

The Medieval Studies Program at the University of Connecticut and the High School Cooperative Program present the seventh annual Medieval Studies Secondary Schools Outreach Seminar

## **WAR, PEACE AND TOLERATION IN THE ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL WORLD**

A One-Day Seminar for Middle and High School Teachers of History, English and the Social Sciences on Friday, April 2, 2004 (with Connecticut Department of Education CEUs Available)

### **Location:**

Konover Auditorium  
Thomas J. Dodd Research Center  
University of Connecticut  
Storrs, Connecticut

### **Intent and Description:**

This outreach is designed to assist public school teachers in teaching the history and culture of the medieval world, with specific reference to the powers of the State, and the issues of toleration, pacifism, and notions of "just war" in Western Europe and the Mediterranean world in the pre-modern period. The faculty speakers represent the disciplines of Modern and Classical Languages, English, History, and Philosophy.

As part of the University of Connecticut's mission to promote multicultural studies and teaching excellence, the Medieval Studies faculty offers its seventh annual outreach to secondary school teachers, in the hopes that public school and university educators will benefit from the exchange of ideas and curriculum objectives in introducing the Middle Ages to students of all ages. The faculty of the Medieval Studies program also wishes to foster an understanding of the history and culture of the Middle Ages and its role in the shaping of the Western world.

### **Faculty Speakers:**

**Daniel Caner** is Assistant Professor of History and Classics at the University of Connecticut. His specialty is Late Roman and Early Christian History, and his current projects include the Christianization of the Sinai peninsula, and the relation between almsgiving, church liturgy, and economic imagination in Late Antiquity.

**Frederick M. Biggs** is Professor of English, Old and Middle English at the University of Connecticut. He has published on Anglo-Saxon poems, as well as on Chaucer and Langland, and is the editor of the *Sources of Anglo-Saxon Literary Culture*. His current research includes the circulation of Apocrypha in Anglo-Saxon England, the historical sources of Beowulf, and Chaucer's 'Miller's Tale.'

**Sherri Olson** is Associate Professor of History at the University of Connecticut. Her research interests are the social and cultural history of the late medieval village, peasant religion, and monastic estate administration. She is currently working on a book that investigates village cultural history through local legal records.

**Donald Baxter** is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Connecticut. He works mainly in Metaphysics and in the History of Early Modern Philosophy, though he also teaches Ancient and Medieval Philosophy. He is currently working on a book on the 18<sup>th</sup>-century philosopher David Hume's theories of time and identity.

### **Seminar Program**

9:00 Registration and Coffee

Please Note!

Period music will be provided during registration by the Storrs *Collegium Musicum*  
Director, Eric Rice

10:00 Welcoming Remarks  
Thomas Jambeck (English)  
Co-Director, Medieval Studies Program

10:15 Daniel Caner (Modern and Classical Languages), "Religious Persecution in the Roman Empire"

11:00 Frederick M. Biggs (English), "Beowulf and the Politics of Succession in Anglo-Saxon England"

11:45 General discussion

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Sherri Olson (History), "Medieval Peace Movements"

1:45 Donald Baxter (Philosophy), "St Thomas Aquinas on Just War"

2:30 Closing Remarks

*The Medieval Studies program* at the University of Connecticut offers coursework leading to the interdisciplinary degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in Medieval Studies. The Departments of Art, Dramatic Arts, English, History, Modern and Classical Languages, Music, and Philosophy cooperate in the program.

