Happy September RMMRA Members!

I hope you are all managing to get back into the academic groove—Fall is on the horizon! As the new president of the association I’m happy to take over from outgoing president Jennifer McNabb—I thank her for her excellent tenure and service. I am excited to take on this role, especially in this year, which happens to be our 50th Anniversary. It is a testament to the founders and all of the past and present members that the Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association is still alive and well after half a century. On a personal note, this year marks 25 years since I joined on the invitation of my mentor and one of the original members! I would especially like to recognize and thank the long-standing members for their continued support, scholarship, and community. And of course I hope that all of RMMRA continues to grow and thrive, which can only happen with new members!

I am also happy to report that next year’s conference’s theme is “Memory and Remembrance in the Middle Ages and Renaissance,” in honor of both our anniversary and also the people and events that have given us such a rich and meaningful history. Furthermore, we are going to be meeting jointly with the Medieval Association of the Pacific, so we will have a wonderful opportunity for discussion, exchange of information, and camaraderie with a wider group of scholars and friends. This year’s conference in Grand Junction was excellent and I thank Colorado Mesa University for hosting. Next year’s conference at UNLV in Las Vegas is bound to give us all a variety of opportunities to once again enjoy what the West has to offer.

Please join me in commemorating the 50th anniversary of the RMMRA and I hope the 2017-2018 academic year is a good one for you all! Looking forward to another fifty years!

Looking back while looking forward,
Ginger Smoak
President, RMMRA
CALL FOR PAPERS — RMMRA 2018

JOINT CONFERENCE OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE ASSOCIATION AND MEDIEVAL ASSOCIATION OF THE PACIFIC

“MEMORY AND REMEMBRANCE IN THE MIDDLE AGES AND RENAISSANCE”

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, April 12–15, 2018

The Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association and the Medieval Association of the Pacific invite paper and panel proposals for its 2018 conference, to take place in Las Vegas, Nevada on April 12-15, 2018. The conference theme is “Memory and Remembrance in the Middle Ages and Renaissance,” in honor of the 50th anniversary of the RMMRA. The program organizers invite proposals that consider the idea of memory and remembrance, broadly conceived, during the Middle Ages and Renaissance. Proposals may consider remembrance in all areas: religious, ceremonial, familial and personal, and political during the medieval and Renaissance periods but may also investigate memory with regard to the Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association itself in honor of celebrating fifty years of the association. The Program Committee encourages proposals from scholars and students working in all relevant fields, including but not limited to history, literature, music, theatre, theology, and the visual arts. We welcome paper proposals from scholars of any gender identification, ethnicity, race, religion, and subject field, and are happy to work with scholars in need of accommodation or accessibility modifications. As always, while paper and panel proposals addressing the conference theme will receive special consideration for inclusion, proposals in any area of medieval and Renaissance studies are welcome.

Graduate student presenters are eligible to compete for the Michael T. and Phyllis J. Walton Graduate Travel Award to help defray expenses associated with travel to and presentation at the annual conference. The RMMRA also awards two annual paper prizes: the Allen DuPont Breck Award for the best paper at the conference presented by a junior scholar, and the Delno C. West Award for the best paper at the conference presented by a senior scholar (at the rank of Associate Professor or higher). For additional information on the RMMRA, please visit http://www.rmmra.org/

Graduate student and new scholars who present at the conference are also eligible to compete for the MAP Founders’ Prizes. In addition, the John F. Benton Awards provides travel funds for all members of the Medieval Association of the Pacific—indepedent medievalists and graduate students in particular—who might not otherwise receive support from institutions. For further information on its grants, including application deadlines, please seehttp://www.medievalpacific.org/grants/
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Sessions usually consist of three 20-minute papers, and proposals should be geared to that length. The Program Committee may choose a different format for some sessions after the proposals have been reviewed. Session organizers may wish to propose different formats for their sessions, subject to Program Committee approval. Those interested in participating in roundtable discussions should plan to speak for no more than 8 minutes. The Program Committee will form the roundtables and put participants in contact with one another. To facilitate scholarly interchange, roundtable participants will be expected to pre-circulate their proposed comments among the group prior to the conference.

Paper and panel proposals should be directed to the RMMRA Program Committee via email to both Sarah Davis-Secord at seds@unm.edu and to MAP Secretary Anne Laskaya at laskaya@uoregon.edu.

Proposals are due by November 15, 2017 for full consideration. A proposal must include:

- Name of presenter
- Participant category (faculty/graduate student/independent scholar) and institutional affiliation
- One-page CV (in case of panel proposal, include one for each participant)
- Preferred mailing and email address (in case of panel proposal, indicate a panel contact person)
- An abstract of the proposed paper/panel (250 words) or proposed round table (100 words)
- Audiovisual requirements and any other specific requests

The Program Committee will notify participants if their proposals have been accepted by December 15, 2017.

Please note that all presenters at the conference must be current members of MAP or RMMRA. To join or renew your MAP membership, please go to www.medievalpacific.org. To join or renew your RMMRA membership, please see http://www.rmmra.org/membership/.

The conference website, which will include further details about MAP/RMMRA 2018, is currently under construction and will be available in the fall. In the meantime, please direct any questions to Prof. Margaret Harp, Dept. of World Languages and Cultures, University of Nevada, Las Vegas margaret.harp@unlv.edu.
This June the RMMA met for our 49th Annual conference in Grand Junction at Colorado Mesa University on June 23 and 24, 2017. Vince Patarino and Eileen Mah were instrumental in arranging a first-rate meeting with the theme of “Reformations During the Middle Ages and Renaissance.” Our relatively small size this year allowed us to participate in the excellent host of opportunities as an intimate group. In addition to the excellent scholarly presentations and pedagogical discussions, we were treated to a lovely Spanish guitar solo by Javier de los Santos. Dr. Deborah Kauffman, Professor of Music at the University of Northern Colorado, delivered this year’s Plenary lecture titled “Great Spaces of Light and Beauty into Which Only Our Music Can Penetrate.” It offered an intriguing and interesting opportunity to think about space and music and allowed the transformative experience of listening. Attendees enjoyed a conference luncheon, which culminated in a roundtable on service, allowing us to really think about the role that our service activities play in our academic, professional, and personal lives.

On behalf of the association I would like to thank Vince, Eileen, Ramana Konantz, and the Program Committee (Abby Lagemann, Vince Patarino, Kim Klimek, Kristin Bezio and Suzie Skinner) for their tireless efforts to organize such a fruitful and entertaining conference. I would also like to thank the Colorado Mesa University Departments and Committee members who made this meeting so successful.

Finally, thanks to all who attended and I look forward to seeing you, as well as those members who were unable to make it to Grand Junction, next year in Las Vegas for our 50th Anniversary!
RMMRA 2017 PRIZE WINNERS AND AWARD COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to those members of the RMMRA who won travel grants to present at this year’s annual meeting at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction. This conference marked the third year with a graduate student attendee supported by the Michael T. and Phyllis J. Walton Graduate Student Travel Grant. This year’s winner was Abby Lagemann of the University of Colorado at Boulder. This award importantly helps to defray the costs of travel to the annual conference and the association sincerely thanks the generous donors who help fund this award. Congratulations Abby and please contact Treasurer Kim Klimek for information on how to donate to the Walton Travel Grant Fund: klimekk@msudenver.edu.

This year we have created a new travel grant: the Harry Rosenberg Travel Award for Non-Tenured Scholars. Harry was one of the original founders and a long-time member of the RMMRA. He was always extremely welcoming and supportive of all members of the association, but especially new, junior, graduate and untenured members. It is my pleasure to announce this award, awarded annually to up to four Non-Tenured scholars, to defray the costs of travel to and lodging at the conference. Information for applying for this grant will be available prior to next year’s meeting.
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