

Jeremy duQuesnay Adams

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Arthuriana mourns the loss of a good friend of the journal and of Arthurian studies internationally with the passing of Jeremy duQuesnay Adams on May 2, 2016. Jeremy, a historian of early medieval Europe, was Centennial Professor of History at Southern Methodist University, where he taught since 1974 and is remembered by many former students as a passionate and inspiring lecturer. Prior to joining the faculty at SMU, Jeremy taught at Isidore Newman School in New Orleans (his hometown) and at Yale University. Earning his PhD in History from Harvard in 1967, Jeremy's early scholarship centered on socio-political terminology among the Church Fathers and later on ethnic identity in Visigothic Spain and the political culture of Capetian France. His first book, *Patterns of Medieval Society* (Prentice Hall, 1969), showed Jeremy's attraction to the history of ideas, social patterns, and political authority. His second, *The Populus of Augustine and Jerome* (Yale, 1971), winner of the National Catholic Book Award in 1972, was an early and influential study of Patristic terminology in Late Antiquity. While he continued to publish and present on late Roman and early medieval historical topics, his wide-ranging intellect took him into other areas as well, especially Arthurian studies and chivalry. He translated Régine Pernoud and Marie Véronique-Clin's *Joan of Arc: Her Story* (St Martin's, 1999), for example, and, in *Arthuriana*, he wrote about the intellectual world of fifth-century Gaul inhabited by one candidate for an historical Arthur, Riothamus. To many he was one half of a partnership presiding over medieval studies with grace and grandeur, benevolent patrons to two generations of scholars. With his beloved wife and founding editor of *Arthuriana*, Bonnie Wheeler, he created the interdisciplinary Medieval Studies Program at SMU, taught students in the SMU-Oxford Program at St John's College, and started many a tradition—both social and academic—at the International Medieval Congress in Kalamazoo. The editors, staff, and authors of *Arthuriana* convey our thoughts of consolation and prayers to Bonnie and the rest of Jeremy's family. We have lost a friend, a gentleman and a gentleman. His kindness, his humor, and his erudition will long be remembered.

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