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RSA and Iter Partnership: Changes in 2007

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Most RSA members are familiar with Iter, the online bibliography of medieval and Renaissance studies based at the University of Toronto. The Iter site also hosts other important tools for scholars, including the online version of Paul Oskar Kristeller's *Iter Italicum* and many others. During the initial development of the site and its databases, RSA members supported Iter with a portion of their annual dues, and received in return an individual subscription to the site. Iter's success can be seen in the large number of academic libraries that now subscribe and offer it to their scholarly communities. Indeed, most RSA members now access Iter through one or another library server, rather than through individual subscriptions. For this reason, RSA will discontinue the practice of automatic member contribution and subscription in January 2007. The RSA Executive Board and Council approved this change at their October 2005 and March 2006 meetings, respectively. RSA remains a partner in Iter along with the Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, the Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, and three units at the University of Toronto: the Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, the John P. Robarts Library, and the Faculty of Information Studies.

RSA members can still purchase individual subscriptions at a discounted rate, set at \$25 for 2007. Just visit the Iter web site: <http://www.itergateway.org/> and click on "Subscription

information." If your institution's library still does not subscribe, we urge you to ask your library personnel to do so. Institutional subscriptions have become the norm for online bibliographies; adding your own library to the list of subscribers will benefit you, your colleagues and students, and will help the Iter project continue to grow and develop.

Feel free to copy and paste the following request into an email message to your library staff, if you prefer it to writing your own:

Dear Library Staff:

Please add the Iter database to the list of electronic resources to which we subscribe. Iter is a valuable bibliographic tool in medieval and Renaissance studies, essential for both faculty and students in a broad number of departments and disciplines. The Iter subscription includes a cluster of related bibliographies and databases, and has become a standard of interdisciplinary research. Thank you.

Sincerely,
[signature]

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Members wishing to receive a mailed hard copy of RNN issues should contact the RSA office. The office will continue to mail a printed version of RNN to whoever requests it. RNN no longer publishes announcements of conferences, awards, and grants. These are to be found in the Announcement module of the website. Members are encouraged to post and read announcements there.

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Membership

By Christopher Celenza, The Johns Hopkins University

I'd like to introduce myself as the new Membership Chair of the Renaissance Society of America. I have been a member of the Society for ten years, and I work on Renaissance humanism, the history of philosophy, and the history of modern humanistic disciplines.

I was delighted to have been selected as Membership Chair by the Society's Executive Board. It quickly became apparent to me that I inherited a vigorous position from Deborah Parker, the former Membership Chair, and I am excited to be able to contribute to the Society in this fashion. My hope is to continue the forward momentum of the initiatives that Deborah began and, with your help, to strike out in new directions to increase the Society's overall membership and reach.

Membership in the RSA continues to grow, with our numbers at an all time high of 3,400. We urge you to encourage new members to join and to renew your own membership on-line. When you do so, at rsa.org, please enter information about your research specialties and language proficiencies, to aid the editors of Renaissance Quarterly in finding appropriate referees for articles and reviewers for books. If you can, please contribute to the various available funds: The Capital Campaign, the Rona Goffen fund, the Patricia Labalme fund, or the Paul Oskar Kristeller fund. The official membership year is 1 January–31 December, and when you renew or join anytime during that period, you receive a number of benefits, including the four annual issues of Renaissance Quarterly, the ability to apply for RSA Research Grants on-line, and the chance to be considered for two yearly prizes, The Nelson Prize (for the best article of the year in RQ) and the Gordan Prize (for the best book of the year in the field). Please also check the on-line membership directory to see that your contact information, especially E-mail, is up to date, so that the RSA can communicate more easily with you.

Please do think about our common work, our goals, and the scholarly mission of the Society; and please do not hesitate to contact me, by phone, E-mail, or regular mail, if you have suggestions, questions, or any ideas as to how we might work together to help the Renaissance Society of America move forward.

Book Reviews

By Sheila Rabin, *St. Peter's College*

We want to thank our many reviewers. We are now publishing 95% of our reviews within two years of the publication date.

Preprints are now available on the RSA website (www.rsa.org). Go to publications and click under RQ. The preliminary reviews for the fall issue were put up in July. If you have difficulty accessing the preprints, please contact the office. We need your responses to make the website as useful as possible.

We've encountered a problem in email etiquette whereby potential reviewers never respond to our requests to review instead of sending back a refusal. The trouble with no response is that we don't know if the potential reviewer has read our email or not. As a result, the non-responder is hindering the book review process and hurting other potential reviewers. So, please, respond as soon as you've made your decision. If you are too busy to write, just hit the reply and send buttons. We will understand what it means.

Members who wish to review for RQ should send me a brief c.v. The most important information is peer-reviewed publications and languages. Members should also be expansive in filling out discipline, specialization, and languages when they join or renew their membership.

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ACLS History E-Book

By John Monfasani, *Executive Director*

ACLS History E-Book Project is available to RSA members for an annual subscription rate of \$25. The ACLS History E-Book Project offers the full text of over 1,100 monographs in all areas of history, including over 315 titles in ancient, medieval, Renaissance, and later European history. The titles have been selected by committees of historians drawn from participating ACLS societies, including the RSA, for their continued value in research and teaching. The collection is fully cross-searchable, linked to online reviews (JSTOR, MUSE), and includes both in-print and out-of-print and rare titles. It is available 24/7 on standard web browsers. The collection adds 250 titles a year in all fields. To explore what the E-Book Project offers go to its website: <http://www.historyebook.org>. The advantages of the collection are obvious. Not only can you read at your leisure and at no extra cost books not in your library, but you now have a way of immediately checking a reference or a passage while sitting at your computer any time of day or night. To subscribe as an RSA member click the link to the ACLS History E-Book subscription on the opening screen of the RSA website www.rsa.org.

The Patricia H. Labalme Fund

The Renaissance Society of America announces a memorial Scholarship for Venetian Studies in honor of Patricia H. Labalme, an outstanding scholar and generous friend. Her dedication to The Renaissance Society of America and her passion for Venice and Venetian studies have inspired us to strive for the excellence that her life and work represented. Contributions to the Patricia H. Labalme Memorial Scholarship for Venetian Studies can be designated in the membership form of The Renaissance Society of America.

The Rona Goffen Scholarship Fund

This new endowment, when funded, will support scholarship on Venetian Renaissance Art. Rona Goffen was one of the outstanding art historians of her generation. This fund will permanently associate her memory with the advancement of scholarship in a field which she loved and in which she excelled. Contributions to the Rona Goffen Scholarship for the Study of Venetian Renaissance Art can be designated in the membership form of The Renaissance Society of America.

ANNOUNCING RESEARCH GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 2007 For Members Of The Renaissance Society Of America

The Renaissance Society of America will award twelve for a total amount of \$26,000 in the year 2007. The grants will be available to applicants in all fields.

There are three series of grants:

- (1) RSA Research Grants (9)
- (2) RSA-INSR Grant for Florence (1)
- (3) Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship in Renaissance Art History (2)

(1) Renaissance Society of America will award up to nine RSA Research Grants in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000, with the average amount expected to be about \$2,000, for a total amount of \$18,000. Three grants will be awarded in each of the three categories of Non-doctoral Scholar, Younger Scholar, and Senior Scholar. Research Grants are available to applicants in all disciplines and topics dealing with the Renaissance.

(2) INSR Grant for Florence: The RSA has entered into an agreement with the Istituto Nazionale di Studi sul Rinascimento in Florence to award one research grant for research in Florence or the environs. The purpose of the grant is to enable a scholar to use the archival, manuscript, and printed book collections of Florence and/or study the works of art in Florence and the surrounding area. The RSA will award the recipient \$2,00 toward travel and other costs. The Istituto Nazionale will provide lodging in a pensione in Florence for up to four weeks and access to its collections. For 2007 the grant will be available to applicants in all three categories.

(3) There will be two H. Kress Foundation Fellowship in Renaissance Art History of \$3,000 each, open to art historians in all three categories.

There will be a single competition for all twelve grants. Please note that all applicants must be members of the Renaissance Society of America for the required number of years (see below for the minimum requirement in each category).

Grants will be awarded in three categories according to the career stage and employment circumstances of applicants. Applicants will compete for grants within ONE category only.

CATEGORIES:

-NON-DOCTORAL: These awards will support

doctoral candidates, pre-university teachers, and other applicants lacking doctorates.

-YOUNGER SCHOLAR: These awards will support assistant professors; associate professors in the first two years of appointment at that rank; temporary, adjunct, and/or part-time professors; and younger independent scholars holding the Ph. D.

-SENIOR SCHOLAR: These awards will support associate professors with more than two years at that rank, full professors, retired professors, and senior independent scholars.

Projects in all subjects and language areas within Renaissance Studies are eligible for support. Students must be members of RSA for at least one year at the time of application, i.e., since the year preceding the application. Other applicants must be members of RSA for at least three years at the time of application, i.e., at the time of application they must be at least in their fourth year as members of the RSA.

The Executive Board of the RSA will appoint a jury drawn from different disciplines within Renaissance studies. Criteria for judgment will be the scholarly excellence of the project and applicant, and the demonstrated need for access to research materials. The jury reserves the right to award fewer or more grants in one category, but only if there are insufficient applications of merit in one category. The deadline for applications will be 1 January 2007. Awards will be announced as soon as possible after 1 January 2007.

Application for a grant MAY ONLY be made ONLINE at the RSA website: www.rsa.org.

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In particular, members should be detailed when entering specialization: "Renaissance English literature" doesn't add information when the member has listed English literature as the discipline. It would be better to put "Shakespeare's history plays" or "Jacobean poetry." That would help us when performing a database search.

Members should feel free to contact me regarding any matter relating to book reviews. The best email address to use is rabinhist@nyc.rr.com.

Special Events, Miami

Wednesday, 21 March
6:00-9:30 PM
RSA Business meeting
by invitation

Friday, 23 March
12:00-2:00 PM
Council Luncheon
by invitation

Bennett Lecturer
Frederick De Armas, University of Chicago
Title: *The Moon's Golden Numbers: Picturing the
Weaves of Time from Ovid to Cervantes*

Plenary Session
Panel Title: *Global Science in the Renaissance*

Chair: Pamela H. Smith, Columbia University

Jamil Ragep, McGill University
Title: *From Samarqand to Vienna: Mathematical
Humanism in the Fifteenth Century*

Benjamin A. Elman, Princeton University
Title: *Global Science and Comparative History: The Early Modern
Limits of Scientific and Technical
Transmission from Europe to China*

Future Conferences

Chicago Illinois
The Renaissance Chicago Hotel & Newberry Library
3-5 April 2008

Los Angeles, California
UCLA & The Getty Museum, Malibu
26-28 March 2009

Venice, Italy
Fondazione Giorgio Cini
Isola San Giorgio Maggiore

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Room Rate

169 + 13% tax for single, double, triple,
and quadruple
\$244 + 13% tax for Junior Suite
\$500 + 13% tax for One Bedroom Suite
Meeting dates: 22-24 March 2007

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Room Share

Call for Chairs

Every year the RSA creates panels out of the many isolated papers that have been accepted for the annual conference. These panels prove to be some of the most interesting and stimulating of the meeting, however, we need to find chairs for them. If you wish to attend the conference and need an official role and listing on the program in order to receive funding from your institution, send the RSA office (rsa@rsa.org) your professional status and your area of specialization. The program will be continually updated on the website: www.rsa.org and if you search the program, for Chair: TBA, you will find the chair-less panels.

Papers Mailed to Chairs

To all those presenting at the RSA annual conference: Please email a copy of your c.v. and paper by March 10th, 2007 to the chair of your panel. Email addresses can be found on the RSA directory at www.rsa.org. Many thanks for your cooperation.

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SINGLE YEAR RENEWAL Renaissance Quarterly:

_____ Regular \$60	_____ Dual \$70	_____ Patron \$100
_____ Student \$30	_____ Retiree \$45	_____ Life \$2,500

DUAL members receive ONE copy of journal and TWO Directory listings. Dual Member Name: _____

MULTIPLE YEARS RENEWAL

Regular 5 years _____ \$280	4 years _____ \$225	3 years _____ \$170	2 years _____ \$115
Dual 5 years _____ \$330	4 years _____ \$265	3 years _____ \$200	2 years _____ \$135
Patron 5 years _____ \$480	4 years _____ \$385	3 years _____ \$290	2 years _____ \$195
Retiree 5 years _____ \$205	4 years _____ \$165	3 years _____ \$125	2 years _____ \$85
Student 3 years _____ \$80	2 years _____ \$ 55		

Capital Campaign Fund: \$ _____ Paul Oskar Kristeller Fund: \$ _____
The Patricia H. Labalme Fund: \$ _____ The Rona Goffen Scholarship Fund: \$ _____

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed (in U.S. dollars drawn on U.S. bank only)
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Discipline (Please number in ranked order starting with "1")

___ Comparative Literature	___ History of Art & Architecture	___ Italian Literature
___ Emblems	___ History of Classical Tradition	___ Music
___ English Literature	___ History of Legal & Political Thought	___ Neo-Latin Literature
___ French Literature	___ History of Religion	___ Performing Arts & Theater
___ Germanic Literature	___ History of Medicine & Science	___ Philosophy
___ Hebraica	___ History of the Book, Paleography	___ Rhetoric
___ Hispanic Literature & Manuscript Culture	___ Women & Gender Studies	
___ History	___ Humanism	

Specialization: _____
Languages: _____

Please nominate others for RSA membership: Supply name, email and mailing address.

REGISTRATION FORM MIAMI, 22-24 MARCH 2007

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Affiliation for badge: _____

REQUIRED FEE INCLUDES:

1 copy of the Program/ Abstract Booklet

Entry to all sessions (including the Bennett Lecture and Plenary Sessions)

Entry to the RSA (Renaissance Society of America) sponsored reception (Saturday, 25 March)

RSA Member Registration Fee: \$140

RSA Student Registration Fee: \$100

Non-RSA member Registration Fee: \$200 (for guests/ spouses)

All Registration Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE. Non-RSA member fee is for those who are NOT Chairing, Organizing, Presenting, Responding, and Discussing.

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By cash and by check at the registration desk at the time of the conference.

Call for Papers: Chicago 2008

3-5 April 2008

The program committee invites abstracts for individual papers as well as proposals for panels. Submit individual papers and/or panels via the website: www.rsa.org

**Deadline for Submissions:
23 May 2007**



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