

2010 Meeting in New Haven:

The Medieval Academy Returns to a Campus



*"Cum igitur circumstantias ville Parisiensis scire ... desideres, innotescat tue dilectioni quod status terre bonus est, vinum et annona pro modico precio sui plenam exhibent ubertatem, magistrorum etiam copia tanta super quod solum indigentia supprimatur, et – quid plura referam? – omnia se prospera sociis studere volentibus offerunt et iocunda."*¹

Whether in a city or a small town, university settings have an enduring allure. This coming March, the Medieval Academy will return to a university campus for its annual meeting. Sponsored by Connecticut College, Trinity College (Hartford), the University of Connecticut, Wesleyan University, Cambridge University Press, and Yale University, the 85th annual

meeting of the Medieval Academy will take place on the Yale University campus in New Haven, Connecticut, March 18th through 20th.

The program of the meeting includes almost fifty sessions, representing a wide range of traditional and new fields. There are five plenary sessions: talks by Angelika Neuwirth, Islamist at the Freie Universität, Berlin; Charles Donahue, Jr., legal historian at Harvard; and Herbert L. Kessler, art historian at Johns Hopkins University; as well as a CARA session on medieval Scandinavia, and the Academy's annual Business Meeting. For details of the program, visit the meeting's official website, <http://www.yale.edu/medieval/maa2010/>.

Yale's rich art and manuscript collections will be on display at the Beinecke Rare Books and Manuscripts Library, the Yale Law School Library, the British Art Center, the Yale University Art Gallery, and Sterling Memorial Library. Excursions to other area museums are planned, as is a guided architectural tour of "medieval Yale."

All meeting participants are encouraged to attend the Friday banquet, which is generously subsidized. New Haven itself is well known for the variety and quality of its restaurants and specialty shops. Cafés, restaurants, bars, boutiques, galleries, and bookstores cluster around the campus. Conference attendees will find all conference activities and most other sites of interest

¹ "Thus, since you wished to know how matters stand in the city of Paris, ... the following may be set down for your benefit: the condition of the land is good, wine and provisions offer up their full richness for a small price, and the abundance of teachers even surpasses that by which students' need would be met. In short, everything presents itself as favorable and pleasant for friends wishing to study." The Latin text is printed by Charles Homer Haskins from Paris, Bibliothèque Nationale de France, MS. Lat. 14069, f. 185 ("The Life of Mediaeval Students as Illustrated by their Letters." *The American Historical Review*, 3.2 [1898]: 224-225).

in easy reach.

On-line registration is now open. To register for the meeting, visit <http://www.yale.edu/medieval/maa2010/>, where you will also find information on accommodations and travel. The organizers of the 2010 meeting look forward to welcoming the Academy to New Haven, over thirty years after the Academy's last meeting at Yale.

Yours sincerely,

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Anders Winroth, Chair, Program Committee

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Ian Cornelius, Co-chair, Local Arrangements Committee

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