

April 2012

Greeting to all MAM members and friends!



Last September a large number of the MAM membership gathered at the home of Norby Knight (he's green, no less!), in **De Pere, Wisconsin**. Many thanks are owed to Edward Ridsen and William Hyland who co-hosted the 2011 meeting with a great deal of care and thoughtfulness. Of course, everyone enjoyed the proximity to a pub, warm accommodations at the Kress, and good fellowship.

This issue of *Nuntia* brings the schedule for MAM sessions at the 2012 **International Congress on Medieval Studies** (Kalamazoo), along with the upcoming business meeting agenda (May 10, at 5:30 in the Bernhard Faculty Lounge), as well as minutes of last year's business meeting. Also in this issue is information on the upcoming **MAM conference** in Cincinnati.



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MEDIEVAL ASSOCIATION OF THE MIDWEST
International Congress on Medieval Studies
Kalamazoo – May 10-13, 2012

<p>Session 40 Thursday, 10:00 am Schneider 1360</p>	<p>Gawain and Middle English Romance Sponsor: Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Organizer: Kristin Bovaird-Abbo, Univ. of Northern Colorado Presider: Kristin Bovaird-Abbo Is the Green Chapel a Real Chapel? Another Reading of the Third Fitt in <i>Sir Gawain and the Green Knight</i>. Suxue Zhang, Zhejiang Univ. Gawain: The Knight of the Inner Pentangle. Laurence Erussard, Hobart and William Smith Colleges Ghostly Consolation: A Boethian Reading of <i>The Awntyrs off Arthure</i>. Anthony Cirilla, St. Louis Univ. “Vailyeand and verteous, foroutin ony vice”: Chivalric Pilgrimage and Gawain’s Eschatological Journey in the <i>Knightly Tale of Gologras and Gawain</i>. Andrew Bethune, Independent Scholar</p>
<p>12:00 noon Fetzer 1030</p>	<p>Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Executive Council Meeting</p>
<p>5:30 pm Bernhard Faculty Lounge</p>	<p>Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Business Meeting and Reception with open bar</p>
<p>Session 160 Thursday, 7:30 pm Fetzer 2040</p>	<p>The Workings of Romance: Unhappy Happy Endings Sponsor: Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Organizer: Mickey Sweeney, Dominican Univ. Presider: Louise Hampson, Univ. of York “Where have you seen one as fair as I?”: Mary as Romance Heroine in Miracles of the Virgin. Laurel Broughton, Univ. of Vermont Questing towards Eternity: The Problem of Ending in Three Middle English Visionary Narratives. Megan Eckerle, Yale Univ. Caught between Mary and Morgan: <i>Sir Gawain and the Green Knight’s</i> Happy Ending? Mickey Sweeney Desire and Civic Authority in <i>Sir Degaré</i>. Francine McGregor, Eastern Illinois Univ.</p>
<p>Session 236 Friday, 1:30 pm Valley II 204</p>	<p>Justice, Law, and Literature in the Middle Ages Sponsor: Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Organizer: Toy-Fung Tung, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY Presider: Toy-Fung Tung Women, Legal Discourse, Interpretative Maneuvers, and Negotiating Safety. M. C. Bodden, Marquette Univ. The Stag in Sanctuary: Enacting the Law, Exceeding the Law. Elizabeth Allen, Univ. of California–Irvine “O damned iago! O inhuman dog!”: Antecedents of Roderigo’s Ungulling in <i>Decameron</i> Day Eight and Day Nine. Margaret Escher, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY Customary Law, Imagination, and Community. Mary Jane Schenck, Univ. of Tampa</p>
<p>Session 295 Friday, 3:30 pm</p>	<p>Static and Shifting Landscapes in Medieval Literature, Art, and Thought Sponsor: Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM)</p>

<p>Valley I 106</p>	<p>Organizer: Cynthia Z. Valk, Independent Scholar; Robert Benson, Ball State Univ. Presider: Susann T. Samples, Mount St. Mary's Univ. Discarded Image: The Medieval Cosmos in C. S. Lewis's <i>Ransom Trilogy</i>. Thomas Hoberg, Northeastern Illinois Univ. Navigating the Landscape of Malory's Grail World. Stephen Atkinson, Park Univ. Jane Austen and the Medieval Landscape of Otherness. Robert Benson and Cynthia Z. Valk "Swat yðum weoll": Blood and Water Imagery in <i>Beowulf</i>. Jeanette S. Zissell, Univ. of Connecticut</p>
<p>Session 373 Saturday, 10:00 am Schneider 1225</p>	<p>Studies in Medieval Romance in Honor of Harriet Hudson Sponsor: Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Organizer: Edward Ridsen, St. Norbert College; Alison Ganze Langdon, Western Kentucky Univ. Presider: Timothy R. Jordan, Zane State College Crusade, Jihad, and the Holy Land in Middle English Romance. Peter H. Goodrich, Northern Michigan Univ. Gawain and Florent in the Alliterative <i>Morte Arthure</i>. Kristin Bovaird-Abbo, Univ. of Northern Colorado Yseut aux Blanches Mains as Losengier and <i>Li gelos</i> or Unifier? Aubri McVey Leung, Wabash College</p>
<p>Session 435 Saturday, 1:30 pm Schneider 1255</p>	<p>Innovative Assignments from the Chaucer Classroom (A Roundtable) Sponsor: Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Organizer: David Sprunger, Concordia College Presider: David Sprunger The Canterbury Tweets: Twitter in the Chaucer Classroom. Rebecca Brackmann, Lincoln Memorial Univ. Is It a Sword, a Temple-Curtain, or a Veil? Teaching Chaucer through Footnotes. Dabney A. Bankert, James Madison Univ. Translating Chaucer: An Exercise. Roberta Milliken, Shawnee State Univ. Provoking Perseverance: Locating Chaucer's <i>Griselda</i> in Maria Edgeworth's <i>The Modern Griselda</i>. Alison Ganze Langdon, Western Kentucky Univ. Children's Chaucer in the College Classroom. Karla Knutson, Concordia College A Chaucer Scriptorium. Gavin Richardson, Union Univ.</p>
<p>Session 500 Saturday, 3:30 pm Schneider 1335</p>	<p>Teaching Popular Literature and Popular Culture of the Middle Ages in the Liberal Arts Classroom Sponsor: Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Organizer: Toni J. Morris, Univ. of Indianapolis; Samantha A. Meigs, Univ. of Indianapolis Presider: Kristen Figg, Kent State Univ.–Salem The Little Dark People: Othering in the Novels of Rosemary Sutcliff. Karen R. Moranski, Univ. of Illinois–Springfield Popular Beliefs and the Medieval Mentalité. Samantha A. Meigs Performing Ballads in the Classroom. Toni J. Morris and Elisabeth H. Hoegberg</p>

MEDIEVAL ASSOCIATION OF THE MIDWEST
BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, May 10, 2012
5:30 p.m.
Bernard Center Faculty Lounge (second floor)
Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, Michigan

AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes (Thursday, May 12, 2011)
- II. Election of New Officers
- III. New Business
- IV. Report of the President (Hudson)
- V. Report of the Executive Secretary (Bixby)
- VI. Report of the Editor of *Nuntia* (Heintzelman)
- VII. Report of the Convener of Conferences, including Sessions for 2013 International Congress (Langdon)
- VIII. Report on *Enarratio*/Increasing Submissions (Figg/Storm)
- IX. Report on **2011** MAM Conference (held September 30–October 1, 2011) at St. Norbert College (Ed Ridsen)
- X. Report on **2012** MAM Conference (held September 27–29, 2012) at Xavier University (Stephen Yandell)
- XI. Report on **2014** MAM Conference (dates to be announced) at St. Louis University, Madrid (Carlos Hawley)
- XII. MAM Member Achievements, Promotions, and Graduations

MEDIEVAL ASSOCIATION OF THE MIDWEST

MINUTES BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, May 12, 2011
5:30 p.m.

**Bernhard Center Faculty Lounge
Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, Michigan**

Present: Catherine Barrett, Kristie Bixby, Kristen Figg, Wilmarie Cruz Franceschi, John Friedman, Nickolas Haydock, Matthew Heintzelman, Harriet Hudson, Timothy Jordan, Karla Knutson, Alison Langdon, Angel Matos, Samantha Meigs, Toni Morris, Edward Ridsen, Brian Rock, Catherine Rock, Mickey Sweeney, Stephania Uwakweh, Stephen Yandell

Ms. Hudson convened the meeting at 5:40 p.m. in Bernhard Center Faculty Lounge on the Western Michigan University campus. She welcomed participants and asked them to provide contact information on the sign-up sheet.

I. **Approval of Minutes** – Ms. Hudson asked for approval of the business meeting minutes of May 13, 2010. It was moved and seconded (Knutson/Figg) to approve the minutes. Passed unanimously.

II. **Election of New Officers** – The council previously suggested that **Harriet Hudson** serve another three-year term as president. She explained that she is retiring at the end of June, but will continue to teach part-time for a few more years. Ms. Hudson opened the floor for further nominations for president. There were none. Morris/Haydock made and seconded a motion to appoint Ms. Hudson for a second three-year term. Approved unanimously.



Since Jon Wilcox, previous conference coordinator, has declined the honor of being vice president, **Mickey Sweeney** has agreed to serve another term (one-year term ending 2012).

Ms. **Kristie Bixby** was appointed by acclamation for another three-year term as executive secretary.

In addition to the council's suggested replacements Nicholas Haydock and William Hodapp, Ms. Hudson asked for nominations for councilors to replace Peter Goodrich, William Hodapp, and Yonsoo Kim (term ending 2011). Catherine Rock and Kristin Bovaird-Abbo were nominated by the membership. Following a paper vote, **Nicholas Haydock, William Hodapp, and Catherine Rock** will service as the three councilors whose term ends in 2014. Those councilors whose terms will continue include the following: **Aubri McVey Leung, Edward Ridsen, and Stephen Yandell** (term ending 2012); **Carlos Hawley, Karla Knutson, and Samantha Meigs** (term ending 2013).

Kristen Figg and Mel Storm will continue as co-editors of *Enarratio*, **Alison Langdon** will continue to serve as Convener of Conferences, and **Matthew Heintzelman** will continue to serve as editor of *Nuntia* and MAM webmaster. **Mickey Sweeney** volunteered to represent MAM at the next meeting of the Committee on Centers and Regional Associations (CARA).

III. **Proposal for Restructuring the Duties of MAM Executive Secretary** – The MAM Council earlier approved Ms. Hudson's following proposal to bring forth for discussion at the MAM business meeting.

Proposal for Restructuring the Duties of the MAM Executive Secretary

Proposal: Divide the responsibilities of the current Executive Secretary position between two new positions: Secretary and Treasurer.

The duties of the Secretary would include correspondence, announcements, preparing agendas and minutes of council and business meetings, and maintaining electronic and hard copies of records including files of correspondence. The term of office is three years with the possibility of consecutive terms.

The duties of the Treasurer would consist of oversight of MAM funds including signatory authority for accounts and investments, payments and deposits, maintenance of records (including membership and subscription lists), and reporting annually to the council. The Treasurer acts independently with regard to routine expenditures; in all other matters he or she acts at the direction of the council. The term of office is six years with the possibility of consecutive terms.

Assuming that the Executive Secretary stands for election to an additional three-year term, elections for these new officers will be held in the spring of 2013 to create staggered terms and allow for a transition period before the Executive Secretary's term expires in 2014.

Rationale: The position of Executive Secretary incorporates numerous responsibilities. Kristie Bixby has indicated that she does not wish to continue in this office indefinitely, but it would not be feasible for most MAM members to take on all its functions. Dividing the duties into two more manageable positions would insure the continued smooth operation of the association. A longer term of office for the Treasurer is appropriate since arranging signatory authority for our accounts and various CDs is too complicated to undertake every few years. The President also has signatory authority.

Additional matters for decision:

- **CARA representative:** The President would take over maintaining MAM's relationship with CARA including attendance at CARA meetings.
- **Meeting arrangements at Kalamazoo:** Should the President or the Convener of Conferences be responsible for meeting arrangements at Kalamazoo?
- **Document storage:** Currently, back issues of *PMAM* and *Enarratio* as well as files of past correspondence are stored at Wichita State University. It is not feasible to ship them from place to place and store them as the office of Secretary rotates. Past correspondence could be scanned and stored digitally. The journals, too, could be scanned and made available electronically. A three-year transition period would give us time to accomplish this, but who would do it and at what cost?
- **Enarratio:** MAM should cover the costs of envelopes and postage, currently covered by Wichita State University. Should mailing be the duty of the Secretary or the Editor?

A motion was made and seconded (Leung/Ganze) to accept the proposal for dividing the responsibilities of the current Executive Secretary position between two new positions: Secretary and Treasurer. Discussion ensued. Approved unanimously.

Relative to the additional matters for decision, it was agreed at the council meeting to send a MAM representative—whether it be an officer or a councilor—to the yearly CARA meetings. It was suggested that this responsibility of maintaining a relationship with CARA be given to the MAM President who then could delegate to someone else if that was preferable.

It was decided/confirmed that the Convener of Conferences would be responsible for the meeting room/refreshment arrangements at Kalamazoo.

There was some discussion about document storage but no decision made as to where MAM documents would reside. There was also some discussion about *Enarratio*, moving to an electronic format and distribution, having MAM assume the cost of envelopes and postage; no decision was reached about who should do the actual mailing of hard copies. Ms. Sweeney mentioned that the Illinois Medieval Association sends hard copies of its publication to those who contribute to its journal articles and sends an electronic version of each issue to Project Muse for uploading for electronic access to the membership. The members were unanimous in its agreement to move in this direction. In the future, MAM funds will cover the cost of envelopes, labels, and postage, and likely the Treasurer will be responsible for the actual mailing of hard copies (heretofore an expense covered by the Executive Secretary's institution).

Ms. Sweeney proposed the creation of an officer in charge of recruiting new members (particularly at MAM-sponsored sessions), considering the financial situation faced by many, travel difficulties, and more activities and distractions to draw folks away from previous habits. This position would be similar to a public relations director, maintaining personal contact with potential members and communicating MAM's history, mission, benefits, etc. through e-mail, Facebook, Twitter, etc. Ms. Langdon said this was an excellent suggestion and that recruitment does take a concerted effort; someone who is technologically savvy would be an important requirement for this position. Adding this special MAM position to one's vita would be attractive. Ms. Leung stressed the importance of encouraging graduate students to attend conferences. Over the year, a job description could be developed and a list of appropriate people who would be good for this job could be developed. The membership was in favor of creating this position.

IV. **Report of the President** – Ms. Hudson had no formal report.

V. **Report of the Executive Secretary** – Ms. Bixby also shared the financial statement for May 1, 2010, to April 29, 2011. MAM's beginning operating account balance, May 1, 2010, was \$7,792.73. Revenue for the year totaled \$5,385 in MAM dues and receipts. Expenditures of \$8,376.89 included \$35.00 for 2010 CARA membership dues, \$700.28 for 2010 Kalamazoo travel reimbursement for Convener of Conferences Cynthia Valk, \$3,963.00 for printing *Enarratio* Volume 14, \$3,210.40 for printing *Enarratio* Volume 15, \$195.58 prepayment for 2011 MAM lunches at Kalamazoo, a prepayment of \$272.63 for the 2011 MAM reception at Kalamazoo, and a check image serve fee of \$3.00. The ending balance in the operating account on April 29, 2010, was \$4,797.84.

As of May 1, 2010, MAM's invested funds in a Bank of America CD totaled \$33,233.23. On January 18, 2010, CD funds were renewed for 18 months @ 1.10% annual yield, with a one-time option at six months (on July 19, 2010) to reinvest the funds if the rate was higher. On July 19, 2010, funds were reinvested at a slightly higher rate of 1.25% annual yield until the maturity date of July 19, 2011. Total interest for the period from May 1, 2010 to April 29, 2011, was \$403.59. The ending balance in invested funds as of April 29, 2011, was \$33,636.81.

VI. **Report of the Editor of Nuntia** – Mr. Heintzelman shared black-and-white copies of *Nuntia* and reported that the latest issue was distributed a few weeks ago. The newsletter is actually in color on the website. Forty hard copies were mailed to those individuals requesting a preference for that format. He apologized for not producing a fall issue due to other more pressing matters. He also mentioned that pictures often appear in *Nuntia* and hoped that folks found this acceptable. Mr. Heintzelman mentioned that he has discovered a trove of 13 issues of the newsletter in his files and is planning to scan and put them on the website as pdf files. He brought up the issue of using Facebook, in addition to the newsletter, as a venue for MAM information, as he often gets a call for papers after *Nuntia* has already been distributed, and more of the younger colleagues are using this venue as a way to communicate. This would be a way to expand visibility of MAM and spread news about the association. He envisions that only certain people would be able to post information, but the information would be available to all Facebook members. Ms. Langdon offered to help him with this effort and to connect to the webpage in order to get information out more quickly. Mr. Heintzelman invited others to join in this endeavor.

VII. **Report of the Convener of Conferences** – Ms. Langdon reported that seven sessions (listed below) were approved, out of nine submitted for this year's 2011 congress. All sessions filled well.

1. The Crusades in Film
2. Problematic Pets in the Middle Ages
3. Static and Shifting Landscapes in Medieval Literature, Art, and Thought
4. Justice, Law, and Literature in the Middle Ages
5. Gawain and Middle English Romance
6. Medieval Aesthetics
7. Partnering the Middle Ages: Interdisciplinary Contributions to the Teaching of the Middle Ages (A Roundtable)



Ms. Langdon did not have a report on the 52nd Annual M/MLA Convention held November 4–7, 2010, in Chicago at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place on the theme of “terror,” as she did not receive any MAM proposals for this meeting. Participation in the convention requires membership in M/MLA as well as a conference fee, both of which are sizeable. In addition, recently, the convention has been held in expensive cities. She suggested exploring sessions at MLA instead of M/MLA in order to establish a more global presence rather than a local presence.

VIII. **MAM Session Proposals for 2012 Kalamazoo Congress** – Ms. Langdon announced that so far she has a few proposals for next year. A length of 200 words is appropriate. Previously, the Medieval Institute provided the number of sessions for organizations, but now they designate which ones are accepted, largely based on the descriptive rationale/abstract that accompanies the session proposal, which is now a requirement. **All paperwork must be submitted electronically to Ms. Langdon by May 25.** Ms. Langdon said that 7 to 10 sessions is a good range of sessions at Kalamazoo, which gives MAM a strong presence but does not overwhelm the congress. She reminded the council that proposals are accepted on a first-come first-served basis, and sessions not approved in one year may be

considered for the following year, but it is the responsibility of that session's organizer to let her know if the session should move forward to the next year.

IX. **Report on the Publications** – Ms. Figg reported that MAM is finally getting caught up on the publication of *Enarratio* and will conceivably be back on a current publishing schedule at the end of this year: Volume Fourteen, 2007 (regular issue mailed to 2008 paid-up members); Volume Fifteen, 2008, the special festschrift issue in honor of Robert Kindrick and Norman Hinton, (mailed to 2009 paid-up members); Volume Sixteen, 2009, including papers on punishment, penance, and reward from the 2008 M/MLA convention and organized by Mr. Ridsen and Mr. Hodapp (mailed to 2010 paid-up members); and Volume Seventeen, 2010, currently being compiled by Mr. Storm (eventually mailed to 2011 paid-up members). Ms. Figg asked for an updated list of readers and what kind of papers that they are willing to referee or individuals they would recommend to referee. She passed around a signup sheet for readers interested in referring papers. The plan is to have approximately three book reviews in future issues. Ms. Figg invited feedback about the *Enarratio* volumes: range of articles, length, etc. Ms. Hudson thanked Ms. Figg for her efforts.

X. **Report on the 2010 MAM Conference at the University of Iowa in Iowa City** – Ms. Hudson provided Mr. Wilcox's report on the 2010 MAM conference, which was held Thursday and Friday, September 16 and 17. The budget for this conference totaled \$11,717.77, of which some \$6,500 came from University of Iowa (UI) institutional support (for which he is deeply grateful). As a result, it was possible to keep registration fees low (\$70 for regular registrants, \$35 for graduate students). He provided a detailed budget and donated \$81.77 to close the budget (Ms. Hudson will let him know that MAM would like to reimburse him \$81.77). There were 86 people in attendance, including 16 University of Iowa participant/helpers who received free registration and 28 graduate students at the discount graduate rate). There were 62 papers, two plenary addresses (by Carolyn Dinshaw and John D. Niles), a special performance of *Beowulf* by Chris Vinsonhaler), and a special display of medieval manuscripts and fragments in UI Special Collections, with an associated workshop led by Matt Heintzelman. A good and edifying time was had by all. Mr. Wilcox sent his thanks to everyone involved (and especially to Erin Mann, graduate student at UI, who served as lead organizer). He advised future organizers to take care to avoid the dates of the Jewish High Holidays that occur in the calendar around the customary time of the MAM conference, which promoted him to move the conference to a Thursday/Friday schedule instead of the customary Friday/Saturday schedule. Ms. Hudson commended Mr. Wilcox on a very nice conference.

XI. **Report on the 2011 MAM Conference at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wisconsin** – Mr. Ridsen reported that things are going well in preparation for hosting the next 2011 MAM conference, September 30 and October 1, on a theme of "Sacred World, Secular World." Plenary speakers will be Dr. Barbara Newman, Professor of English, Northwest University, who will speak on "A Lawsuit in Heaven: The Dispute between God and His Mother"; and Dr. David Johnson, Professor of English, Florida State University, who will speak on "Translation, Adaptation, and Invention: King Arthur in the Medieval Low Countries." Bill Hyland, director of the co-sponsoring Center for Norbertine Studies, is co-hosting the conference. The conference will begin early Thursday evening with a medievalism and film program. The Green Bay International Airport is ten minutes from the college. Lodging will be available at the comfortable Kress Inn directly across the street from the college. Because of a Packer football game during this same time, Mr. Ridsen urged attendees to get in early (fly in no later than Thursday, and fly out by Saturday morning). MAM welcomes paper and panel proposals that addressed the above theme or any aspect of the Middle Ages. In keeping with MAM's philosophy of inclusiveness, the submission of proposals from all branches of medieval studies, including but not limited to archaeology, art, bibliography, history, language, literature, music, philosophy, religion, and science, are encouraged. Presentations on medievalism are also welcome. Proposals/abstracts for individual papers of more than 20 minutes should be approximately 250 words long and should include the presenter's contact information and any requests for necessary A/V equipment. Offers to serve as a panel moderator are also appreciated. Proposals for full panels should contain no more than three papers and one session moderator, as well as the titles of all individual papers, contact information for each presenter, and the organizer's contact information. Currently there is not a deadline for abstracts; Mr. Ridsen will accept abstracts until all sessions are filled or the deadline for air reservations has expired!

XII. **Invitations for Future MAM Conferences** – Stephen Yandell from Xavier University, Cincinnati, has offered to host the MAM conference in 2012 and has submitted a letter of intention from his university. The previous suggestion to host MAM in 2013 at the University of St. Louis-Madrid Campus in Spain is still in question. Ms. Hudson reminded all who offer to have a MAM conference at their institution to follow up with a letter of their intentions to the council.

XIII. **Discussion of MAM Membership** – Ms. Bixby shared a comparison of MAM membership beginning in 1992. In 2010, MAM had 176 paid-up members, compared to 151 in 2009, 178 in 2008, 163 in 2007, and 210 in 2006. Membership for 2011 is currently at 117, including four patron members (Nichol Clifton, Carlos Hawley, Ed Ridsen, Jonathan Wilcox), two lifetime members (William Hodapp and David Sprunger), and two sustaining emeriti (Kristin Figg and Norbert Wethington). The last solicitation was mailed to 575 individuals in April 2011.

Ms. Sweeney suggested putting in place a way for members to automatically renew their subscriptions, similar to the way one's electric bill is paid by automatically charging dues to a credit or debit card or other account. Following discussion, this suggestion was approved unanimously.

XIX. **New Business/Other** – Relative to the agenda item about whether sponsors of MAM conferences would get a free year of membership, there was little discussion. This item was placed on the agenda at the request of a former conference organizer who previously asked for this special consideration. It was agreed that this is not necessary.

As previously discussed and agreed upon, Mickey Sweeney will represent MAM at the next CARA meeting. A motion (Langdon/Knutson) was made and seconded to make this a regular budget item. Approved unanimously.

Professional achievements of MAM members include the following:

- Stephen Yandell received Xavier University's Teacher of the Year award.
- Ed Riden received Norbert University's Teacher of the Year Award
- Tim Jordan, Indiana State University, has submitted the second chapter of his dissertation.
- Nicholas Haydock, University of Mayagüez, recently had his book *Situational Poetics* published.
- Angel Matos, University of Mayagüez, has been accepted at the University of Notre Dame.
- Aubri Leung, has submitted the final revision of her dissertation.
- Catherine Rock, Stark State University, has advanced to the rank of associate professor.
- Toni Morris won faculty achievement award for her book in film studies, which was accompanied by a small stipend.

A motion was made and seconded (Riden/Morris) to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hudson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristie A. Bixby
Executive Secretary

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From the Convener of Conferences (Alison Langdon)

Procedures for Proposing a MAM-Sponsored Session at Kalamazoo

While often sessions are generated out of interactions at the Congress itself, in order for members to vote on proposed sessions, please submit a session to me before the business meeting Thursday evening (simply a title for the session and your contact information will do at this stage, though I will need a brief session description soon after—see below). If I receive session proposals after the business meeting, in absence of any other criteria I will opt for first-come, first-served.

The Congress Committee chooses the specific sessions from among those we propose, and their decisions are based in part on the brief session description and rationale provided for each. Thus, any MAM member wishing to propose a session must also provide me with that description and rationale (100-200 words) by May 25 to allow me time to process everything and submit it to the Congress.

If there is a legitimate, pressing reason why your session cannot be scheduled for a particular day, please indicate this on your session paperwork. While I will make such requests on the cover letter I submit with all the MAM paperwork, it is best to be safe.

As soon as I have notified session organizers that their sessions have been approved, they should post a detailed call for papers and the link to the Congress participant information form on the appropriate academic listservs. As the September deadline approaches, post again.

Paperwork for approved sessions must be provided to me no later than September 25.

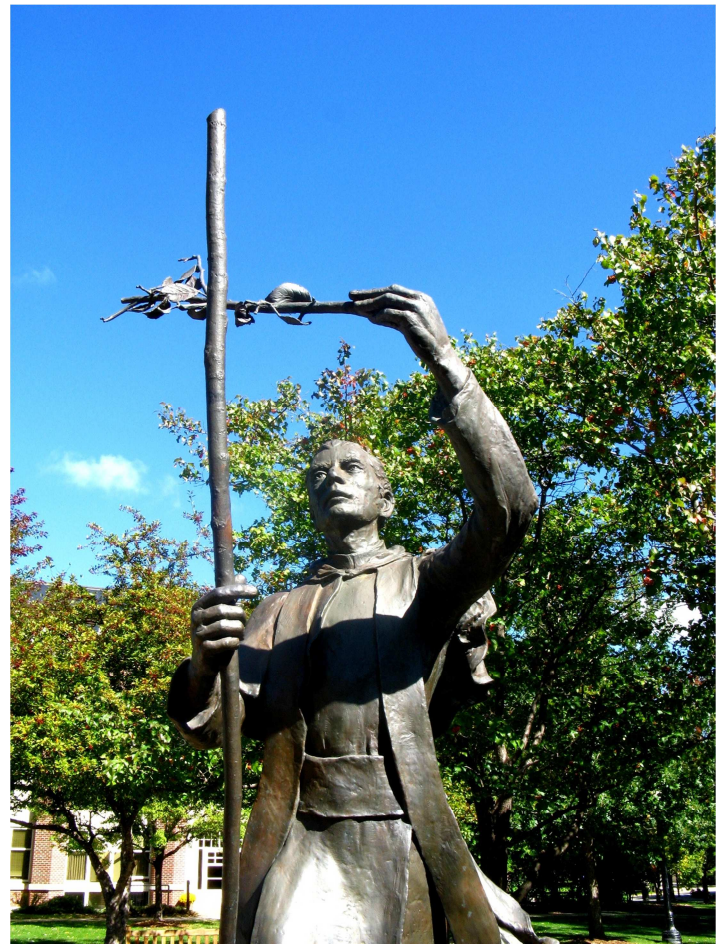
Contact Alison at: alison.langdon@wku.edu

MAM at Saint Norbert College (De Pere, Wisconsin) – Photo Report!

September 2011



Scenes from lectures, the reception at the Institute for Norbertine Studies, Saint Norbert Abbey, and, of course, Saint Norbert himself.



FUTURE MAM CONFERENCES

MAM 2012 at Xavier University

Cincinnati, OH

September 27-29, 2012

Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH is excited to be serving as host for the 28th annual MAM conference from September 27-29, 2012. The conference theme is “Knowing in the Middle Ages” and invites exploration in a range of topics, including learning, knowledge, and memory in the Middle Ages, ways of understanding the world during the Middle Ages, and our ongoing creation of the Middle Ages in subsequent centuries. Events will include a conference banquet as well as an evening reception at the Cincinnati Art Museum.

Submissions are invited for twenty-minute papers on all aspects of medieval studies. One-page abstracts should make clear the subject matter, area, and methodology of the proposed paper and must be received by July 1, 2012. Participants must be members of the Medieval Association of the Midwest by the time of the conference.

Send abstracts and inquiries to:

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Accommodations:

Hotel rooms have been set aside at Marriott's Springhill Suites Cincinnati Midtown (at a conference rate of \$129/night). A shuttle will be available between the hotel and the Schiff Family Conference Center, where conference sessions will be held on the Xavier campus.

Transportation:

Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) serves as the closest airport to Xavier (a fifteen-minute drive away on the southern side of the Ohio river), though occasionally cheaper flights can be found in the Dayton International Airport (DAY), a 1.5-hour drive outside Cincinnati.

Other Attractions:

The hotel is a ten-minute walk to Eden Park, which includes the Cincinnati Art Museum, Eden Park-Krohn Conservatory, and Playhouse in the Park (whose “The Three Musketeers” will have its closing weekend during our conference).

The hotel is a five-minute drive to downtown Cincinnati, where conference attendees may want to take advantage of any number of Cincinnati's rich cultural offerings, including the recently opened National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (freedomcenter.org), the Taft Museum of Art (taftmuseum.org), and the Cincinnati Contemporary Arts Center (contemporaryartscenter.org). Also close to downtown is the Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal (three museums and an Omnimax Theater housed in the 1933-completed art deco building that served as the country's busiest rail station during World War II) (cincymuseum.org) and the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden (cincinnati-zoo.org).

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The chief editors of Enarratio—[Kristen Figg](#) and [Mel Storm](#)—have asked that MAM members continue to submit articles for the upcoming issues. Volume 16 (2009) recently appeared and the table of contents is listed on the MAM website:

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Volumes 17 (2010) and 18 (2011) are both still open for submissions. Please contact the editors with any articles that you would like considered for inclusion in one of these volumes!



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PARTICIPATE! Send in your news for the MAM membership and I will try to make sure it is included in the Blog.



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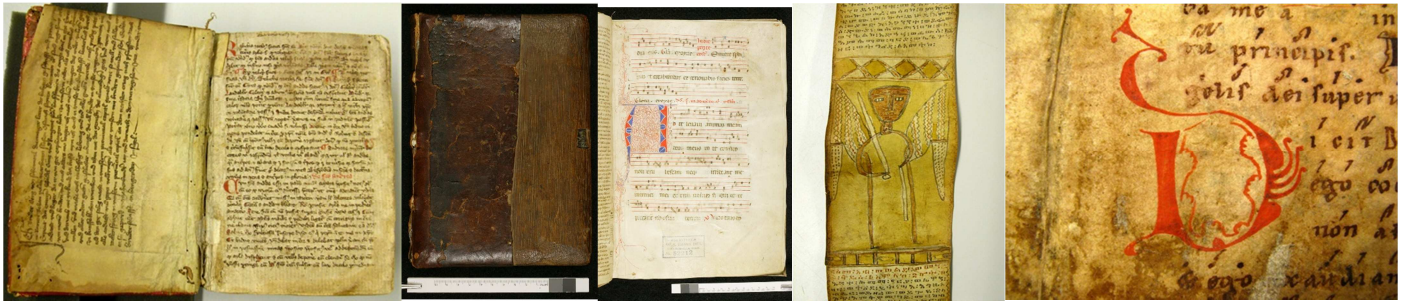
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Reception: Thursday, 5:00-6:30 pm

Eight manuscripts from the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library's own collection of medieval and early modern manuscripts will be on display at the Kalamazoo Congress in May 2012—including a 15th-century preacher's manual, a collection of readings for monastic use, a 14th-century Graduale, a Confessionale, and an Ethiopian prayer scroll (modern). The exhibit will take place in the Edwin & Mary Meader Room in the Dept. of Special Collections & Rare Book Room (Waldo Library). Special thanks to Sue Steuer of Western Michigan University for her help in making this exhibit possible.

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