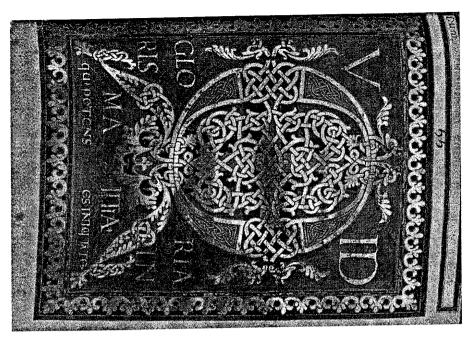
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Greetings

rary America," with assistance from the Ohio Humanities Council, This issue of Nouvelles Nouvelles marks the end of a busy and we sponsored ten speakers on various topics in our two series on October on "The Medieval and Renaissance Worlds in Contempoproductive year for CMRS. We held our one-day conference is ence on John Foxe; and we welcomed a new group of faculty affilico-sponsored a variety of other events, including the recent confer already out of date. We've recently heard that Jennifer (Jaye) Puckett, by colleagues and students throughout the year, but the list is ates and students to the Center. I've noted the various honors won Cultural Performance in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance"; W "Europe and the Rest of The World" and "Visual Life: Varieties αt senior honors thesis on Old French literature under the direction o Johns Hopkins University starting this fall. Jennifer is doing a a CMRS major, has won a Mellon Fellowship for graduate study at Anthony Allen and Ethan Knapp. As anyone who has taught Jaye Medieval and Renaissance Studies, include French, Chinese and award. I should add that her other three majors, in addition to knows, she's a wonderful student and thoroughly deserves this



Plans for next year are already underway. We will sponsor a lecture series on "Home and Homelessness in the Medieval and Renaissance Worlds," with visits from Sabine MacCormack (Michigan), William Ian Miller (Michigan), David Aers (Duke), Mary Elizabeth Perry (Occidental), and Patricia Fortini Brown (Princeton). They will

speak on this topic in its relation to the Andes, Iceland, England, Spain and Venice. This series will begin in January 2000 and run through May. In addition, we will sponsor a five-part series on "Reusing the Past: Senses of History in the Medieval and Renaissance Periods." This series will be offered with financial support from the Interdisciplinary Research Seminar Series of the Office of Research and the Graduate School. The proposal was written by a group of graduate students, including Dawn Cunningham, Jill Fehleison, Jesse Montano, Betsy Sanders and R.J. Stansbury. My thanks to them for their imagination and effort in preparing this grant proposal. This is our fourth consecutive award from this

program. Our thanks to the Office of Research and the Graduate School for their continuing support of our work. We are currently arranging for speakers to participate in this series. As always, you will receive brochures from CMRS at the start of the autumn quarter with full details about our programs for 1999-2000.

Speaking of the millennium, I will be taking a sabbatical next year to work on a new book to be called, at least for the time being, Writing the Map of Anglo-Saxon England. I'm excited by the chance to finish this project but will miss the activities at CMRS. I am very happy to report that the Interim Director for 1999-2000 will be Anna Grotans from Germanic Languages and Lit-



eratures. The Center will be in very capable hands next year under her energetic and imaginative direction. I am even happier to report that Anna will become the Associate Director of the Center when I return as Director in 2000-2001. So, as you can see, CMRS has solved its Y2K problem! We have been hoping to add an associate director to the Center for the last several years, and I want to thank Dean Kermit Hall for helping to make that possible. His support for CMRS over the last four years has been generous and timely. As he departs to become Provost at North Carolina State University, I extend thanks to him for that support on behalf of the Center and its affiliated faculty and students.

If you're thinking that all of this good news deserves a celebration, you're absolutely right. CMRS will have its end of the year event on June 3rd at 4:30 in the Grand Lounge of the Faculty Club. All are invited to attend as we present the Stanley J. Kahrl Memorial Awards for the best undergraduate and graduate student papers in medieval and renaissance studies and as we display books written and edited by affiliates over this past year. Come and join in the festivities!

Nick Howe

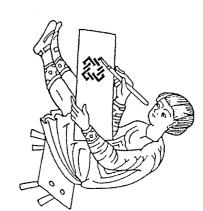
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END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION

A reminder that the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies will hold its End-of-the-Year Celebration on Thursday, June 3, 1999 in the Grand Lounge of the Faculty Club at 4:30 pm. Please see page 9 of this issue of *Nouvelles* for further information.

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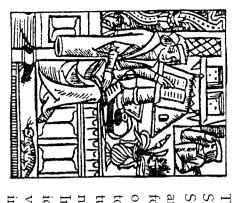


SMALL GRANT REPORT

Derek Alwes (Assistant Professor, Department of English, Newark Campus) With the help of a small grant from CMRS, I was able to attend the annual meeting of the Shakespeare Association of America in San Francisco, April 1-3, where I participated in a seminar on "Prose Fiction and Early Modern Sexualities." My paper was entitled "Robert Greene's Infantilized Heroes," addressing the curious gender politics in Greene's early romances. I found the seminar format particularly productive because, unlike with most academic conferences where one simply delivers a paper, the participants in the seminar share their papers with each other well in advance of the meeting and devote the meeting time to discussion of the issues raised by all the papers.

The discussion was actually initiated by email exchanges among the participants prior to the meeting, so the discussion period at the conference enabled us to address specific questions and clarifications that had been raised in advance. Not only was the exchange useful in direct ways for my current research, but it enabled me to meet and establish meaningful contact with several scholars pursuing research along lines very similar to my own. I intend to maintain those contacts in the future, so the opportunity provided by the CMRS small grant should continue to bear fruit.

RCMSS ANNUAL SUMMER STIPEND



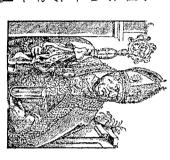
The Resource Center for Medieval Slavic Studies announces its Annual Summer Stipends for 1999. Stipends are usually in the amount of either \$500 for approximately two weeks' research or \$1,000 for one month's research. Due to the Medieval Slavic Summer Institute scheduled this year, a very limited number of stipends will be offered. Interested graduate students and junior faculty should submit a curriculum vitae and write a brief letter describing the nature of research or investiga-

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tion they would like to pursue which utilizes the materials available in the Hilandar Research Library. Please indicate how this research relates to either your degree program or your interest in Medieval Studies, especially Slavic. Graduate students should also include a letter of recommendation from their advisor. The deadline is Friday, May 21, 1999. Please address letters to: Summer Stipend Award Committee, Resources Center for Medieval Slavic Studies, 225 Main Library, 1858 Neil Avenue Mall, Columbus, OH 43210-1286.

Among Us

Anne Morganstern (Associate Professor, Department of History of Art) presented "The Tomb of Edward II at Gloucester: Plantagenet Shrine and Insignia" at the 87th Annual Conference of the College Art Association in Los Angeles on February 13, 1999; published "The Bishop, the Lion and the Two-headed Dragon: The Burghersh Memorial in Lincoln Cathedral" in Memory and Oblivion: Acts of the XXIXth International Congress of the History of Art, Dordrecht, 1998



Michael Meckler (Assistant Visiting Professor, Department of Greek and Latin) published "Traditional teaching or modernist manifesto? Matthew of Vendôme's criticisms of the ancient in book of the Ars versificatoria," <u>Journal of Medieval Latin</u> 8 (1998), 192-205; a review of Benjamin T. Hudson, *Prophecy of Berchán*, in <u>Celtic Studies Association Newsletter</u> 16.1 (Samhain 1998), 3-4.



St. Mary's College of Maryland) received her Ph.D. from Ohio State. associateship for Michael Zwettler. Her publications include: CMRS funded her research through a travel grant and a research Linda Jones Hall (Assistant Professor of History and Late Antiquity, of Late Antique Beirut" at the Seminar in Late Antiquity, Princeton eds., Veritatis Amicitiaeque Causa: Essays in Honor of Anna Lydia Assimilation and Ethnic Distinctions," in S. Byrne and E. Cueva, the 'Vision' of Constantine," Journal of Early Christian Studies 6:4 The Evidence of the Arch of Constantine for the Senatorial View of "Cicero's Instinctu Divino and Constantine's Instinctu Divinitatis in Late Antiquity, Emory University, 1999; "Imperial Literature and tions at conferences include: "The Case of Late Antique Berytus: American University of Beirut, Lebanon, April 1999. Her presenta-History and Archaeology, ARAM Twelfth International Conference, University, April 1999; "Classical Beirut through the Texts," Beirut presented the following lectures: "Revising Past Paradigms: the Case Motto and John R. Clark (Chicago: Bolchazy-Carducci, 1999). She (1998) 647-671; "Latinitas in the Late Antique Greek East: Cultural University of Kentucky, 1998 Dynamic," Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity III: Urban and Rural Urban Wealth and Rural Sustenance—A Different Economic Antique Berytus in Phoenicia," Byzantine Studies Conference the Construction of Ethnic and Provincial Identity: The Case of Late



Amy Case (Ph.D. candidate, History of Art) has been awarded a Two-Year Fellowship in the History of Art at Foreign Institutions from the Samuel H. Kress Foundation. She will be in residence at the American University of Paris

for the academic years 1999-2001, when she will conduct field work and archival research for her dissertation, "The Abbey Church of Saint-Ouen in Rouen: Gothic Architecture in Late Medieval Normandy."

Jill Fehleison (Ph.D. candidate, History) received a PEO Scholar Award for the academic year 1999-2000. This award will support her dissertation research and writing on Catholic reform in the Diocese of Geneva-Annecy during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

Susanne Reece (Ph.D. candidate, History of Art) spent this academic year in Munich working on her dissertation on Tilman Riemenschneider's Altarpiece of the Holy Blood, supported by a Fulbright Grant, and will be spending the summer of 1999 also in Germany, supported by the Kress Foundation. She has received



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a Chester Dale Fellowship at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York for next year.

Local News

Summer Latin Workshop



The Department of Greek and Latin at The Ohio State University will offer and intensive Latin workshop this summer. The Workshop will consist of two five-week sessions for a total of 20 credit hours. During

the first five weeks students will be introduced to the rudiments of Latin grammar and syntax; in the second five weeks, students will read extensively in a variety of Latin prose and poetical texts of the classical and medieval periods. The workshop will be of particular interest to undergraduate and graduate students who need to learn Latin for research purposes. The Latin workshop given during the summer of 1997 drew from undergraduate and graduate students in history, art history, music theory and English. Upon completion of the Latin Workshop, students have the option of continuing their Latin studies by enrolling in courses in the Department of Greek and Latin and the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. Of particular interest to students in the medieval field will be the newly developed courses in medieval and Renaissance Latin offered through the Department of Greek and

Latin and the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. For further information on this summer workshop, please contact the Department of Greek and Latin by telephone at (614)292-2744, or by e-mail at <coulson.1@osu.edu>.

Lecture on Medieval Embroideries

entitled "Stitches in Time: Medieval Embroideries." She will illusversity of Chicago Press, 1998). She has taught a special course on eval women and religion and has recently published a major work consin-Madison. She is the author of a number of articles on meditrate it with slides of embroideries especially of the Bayeaux Tapes. public. For further information call Margery Tibbetts at (614) 268 Regional Seminar also in Madison. The lecture will be open to the Edgewood College, Madison and for the Embroiderers' Guild been exhibited at the Cardinal Stritch College, Milwaukee; pieces in the medieval style of the Opus Anglicanum which have Ireland, Germany and Spain. She has designed and embroidered 25 nized and led some 22 UW Medieval Seminars to France, Britain, Women in Medieval Society at UW-M since 1972, and has also orga-Forgetful of Their Sex: Female Sanctity and Society, ca. 500-1000 (Uni-Medieval Studies and Women's Studies at the University of Wistry. Dr. Schulenberg is Professor of History in the Department of Dr. Jane T. Schulenberg to speak at their July 8th meeting. Her talk is The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Columbus chapter has invited

Call for Papers

For more information on submission procedures for the following call for papers, please contact Jill Fehleison at CMRS by phone (614)292-7495 or by e-mail <fehleison.1@osu.edu>.

The International Medieval Congress 2000 will be held at the University of Leeds July 10-13, 2000. The IMC 2000 will welcome sessions and papers on any topic relating to the European Middle Ages (c. 450-1500). The deadlines for submission are August 31, 1999 of individual papers for General Sessions and September 30, 1999 for session proposals. For more information see the Congress web site at: http://www.leeds.ac.uk/imi/imc.htm or e-mail at: <IMC@leeds.ac.uk>.

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on Chursdap June 3, 1999

at 4:30 p.m.
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Elease join us as we honor those affiliates who have published books or received honors in their field in the past year.

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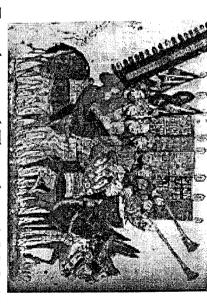
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The Golden Age of Islamic Civilization:

Baghdad, c. 750-900



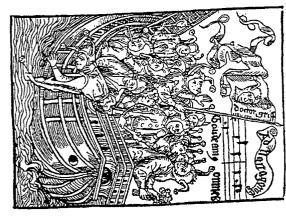
Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:30-3:18
directed by Professor Michael Zwettler
(Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures)

This course will introduce students to what many scholars regard as the golden age of Islamic civilization under the 'Abbasid caliphs, who came to power in 750 C.E. and founded a new capital at Baghdad from which the dynasty ruled until 1258. We will examine the historical background to Baghdad's rise, notably the advent and early history of Islam. We will then explore the artistic, philosophical, scientific, and literary achievements for which the city became famous, as well as the changes that contributed to 'Abbasid decadence, such as the migration of Turks into Iraq and Iran, and the peculiar institution of military slavery. Come discover the city of Harun al-Rashid and the 1001 Nights!

"What I've Been Reading Lately" by Nicholas Howe

A.B. Yehoshua, A Journey to the End of the Millennium (New York: Doubleday, 1999).

vivid portrait of North Africa and serious work of fiction and as a very few worth reading as both a contemporary Israeli writer A.B. last millennium, this novel by the times pernicious books about the In a season full of flashy and somenovel of Jewish life in the eighcal fiction before, most notably ir A.D. Yehoshua has written histori-Europe at the eve of the year 1000 Yehoshua stands out as one of the centuries. A Journey to the End of the teenth through the twentieth Millennium, however, runs much <u>Mr. Mani</u>, a multigenerational



further back in history and engages a far wider geographical range as it tells the story of the North African merchant Ben Attar as he journeys from Tangier to Paris and then to Worms, the heartland of Jewish life in Germany.

The brilliance of *A Journey to the End of the Millennium* is that it writes about 1000 A.D. from the point of view of those for whom that year is just another in the count of years. For the Jews of this novel, it is a year of no significance, or more precisely, a year with no religious and cultural significance for them within Jewish history. As the narrator says at one point about Ben Attar, he wished "to spend the millennial year in the company of those who counted the years differently," that is with his own people and his Arab trading partner Abu Lutfi. But Ben Attar, experienced merchant and veteran of many trading expeditions from Tangier to Andalusia and the south of France, knows that he cannot separate or distance himself so easily from the millennial frenzy that is rumored to be running through Christian Europe.

and of the Rhineland. across the heart of Christian Europe, from Paris to Worms, that gives may have two wives. And it is that question, played out in a journey coming an indulgence in exotica by the major religious question at tures of medieval life are deeply satisfying, they are kept from be-Scandinavia. If such passages in the novel about the smells and tex-North Men, a place Christian but recently conquered by pagans from wonderful reminder that he is entering Normandy, the place of the sunken Viking longship Ben Attar sees at the mouth of the Seine-- a Among many vivid passages is a description of the figurehead of a his evocation of the life and terrain of medieval Christendom. products of North Africa and the desert-- are beautifully vivid, as is by sea. Yehoshua's description of the trade goods on his ship-- the The main plot of the novel begins with Ben Attar's journey to Paris tion of differing senses of the law between the Jews of North Africa the novel its true substance. To put it much too simply, it is a questhe heart of A Journey to the End of the Millennium: whether a Jew

A Journey to the End of the Millennium has a certain cautionary value for those given to treating the year 1000 A.D. as a truly momentous turn in human history. It shows, instead, that life went on, that goods were traded, religious controversies were debated, and human lives played out their own drama much as they did in years with no special numerological significance. It also reminds us that the entire concept of the millennium is a construct of Christian eschatology, a reminder well worth bearing in mind as we hear about the technological eschatology of Y2K.

Yehosuha's novel deserves reading in the end, though, for its daring willingness to imagine what life was like in the year 1000 A.D. without succumbing to pedantry or whimsy. How the light filled the houses of Tangier, what people wore on a ship rounding the Spanish coast, how the Seine looked on the stretch from Rouen to Paris, what the Jewish quarter of Paris felt like as one walked through it at night—these are the sorts of moments that make *A Journey to the End of the Millennium* into a memorable and compelling work of fiction. It's not a beach book but it certainly deserves the peaceful reading that comes with summer.

At the Library...

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BP189.36 .K58 MAIN

Knysh, Alexander D. *Ibn Arabi in the Later Islamic Tradition: The Making of a Polemical Image in Medieval Islam*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1999. xvi, 449 p. (SUNY series in Islam.).

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Martinus, Polonus. *Chronicon Pontificum et Imperatorum*. English & English (Middle English). *Selections. The Chronicles of Rome: An Edition of the Middle English Chronicle of Popes and Emperors; and, The Lollard chronicle*/ ed. Dan Embree. Woodbridge, Suffolk, UK; Rochester, NY: Boydell Press, 1999. x, 310 p.(Medieval chronicles; v. 1.).

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Glick, Leonard B. *Abraham's Heirs: Jews and Christians in Medieval Europe*. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 1999. xiv, 323 p.

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Medieval Crime and Social Control/Barbara A. Hanawalt and David Wallace, editors. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1999. xvi, 259 p. (Medieval cultures, v. 16.)

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Payne, Alina Alexandra. *The Architectural Treatise in the Italian Renaissance: Architectural Invention, Ornament, and Literary Culture.* Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 1999. xv, 343 p.

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Medieval Japanese Writers / ed. Steven D. Carter. Detroit: Gale Group. 1999. xxii, 378 p. (Dictionary of literary biography; v. 203.).

PQ221 .L36 MAIN

LaGuardia, David. *The Iconography of Power: The French Nouvelle at the End of the Middle Ages.* Newark: University of Delaware Press; London: Associated University Presses, 1999. 178 p.

PR658.C6 L47 MAIN

Leinwand, Theodore B. *Theatre, Finance and Society in Early Modern England*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999. xii, 199 p. (Cambridge studies in Renaissance literature and culture.).

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Fellowship Opportunity

eligible. The average stipend is \$35,000, and the Center, located in a record of publication, but both senior and younger scholars are and their dependents to and from North Carolina. For application the Research Triangle Park provides travel expenses for Fellows Applicants must hold doctorate or equivalent credentials and have tition for the academic year (September through May) 2000-2001. Center web site at: http://www.nhc.rtp.nc.us:8080, or e-mail ques see the flyer posted outside CMRS's office, or visit the Humanities be postmarked by October 15, 1999. For more information please ommendation. Applications and letters of recommendation must riculum vitue, a 1000-word project proposal, and three letters of rec-27709-2256. Applicants must submit with the Center's forms a curter, Post Office Box 12256, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina material, write to Fellowship Program, National Humanities Cen-The National Humanities Center announces its fellowship competions to: <nhc@ga.unc.edu>.

Congress in Cork

The 11th International Congress of Celtic Studies (XI-ICCs) will take place in Cork, Ireland, July 25-31, 1999. ICCS is the major international conference on Celtic Studies, and papers will be presented in all areas of language, literature, religion, history, folklore, onomastics, art, archaeology and music. For more information on XI-ICCS, visit the Congress web site at: http://www.ucc.ie/ucc/academic/faculties/arts/celtic/iccs.

Press, and the Literature Department at the University of North Carolina, Asheville invite you to the Second International Langland Conference July 29 through July 31, 1999. The conference will be on the campus of the University of North Carolina, Asheville. For a list of speakers please see the flyer outside 256 Cunz Hall or contact the Center. For more information about the conference and for registration, please contact: John A. Alford, e-mail: jalford@interpath.com, ph: (828)298-8904, fax: (828)298-3044.

Activities...

If you have information about your professional or scholarly activities which you would like to have included in the next edition of the CMRS newsletter (*Nouvelles Nouvelles*), please submit it by campus mail. Such activities include publishing books, articles, or reviews, papers, lectures, awards received, services done, and research grants awarded. Please be sure to include your name, department, rank (i.e. Assistant Professor, Ph.D. candidate) and all other pertinent information. Submission deadline for the next publication is Friday, October 8, 1999. Please send submissions to the Editor, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, The Ohio State University, 256 Cunz Hall, 1841 Millikin Rd., Columbus, OH 43210-1229 or send them by e-mail <cmrs@osu.edu>.

<u>Cover Page</u>: It is an initial from the page of Psalm 51 from the Folchart-Psalter. The manuscript is housed in the Stiftsbibliothek located in St. Gall, Switzerland. The image was sent to CMRS by Anna Grotans (Assistant Professor, Germanic Languages and Literature).

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