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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

LE PROCHAIN CONGRÈS

Le colloque de la Société
Canadienne Médiévistes
aura lieu à l'université
Dalhousie, Halifax, les 30-
31 mai et le 1^{er} juin.

The Annual Conference of the
Canadian Society of
Medievalists will be at
Dalhousie University, Halifax,
May 30, 31 and June 1.

Cynthia Neville is our local liaison representative
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Canadian Society of Medievalists / Société canadienne des médiévistes**Provisional Program / Programme préliminaire**

*An updated version will be posted on the Society's website.
Une version corrigée sera disponible sur notre site-web.*

*The sessions will be held in Marion McCain Building, room 1170
Les séances auront lieu dans le Bâtiment Marion McCain, salle 1170*

To register, consult the Federation website. / Pour s'inscrire, veuillez consulter le site-web de la Fédération.

Friday May 30 / vendredi 30 mai

8:30-9 :00 *Welcome / Mot de bienvenue*

9:00-10:30 *Session 1 Chaucer=s Poetics
Séance 1 L=art poétique de Chaucer
Chair / Président : James Weldon*

Bruce Gilchrist (McGill University): "Dogme 1395: The Face of Chaucer's Clerk's Tale and von Trier's Breaking the Waves"

Eyvind Ronquist (Concordia University): "Chaucer's Provisions for Future Contingencies"

Douglas Wurtele (Carleton University): "Reflections of the Book of Job and Gregory's Moralia in Chaucer's Monk's Tale"

10:30-10:45 *Coffee Break / Pause-café*

10:45-12:15 *Session 2 Romance
Séance 2 Le roman médiéval
Chair / Président : Andrew Taylor*

Loula Abd-Elrazak (Université de Montréal) Guillaume d=Orange en prose

James Weldon (Wilfrid Laurier University): "Translating Bad Poetry: The Case of Thomas Chestre and Lybeaus Desconus."

Mark Rosner (University of Winnipeg): "Le jeu d'échecs dans Le roman du Conte d'Anjou"

12:15-1:45 *Lunch / Déjeuner*

1:45-3:15 *Plenary Session / Conférence plénière
Chair / Président : Andrew Taylor*

Professor David Bell (Memorial University of Newfoundland): "Learning & Literacy among Medieval English Nuns"

3:15-3:30 *Coffee Break / Pause-café*

3:30-4:30 *Session 3 Women=s Devotional Reading
Séance 3 Lectures pieuses des femmes
Chair / Président : Douglas Wurtele*

Geoffrey Rector (Columbia University): "Histories in Venerable Places: Alienation, Vernacular Reading and the Pedagogical Histories of the Vie de saint Alexis"

Catherine Innis-Parker (University of Prince Edward Island): "Serendipity and the Medievalist: A Tale of Two Manuscripts"

Aileen MacDonald (Memorial University of Newfoundland): "Alternative Triangles in Eliduc of Marie de France and the Life of St. Catherine by Clemence of Barking"

Saturday May 31 / samedi 31 mai

9:00-10:30 *Session 4 Langues et résolution des conflits
Séance 4 Languages and Conflict Resolution*

Kouky Fianu (University of Ottawa): "Langues et juridictions gracieuses à

Orléans: les ententes passées à l'officialité et à la prévôté aux XIV^e et XV^e siècles"

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- Andrew Taylor (University of Ottawa): "The whether the trowth may shewe': The Mercer's Petition and the Rise of Standard English"
- Serge Lusignan (Université de Montréal): "Les Anglais en France durant la guerre de Cent ans: langues des négociations, des traités et de l'admiration du territoire"
- Brian Merrilees (University of Toronto): Response and Comments / Répondant
- 10:30-10:45** **Coffee Break / Pause-café**
- 10:45-12:00** **Plenary Session / Conférence plénière**
Chair / Présidente : Carol Harvey
- Professor Brian Merrilees (University of Toronto): "The Functional Page: Looking at Manuscript Dictionaries"
- 12:15-1:45** **Lunch / Déjeuner**
- 1:45-3:15** **Session 5 In Praise of Women**
Séance 5 Éloge de la femme
Chair / Présidente : Kouky Fianu
- Renée Ward (University of Alberta): "Female Sovereignty in the Mede Episode of William Langland's Piers Plowman"
- Christine McWebb (University of Alberta): "Des cités au féminin dans la littérature médiévale"
- Kelly-Ann Gilroy (Memorial University of Newfoundland): "La Bible et la subjugation des femmes dans Le livre de la deablerie"
- 3:15-3:30** **Coffee Break / Pause-café**
- 3:30-4:30** **Annual General Meeting / Assemblée générale annuelle**
- 4:30-6:30** **Reception at the home of Cynthia Neville / Réception chez Cynthia Neville**
- 7:00** **Banquet**

Sunday June 1 / dimanche 1 juin

- 9:30-10:30** **Session 6 Popular Culture, Yesterday and Today**
Séance 6 La culture populaire, hier et aujourd'hui
Chair / Présidente : Catherine Innes-Parker
- Christa Canitz (University of New Brunswick): "Medieval Women in Contemporary Popular Culture"
- Carol Everest (The King's College): "Sexual Dysfunction in the Middle Ages"
- Susan Hopkirk (University of Prince Edward Island): "The Monstrous Knight: The Feudal Guardian in Flamenca"
- 10:30-10:45** **Coffee Break / Pause-café**
- 10:45-12:15** **Session 7 Aspects of Conflict and Co-operation in Medieval Britain**
Séance 7 Conflit et coopération en Angleterre et Écosse
- Kevin Whetter (Acadia University): "The Historicity of Combat in Le Morte Darthur"
- Andrew McDonald (Brock University): "Dynastic and Political Challenges of the Canmore Kings of Scots, 1100-1235"
- Scott Moir (University College of Cape Breton): "The Justices of the Peace and the Boundaries of Centre and Peripheries in Scotland, 1587-1660"
- Cynthia Neville (Dalhousie University): Response and Comments / Répondant
- 12:15-1:45** **Lunch / Déjeuner**
- 1:45-3:15** **Session 9 Conflict Within Urban and Monastic Communities**
Séance 9 Conflit dans les communautés religieuses et urbaines
- Marc Saurette (University of Toronto): "Adopting New Habits: Ideas of Custom and Customaries in the Letters of Peter the Venerable and Bernard of Clairvaux"
- Natalie Stepien (University of Winnipeg): "Miracle d'une femme que Nostre Dame garda d'estre arse"
- John McEwan (Royal Holloway College, University of London): "William FitzOsbert and the Crisis of 1195 in London"



Canadian Society of Medievalists
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MINUTES
Annual General Meeting
University of Toronto, 28 May 2002

Chair: Dr. Andrew Taylor, President/Secretary-Treasurer

1. **Approval of the agenda.** Andrew noted that item 5 may be deferred, pending the schedule of the Federation officers.
Motion: that the agenda be approved, pending changes to the timing of item 5.
J. Toswell/ C. Canitz. Carried.
2. **Approval of the minutes of 26 May 2001.**
J. Weldon/ H.-H. R kel. Carried.
3. **Business arising.**
None.
4. **Presentation by representative from SSHRC.**
Pierre-Fran ois Le Fol summarised SSHRC activities during the past year, noting that the association remains drastically underfunded compared to the NSRC. At present, only 26% of faculty are funded through SSHRC with a goal to achieve 50% funding over the next five years. SSHRC is being pressured to increase funding for new faculty research and to the MA level in new strategic themes. This past year, \$168 million was requested by 1,802 applicants: 738 awards were granted and more than 500 additional projects were recommended but did not receive funding due to financial restraints. This inability to fund deserving projects reflects the need for continued lobbying of the federal government for increased budget allocations to SSHRC.
The average amount of awards increased but the number of awards rose only slightly. Committee One, which includes medieval studies, recommended 53 applicants of whom 46 were funded for an average award of \$61,000; for medieval studies applicants, 6 of the 16 recommended applicants were funded for an average award of \$81,000. Pursuant to last year's concerns, new scholars were evaluated separately but their success rate declined to 19.5% from 32% last year, indicating the need for increased mentoring by senior scholars and the circulation of outstanding applications as exempla. In response to a query from J. Murray, M. Le Fol replied that SSHRC's goal was to triple the current budget. C. Harvey raised the concern that SSHRC evaluators may be favouring senior scholars as 'proven producers' over junior scholars as 'unknown entities.'
5. **Reports.**
 - a) **President: Andrew Taylor.** Andrew noted that there are 142 paying and honorary members, down slightly from last year. He also announced that the Leonard Boyle competition was successful this year. Members were urged to continue active support for the Federation policy of questioning the federal government's focus on science-technology funding.
Andrew suggested that the Society undertake to disseminate research by Canadian medievalists and to increase the role of the society through a programme mentorship.
Andrew extended thanks on behalf of the Society to the Fellows of the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies for making their reading space available during the conference and also offered congratulations on the recent publication of the Dictionary of Old English.
 - b) **Vice-President: Carol Harvey.** Carol reported that *Scrinium* continues to publish twice yearly: one issue being a general newsletter and the second containing the conference programme. She

requested that submissions for a section concerning 'News from the World' be submitted to J. Weldon.

- c) **Secretary-Treasurer: Andrew Taylor.** The annual financial report was presented. Andrew noted that much of the Society's funds are held in trust and that most of the costs associated with this year's conference were not yet deducted. The slight surplus from last year's conference at Laval helped to cover the costs of sending *Florilegium 18* to all new members (42 members for a total cost of \$645) and Andrew announced that a private donor has been arranged to permit a second mailing.

Andrew explained that the instability of mutual funds has adversely affected the Labarge prize fund over the past year and that this year's award would seriously deplete the reserve. He suggested that the cost of this year's prize be drawn from general CSM monies. Concern over the effect of poor performance by mutual funds on the Labarge prize fund resulted in suggestions that additional donations to the fund be sought.

Motion: that the secretary-treasurer search for secure, profitable, and cashable investment opportunities that consistently provide a higher rate of return and that the Society allow the secretary-treasurer to transfer funds accordingly.

G. Clark/J. Toswell. Carried.

In subsequent discussion, it was noted that, since the CSM has an obligation to protect its funds from risk, mutual funds might not be the best investment strategy.

Motion: that the financial report be accepted.

G. Clark/J. Allen. Carried.

Motion: that the Labarge prize for this year be drawn from CSM funds.

J. Murray/C. Canitz. Carried.

- d) **Leonard E. Boyle Dissertation Prize: Jim Weldon.** Jim announced that 9 new submissions had been received for a total of 10 applications and that the committee recommended that the prize be awarded to Maidie Hilmo (Department of English, University of Victoria, "Images, Icons, and Texts: Illustrated English Literary Works from the Ruthwell Cross to the Ellesmere Chaucer"). He also suggested some changes to the application procedures including a reduction in the number of hard copies required and that the applicant should apply personally and provide a declaration of citizenship or residence.

Motion: that the Society accepts the decision of the committee and awards the prize as recommended.

J. Weldon/J. Murray. Carried.

Motion: that the requirement for four hard copies be changed to one hard copy and an electronic version on disc.

J. Weldon/C. Harvey. Carried.

Motion: that the candidate be required to include a declaration of citizenship or residence with their application.

J. Weldon/C. Harvey. Carried.

At present, the Boyle prize consists of 3-year membership including *Florilegium* but that no provisions are made for the winner to travel to a conference to present their dissertation and that successful dissertations generally leave Boyle candidates ineligible for home university funding. Jim suggested that the amount of the prize be increased or that travel assistance be provided. The plan was generally accepted but it was noted that there could be difficulties since the conference programme is due in advance (February) of the awarding of the prize. The possibilities of a one-year lag between award and presentation or slotting a generic presentation into the programme

were discussed. With respect to the travel funding, it was suggested that a letter from CSM to the University president might induce travel assistance from the home University. Increasing the profile of the award could also augment funding opportunities, for example, by publishing notices in *Scrinium* and on the CSM website, sending letters to departments, and having the Federation provide a press release. The committee chair and the Society executive will investigate the problem further.

Andrew thanked Jim for his work on the Boyle committee and his suggestions for the improvement of the award process.

- e) **Margaret Wade Labarge Book Prize – A. Taylor for Cynthia Neville.** Andrew presented the statement of the award winner Matthew Keffler. Cynthia Neville's report contained suggestions that addresses the limited number of applications received annually, including the possibility that the award be only offered every 2-3 years. Jacqueline raised the possibility that the Boyle and 'Polly' be awarded in alternate years but Jim noted that it would be difficult to deal with the Boyle only every two years. Carol suggested that the low number of application might be remedied through improved communication. In light of the current arrangement of the executive, Andrew suggested that the decision to make the award biennial be revisited at the next meeting, noting that, to avoid any possible conflict of interest in the case of arbitration, the activities of communication are the responsibility of the committee chair.

Motion: that Cynthia Neville's report be accepted.

J. Toswell/C. Harvey. Carried.

6. Reports interrupted for a discussion by HSS Federation representations: The organisation's name will be changing to Canadian Federation for Humanities and Social Sciences as of July 1, 2002 in a move to distinguish from SSHRC. Since scholarly associations are such a critical aspect of research activities, the Federation has received a grant to investigate the role of scholarly associations. As part of this programme, the Federation has identified the need for new scholars and has established a task force to consider the manner in which these people are being brought into the scholarly community. A five-year fund-raising campaign has been implemented under Robert Merrett (U of A) to raise \$11 million, granting the Federation a greater degree of financial independence from SSHRC. A major communications campaign is planned to consider ways to redress funding imbalances in Humanities and the Social Sciences at Canadian universities, including informational brochures, press releases, and an increased visibility at the Congress. Corollary to this would be the expansion of the conference travel grant programme that, under SSHRC, is highly restrictive based on year of founding (CSM, for example, was founded too late for its members to be eligible). Resolution on this issue is anticipated within the next year.

... Meeting returned to scheduled agenda items:

- f) **Florignum: J. Toswell.** The success of a recent SSHRC application for \$4,500 has resulted in a grant of \$4,010 over three years. As a result, a new printer was employed for Volume 17 which was mailed last June. Volume 18 has been divided into two sections: 18.1 is a collection of 8 papers while 18.2 contains papers as well as poetic submissions. Both issues are expected to mail mid-June while Volumes 19 and 20 are scheduled for 2002-2003 with Volume 19 anticipated in November.

There have been additional financial expenditures over the past year, including work on the Boyle prize and a campaign to increase institutional subscriptions. Carol suggested that the existence of a federal programme to subsidise institutional mailing be investigated. It was suggested that the content of Volume 19 or 20 focus on teaching the Middle Ages and be composed of three major elements: 1. graduate students – discuss what techniques and styles were effective, what helped to influence choice of medieval studies; 2. faculty – include course outlines with consideration for what has worked or changed, books in use, interdisciplinary approaches, problems and solutions; 3. a section dealing with the 'best former teacher.' The call for papers will be sent in *Scrinium* and *Florilegium* as well as by e-mail lists.

Motion: To accept the report.

G. Clark/C. Harvey. Carried.

Since the end of the five-year term as editor for *Florilegium* is approaching, Jacqueline moved to renew the term for 3 years (Carol Harvey, second). However, the question arose whether the term can be other than the full five years. Andrew noted that the wording does not clearly specify what the "renewed term" should be and Jacqueline pointed out that, given the numerous changes on the horizon, e.g. end of SSHRC, a mid-presidential term, there should be some continuity for *Florilegium* but that restructuring may be required in response to both internal and external changes.

Vote: in favour – 6; against – 2; abstentions – 9. Carried.

A three year term was offered to J. Toswell who will consider the proposal.

7. New Business

- a. Best student paper award – decisions deferred to following year due to low number of submissions.
- b. CSM Funding – a letter is being prepared that will encourage financial assistance from institutions associated with the CSM.

8. Elections

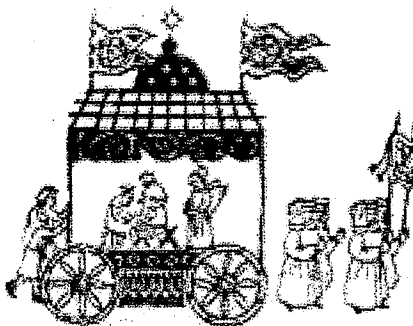
Vice-President: Jim Weldon; Advisory Board additions: Hans-Herbert S. Räkel, Université de Montréal; Susanna Akbari, University of Toronto; Andrew Gow, University of Alberta; Kelly Morris, University of Minnesota.

Motion: Accept Nomination for Vice-President and additions to the Advisory Board.
G. Clark/ R. Wehlau. Carried.

9. A. Taylor: Invitation to next year's conference and request for panels to be forwarded to Carol in early January; e-mail submissions will be acceptable.
10. A. Taylor extended special thanks to several people who contributed to the success of the conference: David Townsend for arrangements in Toronto; members of the executive and other committees, especially Carol Harvey for her excellent advice and support; Jim Weldon for his phenomenal work with the Boyle Prize; and Jane Toswell for her tremendous effort in moving *Florilegium* forward.
11. Motion to adjourn meeting.
C. Canitz/ C. Harvey. Carried.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Kelly Morris



**Florilegium****ONE-TIME SALE, TWO MONTHS ONLY****April and May 2003**

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an Honorary Consulting Editor.

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Florilegium, the annual publication of the Canadian Society of Medievalists, is devoted to studies of Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages; it publishes articles in English and French. The Editor will be appointed for a five-year term, effective 2003. Candidates should be proficient in both official languages and should have the support of their institution. If you are interested in this position, if you would like to nominate a fellow medievalist, or for further information, please contact:

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Florilegium, le journal annuel de la Société canadienne des médiévistes, publie des articles en français et en anglais sur l'Antiquité tardive et sur le Moyen Âge. L'éditeur sera nommé pour un mandat de cinq ans, à partir de 2003. Il / elle devra être compétent dans les deux langues et devra bénéficier de l'appui de son établissement. Si vous vous intéressez à ce poste, si vous voulez nommer un(e) collègue médiéviste, ou pour avoir de plus amples renseignements, veuillez contacter:

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Annual CSM Banquet



Ryan Duffy's, 5640 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia

May 31, 2003 7:00 PM

Banquet Fee- \$40.00 (Cdn) per person (does not include wine)

Menu

Sweet Potato Bisque
with molasses crème fraîche
or

Marinated Sweet Pepper & Black Olive Salad
tossed with crisp green & Feta cheese

Breast of Chicken Neptune
Stuffed with Snow Crab & chives the finished
with a shrimp velouté sauce
or

12oz. Rib Eye Steak
with mushroom onion relish

Annapolis Valley Apple Crisp
with old fashioned vanilla ice cream
or
Double Chocolate Cherry Cheesecake

Coffee/Tea

Please send cheque payable to Cynthia Neville for the amount of \$40 NO LATER THAN 15 May, at the following address: Department of History Dalhousie University, 6135 University Avenue. Halifax, NS B3H 4P9. Telephone During Evenings: (902) 423-0760 Email: c.neville@dal.ca.

Anyone with special dietary needs please advise Cynthia when you send your banquet fee.



Medieval Studies and the Politics of Dilution

Despite valiant efforts by medievalists, medieval courses in Canada are on the wane for a variety of reasons. Often the courses with the lowest enrolments, medieval courses will continue to pale and ultimately vanish in the new (or not so new) market and corporate management grid that has slowly infiltrated and dominated our institutions of higher learning.

In some departments, there are no longer full-time medievalists, whereas ten or fifteen years ago there were perhaps two or three. Retiring medievalists are not replaced, and part-time faculty are often enlisted to teach their medieval courses.

Particularly effective in the campaign to sideline medieval studies is the growing trend to split former full-year courses into term courses. Whereas term courses may well be appropriate for many subjects, they do not easily work with Old English, Middle English, History, Old French and a host of other medieval courses

where it takes the better part of a term for students to shift cultural perspectives adequately enough for them to begin to appreciate a distant cultural past or to forge the discipline required for such material. Typically, a term course in Old English becomes the norm. The result for medieval studies is a series of introductory course that can never move beyond the basics.

And yet our bookstores report that sales in academic medieval books outnumber most other areas of interest. Popular films with medieval themes continue to have high box-office sales.

One thing we can do is to begin to record our own statistics. For the next issue of *Scrinium*, please send to the editor your thoughts and experiences about the state of medieval studies in Canada. If you have statistics and experiences to relate concerning the shift from full-year to term courses, please send them to the editor (see the back page) no later than September 15, 2003.

Canadian Conferences

Medieval and Renaissance Studies Colloquium

Colloque des Études du Moyen Âge et de la Renaissance

APPEL DE COMMUNICATION

Colloque des Études du Moyen Âge et de la Renaissance
Samedi, 26 avril, 2003

La Société pour les Études du Moyen Âge et de la Renaissance à Carleton University et à l'Université d'Ottawa lance un appel de communication pour un colloque qui aura lieu le samedi 26 avril 2003 à l'Université d'Ottawa. Nous sollicitons des propositions de communication de 20 minutes, surtout par des étudiants de maîtrise et de doctorat, dans tous les domaines. Veuillez expédier une proposition d'une page avant le 31 mars à Andrew Taylor (ataylor@uottawa.ca) ou à Siobhain Bly Calkin (siobhain_bly@carleton.ca) par courriel ou à l'une des deux addresses suivantes:

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Medieval and Renaissance Studies Colloquium
Saturday, 26 April, 2003

The Society for the Study of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance at Carleton university and the University of Ottawa invites proposal for papers for a colloquium at the University of Ottawa on Saturday, 26 April 2003. We are seeking papers of 20 minutes in all fields and are especially interested in papers by graduate students. Please send a one-page abstract to Andrew Taylor (ataylor@uottaw.ca) or Siobhain Bly Calkin (siobhain_bly@carleton.ca) by e-mail or to one of the addresses posted above.

Inventio—Reading the Rhetorical Tradition

A multidisciplinary rhetoric conference at the University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, August 8-9, 2003. Keynote speakers include Rita Copeland, Barbara Cassin, and Jonathan Culler. For further information, contact Michael MacDonald - email: mmacdon@artsmail.uwaterloo.ca

33rd Annual Medieval Workshop

33^{ème} Colloque Annuel d'Études Médiévales

Le Comité des Études Médiévales de l'Université de Colombie-Britannique lance un appel aux communications pour son 33^{ème} Colloque Annuel d'Études Médiévales qui aura lieu du 31 Octobre 2003 au 2 Novembre 2003 sur le thème suivant : «Nobles Idéaux et Réalités Sanglantes: La Guerre au Moyen-Âge, 378-1492.»

The Committee for Medieval Studies at the University of British Columbia invites proposals for papers to be given at the 33rd Annual Medieval Workshop, to be held on 31st October-2nd November, 2003, on the theme of "Noble Ideals and Bloody Realities: Warfare in the Middle Ages, 378-1492."

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Le comité organisateur invite dès maintenant les propositions de communication touchant à n'importe quel aspect de la guerre au Moyen-Âge. Envoyer *avant le 20 Mars 2003* un résumé d'environ 300 mots et un bref CV à l'adresse suivante:

Please send *before March 20th, 2003* a 300-word abstract and a brief Curriculum Vitae to:

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News from Members

R. Andrew McDonald has joined the history department at Brock University in St Catharines (July 2002); he was previously at the University College of Cape Breton in Sydney, Nova Scotia. In May 2002 University of Toronto Press published his edited volume of essays entitled *History Literature and Music in Scotland 700-1560*. In November 2002 he presented a keynote address on "William Wallace, Robert Bruce, and the Wars of Scotland" at a symposium on "Scotland's Rebels, Saints and Kings" at the Smithsonian in Washington DC.

Chris L. Nighman joins the history department at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario (July 2003). Chris has taught recently at the University of Toronto and Wilfrid Laurier University. His article "Accipiant qui vocati sunt", Richard Fleming's Reform Sermon at the Council of Constance" recently appeared in *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History*.

Robin Waugh, Department of English and Film Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, has been granted funding support from the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the

Ontario Innovation trust for the development of a Canadian Research Site for Oral Studies. The purpose of the site is the collection, preservation, and analysis of oral stories from the traditions and cultures within Canada. Research at the site will include study of the relationships between oral-traditional narratives from the medieval era and oral-traditional narratives from the modern era.



New Medieval Studies Program at Laurier

Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, begins a new interdisciplinary medieval studies program in September 2003. The program includes an Honours undergraduate degree in combination with another Honours subject, as well as a general major and minor. Students can combine a number of undergraduate courses in medieval studies and medievalism from a wide variety of disciplines including History, Fine Arts, Classics, Religion and Culture, Languages and Literatures, Music, English and Film Studies, and Geography.

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