

Editor's Note

With this, the fifth volume, *Proceedings of the Medieval Association of the Midwest* becomes *Publications of the Medieval Association of the Midwest*, reflecting the new editorial policy whereby any essay written by a member of the Medieval Association of the Midwest, not just those drawn from papers presented at conferences, is eligible for submission.

PMAM is now an annual publication, and Karen Moranski and I continue our practice—begun with volume four—of editing alternate issues. Potential contributors are, as always, instructed to submit manuscripts following the conventions of the most recent *MLA Style Manual* or *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*.

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