November Newsletter 2010

Dear PMRG Members,

Thank you to everyone who attended the quiz night. It was a successful fundraising event, and hopefully an enjoyable night for all. We have one final social event planned for 2010, the much-awaited Christmas party. Andrew Lynch has kindly offered to host the party at his house this year, so the details for the party are as follows:

Date: Friday 3rd December, 6.30 p.m.
Venue: 47 First Avenue, Claremont.
Price: $15 & a plate of food to share.

In the spirit of the festive season, we have decided to ask guests to bring a plate of their favourite seasonal food to share. This has the added benefit of reducing the ticket price, which will be $15 this year and includes drinks. Claremont is well serviced by public transport, and for those of you who may wish to travel by train the closest station is Loch Street on the Fremantle Line. A map is enclosed with this newsletter. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Pam Bond by 29 November 2010. Pam can be contacted by email at pam.bond@uwa.edu.au, or by phone on 6488 3858 during business hours. Alternatively, an RSVP slip is included at the end of this newsletter.

We have two more public lectures scheduled for 2010. In association with the Australian Early Medieval Association Conference, Dr Jane Hawkes from the University of York is scheduled to deliver a public lecture on the topic “Framing the Image: Anglo-Saxon Sculpture and the Early Christian Icon”. This lecture will take place on Wednesday, 17 November at 7:30pm in Social Science Room G.210.

We also welcome Associate Professor Jaroslav Miller, who will be visiting the Centre for Medieval and Early Modern Studies at UWA as a Group of Eight European Fellow until March 2011. Jaroslav is Associate Professor of History at Palacký University Olomouc, Czech Republic. He studied History, Philology and Literature at Olomouc, Budapest and Oxford, and completed his PhD in Comparative History at Central European University. Jaroslav has published widely on the urban and cultural history of early modern Europe. In 2008 his monograph Urban Societies in East-Central Europe, published by Ashgate, obtained the award for 'Best Urban History Monograph'. Jaroslav Miller has lectured and pursued his research in Great Britain (Oxford), Germany (Marburg, Münster, Wolfenbüttel, Leipzig), Canada (Toronto) and USA (Yale University, University of Georgia). Since 2006 he has been a Fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt...

On 7 December, Associate Professor Miller will deliver a public lecture on the topic of 'Absolutism from Below? The Remarkable History of Argenis' at 4.30pm in Arts Lecture Room 6. He has kindly provided the following abstract for his paper:

Listed in catalogues of aristocratic, burgher and parish libraries, translated by Martin Opitz and Ben Jonson, and quoted by Cardinal Richelieu and Thomas Hobbes, the Latin novel Argenis by John Barclay ranked among the bestselling books in 17th-18th century Europe. Though officially marketed as a romance, the text bore a significant political message and became more than passing entertainment. Through reference to the history of Argenis, this paper contributes to the ongoing debate on how early modern political ideas were disseminated and made known to a wider public.

The call for papers has also been released for our 2011 conference, which will again be held in conjunction with the Centre for Medieval and Early Modern Studies, and also the new Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions at UWA. It is scheduled to take place from 9-11 June 2011. If you would like to deliver a paper relevant to the conference theme of ‘Emotions in the Medieval and Early Modern World’, we invite members to submit proposals. Possible approaches and themes may include: the theory of pre-modern emotions; emotions in social and political history; religion and emotion; representations in literature, theatre and the arts; scientific, philosophical and theological understandings; the public performance of emotion; gender and emotion; emotion and the body; policing and punishing emotion; disordered emotions, and related themes. Abstracts of c. 300 words for 20 minute papers or proposals for panels of 3 speakers should be submitted to Pam Bond (pam.bond@uwa.edu.au) by March 2011.

We look forward to seeing some of you at the final PMRG events for 2010, and also when our 2011 programme starts next March.

Best wishes
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PMRG Christmas Party

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Please reply to Jennifer Hole, PMRG Treasurer, History M208, The University of Western Australia. RSVP by 29 November, 2010
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