

## Foreword

The progress in medieval studies since 1900 has helped to dispel many stereotypes and reveal a complex picture of the medieval world. The broadening in medieval studies in the last several years has helped to shed new light on aspects of the period heretofore shrouded in time. Recent investigations on exegetical studies, gender roles, children and the family, and the interaction between the sacred and the profane have resulted in exciting new articles for this issue of *Publications of the Medieval Association of the Midwest*. These articles submitted by MAM members illustrate not only the vitality of MAM sessions but critical elements in the continuing dialogue of medievalists as we attempt to understand more about the intellectual and social developments of the period. Karen Moranski has given us an issue truly reflective of the latest currents in medieval scholarship.

Remember it is no longer necessary for papers to have been presented at the MAM conference or sponsored session to be eligible for the *Publications*. Submissions are now accepted from any member of the Medieval Association of the Midwest. We welcome your submissions and your membership. *PMAM* is one of the exciting benefits of MAM membership.

This volume, like all *Publications* volumes, would never have existed without the efforts of Mel Storm, Karen Moranski, and our dedicated editorial readers, all of whom serve *pro bono*. They all deserve our thanks. Our thanks must also go to the authors, whose papers reflect a high level of scholarship and readability along with new insights on their subjects.

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