history of prostitution, sexuality, witchcraft, women's work, religion, education, and
women in the family. The course has a strong interdisciplinary element, and raises
methodological questions about feminist theory and the use of sources. The course can
be studied full time (one year) or part time (two years).

GENDER AND MEDIEVAL STUDIES There will be a meeting of the Gender and
Medieval Studies Group on January 3, 1991 in London (probably at the Romance
Institute, Senate House, Malet St., London WC1). “Gender, Space, the Body” will be the
issue of the day. Further details are available from Karen Pratt, European Languages
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THE FUTURE OF MFN: SOCIETY FOR
FEMINIST MEDIEVAL STUDIES

THE editors of MFN feel it is time to create a society that would be the official umbrella
over activities that MFN has already put in place: the yearly meeting at Kalamazoo, the
sessions we sponsor there, and the newsletter itself. The society we envisage would not
necessarily be restricted to those events and products; we hope, for example, that it would
courage participation from more of the medieval disciplines than have contributed until
now.

Part of our reason for wanting to see a society established is philosophical. We are
aware that because MFN is at present the only publication devoted entirely to feminist
thought in medieval studies, and to the interests of medieval feminist teachers and
scholars, there is a risk that the newsletter, as we edit it, will come to represent in itself
feminist medieval studies. Stasis contributes to canon formation, and that would be
contrary to the spirit of free exchange and the idea of many voices to which we aspired in
founding MFN. The way to continue our effort toward that goal is to involve more
people in it. We therefore propose the establishment of a Society for Feminist Medieval
Studies (or other title). The Society will need at least three officers (President, Vice-
President, and Secretary-Treasurer). We would also like to establish an Advisory Board
for the newsletter. We recommend that all have three-year terms.

The other part of our reason is pragmatic. We plan to file for tax-exempt status as a
non-profit organization. We also look forward to a time when we will be able to share
with others the pleasures and responsibilities of editing the newsletter.

To begin the process we would like to call for nominations to the Society and the
Advisory Board, and we encourage representatives from philosophy, religion, the many
types of history, art history, medieval Latin, and literature (Anglo-Saxon, English,
French, Italian, Spanish). We also encourage those who specialize in Jewish and Arabic
studies. Self-nominations are welcome.

Nominations should be sent to Roberta Krueger at Hamilton College, Clinton, NY
13323 and should be postmarked no later than January 30, 1991. When we have
received all the nominations, a ballot will be sent to each MFN subscriber.
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MARGARET Ferguson would like to borrow a copy of a microfilm 1401 French translation of Boccaccio's De Claris Mulieribus BN Fr. MS 12420. Please contact her at the University of Colorado at Boulder English Department.

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