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Dear Members of PMRG,

The annual conference, ‘Poverty in the Medieval and Early Modern World’, is almost upon us. The conference is a two day event, and will be held at Trinity College, the University of Western Australia, on 11-12 June 2010. It will showcase a range of fascinating papers on topics such as Norse migration, institutional and charitable poor relief, the experiences and survival strategies of the poor, and representations of poverty in medieval and early modern literature. We will also hear papers from three esteemed plenary speakers: Professor John Barrell from the University of York, Professor Christopher Dyer from the University of Leicester, and our own Professor Susan Broomhall from UWA. You will find a draft programme for the conference attached.

Registrations for the conference are now open. They are being processed for us by the Institute of Advanced Studies at UWA, and you can register online at the following URL: http://www.ias.uwa.edu.au/conf/cmems. Alternatively, you can register by completing the enclosed registration form and returning it to: Institute of Advanced Studies (M021) The University of Western Australia 35 Stirling Highway, Crawley WA 6009.

If you would like to attend the dinner at Greco’s on Broadway on Friday 11 June, it’s important to indicate this on your registration form for booking purposes. The cost of the dinner is $40 per person for 3 courses, and payment will be collected at the dinner venue on 11 June.

The conference will be preceded by a free public lecture by one of our plenary speakers, Professor John Barrell from the University of York, on Thursday 10 June 2010, at 6pm in the Webb Lecture Theatre on the ground floor of the Geography Building at UWA. The title of Professor Barrell’s paper is: ‘Landscape and Lead-Mining’. The paper will be followed by a wine reception sponsored by PMRG at 7pm, in the Old Senate Room at the Institute of Advanced Studies building facing the James Oval at UWA. We hope to see you there.
Included with this newsletter you will also find an updated Calendar of PMRG Events for 2010. In addition to the papers advertised previously, an extra seminar has been included on Thursday, 10 June 2010, for a midday paper by Dr Eliza Kent from the University of Melbourne. Eliza’s paper is titled “Witch, tyrant, beast: the underbelly of English masculinity”, and will be held in Social Science Seminar Room 1 (SS G36).

The Australian Early Medieval Association Conference will be held at UWA 18-19 November, 2010. We’re pleased to announce a public lecture in the CMEMS/PMRG series associated with this conference on Wednesday 17th November, 7:30. Dr Jane Hawkes (University of York) will give a paper titled “Framing the Image: Anglo-Saxon Sculpture and the Early Christian Icon”.

Finally, the date for the annual PMRG Quiz Night has been booked. It will take place on Tuesday, the 10th of August, this year – save the date!

Best wishes from the PMRG committee.
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Enc. Symposium Draft Programme
Calendar of Future Events.