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Suggestions and submissions of content for future issues are always welcome! Please contact either cmrs@osu.edu or spitulski.1@osu.edu with your ideas. The deadline for submitting items for inclusion in the first Spring 2021 issue will be Friday, January 8.

Also, be sure to “like” us on Facebook and check out our Instagram and Twitter feeds for more news, links, & MedRen miscellany!

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- **Greetings:** Chris Highley, CMRS Director
Greetings

Dear All:

The warmest Holiday wishes from all of us at CMRS to all our affiliates and friends wherever you may be. 2020 has been a difficult year to put it mildly, but at least CMRS was able to host several events. In fact, the most recent and final event of the Fall semester attracted one of our largest ever audiences. Some 66 people were present to hear a fascinating presentation by colleagues Aiden O’Sullivan and Brendan O’Neill in which they described the work of the Center for Experimental Archaeology and Material Culture at University College Dublin. We might complain about listening to lectures over Zoom these days, but it does have the advantage of reaching a worldwide audience. By the way, please get in touch if you’d like to watch a recording of any of our Fall lectures.

We learned just recently that Professor Barbara Haeger of the Department of Art History will retire at the end of the semester. A specialist in Early Modern Dutch and Flemish art, Barbara has taught at OSU for 39 years during which time she has been a strong advocate for CMRS and a stalwart member of our Advisory Committee. We will miss Barbara's collegiality, wisdom, and generosity, but we also look forward to seeing her at future events. Retirement is not a farewell, just an au revoir. Watch
out for a longer tribute to Barbara in the first newsletter of the spring.

Best,

Christopher Highley
Professor of English
Director, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies

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**Upcoming CMRS and other MedRen Events**

**As previously announced, the Center has decided to postpone its planned 2021 Popular Culture and the Deep Past event, likely to either February or April 2022. We will relay updates as they become available. CMRS programming will tentatively resume with the next talk in the 2020-2021 Lecture Series on Friday, March 5, 2021, though a Spring Colloquium may be scheduled for an earlier date.**

**Medieval Latin Reading Group: December 1**

Participants in the Medieval Latin reading group are not required to prepare the readings ahead of time, and nobody should feel obligated to participate aloud, if you're more comfortable listening. We are happy to accommodate participants with all levels of Latin expertise, including those who have never tried Latin or who have forgotten everything they once knew.

If you would like to receive the Zoom meeting link and be added to the mailing list for future links and readings, please contact CMRS Associate Director Leslie Lockett at lockett.20@osu.edu.

**Old French Reading Group: December 3**
News & Notes

CMRS is now accepting nominations for the 2020-2021 Barbara A. Hanawalt Award for Outstanding Graduate Essay and the Stanley J. Kahrl Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Essay.

Nominations for each will be due by 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 2, 2021. The nomination form is attached and also available via the website linked below.

Submission Guidelines

The captioned video recordings for the first two presentations at our Virtual/Digital Archaeology symposium October 23 are now hosted in MediaSite and available via the event.
Eat Medieval: A Taste of Christmas Past
Online Cookery School

Chefs from Blackfriars Restaurant and academics from Durham University and further afield will help you make your own medieval Christmas feast.

School Dates: December 14-16

Additional Info and Registration

Next Issue: January 11    Submission Deadline: January 8

Virtual/Digital Archaeology Symposium Webpage

Page linked below. We hope to have the video from the November 13 Experimental Archaeology talk posted shortly – look for an announcement via the mailing lists!