

MFN 21, SPRING 1996: UPCOMING FEATURES AND FOCUS ON "GENDER AND VIOLENCE"



MFN 21 will feature brief reports by Linda Lomperis, Catherine Brown, Sarah Stanbury, Elizabeth D. Kirk, Jo Ann Hoepfner Moran, E. Jane Burns, and Anne Clark Bartlett from the Round Table on "Women Scholars and Professional Mentoring" organized by Bonnie Wheeler in May 1995. It will also feature book reviews that we were unable to publish in the current issue.

The Spring 1996 issue's special focus will be on Gender and Violence; we invite short essays, queries, and bibliography on that subject. We have already received several submissions or commitments from readers, but we look forward to further contributions about recent work on the following: women and war, domestic violence, rape, gendered representations of violence in art and literature, education and corporal punishment, discipline and punishment in law and custom, violence in religion, theoretical approaches/problems, as well as relevant work in other fields.

Please send brief contributions (500-750 words) to Roberta L. Krueger, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY 13323 by May 1, 1996 or post to rkrueger@hamilton.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE SOCIETY FOR MEDIEVAL FEMINIST SCHOLARSHIP



Nominations should include the candidate's field, affiliation, research interests and a one-sentence statement of goals for the organization. This information will be printed on the mail ballot sent out with the Spring Newsletter. Please send nominations to Margaret Schleissner, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Rider University, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648-3099.

THE NEW MIDDLE AGES



To showcase the latest in innovative scholarship, Garland Publishing announces a new series entitled *The New Middle Ages*, under the general editorship of Bonnie Wheeler. This fully-refereed, interdisciplinary series includes scholarly monographs and essay collections about medieval cultures, with particular emphasis on feminist and gender analyses. Books available in Spring 1996 include: *Clothes Make the Man: Female Cross Dressing in Medieval Europe* (by Valerie Hotchkiss); *Medieval Mothering* (edited by John Parsons and Bonnie Wheeler); *Fresh Verdicts on Joan of Arc* (edited by Wheeler and Charles T. Wood). By late 1996 *Becoming Male in the Middle Ages* (edited by Jeffrey Jerome Cohen and Wheeler) and *Women in Medieval Islam* (edited by Gavin Hambly) will be available. We welcome proposals. Send them (along with a c.v.) to Bonnie Wheeler, Medieval Studies Program, SMU, Dallas, TX 75275-0432.

SMFS AT KALAMAZOO, 1996



CASH BAR AND GRADUATE STUDENT RECEPTION AT KALAMAZOO

Please mark these events on your Kalamazoo calendar. The annual business meeting of the Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship will be held on Friday, May 10 at 5:15 p.m. in 1055 Fetzer. A cash bar will follow.

A reception for graduate students will be held on Thursday, May 9 at 5:15 p.m. in 1005 Fetzer.

The following sessions will be sponsored by the Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship at the 31st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo in May 1996:

I. REPRESENTATIONS OF MASCULINITY IN FEMALE AUTHORED TEXTS

May 9 at 10 a.m., room 1140 Schneider (Judith Laird, organizer)

Susan Pergentini Rice, "Hildegard of Bingen: Masculine Metaphors of a Feminist Visionary"

Marshall Leicester, "Male Texts and Female Readers in the Lais of Marie de France"

Jay Ruud, "Representations of Masculinity in the Shewings of Julian of Norwich"

Diane Wolfthal, "The Issue of Women's Sexual Consent: Pygmalion, Magical Images, and Christine de Pizan"

II. TEACHING THE MIDDLE AGES: A FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE

May 11 at 10 a.m., room 100 (Pat Belanoff and Deborah S. Ellis, co-organizers)

Donna Prescott, "Curricular Sex Change: Teaching Arthurian Women"

Michael Calabrese, "The Harassment of Modthryth and Feminist Politics in the Medievalist's Classroom"

Nina Rulon-Miller, "A Woman Screams: A Feminist's Introduction to Old English 300"

Respondent: Jo Tarvers

III. ENTERING THE PUBLIC SPACE: THE POLITICAL LIFE OF MEDIEVAL WOMEN

May 11 at 1:30 p.m., room 100 (Miriam Shadis, organizer)

Belle S. Tuten, "Politics, Property Disputes and Female Monastics in France, 1000-1200"

Jennifer Green, "Medieval Women and Public Charity in the Catalan Diocese of Gerona in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries"

Brian A. Pavlac, "Margaret 'Pocketmouth' of Tyrol (1335-1363) and the Problem of a Woman's Rule through Men"

IV. GENDER AND LIFE CYCLES IN THE MIDDLE AGES

May 9 at 1:30 p.m., room 1345 Schneider (Fiona Harris Stoertz, organizer)

Joan Cadden, "Growing Up and Growing Old: Life Cycles, Life Sciences, and Gendered Sexual Forces"

Fiona Harris Stoertz, "Coming of Age: Gendered Definitions of Maturity in Medieval France and England"

Cathy Jorgensen Itnyre, "Getting on In Years: Old Age in Medieval Iceland"