Dear Friends—

I hope this fall finds you well, moving into a new academic year with vigor and intellectual excitement. After shifting our schedule in 2010 to join with the Utah Shakespearean Festival’s Wooden O Symposium for a richly Shakespeare-inflected conference, we are looking forward to our next conference in just a few month’s time. Please read on below for more information about the 2011 conference in Salt Lake City, as well as news about the RMMRA’s journal Quidditas, our Breck and West Award winners,

Over and again I am struck by the collegiality and intellectual curiosity of our organization’s members. These qualities foster not only good scholarship but an appreciation of our interdependence in a pursuit that can sometimes seem more than a little monastic. The RMMRA helps to ensure that our region—considered insurmountably rocky and unyielding by some—continues to flourish with humanistic conversation. This is all possible because of the participation and passion of our fine members. Thank you.

Kimberly Johnson
RMMRA President
Faith and Doubt in the Middle Ages and Renaissance
April 7-9, 2011
Salt Lake City, Utah

The Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association invites panel and paper proposals on the conference theme, “Faith and Doubt in the Middle Ages and Renaissance.”

The Conference will be held at the Crystal Inn in downtown Salt Lake City, just ten minutes from the Salt Lake City International Airport. Our keynote speaker will be Raymond Waddington, Professor of English at the University of California at Davis. He is the author of numerous articles, essays, and books including Aretino’s Satyr, 2004; The Expulsion of the Jews (co-editor), 1994; The Age of Milton (co-editor), 1980; The Mind’s Empire, 1974; and The Rhetoric of Renaissance Poetry (co-editor), 1974. He also serves as Senior Editor of the Sixteenth Century Journal.

The RMMRA seeks to provide an interdisciplinary forum for the discussion of all aspects of European medieval and Renaissance studies. We welcome abstracts addressing, among other topics, the literary, historical, scientific, religious and cultural representations of faith and doubt and their various permutations in the Middle Ages and Renaissance. However, as in previous years, abstracts, papers, and sessions on all aspects of the study of the European Middle Ages and Renaissance are also welcome.

Proposals for panels or abstracts for individual papers should be directed to one of the conference’s co-organizers: Kimberly Johnson (kimberly.johnson@byu.edu), Ginger Smoak (ginger.smoak@utah.edu), and Michael Walton (waltonmar@aol.com). Abstracts are due January 31, 2011.

FUTURE RMMRA CONFERENCES
2012

Our 2012 meeting will be held in Pocatello, Idaho. A short and beautiful drive north from the Salt Lake City airport (and also served by the Pocatello Regional Airport), Pocatello is the home of Idaho State University. This beautiful city—the fourth largest in Idaho—is located along the Portneuf River where it emerges from the mountains onto the Snake River Plain, along the route of the Oregon Trail. The conference will be hosted by Thomas Klein.

2013

Our 2013 meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in Denver, Colorado, on the campus of Metropolitan State College of Denver, hosted by our own President-elect Jeff Taylor. Easily accessible to downtown Denver and close to an international airport, this conference site promises lots of attractions. Look for more information in future RMMRA newsletters.

AWARDS FROM THE 2010 CONFERENCE

This year’s Delno C. West Award for the best paper presented by a senior scholar was given to Jennifer McNabb of Western Illinois, for her paper “‘Talk of Marriage’ in Northwest England: Continuity and Change in Matrimonial Litigation, 1560-1640.” Jen will be receiving our applause and a handsome plaque at our 2011 conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.

This year’s Allen D. Breck Award for the best paper presented at the conference by a junior scholar was given to Kristin Bezio, a graduate student in English at Boston University, for her essay, “Politics and Play: The National Stage and the Player King in Shakespeare’s Henry V and Macbeth.” Kristin gets both applause and a cash award of $300.

We encourage scholars of all levels to submit their papers for the Breck and West competitions following the 2011 conference.

Congratulations to both these fine scholars! You will be able to read their papers in the next issue of *Quidditas*. 
**QUIDDITAS: THE RMMRA’S ANNUAL JOURNAL**

*Quidditas*, v. 31 (2010) is dedicated to the memory of Harry Rosenberg (1923-2010), a founder of the Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association, twice president of the Association, and member of the Executive Board for more than thirty years.

Volume 31 should appear on the BYU web side before the end of the year. This year the volume contains 8 articles (including the Breck and West award winning articles), a note, and a review essay. Our articles cover a variety of topics on medieval and early modern history, historiography, and literature.


The journal already has accepted one article for v. 32 (2011), and has received some submissions. The editor asks for volunteers from the membership to serve as readers/referees. If willing to serve, please submit your name, etc. and areas of specialties to Jim Forse at quidditas_editor@yahoo.com

Please consider submitting your next brilliant article to *Quidditas*. For information about submitting to *Quidditas*, you may bookmark the following URL in your browser: [http://www.uni.edu/~swanj/rmmra/quidditas.htm](http://www.uni.edu/~swanj/rmmra/quidditas.htm).

**MONOGRAPH SERIES**

Thanks to Michael Walton’s diligent efforts, the RMMRA Monograph Series is ready to launch. We are ready to begin publishing strong scholarly monographs in Medieval and Renaissance studies through AMS Press. (For more information about AMS, visit their webpage at [http://www.amspressinc.com](http://www.amspressinc.com).) Submissions will be reviewed by a board of readers in relevant fields. We are actively seeking good scholarly projects, and invite our scholars to submit book-length
manuscripts so that we may consider them for publication. For details about the series, or to submit your manuscript, please contact Michael Walton at waltonmar@aol.com.

MEMBERSHIP DUEs AND RECRUITMENT

Membership dues for the RMMRA are holding steady at a flat rate of $25.00 for individuals, and $30.00 for couples. We encourage everyone to remain current with their dues, on which the Association depends for its continued operation.

We hope that everyone’s experience in the RMMRA will motivate them to invite other Renaissance and Medieval scholars to join our organization. There are many universities in our region that have not been represented at our recent conferences. We would like to be able to have many more participants and to broaden our scope in order to accommodate the range of scholarly interest that is represented in our cross-disciplinary focus. Please speak to your colleagues and invite them to join the RMMRA. With our planned sponsored panels at future meetings of the RSA and at Kalamazoo, the developing book series with AMS, and Quidditas fully catalogued in the MLA International Bibliography, we look forward to a significant increase in the profile of our organization. We also look forward to attracting the kind of scholars that will continue the tradition of erudition and collegiality that we have all enjoyed as RMMRA members. Again, please invite colleagues at yours or neighboring institutions to join our ranks and participate in our future meetings.
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Did you know that you can now pay your membership dues online? Point your browser to: http://www.uni.edu/~swanj/rmmra/rmmramemb.htm

If you have not already sent in your 2011 dues, please do so. Note that all categories of membership are now only $25.00!

If you are for any reason unable to pay membership dues via our fabulous Paypal module, please submit a check for $25 along with the form below, to RMMRA Treasurer Leslie Taylor.

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