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Mary Watt and Will Hasty in the new Medieval and Early Modern Studies Reading Room in 237 Dauer Hall.

From your Co-Directors

As Co-Directors of the Center for Medieval and Early Modern Studies we are delighted to bring you the first newsletter published by our Center. It is our hope to publish a newsletter each spring and each fall to keep you all up to date on all of the activities organized and sponsored by the Center. 2005 was a wonderfully successful year, but two moments in particular are of special significance.

The first was our official recognition by the University as a Center. The second was the University's appointment of Angel Kwolek-Folland as Associate Dean responsible for Center and Institutes. Associate Dean Kwolek-Folland has already been hard at work looking for ways to facilitate the directives and objectives of MEMS and we are hopeful that through her efforts along with those of all of our members and friends, our Center will continue to flourish.

In addition to these pivotal events, the Center saw a very busy and productive year as we launched our Stammtisch series, sent members to the Congress at Kalamazoo and presented our own annual colloquium, Media-evale, sponsored by the City of Gainesville and the France Florida Research Institute. The colloquium featured a keynote address by Amilcare Iannucci and drew great reviews from all who attended. Our Stammtisch series allowed graduate students and faculty alike to interact in this informal workshop and speaker series and we hope that the series will continue this spring (see call for abstracts below).

We encourage all of you to send us your bits of Medieval and Early Modern News so that we can make this newsletter truly a source of news for all of you who have worked so hard and continue to work hard to put Medieval and Early Modern Studies on the map at UF and beyond.

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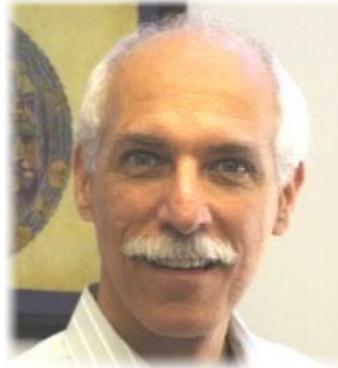
Graduate Fellows News

Our Graduate Fellows continue tirelessly to man the Reading Room, Dauer 237, providing assistance to students or faculty who drop by to use the books or students who express an interest in Medieval and Early Modern Studies.

Paul Wagner, is pursuing graduate studies in history. Lauren Ermel and Randi Smith are doing their graduate degrees in English. Lauren just recently completed her qualifying exams and is fast at work on her dissertation. We encourage you all to drop by the Reading Room, have a cup of coffee and meet our Graduate Fellows.

Talk by George Greenia. "The Forge of Faith"

Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Shifra Armon, MEMS was treated to a wonderful visit by Professor George Greenia of the College William and Mary on December 2, 2005.



Dr. George Greenia

Professor Greenia gave two talks, the first on how to get published and the second, The Forge of Faith, an illustrated lecture on Spain's Camino de Santiago. The talk was sponsored in part by MEMS and provided students with a wonderful introduction to one of the foremost pilgrimage routes of the Middle Ages.

The talk also served as a bit of an orientation session for those students who will be traveling with Dr. Armon this summer to Spain to study and walk the Road to St. James. Information on the summer course, **Then and Now: The Medieval Pilgrimage Route to Santiago** can be found by contacting Dr. Shifra Armon sarmon@rll.ufl.edu

Preview for 2006

The Center's annual Carnevale conference, this year entitled, **Masks: Tradition and Transformation** will take place from January 28th to January 31, 2006. The event has been timed to coincide with the Hoggetowne Medieval Faire. As was the case in 2005, the City of Gainesville is co-sponsoring the event. Also on board this year are the Harn Museum and Harry's Seafood Bar and Grill. Highlights include an art exhibition featuring masks from all over the world opening December 22nd at the Thomas Center Galleries, a masked Cocktail Party on January 28th, and a keynote address by Ronald Herzman, Distinguished Teaching Professor of English at SUNY Geneseo, author of *The Medieval World View; The Apocalyptic Imagination in Medieval Literature*

On March 8, 2006 the Center will also host a talk by famed Medievalist, Giuseppe Mazzotta.

We will also be sponsoring the CAMWS (Classics) Conference taking place on April 7-8 here in Gainesville.

The Center will also be sponsoring several sessions at the annual Medieval Congress at Kalamazoo, MI in May. Watch Center Web Site for details.

Watch the MEMS Website for details on all of these events.

<http://www.clas.ufl.edu/mems/>

Stammtisch Series: Call for Abstracts

MEMS asks all of those who would like to present a short paper or work in progress as part of our Stammtisch series to contact the co-directors, Will Hasty or Mary Watt (email addresses above). Stammtisch talks are informal and provide a great forum for graduate students to discuss dissertation or thesis chapters or upcoming conference presentations.

Library Courses

Paul Victor, Assistant University Librarian, Humanities & Social Sciences Dept. at the Smathers Library has designed a course specifically aimed at enhancing the research skills of MEMS students.

The course, IDH 3931: Library Research, is a 3 credit (semester long) honors course emphasizing library research skills. Some of the topics & research skills covered in this class are orientation to library resources and home page, proficiency in using the UF Libraries Catalog to find books & journals volumes and effective searching.

For more information contact Paul at pauvict@uflib.ufl.edu



Ronald Herzman. Coming in January

Giuseppe Mazzotta, Coming in March



Graduate Fellows: Call for Applications

Graduate students interested in serving as Graduate Fellows are encouraged to contact Dr. Nina Caputo, ncaputo@ufl.edu



Yes, I'd like to support the Center for Medieval and Early Modern Studies in the 2006-2007 academic year!

Please direct my contribution into the fund indicated below:

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 Scholars Fund (assistance for visiting scholars) _____
 Graduate Fund (travel assistance and fellowships
 for graduate students) _____

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Receipts will be issued by December 15, 2006.

Please send me more information about the following areas of interest:

- Events for the 2006-2007 academic year
 Fellowships at the Center for Medieval and Early Modern Studies
 Establishing a named fund or fellowship

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