agreed to deliver their lectures at the 2021 meeting. Plans for the B ]bh 5bbi U 'Gna dcgli a 'cb'A YX]Yj U 'UbXF YbU]ggUbW'Ghi X]Yg are well underway. The new Call for Papers has been mailed out worldwide and the website is being updated. The dates for the meeting are >i bY'89484' ž'88'88' The deadline for proposals is December 31, 2020. For more information, see the website at <a href="mailto:smrs-slu.org">smrs-slu.org</a>.

The other major postponement this past summer was that of the G]l h\text{h\text{Ybh}} \cdot =bh\text{fbUhcbU}

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Consociatio/International Society of Medieval Canon Law), was to take place on campus July 19-25, 2020. =h\Ug\VYYb fYg\WYXi \YX\Zcf >i \ni\%!&( \ž &\S\%'\)More information is available on the website at <a href="mailto:icmcl2020.org">icmcl2020.org</a>.

Plenty of other CMRS-sponsored activities will continue this semester, although many will be held via Zoom. The Crusades Studies Forum has organized its Fall meetings around virtual discussions and roundtables. The Pre-Modern Seminar is also planning several events. And, of course, there is always Latin! (See below.)

So, what is cancelled? Unfortunately, our NEH Fellowships that bring scholars to SLU from around the world have been cancelled for this semester, and perhaps the entire academic year. The CMRS Annual Lecture, which has been renamed the; Uj ]hi@YWi fYin honor of our founding director Dr. Phillip Gavitt, who recently passed away, has also been cancelled. The weekly CMRS Happy Hours are also on hold until further notice.

## Medieval Latin Reading Group is Rested and Ready to Read

The CMRS is once again sponsoring the Medieval Latin Reading Group, which is presided over by Fr. Steve Schoenig, S.J., our Associate Director.

The principles of the MLRG are:



Guilt-free: come when you can make it, don't come when you can't.
No prep: we do sight-reading, so no advance preparation is necessary unless you want

Fun-filled: we choose texts

that are light, interesting, funny, or bizarre.

- Crutches welcome: bring your favorite Latin dictionary, and expect to use it a lot.
- Frequent turns: depending on the group size, we go sentence by sentence, so no one gets bored waiting for his or her turn.
- Weekly: we meet once a week, which is often enough to be effective, but not too often to be burdensome.
- Brown-bag: we tend to meet at lunchtime, so bring your lunch and kill two birds with one stone.

Although it is likely that the MLRG will begin online, we are hopeful that we can
find a place with sufficient space to socially distance while we work through our
texts. To join the group, drop an email to Fr. Schoenig

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expenses regarding the Newberry Library (or the Folger Shakespeare Library) should contact Teresa Harvey in the CMRS Office (Adorjan Hall 140) or at <a href="https://harvey@slu.edu">harvey@slu.edu</a> for details on the application process.

## Crusades Studies Forum Announces Fall 2020 Schedule

Now in its 17th year, the Crusades Studies Forum at Saint Louis University is an international venue for the presentation of current research, the discussion of recent scholarship, and the exploration of new direction in topics relating to the Crusades. As a result of the pandemic, all of the CSF meetings this semester will be online. The link for the meetings is <a href="https://slu.zoom.us/j/94527209672">https://slu.zoom.us/j/94527209672</a>.

At the first meeting of the CSF participants will discuss the study by M. Cecilia Gaposchkin, "The Pre-Battle Processions of the First Crusade and the Creation of Militant Christian communitas." For a copy of the article, email CSF Executive Committee Member Thomas Morin at <a href="mailto:thomas.morin@slu.edu">thomas.morin@slu.edu</a>. The meeting will take place on September 4 at 3:00 pm.

On September 18 at 3:00 pm the CSF will meet to discuss an article by Cathleen Fleck entitled, "The Crusader Loss of Jerusalem in the Eyes of a Thirteenth-Century Virtual Pilgrim." That article will also be available as the date approaches.