**Annual Medieval Studies Graduate Student Newsletter 2018-2019**

**FALL 2018**

Katie Albers conducted manuscript research on MS Persian +89 at the Beinecke Library, Yale University.

Katie Albers organized the planning of the Vagantes Conference to be hosted at UConn, 2020.

Andrew Roos Bell conducted manuscript research at the Beinecke Library, Yale University.

Will Biel and Jake Couturiaux co-organized the visit of our Charles A. Owen Visiting Professor Kathleen Kennedy and her lecture in the Medieval Studies Lecture Series for AY 2018-2019.

Will Biel and Jake Couturiaux co-organized the visit and lecture of Nahir Otaño-Gracia in the Medieval Studies Lecture Series for AY 2018-2019.

Jake Couturiaux conducted manuscript research on “Qazwini’s Map of the World” in Beinecke Arabic MSS 575 at the Beinecke Library, Yale University.

Laura Godfrey created and submitted her job portfolio this academic year.

Micah Goodrich created and submitted his job portfolio this academic year.

Micah Goodrich was selected to collaborate with M. Breann Leake and Mary Rambaran-Olm as guest editors for *postmedieval*’s 20th Anniversary volume (Part 2) (2020).

Micah Goodrich acted as a mentor through the UConn Connects program for AY 2018-19.

Katelyn Jaynes created and submitted her job portfolio this academic year.

Katelyn Jaynes acted as a mentor through the UConn Connects program for AY 2018-19.

Joseph Leake taught Latin at The Potter School.

Casey Smedberg conducted manuscript research at the Dodd Library, University of Connecticut.

**SPRING 2019**

Andrew Roos Bell graduated with his MA in Medieval Studies.

Will Biel presented “Knightly Dreams: Political (Non)Materiality in Late Middle English” at the *International Piers Plowman Society* Conference, April 2019.

Will Biel organized the “Romance” thread at the *International Piers Plowman Society* Conference, April 2019.

Jake Couturiaux submitted his PhD Exam Lists.


Laura Godfrey co-organized the “Disability and Medicine in *Piers Plowman*” thread at the *International Piers Plowman Society* Conference, April 2019.

Laura Godfrey was a recipient of the UConn Humanities Institute Fellowship, AY 2019-2020.


Micah Goodrich co-organized the “Activism I” thread at the *International Piers Plowman Society* Conference, April 2019.


Joseph Leake taught Latin at The Potter School.


**SUMMER 2019**

Katie Albers received a summer fellowship from the Rare Book School to study at the Rare Book School in Philadelphia, PA

Andrew Roos Bell presented “Spaces for Seeing: Sight as a Function of Moral Space in the Works of the Pearl Poet,” at the International Congress of Medieval Studies, May 2019

Will Biel presented “Memory of a Mountain: Engendering the Landscape in the lai of The Two Lovers,” at the International Medieval Congress, Leeds, UK, July 1-4

Will Biel submitted his article “Memory of Iron: Cultural Memory as Commentary, Matter as Mediator in Laxdæla saga” to Scandinavian-Canadian Studies for publication in a special issue on cultural memory

Micah Goodrich received the Wood/Raith Gender Identity Living Trust Fellowship Award

Casey Smedberg received a summer fellowship from the Medieval Academy of America to study at the Rare Book School in Philadelphia, PA