

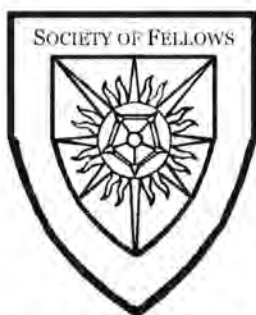


2025
INDUCTION
OF FELLOWS

Medieval Academy of America



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We are delighted that we have an unusually large number of inductees at our Centennial meeting this year—nine new Fellows and seven Corresponding Fellows (see the list on p. 2). As the description of our Fellowship

states: "The chief purpose of the Fellowship is to honor major long-term scholarly achievement within the field of Medieval Studies. Election to the Fellows is a gift bestowed by one's colleagues. But in return, Fellows do what they can to ensure the continued vitality of Medieval Studies." In honor of the new Fellows' and Corresponding Fellows' election and induction, we have created a booklet of testimonies. This has been a collaborative effort with Richard Firth Green, Orator, writing up the Fellows, and other members of the Fellows Executive (Kathryn Reyerson, President, Anne D Hedeman, in-coming President, Nicholas Watson, Past President, and Brigitte Bedos-Rezak, Scribe) writing the tributes for the Corresponding Fellows. In the induction ceremony itself, the orator will read a brief introduction for each Fellow and Corresponding Fellow as they come to the stage to sign the Book of Fellows and receive a pin.

Fellows:

Marina S. Brownlee
Thomas E. Burman
Christopher Cannon
Peggy McCracken
Haruko Momma
Elizabeth Morrison
Richard P. Abels (2024)
Susan Boynton (2024)
Deeana Klepper (2024)

Corresponding Fellows:

Elisheva Baumgarten
Stefan Esders
Éric Palazzo
Hiroshi Takayama (2024)
Karl Ubl (2024)
Eva Schlottheuber (2021)
Jacques Dalarun (2018)

Elected 2024

Hiroshi Takayama, Professor Emeritus of Occidental History at the University of Tokyo.

Your dedication to the study of the medieval western Mediterranean first took root at Yale under the nurturing mentorship of Robert Lopez and flourished into a deep engagement with Southern Italy. Your appreciation of Norman Sicily—as a crucible of cultures and a meeting ground for diverse traditions—has driven your tireless efforts to bring the history of the western Middle Ages to scholars across Asia and Europe. In a true *translatio studii*, you have carried the legacy of medieval scholarship across linguistic and cultural boundaries through the combined impact of your teaching, conference papers, editorial contributions, and translations of seminal Western works. Not content simply to disseminate knowledge, you have also expanded it, and in work, ranging from the Fatimids to the Normans, you have offered (and continue to offer) insightful perspectives into Norman administrative policies and on Sicily's role as a center for Mediterranean history and culture. In your foundational *Administration of the Norman Kingdom of Sicily* (1993), you gave us the first detailed account of the development of Norman administrative procedures in Sicily from their roots in Greek, Arabic, and Latin practices. You provided us with a milestone analysis of the administrative structure of the Kingdom of Sicily, and a pioneering analysis its influence on European and western Mediterranean bureaucracies. You have also published numerous articles in journals as

prestigious as the *English Historical Review*, *Viator*, *The Mediterranean Historical Review*, and *Papers of the British School at Rome*, as well as in festschriften and edited collections. The originality of interpretation that defines your vast body of scholarship rests on the strong foundation of your extensive archival research. Your deep familiarity with Latin, Greek, Arabic, and multilingual documents has enabled you to uncover intricate networks of the medieval Mediterranean world, revealing the movements of conquests and migrations, the dynamics of Christian-Muslim diplomacy, the creative tensions of multicultural courts and cross-cultural encounters, and the realities of religious tolerance. A selfless scholar, you have served on many editorial boards and on the boards of important institutions in many parts of the world, including the Netherlands, the UK, the USA, and Asia, along with a long list of Japanese organizations dedicated to the study of the humanities in general and the Middle Ages in particular.

Karl Ubl, Ordinarius in Medieval History at the University of Cologne.

Your prolific scholarship on a broad range of topics has made an enormous impact on the field of both early and later medieval history. In your first book you gave the thorny problem of consanguinity regarding the Church's prohibition of incest in western Europe a new chronology and tied religious and secular interests to a concern with encouraging the creation of family links and political connections. You then engaged with the republican

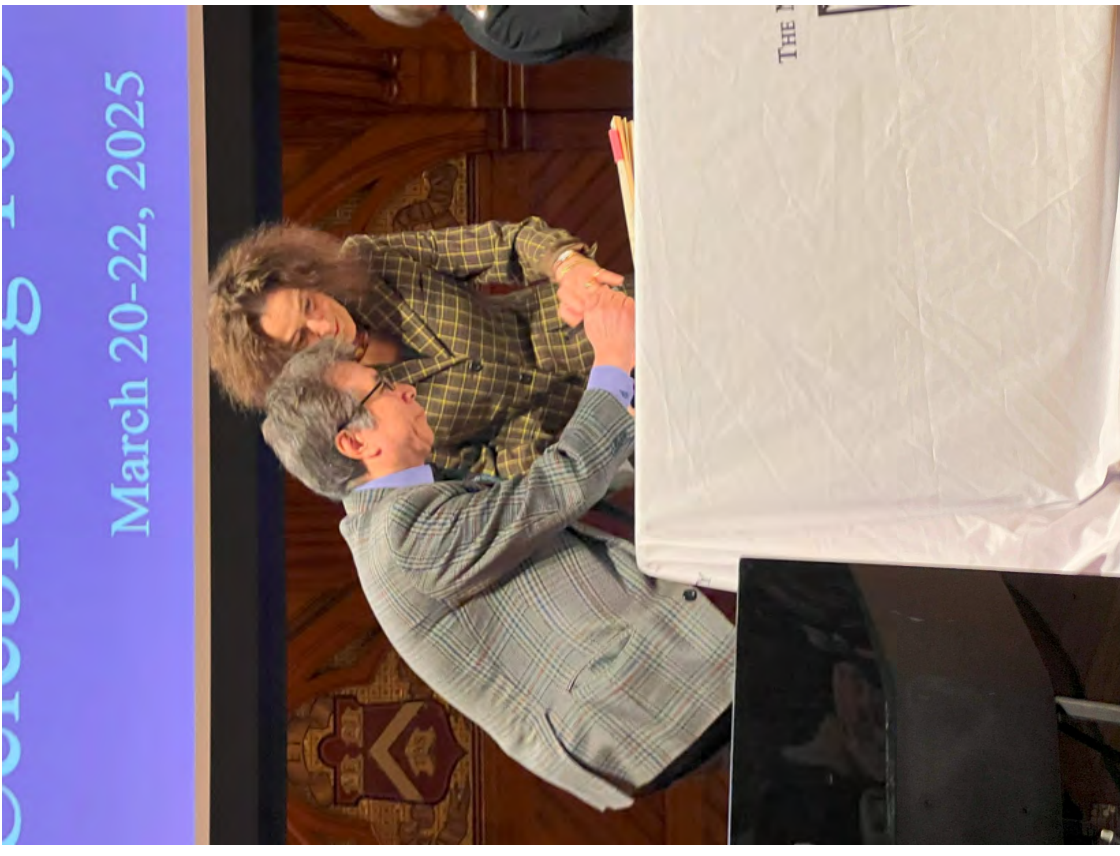
Harvard University, Sanders Theater, Memorial Hall



Richard Firth Green (Orator)



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Kathryn Reyerson (President)

