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## AARHMS Newsletter: Fall 2005

### The American Academy of Research Historians of Medieval Spain

The American Academy of Research Historians of Medieval Spain (AARHMS) was founded in 1974 by a small group of historians who shared a common interest in medieval Iberia. Since 1976 it has been an 'affiliated society' of the American Historical Association, and has continuously sponsored research presentations at the AHA annual meetings, at the International Medieval Congress at Kalamazoo, and in other national and regional settings.

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#### 1. President's Message (October 2005)

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome to another academic year. I hope it will be a productive and pleasurable one. On assuming the presidency of the AARHMS, I would like to thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility. Founded more than two decades ago, the AARHMS has been a strong supporter of scholarship on and teaching of medieval Spanish history. Our organization has contributed enormously to the growing prominence of medieval Spain in our discipline, and I wish to commend Professors James Broadman, Helen Nader, Nathaniel Taylor, Mark Johnston, Simon Doubleday, James d'Emilio, and others for their selfless dedication to our society and for helping keep it alive throughout the last few years.

Organizations such as ours can only survive by the full support of its membership. We all need by your intellectual and financial engagement. The AARHMS is sponsoring two sessions at the AHA annual meeting in Philadelphia this coming January. Thanks to James d'Emilio's work, we will also sponsor two additional sessions at Kalamazoo. We should have a strong presence at the SSPHS in April since we share our membership and scholarly interests with them. We should also make every effort to be represented at the annual meeting of the Medieval Academy. But we should do more than sponsor panels as an affiliate. I would like the membership to consider an expansion of our activities, and that may include awards for junior faculty, electronic publications, creating network support among our members, and encouraging scholarship and teaching of medieval Spain. Your suggestions and advice are most welcome. Mark Johnston has already created a new web site, and Nat Taylor has taken up our electronic newsletter. But perhaps we should re-create an active list serve where we could exchange news and valuable information. Please do let us know your thoughts on these matters. Renew your membership as soon as possible, and plan to attend the meetings where we are represented.

Cordially,

Teo Ruiz  
tfruib@history.ucla.edu

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## **2. AARHMS Website Relaunched**

After a few months in the works earlier this yer, AARHMS launched this new website, redesigned, streamlined updated, and now accessible at this new URL, connected more directly to the LIBRO directory at its old home, the University of Central Arkansas. Please send any comments, suggestions and corrections to the AARHMS webmaster, Prof. Mark D. Johnston of DePaul University, at: mjohnst4@depaul.edu

Most importantly, you are all warmly invited to bring your membership up to date by submitting your current contact information through the membership page of this site, found under "AARHMS" in the main menu at left.

Do not forget to send dues, by US Mail, to Prof. Helen Nader, AARHMS Secretary, at the postal address show on the membership page! Your regular dues will insure that AARHMS will thrive.

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## **3. LIBRO Project Update and Call for Materials**

From the LIBRO Project Director, Jim Brodman:

I would like to give everyone an update on the LIBRO project, which is now about six years old. The last time I looked - and this was some time ago - LIBRO has had over a quarter of a million users and these have come from around the globe. Currently there are just over fifty titles available through LIBRO.

This summer, thanks to the generosity of the University of Central Arkansas and the American Academy of Research Historians of Medieval Spain (both of which co-sponsor the project), I was able to replace LIBRO's aging server with a new model that is both faster and larger (it has a capacity of something like 40,000 to 50,000 volumes!). I still have a little (very little) money to add additional titles.

I would like to ask whether you (1) have a university press title in Spanish history that is now out-of-print that you would be willing to share with LIBRO, or (2) have any titles to recommend. Titles that already exist in some digital form (in Word or Wordperfect, for example) can be mounted quickly and inexpensively. Most time-consuming and expensive are titles that must be scanned.

If you do, please send notice of any potential material submissions or other support of LIBRO to Prof. Brodman at jimbro@uca.edu.

Jim Brodman  
Director, The LIBRO Project

LIBRO Project website: <http://libro.uca.edu>

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## **4. Upcoming AARHMS Panels**

130th AHA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 5-8 January 2006

This January AARHMS will have an exhibitor's table at the AHA conference, with promotional material and a general encouragement to join. If you plan to attend the AHA conference, please stop by! Better yet, if you don't mind sitting at the table now and then, please let Teo Ruiz know via email at

tfr Ruiz@history.ucla.edu

AARHMS is sponsoring two sessions on Friday, January 6:

*Session 1 (Fri, 6 Jan, 9:30-11:30): Women's Production and Reproduction: Domestic Service and Wet Nursing in Medieval Iberia*, Chair: Cristina Guardiola, University of Delaware

Papers:

The Autonomous Woman? Female Servants, Marriage, and the Dowry in Early Fifteenth-Century Valencia, Dana Wessell Lightfoot, University of Toronto

Women and Court Service in Twelfth- and Thirteenth-Century Castile, León, and Portugal, Miriam Shadis, Ohio University

Real Motherhood and Idealized Compassion: Reading the Iconography of the Lactating Virgin in the Thirteenth-Century Realms of Aragon, Rebecca Winer, Villanova University

*Session 2 (Fri, 6 Jan, 2:30-4:30): Local Elites and Friars in Late Medieval and Early Modern Spain*, Chair: Teofilo F. Ruiz, UCLA

Papers:

Just Another Crisis: Demographic Survival and Administrative Reform in the Dominican Province of Aragon, 1301-78, Michael Vargas, Fordham University

The Business of Local Elites: Commerce and Political Power in a Rural Marketplace at the Turn of the Fourteenth Century, Gregory B. Milton, Marquette University

Local Elites and Political Culture in Sixteenth-Century Spain, Claudia Mineo, UCLA

[41st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, 4-7 May 2005](#)

AARHMS is co-sponsoring, with the SSPHS (Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies), a series of panels on Culture and Society in Medieval Galicia at the 41st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan (May 4-7, 2006). The sessions have been organized by James D'Emilio (University of South Florida) and Michael Kulikowski (University of Tennessee). The Program for Cultural Cooperation Between Spanish Ministry of Culture and United States' Universities has provided a grant to help fund the participation of Spanish scholars. James D'Emilio has placed the full program for these panels on line at the SSPHS website, at: <http://www.ku.edu/~iberia/ssphs/kzoo2006.htm>. SSPHS is sponsoring sessions 1-4; AARHMS is sponsoring sessions 5-6. As a convenience the complete session list is also copied here:

SSPHS-sponsored sessions:

*Medieval Galicia I: The Suevic Kingdom*. Presider: Michael Kulikowski (University of Tennessee)

Papers:

Gallaecia in late antiquity: geographical periphery and political integration, Pablo C. Díaz (Universidad de Salamanca)

Suevic kings and Suevic coins: Rechiar, rex totius Hispaniae, Fernando López Sánchez (Universidad de Zaragoza)

Death and burial on the frontier: the so-called Visigothic cemetery reconsidered, Guy Halsall (University of York)

*Medieval Galicia II: Church, Society, and Culture in Early Medieval Galicia*. Presider: James D'Emilio (University of South Florida)

Papers:

Hagiography and monasticism in early medieval Galicia: the Vita Sancti Fructuosi, Maribel Dietz (Louisiana State University)

The Fructuosan 'revolution': an interpretation of the seventh century in Gallaecia through the work of Fructuosus of Braga, Jorge López Quiroga (with Mónica Rodríguez Lovelle) (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)

Tenth-century wall painting in the Leonese kingdom: recent discoveries at Santiago de Peñalba and the Cordoban connection, Milagros Guardia (Universitat de Barcelona)

*Medieval Galicia III: Galicia in the Asturian and Leonese Kingdoms*. Presider: James D'Emilio (University of South Florida)

Papers:

Deconstructing myths in Gallaecia: the restructuring and articulation of settlements and territories (8th-11th centuries), Mónica Rodríguez Lovelle (with Jorge López Quiroga) (Universidade de Santiago de Compostela)

The making of a kingdom: early medieval Galicia, Carlos Baliñas Pérez (Universidade de Santiago de Compostela, Campus de Lugo)

The revolt at Lugo in 1087 and its aftermath, Lucy K. Pick (University of Chicago)

*Medieval Galicia IV: The Cult of St. James*. Presider: Alberto Ferreiro (Seattle Pacific University)

Papers:

Representations of St. James of Compostela in the Codex Calixtinus and Historia Silense, Javier Domínguez García (Utah State University)

The reception of relics and works of art in medieval Compostela and Galicia, Francisco Singul (S.A. de Xestión do Plan Xacobeo. Xunta de Galicia)

Art and social conflict in late medieval Compostela: tradition versus innovation, José Suárez Otero (Archaeologist, Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela)

The AARHMS-sponsored sessions:

*Medieval Galicia V: The Romanesque Cathedral of Santiago*. Presider: John Williams (University of Pittsburgh)

Papers

Aragon, Navarre and the Early Romanesque Sculpture of Santiago Cathedral, Manuel Castiñeiras (Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya)

The Romanesque cathedral of Santiago de Compostela: foundations for a new building history, Henrik Karge (Technische Universität Dresden)

Compostela and the Romanesque art of Galicia, James D'Emilio (University of South Florida)

*Medieval Galicia VI. Galicia in the Later Medieval Kingdom of Castile: Marginalization?*. Presider: Paul Freedman (Yale University)

Papers: Courtly culture and clerical culture in the thirteenth-century sculpture of the cathedrals of Tui and Ourense, Rocío Sánchez Ameijeiras (Universidade de Santiago de Compostela)

Galicia and the Castilian monarchy (1230-1295): marginalization?, Francisco Javier Pérez Rodríguez (Universidade de Vigo, Campus de Ourense)

Siervo libre de amor: all things to all men, David Mackenzie (University College, Cork)

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## 5. Book Reviews

The book review arm of AARHMS is increasingly active, with several books recently reviewed. All reviews are available on line at this website: select "Book Reviews" from the main menu at left. Books for review, or offers to review books, may be sent to the book review editor, Simon Doubleday, at the Department of History, Hofstra University, via e-mail: [Simon.R.Doubleday@hofstra.edu](mailto:Simon.R.Doubleday@hofstra.edu)

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## 6. Other News for Medieval Hispanists

### Arnau de Villanova

A new volume (vol. 17) has recently been published in the *Arnaldi de Villanova Opera Medica Omnia* (Universitat de Barcelona, 1975-present), a series that presents critical editions of and commentaries on the Latin medical writings of the famous Catalan physician Arnau de Vilanova (d. 1311). It is Arnau's translation of the *Kitab al-adwiya al-mufrada* of Abu Salt, and contains an edition of the original Arabic text (by Ana Labarta) as well as of Arnau's Latin version (by Jose Martinez Gazquez and Michael McVaugh), together with Latin-Arabic and Arabic-Latin glossaries that show Arnau's command of Arabic terminology.

To mark the thirtieth anniversary of the series, the University of Barcelona is offering scholars and university libraries the opportunity to purchase individual volumes (excluding the one just published) at fifty percent off, and the entire series at a deeper discount. For details, see:

<http://www.sehm.org/4tablon/apartados/publisocios/arnaldi/AVOMOflyer2004.htm>

*Communicated by Michael McVaugh*

### Index of Christian Art Conference on Spanish Medieval Art

The Index of Christian Art at Princeton University will be holding a conference devoted to Spanish Medieval Art on Saturday, 29 April 2006, in Room 106, McCormick Hall, Princeton University, from 9.00 am to 5.30 pm. Full details are not yet available but will be posted on the ICA website at some point in the future. Space is limited and registration will be required. The ICA website (and notice of this conference) are at: <http://ica.princeton.edu/conferences.html>.

*Communicated by James D'Emilio*

### Memorial Award in Honor of Elka Klein

Dr. Elka Klein (1965-2005) was passionate about her profession as a historian and a teacher. Her untimely death in the spring of 2005 was a great loss to all who knew her, whether personally or professionally. In her memory, we who were her friends and professional colleagues in the fields of History and Jewish Studies wish to create a fitting memorial to honor her dedication to and her achievements in her academic life. We are thus seeking to establish the Dr. Elka Klein Memorial Travel Grant, which will provide a cash grant to support the work of a doctoral student traveling abroad in order to conduct historical research. Award recipient(s) will be selected by a panel of scholars based on relevance and potential contribution of the proposed work to the fields and concerns important to Elka, such as Sephardic culture, medieval history, and Jewish studies. The Association for Jewish Studies, of which Elka was a dedicated member throughout her career, has graciously agreed to provide a home for this fund. We now hope that all those who were touched by Elka and her work will contribute to make this grant a reality; donations are welcome, using a [form available for downloading](#). For more information, please contact Dr. Gail Labovitz by email at [glabovitz@uj.edu](mailto:glabovitz@uj.edu).

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This newsletter is being sent to all current and past members of AARHMS on record as of 1 November

2005. It is being sent as an e-mail to those members for whom we have an e-mail address on file; it is also being sent by U.S. Mail to members with invalid or no known e-mail addresses. Members or prospective members receiving the newsletter on paper are invited to submit a current e-mail address and to declare their preference for paper or electronic copy. The AARHMS e-mail distribution list will not be made public, sold or otherwise used except for the distribution of the semi-annual AARHMS newsletter.

Please send address corrections (especially updated e-mail addresses) to Nathaniel Taylor, newsletter editor, at [ntaylor@post.harvard.edu](mailto:ntaylor@post.harvard.edu).

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