

Editor's Note

Volume 12 of the *Publications of the Medieval Association of the Midwest* continues *PMAM's* tradition of offering articles from a variety of disciplines, cultures, and eras. The essays in this issue explore texts that range geographically from England to Constantinople, in genres that include not only letters and dream allegory, but two very different kinds of romance. In their studies of the letters of Heloise and the mapping of space in *Pearl*, Margaret Hostetler and Lesley Allen offer insights into the meaning and processes of religious experience, while in their studies of English family romance and Greek novels, Harriet Hudson and Christina Christoforatos show how medieval authors could focus their story-telling to raise questions about both the changing social structure of England and the exercise of power by the rulers of Byzantium. As always, the essays speak to each other in surprising ways and remind us of why medievalists so enjoy the freedom to read across languages and time.

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