28 August 2012
CMRS Film Series: *Man of La Mancha* (1972)
Directed by Arthur Hiller
Starring: Peter O’Toole, Sophia Loren, and James Coco
7:30 PM, 014 University Hall

29 August 2012
Medieval and Renaissance Graduate Student Association (MRGSA) Meet-and-Greet
308 Dulles Hall

7 September 2012
CMRS Lecture Series
Christina Lee, Nottingham University
*Able Bodies: Considerations of (Dis)ability in Anglo-Saxon England*
3:00 PM, 090 Science and Engineering Library

11 September 2012
CMRS Film Series: *Don Quixote* (2000)
Directed by Peter Yates
Starring: John Lithgow, Bob Hoskins, and Isabella Rossellini
7:30 PM, 014 University Hall

28 September 2012
CMRS Lecture Series
Paul Hyams, Cornell University
*Serfdom Without Strings: Amartya Sen in the Middle Ages*
3:00 PM, 090 Science and Engineering Library

30 September 2011
MRGSA Welcome Party
Time and Location TBA

6 November 2012
CMRS Film Series: *Don Quixote, Knight Errant* (2002)
Directed by Manuel Gutiérrez Aragón
Starring: Juan Luis Gálardo, Carlos Iglesias, Manuel G. Aragón
7:30 PM, 014 University Hall

12 October 2012
CMRS Lecture Series
Julie Singer, Washington University, St. Louis
*Mental Illness, Self-Violence, and Civil War*
3:00 PM, 090 Science and Engineering Library

26-27 October 2012
Texts and Contexts: Center for Epigraphical & Paleographical Studies Conference
Virginia Brown Memorial Lecture
Craig Kallendorf, Texas A & M University
*Handwritten Marginalia in Early Printed Virgil Editions*

9 October 2012
CMRS Film Series: *Don Quijote, Part 2* (1991)
Directed by Manuel Gutiérrez Aragón
Starring: Fernando Rey, Alfredo Landa, and Francisco Merino
7:30 PM, 014 University Hall

16 November 2012
CMRS Lecture Series
John Lindow, University of California, Berkeley
*Maimed Bodies and Broken Systems in the Old Norse Imaginary*
3:00 PM, 090 Science and Engineering Library

30 November 2012
CMRS Lecture Series
Shigehisa Kuriyama, Harvard University
*Toward a History of Distraction*
3:00 PM, 090 Science and Engineering Library

Films for 2 & 9 October, *Don Quijote* (Manuel Gutiérrez Aragón), is a 5-part mini-series that covers the content of the first book, published in 1605. We will watch chapters one, two, and half of three on 2 October. We will watch the second-half of chapter three, and chapters four and five on 9 October. Each evening will be about 2 & 1/2 hours.

**Don Quixote, Knight Errant** (Manuel Gutiérrez Aragón), is a full-length movie which covers the content of the second book, published in 1615.
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The cover image “Saints Peter and John Healing the Cripple at the Gate of the Temple,” is a circa 1510-76 drawing by Giulio Bonasone after Perino de Vaga. The back cover image is from a book of hours at the Bodleian Library, University of Oxford, MS Douce d. 19, fol. 10v.
Greetings,

Well, semesters are finally here, and for CMRS, as for everyone else, this has meant a particularly truncated and hectic Summer. I’m sure I’m not the only one to find that the list of scholarly projects I had planned to complete by the start of classes has had to be shortened dramatically. And this was to be the Summer I reread Proust—temps perdu indeed!

Our staff here has had to work particularly hard to update our membership lists, coordinate the lecture series, and get *Nouvelles Nouvelles* out in time. For the lecture series semesters will make little difference (though we will have to see how the new Friday timetabling affects attendance); in fact it is slightly simpler to distribute ten lectures over two semesters than three quarters. *Nouvelles Nouvelles*, on the other hand, will now come out four times a year rather than six (two issues a semester rather than per quarter), though we will try to compensate by allowing each issue a little more space. This is also my cue to introduce to you our new editor, Robey Patrick, who takes over from Sarah Kernan with this issue. Sarah’s was a hard act to follow but I have no doubt that Robey will acquit himself with distinction.

As you will see from this issue, the 2012/13 lecture series is now in place and promises to be a particularly exciting one. Our theme is disabilities and abilities in the premodern world and we are kicking things off almost immediately with a visit from Christina Lee from Nottingham University in the UK who will be speaking on disability in Anglo-Saxon England (on September 7); she is to be followed (on September 28) by the legal historian Paul Hyams from Cornell whose subject is serfdom in the Middle Ages, and before the next issue of *Nouvelles Nouvelles* goes to press we will also be hosting Julie Singer (who teaches French and Italian at Washington University in St. Louis) who will speak to us about mental illness on October 12. The location is the same as in the past (the basement of the Science and Engineering Library) though the time (to accommodate the new timetabling) is a little later. Please mark your calendars.

With the changeover to semesters our film series will expand to six movies a term, and our inaugural series is being run in conjunction with Rebecca Haidt’s GEC course on *Don Quixote*. Along with such perennial favorites as the musical *The Man of La Mancha* we will be screening some rarely seen Spanish versions of the career of Cervantes’ indomitable hero. I would like to thank Rebecca for her help in planning this series, which is of course open to everyone, as always.

In haste,

Richard Firth Green
Director, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies
The Center for Epigraphical and Palaeographical Studies will host its annual manuscript conference on the campus of The Ohio State University, 26–27 October 2012. The conference boasts eighteen speakers who will address various topics related to script, manuscript transmission and illumination. The Virginia Brown Memorial Lecture will be delivered this year by Craig Kallendorf of Texas A & M University. There are several special panels on manuscript collections in North America and legal and medical texts.

The Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies is sponsoring a session on Manuscripts in North America.

Email epig@osu.edu or call 614-292-3280 for more information about the conference or the program. Also visit the website at http://epigraphy.osu.edu/.

OSU is a member of the Folger Institute, a consortium of 40 colleges and universities in collaboration with the Folger Shakespeare Library. As a member of the Institute, OSU affiliates have access to a variety of seminars, conferences, and colloquia in fields represented in the Folger Shakespeare Library collections.

The Folger Institute co-sponsors the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies/Folger Institute fellowship for postdoctoral scholars conducting research in the period 1660–1815. The Folger Institute also offers reciprocal privileges to affiliates of the Newberry Library Center for Renaissance Studies. Faculty members and advanced graduate students from the Folger Institute may apply to programs at the Newberry Library and receive travel support from the Folger Institute.

The Folger Institute also offers a variety of resources to researchers and teachers in the humanities. The website, particularly the Collaborative Websites and Resources page, lists resources and past programming. For more information, visit http://www.folger.edu/institute/ or email OSU’s Folger Institute representative, Eric Johnson at johnson.4156@osu.edu.

David Brewer (English) presented “The Inhumanity of Authors (and why it’s a good thing)” at the Long Eighteenth Century Seminar at the USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute on 20 April 2012.

Alcira Dueñas (History) has been awarded a 2012 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute Grant for the Program “Mesoamerica and the Southwest: A New History for an Ancient Land.” The program will take place on-site in different archeological locations in Mexico and the U.S. Southwest.

Richard Dutton (English) presented “The Role of Dramatic Censorship” at Community-Making in Early Stuart Theatres: A Symposium at Åbo Akademi in Finland on 24–26 May 2012.

Alan Farmer (English) presented “Foreign News in the Age of Shakespeare, 1588–1620” at the Shakespeare Association of America Conference in Boston on 6 April 2012.

Hannibal Hamlin (English) presented “The Early Modern English Bible as a Bible for Dummies” at The Ohio State University History of the Book Group in Columbus on 20 April 2012.

Lisa Kiser (English) presented “Resident Aliens: The Literary Ecology of Medieval Mice” at the 4th Annual Canada Chaucer Seminar at the University of Toronto Centre for Medieval Studies on 28 April 2012.

Brian Joseph (Linguistics, Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures) and Scott Levi (History), along with Theodora Dragostinova (History), Yana Hashamova (Slavic), Pranav Jani (English), Jessie Labov (Slavic), Andrea Sims (Slavic), and Mytheli Sreenivas (History), have together received a $175,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to organize a John E. Sawyer Seminar on the Comparative Study of Cultures. The grant collaborators will organize a year-long series of events in 2013-2014 focusing on the intersection of language, politics, and human expression in two geopolitically key regions of the world – the Balkans and South Asia. The unique yet similar interplay of language, nationalism, ideology, and religion with literature, film, and other forms of expression within each of these regions compels a comparative approach. The juxtaposition of the Balkans and South Asia will offer academics and policy-makers a transnational perspective on the relationships between culture and politics.


Geoffrey Parker (History) was named Principal Investigator for a project of the Hispanic Society of America to sort and catalog the cache of Golden Age Spanish documents that he discovered last year. The Society received a $50,000 grant from The Mellon Foundation for the project.

Georges Tamer (Near Eastern Languages and Cultures), M. S. Sofia Chair in Arabic Studies, has been awarded the 24-month prestigious Marie Curie Fellowship in the category “Senior Researcher” in the German Gerda Henkel Foundation’s M4HUMAN (Mobility for experienced researchers in historical humanities and Islamic studies) program for the project “The Concept of Time in the Koran.” This funding initiative is co-financed by the European Commission. One objective of this program is to increase networking between researchers in the historical humanities at the international level, including researchers in religious, cultural and political sciences under the special program “Islam, the Modern Nation State and Transnational Movements.” April 3, 2012
Youssef Yacoubi’s book offers new and fascinating perspectives on one of the most notorious cultural and religious controversies of recent times. It is also an original and important contribution to Salman Rushdie scholarship, postcolonial criticism, and Islamic theological debates and studies. “The Play of Reasons” argues that Salman Rushdie’s eclectic and hybridized work can be construed as “a kind of philosophy-in-literature” foregrounding an engagement with a number of Muslim “masters of suspicion” (classical and modern), out the interplay of Islamic traditions with Greek and Hindu influences in his prose is difficult to conceive as unitary in meaning precisely because it operates according to a polymorphous Islamic literary and theological register, while also being situated within an Islamic genealogy of theological and literary traditions. Rushdie’s prose demonstrates the extent to which literature is committed to a critical reconceptualization of history, truth, contingency. In the final analysis the author argues that Rushdie’s prose demonstrates the acceptance of the rhetoric of over-heated debates on Salman Rushdie and related matters. The attentive reader of this book will be inspired to do no less.”— Bernard McGuirk, Professor of Romance Literatures and Literary Theory, Director of International Consortium for the Study of Post-Conflict Cultures, University of Nottingham

Karen Winstead (English) published “Visualizing the South English Legendary: Bodleian Library, MS Tanner 17,” in Rethinking the South English Legendaries. Ed. Heather Blurton and Jocelyn Wogan-Browne. Manchester: Manchester University Press. 347-380. She also presented “Lydgate’s St. Austin Exemplum” at Truth and Tales: Medieval Popular Culture and the Written Word at the University of Toronto on 27 April 2012.


Monica Vickers (Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures) was awarded the Paissiy Award for Bulgarian studies in recognition of her work in manuscript studies. Monica will use the award money to defray the costs of attending the 7th Annual Meeting of the Slavic Linguistics Society, where she will present her research.

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**History of the Book**

**October 10, 2012**

Lecture and Workshop with
Erik Kwakkel
University of Leiden

“For Scrap to Book: The Use of Parchment Offcuts in Medieval Manuscript Culture”

1 pm - 5 pm

Thompson Library 150 A/B

**October 26, 2012**

Lecture with
Enrique García Santo-Tomás
University of Michigan


10:00 a.m.-Noon

Location TBD
Currently Assistant Professor of English at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA, Mark Rankin completed his Ph.D. in English Renaissance Literature in 2007, with a Certificate Specialization in Medieval and Renaissance Studies from CMRS. His specializations include English literature, 1475-1660, with emphasis on the English Renaissance and Reformation, Shakespeare, Tudor non-dramatic literature, and the History of the Book. He is also interested in late-Medieval literature, manuscript studies, and iconography. His dissertation, “Imagining Henry VIII: Cultural Memory and the Tudor King, 1535-1625,” was directed by John N. King (now Distinguished University Professor Emeritus and Humanities Distinguished Professor Emeritus of English & of Religious Studies) with whom he later co-edited, along with Christopher Highley, *Henry VIII and his Afterlives: Literature, Politics, and Art* (Cambridge, 2009). In 2008, his dissertation received the English Department’s Muste Award for Best Dissertation of the Year. During his tenure as a doctoral candidate at OSU, Mark published *Religious Orthodoxy and Dissent in Early Modern England* (OSU Libraries, 2005). He is currently completing a monograph titled *Henry VIII and the Language of Polemic in Early Modern England*.

In 2007 and again in 2009 Mark received a Project Assistantship from the National Endowment for the Humanities to help coordinate two Summer Seminars for College and University Teachers on “The Reformation of the Book: 1450-1650.” In 2011 he was short-term fellow at the Folger Shakespeare Library, where he also participated in the 2010 Folger Institute weekend workshop, “Reassessing Henry VIII.” During summer 2012 he co-directed “Tudor Books and Readers: 1485-1603,” a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for College and University Teachers which convened in Antwerp, London, and Oxford.

In addition to these projects, he is currently editing William Tyndale’s *The Practice of Prelates* (1530), which will be published by the Catholic University of America Press, and is co-editor, with James Carley (York University) and Richard Rex (Queen’s College Cambridge), of a planned edition and translation of the Henrician antiquary John Leland’s *Antiphilarchia*, a manuscript dialogue on the royal supremacy presented to Henry VIII as a New Year’s gift. He is currently also working on several projects dedicated to the playwright, scholar and controversialist John Bale. One of these concerns Bale’s unpublished manuscript response to James Chancellor’s *Path of Obedience* (1556), titled *A retourne of James Cancellers raylinge boke boke upon his own head* (1561). He has recently co-authored an article, with Guido Latre of the Université Catholique de Louvain, on “Materiality and the Iconography of the Coverdale Bible (1535) Title-Page Border” for *The Bible and the Arts*, edited by Stephen Prickett and forthcoming in 2013. Among several current article-length projects is a study, to be co-authored with James Calrey, following Mark’s discovery in the Worcester Cathedral Library of a copy of Albert Pighius’s *Hierarchiae Ecclesiasticae Assertio* (1538) containing marginalia by John Leland. Mark has authored or co-authored articles published in *The Sixteenth-Century Journal, Studies in English Literature, Reformation: The Journal of the Tyndale Society, The Yearbook of English Studies, and Studies in Medieval and Renaissance Teaching*. Among his chapters are essays in *The Oxford Handbook of Tudor Literature* (Oxford, 2009) and *The Encyclopedia of English Renaissance Literature* (Blackwell, 2012). In addition to regularly attending and presenting at the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference and the annual meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, he has lectured at McGill University, the University of Sheffield, and Birkbeck, University of London. He is currently also working on early responses to John Foxe’s woodcuts from the Book of Martyrs and sermons preached at Paul’s Cross during the reign of Mary Tudor.
The Stanley J. Kahrl Award was first given in 1987 in honor of Dr. Stanley J. Kahrl, distinguished scholar, professor, and the founding Director of the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. Dr. Kahrl was Director of CMRS from 1969-1978, was one of the founders of the Records of Early English Drama project, and author of numerous publications. Originally there was both an undergraduate as well as graduate student Kahrl Award, but in 2010 the graduate student award was re-named in the honor of Barbara A Hanawalt. In order to continue to honor and remember scholar and teaching legacy of Dr. Stanley J. Kahrl, the award seeks to highlight and recognize excellence in undergraduate research here at OSU in studies affiliated with Medieval and Renaissance Studies. Papers are nominated by CMRS faculty affiliates, and judged by a committee of affiliate faculty and the CMRS Director.

Rachel Mihalko
BA, History of Art

In “Flemish Painting in the Counter Reformation: A Close Look at Ruben's Christ Triumphant,” Mihalko investigates the representation of the specific biblical moment of Christ as triumphant in a painting by Ruben held at the Columbus Museum of Art. After considering several characteristics of Ruben's style, Mihalko introduces an earlier Reformation example of the same moment to argue that Ruben's painting appropriated a Protestant trope in order to produce a quintessentially Baroque work. This argument leads her to discuss and analyze how the iconography of the Christ Triumphant functions within the greater cultural context of the Counter Reformation.

Rachel Mihalko is a recent graduate of The Ohio State University with a Bachelors of Arts in the History of Art and a minor in English. She focused her studies on visual responses to early Renaissance and Medieval art or Europe, particularly in the Northern regions. She is currently applying to graduate school programs with the desire to return to school in the Fall of 2013 in order to continue her investigations into sexuality, violence, and the Reformation in early modern painting and prints. Rachel also has an interest in the relationship between ballet and art in the seventeenth through nineteenth centuries. Another discovery of Rachel's is that baking and mystery novels are solids ways of distracting herself when needed.

The Barbara A. Hanawalt Award was first presented in 2010 in honor of her retirement from OSU and her service to CMRS. Dr. Hanawalt was Director of CMRS from 2003-2005 and worked with the Mershon Center for International Security Studies here at OSU, previously served as Director of the Center for Medieval Studies at the University of Minnesota, and was President of the Medieval Academy of America. She is a distinguished scholar, having received the prestigious National Endowment for the Humanities twice, and is considered by colleagues to be the world’s leading scholar of late medieval England. The Hanawalt Award continues her legacy through recognizing and celebrating the very best of graduate student work here at OSU in Medieval and Renaissance Studies. Papers are nominated by CMRS faculty affiliates, and judged by a committee of affiliate faculty and the CMRS Director.

Jonathan Holmes
PhD Student, English

“"You mean to try my cunning": Bel-imperia’s Agency in The Spanish Tragedy” is an essay that explores the central yet overlooked role of Bel-imperia as the primary revenger in Thomas Kyd’s famous revenge tragedy. For centuries The Spanish Tragedy has been thought of as Hieronimo’s play not only because he is the hero, but also because he is a compelling and contemplative character who delivers many of the play’s best lines. However, the play depicts Bel-imperia as a character who, unlike Hieronimo, consistently and actively seeks revenge. Her own soliloquies, and a speech by Revenge, reveal that she is a stoic machiavel. Thus the essay argues that, as a modern audience, we may value Hieronimo’s apparent interiority; however, the play can be better understood by further examining Bel-imperia’s defiance not merely of social norms, but also of the expectations of the play’s other characters and its modern critics.

Jonathan Holmes earned a BA in English from Ohio State and a MA in English with dual concentrations in literary history and rhetoric and composition from Ohio University. He is currently in his second year of pursuing a PhD in English literature with a focus on Renaissance drama, and his research interests include character theory, early modern subjectivities, and dramatic and poetic representations/negotiations of virtues.
**Events and Resources**

All CMRS events are free and open to the public.

**Lecture Series**
Throughout each year, the Center hosts lectures based on an annual theme, with a culminating lecture in the spring that is aimed especially towards a general audience. We are pleased to announce our 2012–2013 lecture series: *Disabilities and Abilities in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance*. The series will explore the concepts of disability and ability through a variety of lenses, from the physical and mental to the social, religious, and legal. Matters of disability, and the otherness of bodies, are determined, defined, and developed within specific cultural spaces, and often contain conflicting discourses of perception both from within and between societies. Pushing past the ‘disability as sin’ model, recent scholarship has attempted to understand the medieval and early modern conceptions of disability and ability, often recognizing the implicit complication of defining the parameters of who is abled, who is dis-abled, and the multiple degrees of ability and disability that each group unequivically will possess.

Our public lecture in the spring will feature Michael Thomsett, an independant scholar and author of *The Inquisition: A Complete History from the 13th Century to the 21st Century* (McFarland, 2010), who will speak on “Legal Disabilities of Inquisition Victims.” Please see the enclosed poster for a full schedule of speakers.

**Faculty Colloquia**
The colloquia offer opportunities for CMRS faculty affiliates to share their most recent research with others. Scholars from OSU, as well as outside institutions, speak throughout the year on a wide range of topics. Last year, Karl Wittington from History of Art presented “The Graphic Art of a Medieval Italian Priest” in which he explored the less-discussed sexual imagery of medieval art. Lorenzo Valterza, from French and Italian, spoke on the role of dialogue in the creation of meaning in his lecture, “Uncivil Dialogue in Hell: Communication and Community in Dante’s *Inferno*.” From the Judaic Studies Department at the University of Cincinnati, Steven Bowman shared his research on the mid tenth-century Jewish scholar from Byzantine south Italy, Sepher Yosippon, who produced a seminal history of the Second Temple Period. Dr. Bowman’s lecture was titled “Sepher Yosippon, an Orphaned History up for Adoption.” Finally, in a co-sponsored lecture by the OSU Iberian and Latin American Colloquium, the Instituto Camões Portugal, and CMRS, Carmen Nocentelli from the University of New Mexico presented “Camões, Colonialism, and the History of Sexuality,” in which she drew connections between the history of sexuality and the history of European imperialism through examining the Isle of Love episode from Camões’ epic poem *Os Lusíadas*. Please see *Nouvelles Nouvelles* or [http://cmrs.osu.edu](http://cmrs.osu.edu) for upcoming talks.

**Film Series**
For relaxation and socialization, those with an interest in medieval and Renaissance subjects will enjoy our CMRS film series. Each semester we choose a theme that coordinates with a current CMRS course offering. This Autumn the theme is in association with SPAN 2320 Don Quixote in Translation, taught by Prof. Rebecca Haidt. Enjoy various renditions of Cervante’s masterpiece from the musical adaptation *Man of La Mancha* to Terry Gilliam’s celebrated documentary, *Lost in La Mancha*. The Autumn Film Series will take place on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in 014 University Hall. For dates and titles, please refer to the Calendar at the start of each *Nouvelles Nouvelles*, or visit our website at [http://cmrs.osu.edu/events/filmseries/default.cfm](http://cmrs.osu.edu/events/filmseries/default.cfm). Screenings are free, including free pizza and refreshments.

**Film Library**
The Center’s medieval and Renaissance Film Library is open for use by students and faculty, including many titles acquired for our film series. The Center’s Film Library contains over 100 titles, films both foreign and domestic. A list of our holdings can be found on our website at [http://cmrs.osu.edu/resources/film-library.cfm](http://cmrs.osu.edu/resources/film-library.cfm). Please contact or visit CMRS if you would like to make use of our film library.

**Publications**
*Nouvelles Nouvelles* is your main source for news about the Center. This newsletter presents news and information about our students and faculty affiliates, upcoming CMRS events and course offerings, opportunities for funding and research, as well as unique articles on medieval- and Renaissance-related activities in our home state of Ohio. In the back of the first fall newsletter you can find our Annual Directory. Please join our mailing list or view our website for the latest copy of *Nouvelles Nouvelles*. In addition to our newsletter and Annual Directory, the Center occasionally publishes the papers of our annual lecture series.

**Website**
Maintaining a website is essential to our goal of making interdisciplinary connections within the Ohio State community and throughout the world. The site provides access to electronic versions of our printed materials, including archives of past publications. You will also find updates about CMRS news, events and contact information, upcoming CMRS courses, plus links to useful medieval and Renaissance web pages. Starting in Fall 2011, our Lecture Series became available through iTunesU. You can find a link from our website under the heading of “Resources”. In addition, we host a web site for the Ohio Medieval Colloquium. Please visit us on the web at [http://cmrs.osu.edu/](http://cmrs.osu.edu/).
**Courses and Programs**

**Undergraduate Curriculum**

The Center offers courses on medieval and early modern topics each semester, including undergraduate favorites like Magic & Witchcraft, Arthurian Legends, and several courses on individual cities that were cultural centers of their time, such as Gothic Paris, Medieval Moscow, and Shakespeare’s London. For upper-level undergraduate students we offer Medieval Latin, Manuscript Studies, History of the Book and advanced seminars on a topic selected by the professor. For a list of upcoming courses please see our website (http://cmrs.osu.edu) or the OSU course catalogue.

If you are interested in teaching a course through CMRS, please contact our director, Richard Green, at green.693@osu.edu

**Undergraduate Programs**

CMRS offers a Major or Minor concentration in Medieval and Renaissance Studies. To earn credit, students will take courses through CMRS and our affiliate departments at OSU, engaging with the thoughts, languages, political events and cultural environments of the medieval and early modern periods both in the western and non-western world. With the assistance of an advisor, students will tailor their curriculum to individual interests and academic goals. Studies will challenge students not only to acquire factual knowledge, but also to improve writing and critical thinking skills—training that will prepare students for success in a variety of possible fields. A Minor can be achieved by any student regardless of their major. The more ambitious Major will find that their curriculum coordinates easily with a Double Major in one of our affiliate departments.

If you are interested in pursuing a major or minor concentration please contact our associate director, Dr. Jonathan Burgoyne, at burgoyne.10@osu.edu

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**Requirements for the Minor (15 units)**

- 6 units (2 courses) of MRS courses
- 3 units (1 course) of Text-based courses
- 3 units (1 course) of Civilization courses
- 3 units (1 course) of Arts courses

**NOTE:** Courses must be offered by departments other than the department of your major.

At least 9 of the 15 units must be taken at the 3000 level and above (6 may be taken at the 2000 level)

Credit for individual study and workshop courses may not exceed 3 units

Credit from seminar and special topic courses offered by affiliate departments may count towards the degree upon approval by the CMRS advisor.

**Requirements for the Major (33 units)**

- 6 units (2 courses) in MRS core courses
- 3 units (1 course) in MEDREN 5695, a senior seminar and Third Writing Course
- 6 units (2 courses) in an approved foreign language pertinent to Medieval and Renaissance Studies beyond the 1103 level.
- 18 units (6 courses) from at least 2 CMRS affiliate departments in approved Medieval and Renaissance courses.

Expected learning outcomes for majors include the demonstration of the following:

1. A broad, interdisciplinary appreciation of the history and culture of the Medieval and Renaissance world;
2. Skill at critical thinking through the study of diverse disciplines and languages;
3. Skill at utilization of primary and secondary sources:
4. Capacity to express one’s self and to exercise sharpened communication skills in exams, papers, and discussions.

Majors are encouraged to engage in research and to participate in the Denman Undergraduate Research Forum, Arts and Humanities Undergraduate Research Colloquium, and undergraduate conferences.

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Members of OSU’s Saga Club study Icelandic manuscripts and facsimiles held in the Rare Books and Manuscripts room at the Thompson Library during the inaugural summer of the Icelandic Paleography Workshop.
Graduate Programs

Graduate students in CMRS affiliate departments have two ways to receive accreditation from the Center for their interdisciplinary work: the CMRS Interdisciplinary Specialization or CMRS Graduate Certificate. Students will work together with the associate director and their advisor to determine an individual curriculum that suits their academic interests and needs. To enroll, contact Dr. Sarah-Grace Heller.

Admission Requirements
- Admission to and enrollment in a graduate degree program in an affiliated department
- Completion of one term of course work at Ohio State
- Good standing in home department and Graduate School with cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
- Consistent, adequate progress toward home degree, as determined by the home department
- Presentation to CMRS of a plan of course-work that meets the program requirements outlined above
- Completed application form including permission of department advisor to undertake program

Requirements for the Interdisciplinary Specialization*
- 14 units of graduate-level work
- 3 units (1 course) in your home department that may count doubly toward your degree program
- 6 units (2 courses) from two or more approved affiliate-department courses that do not already count toward your degree program;
- 3 units (1 course) MEDREN 5610 Manuscript Studies or 5611 History of the Book
- 2 units MEDREN 7899 Workshop and Professionalization (1 unit/quarter for attending CMRS lectures, faculty colloquia and subsequent discussions)
- Language proficiency (see below)

Requirements for the Graduate Certificate*
- 30 units of graduate-level work:
- 9 units (3 courses) in your home department that may count doubly toward your degree program
- 15 units (5 courses) from approved affiliate-department courses that do not already count toward your degree program.
- 3 units (1 course) MEDREN 5610 Manuscript Studies or 5611 History of the Book
- 3 units MEDREN 7899 Workshop and Professionalization (1 unit/quarter for attending CMRS lectures, faculty colloquia and subsequent discussions)
- Language proficiency (see below)

Language proficiency: Students pursuing either program are required to demonstrate proficiency in Latin or another research language approved by both your home department and CMRS. This may be demonstrated by two courses above 1103/introductory level.

No credit hours taken to achieve language proficiency (1101-1103 or equivalent) will count toward program requirements. Certain approved advanced language courses (such as MEDREN 5631) may be counted toward courses outside the student’s department.

To graduate: program requirements must be completed while you are enrolled in a graduate degree program in a CMRS affiliate department. Credits may be earned at any time during an M.A. to Ph.D. program. Please contact us prior to graduation to complete the appropriate paperwork.

*Special note: Credits are calculated for the semester system. The semester conversion will not reduce the proportionate value of work completed during the quarter system.

Language Reading Groups

The Center hosts reading groups for Latin, Occitan and Old French. In addition, the OSU Saga Club meets to read Old Norse. The setting is informal and new participants of all levels are welcome. Students may earn credit for regular participation. In order to do so the student must be enrolled in the Reading Group with permission from the instructor. To participate informally or formally in one of the Reading Groups, please contact the appropriate professor in charge of that group.

- Medieval Latin: The CMRS Latin Reading Group meets throughout the semester in Dulles 308A. The topic varies from semester to semester. Previous topics have covered poetry of the Archipoeta, short story collections such as the Liber Kallila et Dimnae translated from Arabic, and writings from Isidore of Seville. Contact: Prof. Richard Green (green.693@osu.edu)
- Medieval Occitan: The Medieval Occitan Reading Group meets monthly for sight-reading and casual discussion of Troubadour poetry (with parallel modern translations). Contact: Prof. Sarah-Grace Heller (heller.64@osu.edu)
- Old French: The CMRS Old French Reading Group meets throughout the semester to read and discuss texts selected by the group. Topic varies depending on the interests of members. Contact: Prof. Sarah-Grace Heller (heller.64@osu.edu)
- Saga Club: The Scandinavian Reading Group meets throughout the semester to read works in Old Norse. Topic varies with a focus on saga literature. Contact Prof. Merrill Kaplan (kaplan.103@osu.edu)
The Medieval and Renaissance Graduate Student Association (MRGSA) is an organization created to provide graduate students in CMRS-affiliate departments with opportunities for professionalization, skills development, and networking. Membership is open to anyone pursuing a relevant graduate degree at The Ohio State University. We charge no dues or fees for involvement. If you are interested in joining MRGSA or learning more about upcoming events, please contact us at mrgsaosu@gmail.com or visit our website at http://mrgsa.org.ohio-state.edu.

MEET & GREET
29 AUGUST 2012, 308 DULLES HALL
An opportunity for any interested Medieval and Renaissance students to meet current MRGSA officers and members. We will have a table set up in the CMRS office to welcome students with information about upcoming events, available resources, and ways that they can become involved with CMRS and MRGSA. Tea, coffee, cake, and cookies will be provided.

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SPONSORED SPEAKER FOR CMRS LECTURE SERIES
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MRGSA encourages all Medieval and Renaissance students to make a note of the CMRS lecture on “Able Bodies: Considerations of (Dis)ability in Anglo-Saxon England,” as we are pleased to sponsor the speaker, Christina Lee of Nottingham University, UK. Dr. Lee earned her PhD at Manchester University and works extensively in Viking studies and topics of disease and disability in Old English and Old Norse. She is currently working on a project on ‘Disease and Disability in Early Medieval Britain.’

COLLOQUIA SERIES
MRGSA is sponsoring a series of colloquia that will allow Medieval and Renaissance students an opportunity to share their works-in-progress. These events offer a chance to practice presenting papers in front of an audience and to get feedback from faculty and fellow students. Watch your email for the call for papers.

WORKSHOP SERIES
Students new to OSU (and continuing students as well!) may not be aware of all the resources available to them. These workshops are designed to introduce Medieval and Renaissance graduate students to experienced faculty from a variety of disciplines and to raise awareness of the tools and resources available to students both on OSU campus and in the academic world at large. Last Fall, Dr. Frank T. Coulson spoke on “Helpful Hints from Heloise: Researching Manuscript Collections,” an introduction to the practical aspects of conducting research with manuscript. In Winter Dr. Eric Johnson, curator of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Library here at OSU, gave a presentation on the library’s holdings and on recent acquisitions. There will be one workshop scheduled for each semester. Look for information on the fall workshop soon.

AND THE REST…
MRGSA is an active graduate student organization that not only puts on events of its own but also is actively involved in the CMRS life. We are proud to participate in the CMRS lecture series, sponsoring at least one speaker per year, and to help provide funding for the 2012 Texts and Contexts conference. We encourage interested students to contact us at mrgsaosu@gmail.com, to visit our website at http://mrgsa.org.ohio-state.edu/index.html, and to follow us on the CMRS Facebook page. MRGSA is as much by Medieval and Renaissance graduate students as for them, so we appreciate your suggestions, feedback, and other forms of participation at all levels.
2012 marks the inaugural year for TRANSLATIO, the annual conference hosted by MRGSA here at OSU. This year’s conference is focused on the theme of religious life, broadly conceived, and will showcase plenary speakers specifically addressing the topic of monasticism.

Topics of the graduate papers will range from orthodox liturgy to heterodox writings, encompassing all aspects of religious life and practice. Papers will be accepted from any field in Medieval and Renaissance studies. There will be a presentation from the Rare Books and Manuscripts Library, a workshop on monasticism, and catered receptions which we encourage students and faculty to attend. This is, of course, in addition to the plenary lectures and paper panels.

Students from the OSU community are welcome to participate in all of the panels and activities planned. If you would like to volunteer as a committee member, or help in any way, please contact MRGSA at mrgsosu@gmail.com. For the most up-to-date information about TRANSLATIO, including the full schedule of lectures, panels, presentations, and activities, be sure to visit us at http://mrgsa.org.ohio-state.edu/index.html

October 5-6, 2012

MRGSA at Kalamazoo!

May 9-12, 2013

MRGSA is proud to announce that we will be sponsoring a session at the 48th International Congress on Medieval Studies, hosted by Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The congress is an annual gathering of more than 3,000 scholars interested in Medieval Studies. It lasts three and a half days, extending from Thursday morning until Sunday at noon. The Call for Papers is available now! For more information about the congress, please visit the webpage for the International Congress on Medieval Studies, at http://www.wmich.edu/medieval/congress/.

Medieval and Renaissance Graduate Student Association, The Ohio State University:

Popular Piety in the Middle Ages

Submissions should be sent to MRGSA President Karen Bruce Wallace bruce.133@osu.edu

Final Submission Deadline Is September 15, 2012

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Building the Louvre: 
Architectures of Politics and Art 
4-5 October 2012
The conference will take place at the Columbus Museum of Art

Like no other French architectural structure, the Louvre has crystallized discourse on city space and national power for over a thousand years. From its origins as a medieval fortress depicted in medieval Books of Hours, towering over the peasants who work the fields of the agricultural land that then surrounded it, the Louvre has evolved into a tourist site and postmodern logo that has been sold to other museums around the world, including recent, controversial licensing of its name to a museum in Abu Dhabi, demonstrating the building’s enduring image as embodiment of cultural prestige and power. The nine talks in this conference will trace the evolving connection between art and politics as articulated by the Louvre as physical site and productive concept by bringing together perspectives from art and architectural history, literature, cinema, and cultural studies.

For more information, please contact Patrick Bray in the Department of French and Italian at bray.49@osu.edu.

The Societas Ovidiana invites submission of proposals for its three sponsored sessions at the 48th International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 9-12, 2013.

I. Translating Ovid
II. Ovidian Reception in Manuscript and Print

Submissions should be sent to Michael Jean jean.18@osu.edu

Final Submission Deadline Is September 15, 2012

Spinoza Mini-Conference

Sunday, October 28, 2012 - 12:00pm - Monday, October 29, 2012 - 12:00pm

Organized by Professor Tamar Rudavsky of the OSU Department of Philosophy
For more information contact Dr. Rudavsky at rudavsky.1@osu.edu.
ICELANDIC PALEOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
SUMMER 2012

Summer 2012 marked the inaugural year for the Icelandic Paleography Workshop, hosted by the OSU Saga Club. The goals of the workshop were to improve translation techniques when working with Old Norse, work with manuscripts and facsimiles housed in OSU libraries, and to aid members in their abilities to prepare transcriptions from Old Norse for later translation.

The workshop was held on Fridays from 1-4 pm over the course of 8 weeks, and focused on Icelandic scripts found in manuscripts from the 11th to 15th Centuries. Week 1 focused on the history of manuscripts in Iceland, with particular attention paid to various writing styles used in Iceland along with the history of script forms on the continent. Weeks 2 and 3 covered the forms of Icelandic Carolingian scripts. Week 4 focused on comparing Icelandic Carolingian with Continental Carolingian scripts. In Week 5, Dr. Leslie Lockett (Department of English) gave a special guest lecture on Insular manuscripts and paleography and their influences on Scandinavian paleography. Week 6 introduced Icelandic Gothic script, and Week 7 compared Icelandic Gothic to Continental Gothic forms. The workshop concluded in Week 8 with a special guest lecture by Dr. Frank Coulson (Department of Classics), specialist in medieval and Renaissance paleography.

During each normal session the members of the workshop spent the first half of the time studying letter forms and abbreviations from images selected from a variety of Icelandic manuscripts. The second half of the time the members practiced transcribing larger segments of Icelandic manuscripts as a group. Through the support of Eric Johnson and the Rare Books and Manuscripts room at the Thompson Library, Weeks 2, 3, and 5 were held in the Rare Books and Manuscripts room where participants practiced their transcription skills with OSU holdings of manuscripts and facsimiles.

The Saga Club would like thank a number of people for making the Icelandic Paleography Workshop possible. The Saga Club thanks Dr. Eric Johnson of University Libraries, Dr. Leslie Lockett of the Department of English, and Dr. Frank Coulson of the Department of Classics for the generous donation of their time in both preparing and presenting at the workshop. The Saga Club would also like to give a special thank you and recognition to Dr. Elizabeth Ashman Rowe of the Department of Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic, University of Cambridge, for permitting the use of her forthcoming publication Reading Icelandic Manuscripts: A Practical Handbook of Icelandic Paleography from 1150-1550. Finally, the Saga Club would like to thank the Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies in Reykjavik, Iceland, for providing many of the high-quality digital images used throughout the course of the workshop.

The Saga Club hopes to continue the Icelandic Workshops in future summers, rotating the theme each year between paleography, codicology, and manuscript illuminations. The Saga Club meets routinely throughout the academic year, and in addition has Thursday Translation Meeting every three weeks at 7:30 pm. All interested are welcome, though a basic working knowledge of Old Norse is requested for the translation meetings. For more information about the Saga Club, please contact either Rachel Waymel (waymel.3@buckeyemail.osu.edu) or Prof. Merrill Kaplan (kaplan.103@osu.edu).
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The Ohio Medieval Colloquium holds two one-day meetings a year. The spring meeting is typically held in the Columbus area, while the fall meeting is usually held in the periphery of the state. Calls for papers are issued approximately six weeks before each meeting and papers on any aspect of medieval history or culture are welcome.

The fall meeting will be held at Stark State College on 6 October 2012. The call for proposals will be forthcoming in late August or early September.

For more information about the Colloquium or to view past conference programs, visit http://cmrs.osu.edu/OMC/default.cfm, or look for “Ohio Medieval Colloquium” under the “Events” page at http://cmrs.osu.edu/
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The Nicholas G. Howe Memorial Fund was established to honor the memory of the distinguished medievalist. As a respected scholar of the literature and culture of medieval England and former Director of the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies (1995–2002), he demonstrated leadership, devotion, and excitement in all his teaching and scholarly endeavors. Established in 2006, the fund is dedicated to supporting travel costs for graduate students pursuing studies in medieval and early modern topics at OSU. Annual distribution from the fund began during the 2010–2011 academic year; a total of thirteen graduate students have now received grant support from the fund. Meet the four most recent recipients below and look for feature articles for each with information on their research and experience in upcoming issues.

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