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MAM: Annual Meeting

The Medieval Association of the Midwest will hold its third annual business meeting on Friday, May 4, 1979, at 7 p.m. in Room 110 of the Conference Center (Goldsworth Valley II and III) at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Current officers of the Association include John Allen (French, University of Manitoba), president; Henry Harder (English, Missouri Southern State College), vice-president; and Merle Fifield (English, Ball State University), executive secretary. Current and prospective members are cordially invited to attend.

The Association will also sponsor a reception on Friday, May 4, 1979, at 10 p.m. in Stinson Lounge. Invitation is restricted to Association members.

MAM at Kalamazoo

The Medieval Association of the Midwest will sponsor four sessions on medieval culture and civilization at the Fourteenth International Congress, May 3-6, 1979, at the Medieval Institute, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. Sponsored sessions include the following:

Session 69: The Role of Constructs in Medieval Studies: Are Courtly Love, Feudalism, and Gothic Terms Medievalists Must Not Use? (a double session) Friday, May 4 1:00 p.m. Room 110

(Organized by Philip Niles, Carleton College)

Presiding: Philip Niles

On Courtly Love:

Yes: E. Talbot Donaldson, Indiana University

No: Joan M. Ferrante, Columbia University

On Feudalism:

Yes: Elizabeth A.R. Brown, Brooklyn College, CUNY

No: Thomas N Bisson, University of California, Berkeley

On Gothic:

Yes: Wayne Dynes, Hunter College, CUNY

No: Roger Adams, State University College of New York, Brockport

Session 78: The Old English Elegies I Friday, May 4 1:00 p.m. Room 205

(Organized by Tim D.P. Lally, Bowling Green State University)

Presiding: Tim D.P. Lally

Nature, Psyche, and Supernature: Language and Isolation in the Elegies

William C. Johnson, Jr., Stetson University
Maxims I, The Fortunes of Men, and The Wanderer: Type-Scenes and Meaning

Loren C. Gruber, Simpson College
Time, Memory, and Elegy in *The Wife's Lament*

Martin Green, Fairleigh Dickinson University
On the Identity of the "Wanderer"

Ida Masters Hollowell, University of Arkansas, Little Rock

Session 102: The Old English Elegies II Friday, May 4 3:00 p.m. Room 205

Presiding: Virginia E. Leland, Emerita,

Bowling Green State University

Odin's Powers and the Old English Elegies:

Some Comparisons

Raymond P. Tripp, Jr., University of Denver
The Emotive Structure of the Old English *Wanderer*

Tim D.P. Lally, Bowling Green State University
Anthropological Hints from *Beowulf* to *Illuminate Wulf and Eadwacer*

Jane-Marie Luecke, Oklahoma State University
Dynamic Verbal Design in *The Seafarer*

John Miles Foley, Emory University

1979 Summer Program in Passau

The second summer program at Schloss Neuberg bei Passau (Bavaria), sponsored jointly by the Michigan Consortium for Medieval and Early Modern Studies and the Medieval Institute of Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, will be held July 9 through August 17, 1979.

Courses carrying credit include late Roman and early German archaeology and history, medieval cities, the Northern Renaissance, South German culture 1500-1750 (Gothic to Baroque), and introduction to paleography. Instruction provided by the Goethe Institute in Passau will be available for beginning and advanced German conversation. Individual instruction in photography for the student and scholar will also be offered. Faculty will include scholars from Emory University, the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, the University of Windsor, and the University of Munich.

Excursions to archaeological and architectural sites in and near Passau and to Nürnberg/Regensburg, Augsburg, and Munich form an integral part of the program. During the last weekend of the six-week program,

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<p>Thursday, 10:00 a.m. Session 32 Schneider 1350</p>	<p>Chronicles and Grimoires: The Occult as Political Commentary Sponsor: Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Organizer: Dominique Hoche, West Liberty Univ. Presider: Dominique Hoche Eustache the Monk: Necromancy and Outlaw Politics Alexander L. Kaufman, Auburn Univ.–Montgomery Malory’s Morgan: Witchcraft, Wisdom, and the Politics of Magical Matthew D. O’Donnell, Indiana Univ.–Bloomington Myth, History, and Prophecy in Royal Genealogies Jaclyn Rajsic, Queen Mary, Univ. of London</p>
<p>Thursday, Noon Bernhard 107</p>	<p>Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Executive Council Meeting</p>
<p>Thursday, 1:30 p.m. Session 86 Bernhard 210</p>	<p>Animal Languages Sponsor: Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Organizer: Alison Langdon, Western Kentucky Univ. Presider: Alison Langdon Bark Like a Man: Performance, Identity, and Boundary in Old English Animal Voice Catalogs Robert Stanton, Boston College “Kek Kek”: Translating Birds in Chaucer’s <i>Parliament of Fowls</i> Michael Warren, Royal Holloway, Univ. of London [<i>Karrer Travel Award Winner</i>] <i>Ymagyned and Compyled: The Nightingale’s Apparitional Voice</i> Carolynn Van Dyke, Lafayette College The Role of Interspecies Communication and Animal Theology in Saving the Medieval Christian Anastasija Ropa, Latvian Academy of Sport and Education [<i>Edwards Memorial Travel Award Winner</i>]</p>
<p>Thursday, 5:30 p.m. Bernhard 208</p>	<p>Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Business Meeting and Reception with open bar</p>
<p>Friday, 1:30 p.m. Session 254 Schneider 1275</p>	<p>Law and Ideal Justice in Medieval Contexts and Beyond Sponsor: Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM) Organizer: Toy-Fung Tung, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY Presider: Toy-Fung Tung Statues, Statutes, and Justice in <i>The Pilgrimage of the Soul</i> Rosemarie McGerr, Indiana Univ.–Bloomington Just Don’t Moon the Judge: Women, Justice, and Advocacie in Jehan le Fèvre and Christine de Pizan Linda Burke, Elmhurst College “Tenuto buono e male adoperando”: From Trickery to Criminality in <i>Decameron</i> 3.6 and 4.2 Margaret Escher, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY</p>

Saturday, 10:00 a.m.
Session 335
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Hadley
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Anglo-Saxon Elements in Middle English Literature

Sponsor: Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM)

Organizer: Dominique Battles, Hanover College

Presider: Dominique Battles

An Old English Riddle Recast in Fourteenth-Century Alliterative Verse Brian Cook, Univ. of Mississippi

British and Saxon in Layamon's Brut: The Case of King Arthur's Arms Paul Battles, Hanover College

Gamelyn and Aethelstan: Looking Back and Looking Forward Edward L. Ridsen, St. Norbert College



MEDIEVAL ASSOCIATION OF THE MIDWEST
BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, May 14, 2015
5:30 p.m.
Bernard Center 211
Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, Michigan

MINUTES

Mr. Hawley convened the meeting at 5:39 p.m. in Bernhard Center 211 on the Western University campus. He welcomed participants and asked them to provide contact information on the sign-up sheet.

- I. **Approval of Minutes** - Mr. Hawley asked for approval of the business meeting minutes of May 8, 2014. It was moved and seconded (Hudson/Langdon) to approve the minutes. The motion passed.
- II. **Election of New Officers** - Mr. Hawley reported that there are vacancies in the offices of Vice President and three Councilors. Ms. Hudson expressed her willingness to serve in the position of **Vice President**. Mr. Hawley invited other nominations. There were none. Ms. Hudson was appointed by acclamation and voted in.

There were three **Councilor** positions that needed replacements. Mr. Hawley reported that the Executive Council has nominated Toy-Fung Tung, Dawn Walts, and Abraham Quintanar. There were no further nominations. Mr. Hawley declared nominations closed. The motion to elect these three individuals to positions of Councilor was passed.

Those **Councillors** whose terms will continue include the following: Tim Jordan, Annette Morrow, and Dominique Hoche (term ending 2016), and Matthew O'Donnell, Mickey Sweeney, and Stephen Yandell (term ending 2017).

- III. **New Business**

Mr. Heintzelman reported on the Executive Council's decision to adopt WildApricot, noting that it offers functionality that we currently do not have through the current website.

Mr. Hawley reported on the Executive Council's decision to honor Graham Boone, the director of CMRS at Ohio State, and Max Stevenson, the student worker. A 5-year student membership and a \$50 gift certificate will be given to Mr. Stevenson, and an honorary membership will be given to Mr. Boone.

Mr. Hawley reported on the possibility of connecting annual membership dues with conference registration.

- IV. **Report of the President** - Mr. Hawley reported on the **2014 MAM Conference** (held January 23–25, 2015) at St. Louis University, Madrid. Mr. Hawley reported that there were 14 panels, noting that the number was identical to the number of panels at the Terre Haute conference. He noted that international scholars attended, and that the conference as a whole went very well. Mr. Heintzelman reported that there were several pictures from the conference posted on the *Nuntia* blog page.

Mr. Hawley also reported that the 2015 MAM conference, to be held October 8-10, 2015) at the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library, Saint John's University (Collegeville, Minnesota). He noted that the 2016 conference will be held at Saint Scholastica and will be hosted by Bill Hodapp. Mr. Hawley reported that Isidro Rivera will host the 2017 meeting at the University of Kansas. The 2018 meeting will take place at Purdue University.

- V. **Report of the Executive Secretary** - Ms. Bovaird-Abbo shared a comparison of MAM membership beginning in 1992. Membership for 2015 as of April 30, is currently at 66 (including 4 libraries/centers, 5/6 students, 17/16 emeriti), compared to 84 in 2014, 97 in 2013, 136 in 2012, 165 in 2011, 185 in 2010, and 155 in 2009. There have been 4 new members (all students). More dues payment are anticipated before the year's end. In addition to the current membership, MAM has five patron members (Nichol Clifton, Carlos Hawley, Harriet Hudson, Edward Ridsen, Jonathan Wilcox), seven lifetime members (Rosanne Gasse, William Hodapp, Keith Kendall, Catherine Rock, David Sprunger, Mark Vottero, Mickey Sweeney), and four sustaining emeriti (Kristen Figg, J. David McGee, William Paden, Norbert Wethington). A solicitation was mailed in October 2014 to 280 (26 electronically) individuals. Ms. Bovaird-Abbo plans to send out another solicitation in late May / early June 2015, and will plan an additional solicitation at the end of the summer to target graduate students at regional universities.

Please pay your dues!

- VI. **Report of the Treasurer** - Ms. Bixby shared the financial statement for May 1, 2014, to April 30, 2015.

MAM's beginning operating account balance, May 1, 2014, was \$9,678.50. Revenue for the year totaled \$2,120.00 in MAM dues and receipts. Expenditures of \$4,542.48 included \$125.72 reimbursement to Alison Ganze Langdon for 2014 Kalamazoo travel, \$535.60 to Kristie Bixby for 2014 Kalamazoo travel, \$3,488.04 payment to Chester Press for Volume 17 of *Enarratio*, \$379.89 prepayment for the 2015 Kalamazoo lunches and reception, check image service fees of \$12.00, and \$1.23 payment for foreign check adjustment. The ending balance in the operating account on April 30, 2014, was \$7,256.02.

As of May 1, 2014, MAM's invested funds in a Meritrust Credit Union (MCU) CD totaled \$35,349.17. Meritrust interest for the period from May 1, 2014, to April 30, 2015, on \$35,349.17 was \$618.60. The ending balance in invested funds as of April 30, 2015, was \$35,967.77.

As of April 30, 2015, the ending balance in the MCU Operating (Savings and Checking) Account was \$26.92.

- VII. **Report of the Editor of Nuntia** - Mr. Heintzelman reported that *Nuntia* has been sent out as an e-mail attachment and posted on the MAM website. He had some printed versions which he made available. Mr. Heintzelman noted that while there has been only one issue of *Nuntia* out so far, he hopes to get another issue out before the fall conference. He also distributed copies of the call for papers for the 2015 conference, and noted that the *Nuntia* blog and the MAM Facebook pages are still ongoing.

- VIII. **Report of the Convener of Conferences** - Ms. Langdon reported that all four MAM-sponsored sessions at the 2015 International Congress filled well, and she encouraged members to attend:

Animal Languages

Good Love for All: Opening the *Libro de buen amor*

Justice and Law in Medieval Contexts and Beyond

The Formation of Identity in Middle English Arthurian Romance

She noted that MAM had submitted 6-7 proposed panels from which the four accepted panels were

accepted. Ms. Langdon also reported that MAM was allotted four sessions for the 2016 International Congress, and that this was the maximum allowed to any organization. Ms. Langdon noted submissions of slates needed to include substantial rationales as the Congress organizers determine which ones go forward. Ms. Langdon asked members to send her proposals with rationales, with a deadline of May 25, 2015. The question was raised about what needs to be in the rationale; Ms. Langdon replied that the rationale was equivalent to an abstract, that it should address the need for a particular session.

Mr. Heintzelman noted that we are coming up on the 40th anniversary (2017) of MAM, suggesting that future panels may be proposed with that in mind.

- IX. **Report on *Enarratio*** - Ms. Figg and Ms. Langdon reported that the current volume, 18, a special volume on pets, was at the printers. They also reported that they had enough articles for Volume 19 and would be editing it over the summer. The editors reported on the decision to renumber the volumes: Volume 17 came out as 2010, but Volume 18 was issued as 2013 and Volume 19 will be issued as 2014. The editors indicated a need for submissions which should be sent to Ms. Langdon; Ms. Langdon had flyers available. Ms. Figg noted that volumes could be released online ahead of getting them printed. Ms. Figg and Ms. Langdon also reported their plan to update the format, switching from MLA to Chicago. The editors also reported that there are no book reviews currently. If members have read something recently and want to write a review, let Ms. Figg know. Finally, the editors reported that all of the back issues have been digitized and will be up on the website at Ohio State University soon. *Enarratio* is also up on EBSCO now; because EBSCO does not do back issues, Volume 17 and all subsequent issues will be available.
- X. **Report on 2015 MAM Conference** (to be held Saint John's University) - Mr. Heintzelman reported that he is working on the hotel information. This year's theme is "Medieval Diversity: Other Lives, Other Voices, Other Stories." Mr. Heintzelman alerted members that the hotel will be some distance from the university. He also informed the members that Saint John's University has a functioning monastic community as well as 90,000 microfilms of medieval manuscripts.

XI. **MAM Member Achievements, Promotions, and Graduations**

Members reported that Peter Goodrich has just retired from Northern Michigan University.

Kristin Bovaird-Abbo has earned tenure at the University of Northern Colorado.

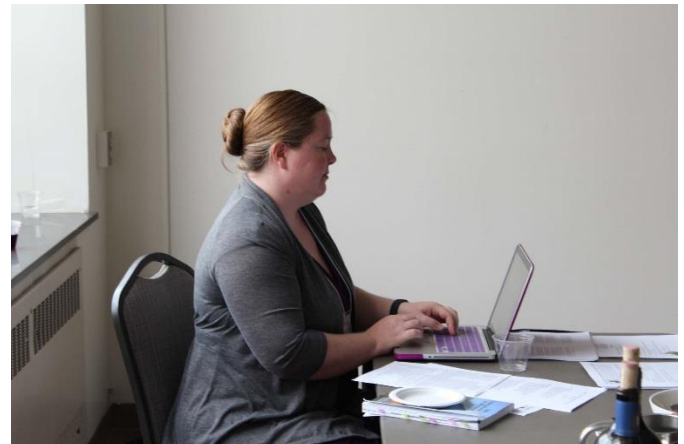
Kristen Figg thanked Harriet Hudson for shepherding the digitalization of *Enarratio*.

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Bovaird-Abbo
Executive Secretary

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MAM Professional News

Have you recently finished a dissertation, book, or other major project? Are you looking for contributors or help on a project? To announce your latest publications and projects in *Nuntia*, please supply the following information by e-mail to, or in hard copy to Matt Heintzelman (mheintzelma@csbsju.edu): 1) Member name, Institution; 2) Title of publication OR focus of project; 3) Short summary or description (optional)

William R. Levin (Centre College, emeritus) read papers at three conferences recently: "...And Especially Burial": The Florentine Misericordia and the Seventh Work of Mercy" delivered in Pittsburgh at the 71st annual meeting of the Southeastern College Art Conference, a related presentation given in Washington titled "Respecting the Dead: The Seventh Work of Mercy and the Florentine

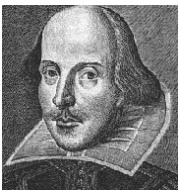
Misericordia" at the 104th annual meeting of the College Art Association, and "Pax et Bonum: Evidence for Franciscan Influence on Charitable Practices at the Early Florentine Misericordia" presented at the annual meeting of the South-Central Renaissance Conference in St. Louis. The latter paper represented the second stage of a research project that began with a talk at last summer's World of Saint Francis of Assisi Conference held in Siena, Italy.

CALL FOR PAPERS
“Materiality and Performance”
Medieval Association of the Midwest
32nd Annual Conference



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October 6-8, 2016
The College of St. Scholastica
Duluth, Minnesota



This year's conference will coincide with the Folger Shakespeare First Folio Exhibit at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. Attendees will be able to take in the exhibit as well as other related events marking the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death. The conference theme emphasizes performance and material culture. Organizers, however, will also welcome paper and session proposals on any topic related to medieval and early modern history, literature, and culture.

Paper/Session Proposals Deadline: Friday, July 22, 2016

Please send proposals or inquiries via email or regular post:

William Hodapp
 The College of St. Scholastica
 1200 Kenwood Avenue
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Future conferences are being planned for the following venues: University of Kansas (2017), Purdue University (2019), York, England (2019), University of Minnesota (2020)

MAM 2015 Conference
Medieval Diversity: Other Lives, Other Voices, Other Stories
 Hill Museum & Manuscript Library – Saint John’s University
 Collegeville, Minnesota – October 8-10, 2015

Report

MAM held its 2015 meeting at the **Hill Museum & Manuscript Library (HMML)**, Saint John’s University (Collegeville, Minnesota), from October 8 to 10, 2015. The theme of the conference was *Medieval Diversity: Other Lives, Other Voices, Other Stories*. Coming on the heels of the January meeting in Madrid, Spain, this conference was smaller, but still well attended. Approximately 35 scholars came to the conference, including a number of HMML’s own staff. Over the course of two and one-half days there were nine panels and two regular plenary addresses, along with a special plenary address during the Friday banquet.



The plenary speakers were **Lisa Fagin Davis**, Executive Director of the Medieval Academy of America (*The Manuscript Road Trip: Documenting Electronic Access to Medieval Manuscripts*) and **William F. Hodapp**, the College of St. Scholastica (*Liberal Learning and the Roman Goddess Minerva in the Middle Ages: A Case Study in Medieval Classicism*). Both presentations were well received and prompted great discussion. The plenary during the Friday evening banquet was given by **Father Columba Stewart, OSB**, Executive Director of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library. He spoke on *HMML’s Role in Today’s World*.



More Views from the Conference at HMML!



The sessions included a wide range of topics from the materiality of manuscripts, to Iberian studies, to approaches to literature and theory, to English literature, to alternative careers for medievalists, etc. For the first time (I believe), members were able to participate in sessions at a MAM meeting through the Internet. Two presenters attended through Skype—in one case this was planned, and in the other this was a last-minute change due to a missed flight! While arranging for such technology was challenging for the hosts, it worked well when the time came.



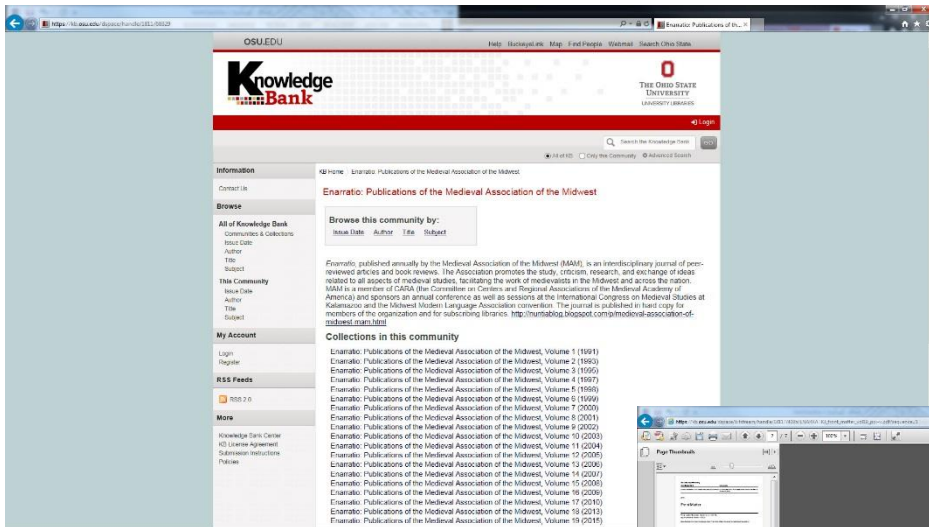
A special aspect to the meeting at HMML was the opportunity to remember MAM's origins: The society grew out of discussions held during a CARA meeting held at Saint John's University in 1975. In a way, the Medieval Association of the Midwest returned home for its 40th birthday!

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(Publications of the Medieval Association of the Midwest)

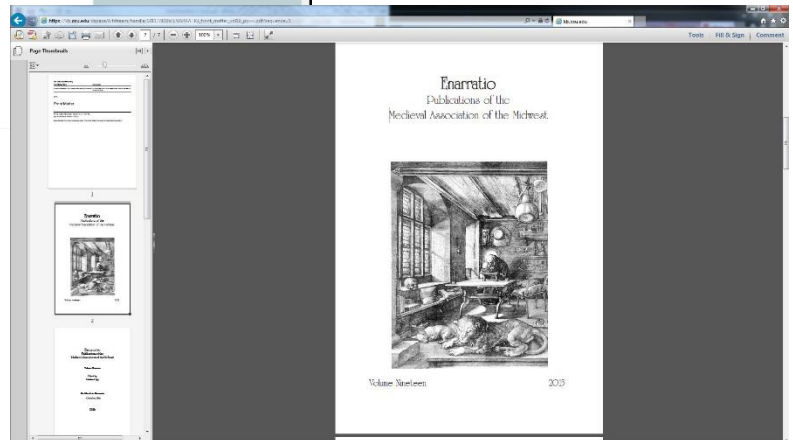
Enarratio Online

Since 2014, *Enarratio* had been on line from the **Knowledge Bank** at University Libraries of The Ohio State University (<https://kb.osu.edu/dspace/>), and from EBSCO (Ebscohost Connection). In 2015 all back issues were made available in Knowledge Bank. Visit often and refer the articles to colleagues and friends! (See: <https://kb.osu.edu/dspace/handle/1811/60329>)



Left: *Enarratio* home page in the Knowledge Bank

Below: Vol. 19 in the Knowledge Bank



Volume 19 (2015) of *Enarratio* is now available!

Kristen Figg, editor, with contributions from Timothy R.W. Jordan, Erin K. Wagner, Elizabeth Melick, Anthony Cirilla, Alexander L. Kaufman, and Abrahm Quintanar. Full list of contents can be found at:

<https://kb.osu.edu/dspace/handle/1811/73996>

Please consider submitting manuscripts for *Enarratio*!

The Medieval Association of the Midwest (MAM)



is an interdisciplinary association of medievalists founded to promote the study, criticism, research, and exchange of ideas related to all aspects of the medieval period and to articulate the specific needs of medievalists in the Midwest. Membership benefits include the following: an annual association conference ❖ *Nuntia*, a biannual newsletter ❖ *Enarratio*, a volume of peer-reviewed publications ❖ sponsored sessions at other professional meetings, including the International Congress on Medieval Studies at Kalamazoo.

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in medieval studies (see membership categories below) by completing this form and mailing it with your dues payment to the treasurer.

Visit <http://nuntiablog.blogspot.com/p/medieval-association-of-midwest-mam.html>

The Medieval Association of the Midwest

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