

Desert Harvest

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Fulbright scholars and families fly to Europe

Two senior doctoral students from the Division were awarded, after intensive international competition, prestigious Fulbright Fellowships for research overseas. Robert Bast, his wife Sarah, and children Rachel and Derek, have settled in Tübingen, Germany for the academic year 1990/91. Curtis Bostick and his wife Gwen, together with children Andrea and Rebecca, have re-located to Cambridge, England.

The Fulbright odyssey of Bob and Curt began a year ago with the submission of comprehensive written applications and personal interviews. Their applications progressed in the subsequent six months from regional to national to international levels. Since the Fulbright includes adequate funds for the travel, room and board of only the scholar, the Division has provided supplementary funds for the support of Bob's and Curt's family.

The archival and scholarly resources of Tübingen University will be of great value to Bob in the final phase of writing his dissertation which concerns the call for social change in the 1500s. Curt's dissertation will explore apocalypticism in late medieval and early modern England.



Faculty and students: Division for Late Medieval and Reformation Studies

Archbishop Desmond Tutu to visit Tucson

In conjunction with the Religious Studies Program, the Division has extended an invitation to Archbishop Desmond Tutu to visit Tucson and present the annual spring public lecture. Tutu, although restricted by a complex schedule and domestic commitments, has expressed a firm desire to accept our invitation for the spring of 1991.

Archbishop Tutu will follow in the steps of such noted speakers and scholars as Hans Küng, Martin Marty, and David Tracy as the annual spring guest of the Division. Tutu will deliver a public lecture and be the guest of honor at the annual garden party for our friends and supporters at the residence of Professor and Mrs. Oberman. Confirmation with a precise week-long schedule will be forthcoming.

Professor Oberman and Archbishop Tutu met in Scotland in 1984 when both received honorary doctorates from the University of Aberdeen.

Busy schedule for Oberman

Although on sabbatical from teaching duties at the University of Arizona this year, Prof. Oberman is maintaining a busy schedule. Apart from guest lectures and conferences, he is steadily writing to complete his new book on John Calvin, one of the most controversial figures of the sixteenth century.

Working out of his office at his home and at the university, Professor Oberman continues to provide individual support and guidance to the ten doctoral students in Tucson. In the new year he plans lecture trips to South Africa and the eastern part of the newly-unified Germany. In the spring term he will be serving as visiting Fellow at All Souls, Oxford.

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Division hosts Anti-Clericalism Conference

Attended by over forty important international scholars of late medieval and early modern European history, the Division's Anti-Clericalism Conference was held at the Arizona Inn from September 20 to 22.

Conference participants, including all of Prof. Oberman's doctoral students, were given the opportunity to attend daily three or more sessions -- where up to four research papers were presented. A special session open to the general public was well attended.

Interpretations of the emergence of modern Europe are numerous and complex. As illustrated by the diversity of papers read at the conference, one ingredient is salient to all explanations: anticlericalism. Clearly, this phenomenon of dissent touched all aspects of society and acted as an agent of change. Yet what were its parameters and manifestations? Participants agreed that under the cloak of the negative term 'anticlericalism', a challenging program for reform is hidden.

Formal scholarly debates were balanced with relaxed lunches and dinners, providing the Division's students with a chance to meet and discuss their research projects with this impressive representation of scholars from North America and Europe. At the final dinner, hosted by University President Henry Koffler, Conference organizer and doctoral student Peter Dykema was honored for his hard work, skill and dedication.

Publication of the papers is planned for next year. The conference volumes will be coedited by Mr. Dykema and Prof. Oberman.



Woodcut -- *The Allegory of the Monastic Orders*,
Hans Sebald Beham, 1521

Summer series

The Division maintained its tradition of bringing together 'town and gown' with the third annual Summer Lecture Series, organized and presented by senior doctoral students of the Division.

Two lecture series were offered in June at Our Saviour's Lutheran and St. Philips Episcopal Church by Curtis Bostick and Michael Milway. We look forward to another successful summer in 1991.

Reformation Fund budget

While keeping our eyes set on an endowed chair and graduate fellowships, we have established a yearly budget calculated to support students through summer fellowships, travel stipends, or 'family fellowships' (see page 1).

Donations are most welcome. Tax-deductible checks, payable to 'U of A Foundation -- Reformation Studies', can be sent to Social Sciences 120, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.

Further information can be obtained from Richard Duffield, Fund-Raising Chairman, through the Reformation Studies office at 621-1284.

Student achievements:

Robert Bast: Fulbright Fellowship:

Curtis Bostick: Fulbright Fellowship

John Frymire: Latin summer course, Berkeley

Andrew Gow: Herzog August Bibliothek fellowship

Scott Manetsch: Latin summer course, Berkeley

Michael Milway: Paleography course fellowship

Eric Saak: European archive fellowship

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