

## Editor's Note

Volume 8 of the *Publications of the Medieval Association of the Midwest* has been long in the making. I appreciate the patience and tenacity of the contributors, readers, and others who have made this volume possible. The volume continues to benefit from the more open submission policies we established several years ago. I encourage writers to submit both new research and revisions of papers given at conferences and conference sessions sponsored by MAM.

My special thanks, as always, go to our contributors, who produce material that is a joy to edit and who work so efficiently under deadlines. Our readers also deserve great recognition for their efforts. For this volume, those readers included Rebecca Barnhouse, Randi Eldevik, Kristen Figg, Loren Gruber, Norman Hinton, William Hodapp, Pat Hollahan, James Hoy, Harriet Hudson, Richard Kay, Michael Myers, Edward L. Ridsen, and Joseph Wittig.

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For the third time, I thank Jennifer Evans, *sine qua non*. She stepped in when I needed her most--as a friend this time. She is a remarkable colleague, and her work has been crucial to the finishing of this volume.

I write this Note with both fond memories and sadness, since it is my last as Co-Editor of *PMAM*. I have learned so much from the experience of editing the journal, and I have benefited as a medievalist from the writers and readers with whom I have worked. I thank Bob Kindrick and Mel Storm for giving me the opportunity to develop editing expertise. While I no longer am an editor, I have the satisfaction of knowing that I can now contribute to *PMAM* as a reader and writer.

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