of Medieval-Renaissance Studies, New College of USF, 5700 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, Florida 34243-2197, fax (941) 359-4298, send an e-mail message to [lsnyder@virtu.sar.usf.edu](mailto:lsnyder@virtu.sar.usf.edu), or visit <http://www.sar.usf.edu/~lsnyder>. **Deadline: 1 December 1997.**

**22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MID-AMERICA MEDIEVAL ASSOCIATION,** Union Building, University of Kansas in Lawrence, **21 February 1998.** Please mail, email, or fax abstracts (one page) on medieval literature and language, history, and other aspects of medieval culture to Professor Caroline Jewers, Dept of French and Italian, 2056 Wescoe Hall, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045-2120, phone, (785) 864-4056, fax (785) 864-5179, email [cjewers@falcons.cc.ukans.edu](mailto:cjewers@falcons.cc.ukans.edu). Between September and December 13<sup>th</sup> Caroline Jewers can be contacted more directly at [cjewers@darkwing.uoregon.edu](mailto:cjewers@darkwing.uoregon.edu), (541) 346-4033.

**QUEER MIDDLE AGES,** The Graduate Center, City University of New York, (CUNY), **5 - 7 November 1998.** Two page abstracts and paper proposals should be addressed to the conference co-conveners: Francesca Canade Sautman, Department of French and Department of Women's Studies, Hunter College, e-mail:

fsautman@shiva.Hunter.cuny.edu or Steven Kruger, Department of English, Queens College, e-mail: steven\_kruger@qc.edu. **Deadline: session proposals 15 September 1997 and two-page abstracts 30 December 1997.**

1998 ANTHROPOLOGY OF RELIGION ANNUAL MEETING, 2 - 5 April 1998, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, USA. Proposals for organized sessions, panels, poster-sessions, workshops and individual papers, on any aspect of the anthropological study of religion. Information: Professor Harriet Joseph Ottenheimer, SASW/Anthropology, 204 Waters Hall, Kansas State Univ, Manhattan KS 66506, phone (785) 485-2703, fax (785) 532-6978, e-mail: mahafan@ksu.edu, or visit <http://www-personal.ksu.edu/~mahafan/csas98/>. **Deadline: 8 December 1997.**

SPECIAL ISSUE OF SPECULUM: "EUROPE IN THE YEAR 1000." The editors of *Speculum* invite the submission of articles on any aspect of the first millennium for publication in a special issue. See *Speculum* or the Medieval Academy Newsletter for further information. **Deadline: 31 January 1998.**

1999 BERKSHIRE CONFERENCE ON THE HISTORY OF WOMEN: "BREAKING BOUNDARIES," 4 - 6 June 1999, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, USA. Proposals for complete panels (normally two pages, one commentator, and a chair) or roundtables should be submitted in triplicate in a single packet marked "ATTN: Berkshire Conference" to: Sharon Strocchia, Department of History, Emory University, Atlanta GA 30322. **Deadline: 31 January 1998.**

23<sup>rd</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PATRISTIC, MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE STUDIES, Villanova University, 9 - 11 October 1998. Abstracts for individual papers or full sessions welcome. Send to: Dr Thomas A. Losoncyo or Karl A. Gersbach, OSA/PMR Conference, Villanova University, Villanova, PA 19085-1699.



## Conferences/ Conférences

33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON EDITORIAL PROBLEMS, "Computing the Edition: Problems in editing for the electronic medium," University of Toronto, 7 - 9 November 1997. Invited speakers include Peter Robinson, "The Canterbury Tales project and other electronic editions: where next?" Information: Jennifer Forbes, CEP97, PIMS, University of Toronto, 59 Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2C3.

ANNUAL MEETING, AMERICAN PHILOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, Chicago, 27 - 30 December 1997. Contact: American Philological Association, Dept of Classics, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA 01610, phone (508) 793-2203, fax (508) 793-3428, email [ziobro@hcacad.holycross.edu](mailto:ziobro@hcacad.holycross.edu).

ANNUAL MEETING, MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, Toronto, Ontario, 27 - 30 December 1997. Contact:

Modern Language Association, 10 Astor Place, New York, NY 10003, phone (212) 475-9500, fax (212) 477-9863, email [info@mla.org](mailto:info@mla.org).

**ANNUAL MEETING, AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**, Seattle, **8 - 11 January 1998**. Contact: American Historical Association, 400 A St. SE, Washington, DC 20003, phone (202) 544-2422, fax (202) 544-8307.

**18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF MEDIEVAL ART HISTORIANS**, York University, **19 - 22 March 1998**. Information: Richard Schneider, Department of History, York University, 4700 Keele Street, North York, Ontario M3J 1P3.

**ANNUAL MEETING, MEDIEVAL ACADEMY OF AMERICA**, Stanford University, **26 - 28 March 1998**. Contact Medieval Academy of America, 1430 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138, phone (617) 491-1622.

**PARCHMENT AND POLITICS: WRITING, IMAGES, AND AUTHORITY IN THE MIDDLE AGES**, Center for Medieval Studies, Fordham University, **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, 3 - 4 April 1998**. Information: H. Wayne Storey, Director of Medieval Studies, FMH 405, Fordham Univ, Bronx, New York 10458-5162, email [medievales@murray.fordham.edu](mailto:medievales@murray.fordham.edu), fax (718) 817-3987.

**33<sup>rd</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON MEDIEVAL STUDIES**, Western University, Kalamazoo, MI, **7 - 10 May 1998**. Information: Medieval Institute, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008-3801, telephone

(616) 387-8745, fax (616) 387-8750, email [mdvl\\_congres@wmich.edu](mailto:mdvl_congres@wmich.edu), <http://www.wmich.edu/medieval/congress>.

**2<sup>nd</sup> CONFERENCE ON FIFTEENTH-CENTURY ENGLAND**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, **4 - 6 May 1998**. Contact: Sharon D. Michalove, Department of History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 309 Gregory Hall, 810 S. Wright St., Urbana, IL 61801, telephone (217) 333-4145, fax (217) 333-2297, or email [mlove@uiuc.edu](mailto:mlove@uiuc.edu).

**5<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL MEDIEVAL CONGRESS**, University of Leeds, UK, **13 - 16 July 1998**. Information: Axel E. W. Müller, IMC Director, International Medieval Institute, Parkinson 103, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT, UK, phone 44-113-233-3614, fax 44-113-233-3616, email [IMC@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:IMC@leeds.ac.uk).

**BIENNIAL CONGRESS, NEW CHAUCER SOCIETY**, University of Paris-Sorbonne, **17 -20 July 1998**. Contact Christian Zacher, Director, New Chaucer Society, % Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, 256 Cunz Hall, Ohio State Univ, 1841 Millikin Rd., Columbus OH 43210-1229, phone (614) 292-2061, fax (614) 292-8666, email [zacher.1@osu.edu](mailto:zacher.1@osu.edu).

**9<sup>th</sup> TRIENNIAL CONGRESS, INTERNATIONAL COURTLY LITERATURE SOCIETY**, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, **25 - 30 July 1998**. Information: Chantal Phan, ICLS 1998, Department of French, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1, phone, (604) 822-4038, fax (604) 822-6675, email [phan@unixg.ubc.ca](mailto:phan@unixg.ubc.ca).

"THE ELEVENTH CENTURY" 3<sup>rd</sup> INTERNATIONAL MEDIEVAL LATIN CONGRESS, Cambridge, UK, 9 - 12 September 1998. Contact: Peter Dronke, Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages, University of Cambridge, Sidgwich Ave., Cambridge CB3 9DA, UK.

"THE MEDIEVAL FRENCH ALEXANDER" INTERNATIONAL MEDIEVAL FRENCH STUDIES COLLOQUIUM, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 6 - 8 November 1998. Contact: Donald Maddox and Sara Sturm-Maddox, Dept of French and Italian, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003, phone (413) 545-2314, fax (413) 545-4778, email maddox@frital.umass.edu.



## News/Nouvelles

**MEDIEVAL ACADEMY TRAVEL GRANTS** for independent or unaffiliated scholars. Applications should consist of a one-page abstract of the paper to be presented; a one-page curriculum vitae; a photocopy of the call for papers issued by the meeting's organizers; and the names, phone numbers, and addresses (including electronic) of two references. Send applications to Travel Grant Competition, Medieval Academy of America, 1430 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138. **Deadline: 1 May 1998.**

**SUMMER COURSES IN MEDIEVAL LATIN.** In 1998 the Centre for Medieval Studies in Toronto will offer summer courses in Medieval Latin at the MA and/or PhD levels. The courses will be concurrent and will last seven weeks (22 June to 7 August). Enrolment will be restricted

and will depend on performance in the April examination (please see notice in this Newsletter). Fee for the courses: \$600 (US) for non-Canadians, \$600 (Cdn) for Canadians. Some scholarship support may be available. For details and information on the examinations, please write (with \$2.00 mailing fee) to: A.G. Rigg, Medieval Latin Committee, Centre for Medieval Studies, 39 Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2C3, Canada, or visit the web homepage <http://www.chass.utoronto.ca:8080/~medieval/www/welcome.html>.

**ASSESSMENT IN MEDIEVAL LATIN.** The Centre for Medieval Studies in Toronto continues to offer examinations to external students. Examinations in 1998 will be as follows: MA level, 13 April and 9 September; PhD level, 15 April and 11 September. Fee for examinations \$50 (US) for non-Canadians, \$50 (Cdn) for Canadians. For details and application forms, please write to: A. G. Rigg, Medieval Latin Committee, Centre for Medieval Studies; 39 Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2C3, Canada, or visit our webpage at <http://www.chass.utoronto.ca:8080/~medieval/www/welcome.html>. Note that admission into the Summer Latin courses (see notice in this Newsletter) will be decided on the basis of the April MA examination.

**1998-99 VISITING HUMANITIES FELLOWSHIP,** Humanities Research Group, University of Windsor. Letters of application should include a rationale for working with the HRG, a curriculum vitae, one page abstract, and a detailed description of the research project. Applicants should arrange to have three letters of reference sent directly to the HRG before the deadline. Incomplete applications cannot be considered. Applications should be forwarded to: The Director, Humanities Research Group, Univ

of Windsor, 401 Sunset Avenue, Windsor, Ontario N9B 3P4, telephone (519) 253-3000 ext 3508, email hrgmail@uwindsor.ca, fax (519) 971-3620 or visit the website located at <http://www.uwindsor.ca/research/hrg>. **Deadline: February 16, 1998.**

**Joanne Findon** has published *A Woman's Words: Emer And Female Speech In The Ulster Cycle* (University of Toronto Press, 1997) \$35.00.

**Andrew McDonald**, (Trent University) has published *The Kingdom Of The Isles: Scotland's Western Seaboard, c. 1100-c.1336* (Edinburgh: Tuckwell Press, 1997). The book explores the history of the western seaboard of Scotland (the Hebrides, Argyll, and the Isle of Man) in a formative but obscure era: the central Middle Ages, from Somerled of Argyll (d. 1164) to John MacDonald, the first Lord of the Isles. ISBN 1898410852; £16.99 paper.

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Medieval Workshop on HISTORY, APOCALYPSE, AND THE SECULAR IMAGINATION, AN INTERDISCIPLINARY SYMPOSIUM ON AUGUSTINE'S *CITY OF GOD*, was held at Green College, University of British Columbia on 18 - 20 September 1997. The keynote speakers were Joanna Vecchiarelli Soctt (E. Michigan), "Hannah Arendt's Secular Augustinianism"; J. Kevin Coyle (St. Paul, Ottawa), "Adapted Discourse: Heaven in Augustine's *City of God* and in His Con-temporary Preaching"; James J. O'Donnell (Pennsylvania), "Augustine the Pagan"; Gerard J.P. O'Daly (University College London), "Thinking through History: Augustine's Method in the *City of God*"; Philippe Bruggisser (Fribourg), "City of the Outcast and City of the Elect: The Romulean Asylum in Augustine's *City of God* and Servius' *Commentaries on Virgil*";

Eugene Vance (Washington, Seattle), "Tragedy, Theatricality, and Eschatology in the *City of God*"; Kathryn Kerby-Fulton (Victoria), "Silencing Optimism: Ecclesiastical Censorship and Late Medieval Alternatives to Augustinian Eschatology"; Richard K. Emmerson (W. Washington), "Antichrist in Late Medieval Illuminated Books: The Continuity of the Augustinian Tradition."

### Harold Johnson 1919-1997

Harold Johnson, an historian of philosophy at the University of Western Ontario and member of the CSM, died on 23 October 1995. He may be best remembered by medievalists for his edition of *The Medieval Tradition of Natural Law* published by Western Michigan in 1987. Professor Johnson attended the CSM conference held in Calgary in 1994 and was a constant source of inspiration to all who met him. His enthusiastic inquiry into all aspects of medieval thought from Eriugena to Maimonides inspired generations of students at UWO. For those students he was an unforgettable figure, almost impish in his intellectual delight in puzzling over ontological arguments and proofs for the existence or non-existence of God. He filled student essays and his own books, which he took pride in binding with colourful paper, with minuscule, blue notes. He was forever storing up questions and subjects to be pursued with his students on some future occasion. He will be sorely missed by his once and future students and by those medievalists around the world who were lucky enough to have know him.



## Assisi: Earthquake

Medievalists around the world have been saddened by the massive earthquakes that hit Italy earlier this autumn. Assisi, in particular, was severely hit and the Basilica of St Francis has been closed due to structural damage. Many of the libraries and archives in Umbria have also been damaged. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the restoration work or to assist victims of the earthquake, many of whom are housed only in tents, may send a cheque to:

Minister Generalis  
Ordinis Fratrum Minorum Conventualium  
Piazzo SS Apostoli, 51  
00187 Roma, Italy

designating either: "Basilica di San Francesco in Assisi" or "Vittimi Terremotati Umbria e Marche"



## Msgr. Edward A. Synan (1918 - 1997)

Edward A. Synan, Senior Fellow Emeritus of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies and Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at St. Michael's College, died in August at the age of 79. He had taught at the Institute and St. Michael's for 38 years.

Father Synan taught and wrote about leading figures like Augustine, Anselm, Thomas Aquinas, and Maimonides. He had a special interest and expertise in the history of logic. He published eight books and eighty journal articles. Just two weeks before his death he finished *The Ethics of St. Thomas Aquinas: Two Courses*, an edition of class lectures of Ignatius Eschmann, O.P.

Edward Synan was a tireless conversationalist and an active, vibrant man with many causes and countless friends. In the 1980s he campaigned vigorously for the Solidarity movement in Poland and received a letter of tribute from its founder Lech Walensa. His avocations varied from calligraphy to military history. Named a Prelate of Honour to His Holiness Pope John Paul II in 1979, he was also awarded honorary degrees from Seton Hall University, the University of Dallas, and Darlington Seminary. The Royal Society of Canada elected him a fellow in 1980.

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- ✎ si vous préparez un cours, un séminaire, une conférence ou une réunion quelconque sur le Moyen Age;
- ✎ si vous êtes engagé(e) dans un projet de recherche;
- ✎ si vous avez quelques nouvelles à nous communiquer sur vous-même ou sur vos collègues engagés dans les études sur le Moyen Age.

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- ✍ if you are publishing a book, article or review;
- ✍ if you have been named to any academic committee or administrative post;
- ✍ if you are planning a course, a seminar, a conference or meeting on the Middle Ages;
- ✍ if you are engaged in a research project;
- ✍ if you have any news about yourself or others involved in the Medieval Studies.

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