

# Medieval Studies Forum

## Schedule for 2009-2010 Academic Year

### September 2009

**Dan Craig**, USI Music Dept.: "Medieval Music: Sacred and Profane."

September 30, 5-6 p.m., LA 0114

Daniel Craig, assistant professor of music will share information about and the performance of the Gregorian Chant, the recorder family, and Irish Traditional Instruments.

### October 2009

**Dan Scavone**, USI History Dept. Emeritus: Dracula in the Middle Ages.

October 28, 5-6 p.m., Kley Meyer Hall, LA Lower Level

Dr. Dan Scavone, Professor Emeritus of the USI History Dept., will present "The Myth of the Vampire." In this multimedia presentation, Dr. Scavone will explore vampirism and the undead through myth, legend, sociology and history. His findings will prove stranger and more fascinating than you might expect, for such beliefs, like the world's religions, are an expression of humankind's deepest (often unconscious) fears and hopes.

### November 2009

**Annette Parks**, U of Evansville History Dept.: "The Damsel and The Pearl: How Can We Recover Their Stories?"

November 18, 5-6 p.m., LA 1016

Dr. Annette Parks, Associate Professor of medieval history at the University of Evansville, will present her current research recovering the stories of several twelfth-century medieval women, including Eleanor of Brittany and the Damsel of Cyprus (both political hostages) as well as Beregaria (Richard I's queen) and Alais, in the context of their roles as princesses.

### February 2010

**The Rachel Layne Acting Troupe** will perform a modern version of Chaucer's "Wife of Bath's Tale," as adapted by Rachel Layne, USI English major

### March 2010

**David Black**, USI Communications Dept., and **S. Elizabeth Passmore**, USI English Dept.: Chaucer and the Astrolabe

### April 2010

**Bonnie Hobgood**, USI English major: Marie de France

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#### What is the Medieval Studies Forum?

The USI Medieval Studies Forum is a monthly meeting where faculty, staff, and students can gather in a friendly and informal environment to share their interests in medieval topics, discuss current works-in-progress or future ideas, and generally learn more about the interdisciplinary possibilities for study of the medieval world. If you have a work-in-progress, a pet research project, item for show-and-tell, or a fully-fledged presentation on some aspect of medieval studies that you'd like to share at a future meeting, please see below for contact information. Better yet—come to our meetings; we look forward to having you join us!

For more information and/or to be added to the mailing list, please contact Dr. S. Elizabeth Passmore, Assistant Professor, English Department (LA3025B; [epassmore@usi.edu](mailto:epassmore@usi.edu)). We are also on Facebook now! Check out the "Medieval Studies Forum" site and become a "fan" to get updates. STUDENTS: You also have the opportunity to become involved in the new student medieval organization, "Medieval Geeks" (also on Facebook!). See Bonnie Hobgood ([bjhobgood@mail.usi.edu](mailto:bjhobgood@mail.usi.edu)) or Dr. Passmore for more details.