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#### Editor's Note

Dear SMRP members:

When I was appointed to be the Newsletter Editor at the Business Meeting in late December of 2011 and given the task of reviving the Newsletter for the Society, although I knew approximately how much work was involved in reviving a Newsletter that had been dormant for one year, the learning curve for me was a steep one and, as a result, there have been some delays in restoring the SMRP Newsletter to circulation.

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## Announcements

### **2012 SMRP Founders' Prize:**

Dr. Gloria Frost of The University of St. Thomas in Saint Paul, Minnesota has received the 2012 Founders' Prize for her essay: "Thomas Bradwardine on God and the Foundations of Modality."

### **The Journal of the History of Philosophy 2011 Book Prize:**

Ursula Renz was awarded the *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 2011 Book Prize by the Journal's Board of Directors for her work *Die Erklärbarkeit von Erfahrung: Subjektivität und Realismus in Spinozas Theorie des menschlichen Geistes* (Klostermann, 2010).

### **The Journal of the History of Philosophy 2011 Article Prize:**

Mogens Lærke was awarded the *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 2011 Article Prize for his article "Spinoza's Cosmological Argument in the *Ethics*," 49.4 (October 2011): 439-462

## Conferences and Calls for Papers

### CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM DIALOGUE IN THE LATE MIDDLE AGES

October 12-14, 2012

Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary

The Thirteenth Biennial Conference sponsored by the International Seminar on Pre-Reformation Theology and the American Cusanus Society

Plenaries, papers, and working sessions will explore the complex relations between Christians and Muslims at the dawn of the modern age. Our focus will be on two works by Nicholas of Cusa: *De pace fidei*, a dialogue seeking peace among world religions written after the Turkish conquest of Constantinople in 1453, and the *Cribratio Alkorani* (1460-61), which attempts to confirm Gospel truths within a critical reading of the Qur'an.

As we consider Nicholas, his sources and contexts, we shall encounter the tangled realities of Christian and Muslim efforts at polemic, translation and dialogue. To do justice to the range of perspectives involved, we shall also consider the portrayal in the Qur'an of Jesus and other Muslim responses to Christianity. In the end, we hope that our discussions will contribute to today's urgent need for improved understanding between Muslims and Christians.

## Recent Work in Medieval & Renaissance Philosophy

### **Early Christian Philosophy**

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