

CHRONICA



Miniature of the Siege of Troyes, BL Royal MS 14 E IV, f. 57r (c. 1470-1480)

Welcome MAP Members!

Our organization has seen a number of exciting changes since the last edition of *Chronica*. The 2013 MAP conference at University of San Diego was a huge success, having brought together scholars (faculty and students alike) from all over the globe for a variety of energetic and intriguing presentations. Likewise, our 2014 joint meeting with the Medieval Academy of America at UCLA exemplified the collaborative spirit between MAP and other medieval organizations.

MAP is excited to welcome a number of new officers and councilors to our council, allowing for fresh perspectives on the governance of the organization. Dr. Anita Obermeier is handing the MAP Presidency to the more than capable hands of Prof. Michael

Hanly. Thank you Anita Obermeier for your outstanding service to our organization. Please see the President's Message on the following page.

While we will send out a more expansive *Chronica* this Fall, this brief edition includes the CFP for the 2015 conference, hosted by the University of Nevada, Reno (page 2). Additionally, see page 4 and 5 for the most recent winners of the Founder's and Benton Prizes.

Thank you to all of our members for making the organization such a success every year. Your donations and participation matter!

Best Wishes,
Justin Brock, Chronica Co-editor

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ABOUT MAP

The Medieval Association of the Pacific (MAP) is an organization of university faculty, students, and independent scholars from around the Pacific Rim, including North America, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand. The Association was founded in 1966 and has a distinguished history of supporting interdisciplinary medieval studies. For the past 46 years, MAP has invited visitors from around the world to conferences as far north as British Columbia, as far west as Hawaii, and as far east as New Mexico

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I apologize for the delay in this edition of the *Chronica* newsletter. I am happy to report that we had a great annual meeting at the University of San Diego in March 2013. Many thanks to our host Celia Ruiz and her local arrangements committee for putting on an excellent conference. We also had a successful joint meeting with the Medieval Academy of America at UCLA in April 2014. Our 2015 MAP Conference will be in April 10-11 at the University of Nevada, Reno. The CFPs is forthcoming.

In 2013, we elected a new MAP Secretary, Anne Laskaya from the University of Oregon, as well as a new Vice President, Michael Hanly from Washington State University, to whom I handed off as president in April 2014. At the 2014 Business Meeting, the MAP membership also elected a new Vice President, Leslie Arnovick from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver. I would also like to thank for their stalwart service the 2013 outgoing MAP councilors Anne Laskaya, Sean Murphy (Western Washington University), Kristen Over (Northeastern Illinois University), and Katherine Smith (University of Puget Sound) as well as the 2014 outgoing MAP councilors Justin Brock (University of Oregon), Celia Ruiz (University of San Diego), and Ned Schoolman (University of Nevada, Reno).

I would like to welcome the 2013 and 2014 incoming councilors Maria Bullon-Fernandez (Seattle University), Matthew Fisher (UCLA), Kim Klimek (Metropolitan State U, Denver), David Wacks (University of Oregon), Scott Wells (Cal State, Los Angeles), Annie Knowles (University of Oregon), Alison Perchuk (CSU, Channel Islands), and Catherine Saucier (Arizona State University). Lastly, Heather Maring (Arizona State University) will be continuing her service for the MAP council through a second term.

A special debt of gratitude goes to Scott Kleinman, MAP's Secretary and Webmaster for 6 years. He pushed and pulled us into the 21st century. Thanks so much, Scott, for all your hard work.

You can find the 2013 *Chronica* abstracts on the website, which was migrated to a dedicated site that is independent of a university affiliation: add URLs.

My two years as MAP President went by in the blink of an eye. I thank you for your confidence in me and for the privilege and honor in serving as MAP President. I look forward to seeing you at future MAP conferences.

CFP 2015 - UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO

Call for Papers 2015

The 2015 MAP Conference will be hosted by the University of Nevada, Reno April 10-11, 2015.



“Reform and Resistance”

The deadline for panel and individual submissions is **Wednesday, October 15th, 2014**.

Panels and papers related to the conference theme are especially encouraged, but work on other foci concerning medieval studies are also welcomed. Please check the MAP website for additional details regarding abstract submission, conference registration, and hotel and travel information. Refer any questions to our Secretary, Anne Laskaya <laskaya@uoregon.edu>.

“Reform and Resistance” will provide the thematic focus for the 2015 conference. The Program Committee invites proposals for individual 20-minute papers in any area of medieval studies, as well as organized sessions of three 20-minute papers.

IN MEMORIAM**Sigmund Eisner, MAP Founding Member Passes Away**

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Sigmund Eisner (December 9, 1920 – December 18, 2012), one of the founding members of the Medieval Association of the Pacific in 1966. Professor Emeritus at the University of Arizona, Sigmund Eisner was an eminent medievalist and an expert on astronomy in Chaucer. He taught at Oregon State University, Dominican College of San Rafael, and for the past forty years at the University of Arizona. Besides his many publications on Chaucer, Sigmund Eisner was also editor of the Variorum Chaucer edition of the *Treatise on the Astrolabe* (2002). He took his B.A. and M.A. in English from UC Berkeley and his Ph.D. from Columbia University under the direction of Roger Sherman Loomis.

MAP's first president, Jerry Murphy, remembers that at the first meeting of medievalist in the West in 1966, "Sig Eisner argued strongly that the whole West, from Utah to Hawaii, should be included and that the massive consensus quickly fastened on the name 'Medieval Association of the Pacific' to denote the geographic coverage."

MAP member Marjorie Lange, from Western Oregon University, calls Sig Eisner her "most beloved professor." She continues, "not only a fantastic teacher, he was a steady breath of sanity amid the overly political faculty debates that shouldn't have affected us students, but invariably did."

As Jerry Murphy concludes: Genesis 6 says, "There were giants in those days . . . mighty men, men of renown." Sig Eisner was one of them. All of us MAP members owe Sig Eisner, and visionary medievalists like him, a huge debt of gratitude. We miss you, Sig.

Our MAP colleague Roger Dahood has also posted a remembrance on the University of Arizona Department of English website: <http://english.arizona.edu/news/remembering-dr-sigmund-eisner>.

REMINDERS**Please Remember to Renew Your Membership!**

Your membership expires after 1 year so make sure to check if you are currently up-to-date. The best way to do this is to access your profile on the MAP website. Information about your last payment will appear. In order to attend and present at conferences, your membership must be current. As a reminder, a regular membership is \$35 and student memberships are \$15. In reflection to MAP's ongoing mission to provide an open forum to medieval scholars, we strive to keep the dues as affordable as possible. Unfortunately, check payments cannot be accepted. We request that all members pay for their membership via Paypal. A link appears on the MAP website.

Update Your Profile

As you renew your membership, please check to see if your information (particularly, your contact information) is current. By updating your information, you ensure that you receive all of the MAP Council's news and reminders.

Chronica

Along with the *Chronica* newsletter, MAP members will soon have access to previous conference abstracts on our MAP website. Keep an eye open for the abstracts and other updates as we continue to renovate our website.

Donations

Please donate to the Medieval Association of the Pacific by accessing Paypal on the website. Your donations help support the organization by offsetting conference planning and administrative costs. Any amount is greatly appreciated.

FOUNDER'S PRIZE

MAP awards a \$1,000 prize for the best paper presented by a graduate student at annual meetings (MAP and MAA-MAP conferences). The paper must demonstrate the following characteristics: exceptionally promising research, an innovative approach to a field of medieval study, and excellent writing/rhetorical skills. The submitted paper may be revised between its presentation at the MAP conference and the submission deadline.

Who is eligible?

- Graduate students enrolled in degree-granting programs;
- Graduate students can either self-nominate or be nominated;
- Students in between degree programs;
- Independent scholars who received their degrees no more than three years before the date of the conference.

FOUNDER'S PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to our 2014 Founder's Prize winner **Kristen Geaman (University of Southern California)** for her exceptional paper, "Anne of Bohemia and the Work of Queenship."

The awards committee would like to recognize the work of two additional applicants:

Sarah Hanson (UC Santa Barbara), "Gender, World, and Coming of Age in Late Medieval Douai"

David Patterson (University of British Columbia), "Adversus Paganos: Disaster, Dragons, and Episcopal Authority in Gregory of Tours"

Thank you to all of our applicants this year. The committee applauds all the promising work our graduate student members are producing.

Requirements

- Applicants must have presented the submitted paper at the last MAP conference (that is, in the same calendar year as the deadline for submission);
- All applicants must be members of MAP;
- A word count of 2,750 to 4,000 words (roughly, 10-15 pages).

To Submit

- Email a PDF file to MAP Secretary, Anne Laskaya, at laskaya@uoregon.edu

Deadline

- Midnight, August 1st, 2014

BENTON PRIZE

This award, named in honor of its progenitor, John F. Benton, MAP President (1982-1984), provides travel funds for all members of MAP who might not otherwise receive support from institutions.

The award may be used to defray costs connected with delivering a paper at any conference, especially for MAP conferences, or connected to scholarly research. Up to three awards will be presented each year, for \$400 apiece.

Who is eligible?

-All MAP members who are current with their registration and dues.

Requirements

If applying for a conference presentation:

- A one-page curriculum vita

BENTON PRIZE WINNERS

The MAP council would like to recognize our 2013 Benton Prize Winners:

Philippa Byrne (University of Oxford), "Making Excuses for Moses: Improper Intercession in Twelfth-Century Thought"

Emilee Howland-Davis (University of New Mexico), "Morgan le Fey: Sister, Savior, Sorceress"

Due to a lack of applicants, the Benton Prize committee has no winners to announce for the 2014 prize.



Miniature with Horned Moses,
Corpus Christi College
Cambridge 21 (The Bury
Bible), f. 94r (12th cent.)



Morgan-le-Fay, Frederick Sandys,
1863-1864, Oil on Panel,
Birmingham Museums and Art
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Calendar

- August 1, 2014**
MAP Founder's Prize Submission Deadline
- October 15, 2014**
MAP 2015 Reno Panel and Individual Paper Submission Deadline
- January 30, 2015**
MAP Benton Prize Submission Deadline
- April 10-11, 2015**
MAP Conference at University of Nevada, Reno