

NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ACADEMY

The Academy will convene in its annual meeting on Wednesday, December 28, 1988 in Cincinnati, Ohio. In addition to the annual business meeting, two panel sessions are scheduled. All meetings will be take place in Hoosier Room B of the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

PROGRAM

Session One: Religion and Diplomacy in the Medieval Crown of Aragon, James W. Brodman, presiding; 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Clifford Backman, "Frederick III of Sicily and the Franciscan Spirituals"

Thomas Burman, "Vincent Ferrer's Hybrid Sermon Rhetoric in the Context of Medieval Preaching"

Christopher Davis, "The House of Barcelona and the Papacy in the Thirteenth Century"

Larry Simon, "The Foundation and Early Development of the Dominicans on Majorca"

Session Two: Castilian and Aragonese Government in the Middle Ages, Jill R. Webster, presiding; 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

John Todesca, "The *moneda forera* tax in Castile-Leon"

Theresa Vann, "Castilian Royal Administration of the Upper Tagus Valley, 1085-1252"

William Clay Stalls, "The Written Word in the Aragonese *Reconquista*"

Annual Business Meeting, James F. Powers, presiding, 4:30pm.

Hotel reservation forms are available in the September, 1988 issue of the AHA *Perspectives*. Special air fares are available from American Airlines (telephone 1-800-433-1790 and request Star file number S.15554) and Delta Air Lines (telephone 1-800-241-6760 requesting file number N.0122).

KALAMAZOO CONFERENCE, 1988

"Foral and Customary Legal Traditions of the Medieval Iberian States," organized by Donald Kagay, was presented at the Twenty-Third International Congress of Medieval Studies. These are abstracts of the papers presented:

Donald Kagay, "The Great Lawcodes of Early Catalonia: Chronology Revisited": The remnants of Catalonia's far-distant past is extant not in chronicles or literary records but in thousands of legal documents which from the eighth century onwards addressed a myriad of social institutions. By what Robert I. Burns, S.J., terms as a kind of "documentary archaeology", a modern investigator can glean small bits of information from the rich charter hoards of eastern Spain to

restore the larger historical picture of early Catalonia. This *modus inquiriendi* must necessarily be applied to the region's earliest efforts of legal synthesis, the *Usatges of Barcelona* and the *Liber Feudorum Maior*, for their authors rooted their work in the documentary strata of early Catalonia. By comparing these two codes, then, a clearer picture of their chronology and the intention of their authors is to be seen. The *Usatges* was long thought to have been composed between 1058 and 1076 but during the present century was seen to be a "model of falsification" which came into being in the mid-twelfth century though its authors attributed its origin to the preceding century. The *Liber Feudorum Maior*, a collection of feudal and castle oaths and lawsuits, apparently came into the hands of royal curials by a fortuitous purchase from a Jewish moneylender in 1178. However, a comparison of the two works which surely shared some of the same curial authors may challenge these traditional dates. By scanning the lawsuits of the first half of the twelfth century that occur in the *Liber*, it can be demonstrated that the *Usatges* was an evolving custom, a *lex usuaria*, which by 1151 had passed into a rudimentary written form. The traditional date of the *Liber* is consequently thrown into doubt by its relationship to the *Usatges*, several of whose articles contain direct quotations from the *Liber*. This fact suggests that either the story of its purchase from the moneylender is spurious or that there was some collection activity of feudal documents in Catalan curial circles in the early twelfth century that were "lost", only to be reclaimed by members of the Catalan court in 1178.

Nina Melechen, "Counting Sheep and Counting Ships: Incorporating the *Fueros* of the Province of Santander into the 'Index of Medieval Castilian *Fueros*'": The "Index of Medieval Castilian *Fueros*" is a computerized database containing indexed references to the contents of *fueros*. The "Index" was originally created and expanded using *fueros* from a region along the upper Tagus valley. This region was a militarily active frontier, with an economy primarily based on ranching, and the entries in the "Index" reflected these concerns. The incorporation into the "Index" of *fueros* from the province of Santander (namely, those of Santander, Santillana del Mar and Castro Urdiales), an area whose economy was geared to mixed farming and international trade, proved both the general applicability of the "Index"'s format and the consistency of the topics of municipal legislation between different areas of medieval Castile. There are differences of emphasis and detail between the *fueros* of the two regions. For instance, the Santander *fueros* provide specific guidelines for the treatment of foreign merchants and the conduct of trade, list commodities to be bought and sold, gloss over military service and ignore farming completely. The Tagus valley *fueros*, on the other hand, ignore trade, while addressing agriculture, ranching, war and social status. Nevertheless, the *fueros* of both areas demonstrate that medieval municipal law in Castile was consistently concerned with the maintenance of public peace, the organization of municipal government, and the regulation of economically important activities. Although details might vary by region, these underlying concerns did not. Therefore, the "Index" can incorporate *fueros* from any area.

Theresa M. Vann, "Life on the Edge: Legal Unity on the Frontier-- The Upper Tagus River Valley, 1085-1252": The diversity of municipal *fueros* in the upper Tagus Valley of New Castile has long presented a challenge to scholars. Because there is no dominant *fuero* family among the area's ca. 60 law codes, a method of investigation that relies on *fuero* families makes the town charters of this region seem more diverse than they really are. The Index of Medieval Castilian *Fueros*, however, permits comparison of the subjects of these *fueros* to provide insights to the nature of this diversity. Ultimately, such a comparison will lead to a better understanding of royal administrative practice in the area. Various reasons exist for the multiplicity of law codes. Because it was to the advantage of the descendants of the original settlers, the towns of this region insisted upon retaining their local customary law despite the influence in the area of the great *fuero* of Cuenca. There is, however, a discernible shift in the priorities of the region from the 12th to the 13th centuries. The first *fueros* of the early 12th century offered privileges designed to attract settlers and defend the Tagus frontier. Although these privileges were outdated by the 13th century, towns strove to retain them while avoiding the military service that had originally justified them. Their success in doing so was abetted by the reluctance of Castile's kings to tamper with law codes without serious provocation. Yet second and even third

redactions of these *fueros*, occasioned by new groups of settlers or other new circumstances, are not unknown and, along with settlement charters, are the basis for this regional variety. Because of the strength of customary law, and since the initial *fuero* granted to a majority of these towns was unique, every change in circumstance meant that each new *fuero* had to be tailored to the customary law specific to the particular town. While such changes may have differed from town to town, across the entire region they reflect the change from a sparsely-populated frontier to a mature, settled area whose property owners were eager to retain their privileges and to protect their livelihood.

CONFERENCE OF "MEDIEVAL SPANISH SCHOLARSHIP"

The University of Wisconsin recently hosted a conference on the "state of the art" in medieval Spanish studies. Organized by Normal Roth, its participants included Robert I. Burns, S.J., Brian Dutton, Paul Freedman, Robert MacDonald, Michael McVaugh, John Nitti, James Powers, David Raizman and Bernard Reilly. The unique feature of the conference was the informal nature of the discussions, more of a working conference than the presentation of scholarly papers. Roundtable sessions allowed for the exchange of ideas on a variety of subjects: history, law, and literary, art and medical history. It is hoped by the participants that future occasions for such interdisciplinary exchange, perhaps under the auspices of the Academy at Kalamazoo, will be possible.

CALL FOR PAPERS

A session entitled "The Craft of Kingship in the Medieval Iberian States" is proposed for the International Congress on Medieval Studies at Kalamazoo, May 4-7, 1989. Proposals should be sent *quam primum* to: Dr. Donald J. Kagay, P.O. Box 12855, Dallas TX 75225.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nicolas Toscano announces the inauguration of *Anuario medieval*, a journal that will contain articles, in English or Spanish, on the events, thought and form of literary discourse in the writings and documents of Medieval Spain. Projected subscription cost is \$15 for individuals, \$25 for institutions. For more information, write him at St. John's University, Grand Central and Utopia Parkways, Jamaica, NY 11439.

The Council of International Exchange of Scholars has announced the opening of competition for the Spain Research Fellowships for the 1989-90 academic year. Applications and information can be obtained from Robert Burnett, Spain Research Fellowships, CIES, Eleven Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036. The telephone number is 202-939-5414. Application deadline is January 1, 1989.

The Ibero-Medieval Association of North America (IMANA) was inaugurated at the 1988 Kalamazoo Conference for the purpose of organizing, under a single umbrella, sessions, particularly those devoted to a single theme, at future Kalamazoo conclaves. In addition to sponsoring from 4 to 6 sessions on topics relating to medieval Iberia, the organizers contemplate an annual dinner. More information can be obtained from Joseph T. Snow, Department of Romance Languages, The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 30602.

The *Bulletin of the Cantigueiros de Santa Maria* has been announced by The Society of the Cantigueiros de Santa Maria. Manuscripts should be addressed to the Editor, Department of Spanish and Italian, University of Kentucky, Lexington KY 40506. Memberships for individuals are priced at \$5 per year (\$10 for institutions) and can be obtained from Connie L. Scarborough, P.O. Box 468, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro TN 37132.

NOTES FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

David S.H. Abulafia has published two books: *Italy, Sicily and the Mediterranean, 1100-1400* (Variorum, 1987) and *Frederick II: A Medieval Emperor* (Viking Press, 1988). He is currently serving as general editor of the *Journal of Medieval History* and "warmly invites submissions from members of the AARHMS." His work now centers on the Kingdom of Majorca's trade through Palma, Perpignan and Montpellier; he presented a paper on trade between Majorca and England at the 12th Congress on the History of the Crown of Aragon at Palma in September, 1987. A session entitled "Two double kingdoms in the medieval Mediterranean: Sicily and Majorca" was organized for the Anglo-American Conference of Historians in London (July, 1988).

A.S. Arbury has been appointed art historian at Radford University.

James S. Blaettler, S.J., is working on a dissertation entitled "The Emmaus Relief: Art, Liturgy and Monastic Ideology at Santo Domingo de Silos," for the Department of Art History at the University of Chicago.

Dwayne E. Carpenter has published "Alfonso el Sabio y los moros: algunas precisiones legales, históricas y extuales con respecto a *Siete Partidas* 7.25," *Al-Qantara* 7 (1986): 229-52; and "Abner de Burgos, *Libro de las tres creencias*: The Spanish Manuscripts," *Manuscripta* 31(1987): 190-97. In preparation is a book-length manuscript on medieval Jewish-Christian debates.

Jerry R. Craddock has been named as editor-in-chief of *Romance Philology*.

Jerrilyn D. Dodds has in press at Penn State University Press *Architecture and Ideology in Early Medieval Spain*. Her current research concerns the images of the female nude on the pilgrimage roads in Spain in the 11th and 12th centuries.

Clara C. Fernandez is preparing a dissertation entitled "*Dichos y Proverbios de sabios y filósofos, siglo XIV*" at Catholic University under the direction of Josep M. Solà-Solé.

Alberto Ferreiro has published *The Visigoths in Gaul and Spain, A.D. 418-711: A Bibliography* (E.J. Brill, 1988); "Job in the 'Sermons' of Caesarius of Arles," *Recherches de théologie ancienne et médiévale* 54(1987): 13-26; and "The Omission of St. Martin of Braga in John of Biclaro's *Chronica* and the Third Council of Toledo," in *Los Visigodos. Historia y Civilizacion* (Madrid, 1986): 145-48. Professor Ferreiro was awarded a grant by the H. Pew Freedom Trust to establish a Seattle/Pacific University summer in residence program in Salamanca.

Michelle A. Fuerch has published *Biblioteca Nacional de Madrid MS 4987 "Tratado Juridico"* (Madison: The Hispanic Seminary, 1986). She is serving as editor-in-chief of the Medieval Aljamiado Manuscript Series and has been awarded a grant for a Program for Inter-Institutional Collaboration in Area Studies (Arabic) at the University of Michigan. In April 1988 she was presented the Severy Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Donald J. Kagay has published "Violence Management in the 12th-Century Crown of Aragon," *Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies*, University of Minnesota; and "Iberian Colonization in America: Contract between Old World and New," *Texas Knights of Columbus*. He is studying princely education in the Crown of Aragon, 1213-1412 and the emergence of the *plena curia* in the early Crown of Aragon.

Archibald Lewis's *Nomads and Crusaders, A.D. 1000-1368* has just been published by the University of Indiana Press. In progress is the *World of Greater France, 1030-1400 A.D.* He is currently serving as 1st Vice-President of the Medieval Academy of America and as Vice-President of the International Maritime Commission.

Karen Kennelly, C.J.S.,'s *Catholic Women: Historical Explorations* is due out in November from MacMillan. She is spending the current semester in Peru pursuing the topic of changing concepts of mission and evangelization; the spring of 1989 will be spent at the Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research in Collegeville, Minnesota.

Bruce A. Lorence has published "António Homem--A Portrait in New Christian Communal Leadership in Seventeenth Century Portugal," *Proceedings of the Second International Congress on Sephardic and Oriental Jewry* (1988); his Ph.D. dissertation, entitled "A Group Biography of New Christians on Trial Before the Regional Tribunals of the Portuguese Inquisition in Coimbra and Évora during the First Half of the Seventeenth Century," is scheduled for completion in 1990.

Lawrence V. Mott has published "Square-Rigged Great Galleys of the 15th Century," *Mariner's Mirror* (February, 1988): 49-54; and has "Medieval Ship Graffito at the Palau Reial" and "Medieval Ship Graffiti and the Cathedral of Palma de Mallorca" in press. His current research is analyzing the frescos of the battle of Tunis (1535). He has received research grants from the Institute of Nautical Archaeology and the Molassas Reef Project.

José Manuel Nieto Soria's recent publications include "La monarquía bajomedieval castellana ¿Una realeza sagrada?" *Homenaje al Prof. Juan Torres Fontes*, 1987; "La transpersonalización del poder regio en la Castilla bajomedieval," *Anuario de Estudios Medievales* 16(1988); "Apología y propaganda de la realeza en los cancioneros castellanos del siglo XV. Diseño literario de un modelo político," *En la España Medieval* (1988); and "Iglesia y sociedad en los siglos XIII al XV (ámbito castellano-leonés). Estado de la investigación," *ibid.*

Roger E. Reynolds has received a major grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada for his work on the Monumenta Liturgica Beneventana, and has been elected as a member of the Argeo Gesellschaft (Munich). He has prepared 12 articles for the *Dictionary of the Middle Ages* and published "Rites and Signs of Conciliar Decisions in the Early Middle Ages," *Segni e Riti nella Chiesa Altomedievale occidentale* (Spoleto, 1987): 207-49; and "Rites of Separation and Reconciliation in the Early Middle Ages," *ibid.*, 405-37.

Milagros Rivera has published "Dret i conflictivitat social entorn a les dones a la Catalunya pre-feudal i feudal," in Mary Nash, ed., *Mes enlla del silenci: Les dones a la historia de Catalunya* (Barcelona: Generalitat de Catalunya, 1988): 53-72; and "Les infanzones de Aragón durante la epoca de Jaime II," in A. Muñoz and C. Segura, eds., *El habajo de los mujeres en el medievo hispano* (Madrid: Asociacion Cultural Amudaina, 1988).

Teofilo F. Ruiz has published "Images du pouvoir dans les sceaux castellanes," in *Génése médiévale de l'Espagne moderne* (Vallodolid, 1987); and "La formazione del Mercato de la Pena nella Castiglia," *Quaderno Storici* 65(1987): 423-52. He is finishing a manuscript on northern Castilian society in the late Middle Ages.

Connie Scarborough has published "The Theme of the Runaway Nun in Escorial ms. T.J.I. of the *Cantigas de Santa Maria*," in *Studies on the Cantigas de Santa Maria: Art, Music and Poetry* (Madison: The Hispanic Seminary, 1987): 135-54; and "A Summary of Research on the Miniatures of the *Cantigas de Santa Maria*," *Bulletin of the Cantigueiros de Santa Maria* 1 (1987): 41-50. She was awarded a research grant by Middle Tennessee University for research in Spain in the summer of 1988 and has organized a session on "Widows in Medieval Spanish Literature" for the 1988 MLA meeting.

J. Lee Shneidman has been reelected as chair of the Columbia University seminar on the history of legal and political thought and institutions.

Joseph Snow has published with Julian Weiss "El hispanismo en los Estados Unidos: Hispano-medievalismo," *Revista de la Universidad Complutense* 1984(1988)/2-4: 171-94. He has been selected as a corresponding member of the Hispanic Society of America and has organized three sessions for the 1989 Kalamazoo Conference under the IMANA umbrella.

Jill R. Webster has published the following: "Els anys formatius dels franciscans i carmelites a Montpel·lier i Perpinya," *Actes du XII^e Congrès d'Histoire de la Couronne d'Aragon* (Montpel·lier, 1987): 241-53; "Una familia de mercaderes: los Examenis," *Archivo Ibero-Americano* 47(1987): 185-88, 63-78; "The Carmelites in Majorca," *Carmelus* 34 (1987): 94-112; "L'art i l'arquitectura gòtica i els framenors," *Ausa* (1988); "El desconocido convento de Puigcerdà," *Archivo Ibero-Americano* 48 (1988); "Els framenors de Manresa," *Miscellania d'estudis Bagencs* (March, 1988); "La reina doña Constanza y los hospitales," *Archivo Ibero-Americano* 49 (1989); "The Hermits of Mount Carmel in Lunel and Montpel·lier," *Carmelus* 35 (1988). In addition a collection of documents for the Franciscan house at Gerona (to 1399) is in course of publication in *Annals de l'Institut d'Estudis Gironins*; and "The Barcelona Carmelite Archives", a collection of documents up to 1348 with a short introduction will appear in the July and December, 1988 issues of *Analecta Sacra Tarraconensia*. Work is underway on a study of the Carmelites in the Crown of Aragon, and on the medieval hospitals in Catalonia, and on the Franciscan Order. She has been appointed director of the graduate Centre for Medieval Studies at the University of Toronto.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Members of the Academy were notified in the last *Newsletter* regarding the status of their dues. A reminder is included in the survey section of this issue. Since the Constitution of the Academy limits participation in the biennial elections to members in good standing, only those individuals who have paid dues for 1988 are included in the list contained on the nomination ballot. Other members are, of course, encouraged to become current in their dues, and those who do will be mailed election ballots. In any case, it has been the recent policy of the Academy to drop members from the *Newsletter* mailing list only when dues are more than two years in arrears. Many members find it convenient to avoid the nuisance of writing annual checks for the token amount of the Academy's dues by paying for two or three years at a time.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Article 2, section 2 of the Academy's Constitution provides for the election of a President and Secretary-Treasurer; their terms of office shall be for two years. According to Article 3, section 1, "The duties of the President shall be to preside at the Annual Business Meeting, to approve applications for Regional Circles, to appoint an acting Secretary-Treasurer as necessary, and to interpret this constitution should the need arise." According to section 2, "The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be to maintain a record of membership and of the Annual Meeting, in concert with the President to arrange for the Annual Meeting and notify members of it, to coordinate such other meetings of the full Academy as shall be held, to receive dues and make disbursements, to handle necessary correspondence and newsletters and to furnish an account of his stewardship at each Annual Meeting."

Following past custom, President James F. Powers has designated an election committee consisting of Professor David Raizman to solicit nominations for these two offices and then to conduct the balloting. Professor Raizman requests that members designate their nominees in the place provided on this sheet (see over) and mail those nominations to him by **November 1, 1988**. Eligible to nominate and eligible for nomination and election are all members of the Academy in good standing. A list of these is provided for your use.

Members in Good Standing (as of October 1, 1988)

David Abulafia	Robert A. MacDonald
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Please place in nomination the following members of the Academy for the designated offices:

President: _____

Secretary-Treasurer: _____

Please mail these nomination by *November 1, 1988* to:

Professor David Raizman
Department of Art
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Macomb, Illinois 61455

Re: AARHMS

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

It has been three years since the publication of the last membership directory. At the suggestion of several members, a new directory will be published in the spring of 1989. Those members who wish to be included in this directory are requested to complete and mail in the following form. To insure inclusion, members should return this information by January 15, 1989.

Name: _____

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