

Medieval Manuscripts on Loan to Payson Library, Event Series Planned



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This fall, the Pepperdine community has the rare opportunity of access to 21 medieval manuscripts on loan from [Les Enluminures](#), a manuscripts dealer. The manuscripts' illuminations, bindings, and marginalia offer visual evidence of the ways manuscripts were created and used prior to the development of the printing press in the 15th century.

The loan is part of a new program sponsored by *Les Enluminures*, called [Manuscripts in the Curriculum](#), which encourages the use of manuscripts in the context of related courses. This semester, Pepperdine students in religion, English, art history, French, and music history have had the opportunity to work hands-on with the manuscripts, which have provided a new, and highly sensory, perspective on course topics.

Meeting in Payson Library's new Special Collections wing, these class sessions utilize the *Les Enluminures* manuscripts alongside manuscripts and other materials from Pepperdine's permanent collection. While the manuscripts are on loan for the fall semester only, future classes will have the opportunity to continue to work with Pepperdine's many other cultural heritage materials that are housed in the [Boone Special Collections and Archives](#).

To celebrate and encourage public access to these manuscripts, the library has scheduled a variety of events, listed below. This list will be updated as more events are added, and we also encourage you to check the [library calendar](#) for the most up-to-date information.



English Genealogy Roll

Highlights from the *Les Enluminures* Manuscripts Collection

Exhibit Display

October 19th-December 14th, 2017

Payson Library Special Collections Research Room

The Art of Devotion and Medieval Books

Lecture by Lauren Kilroy-Ewbank, Pepperdine University

Tuesday, October 10th, 10-11am

Payson Library Surfboard Room

Open House with Manuscripts Expert Laura Light

Tuesday, October 24th, 2-3pm

Payson Library Seminar Room

People and the Book: Voices of Manuscripts from the Middle Ages

Lecture by Laura Light, *Les Enluminures*

Wednesday, October 25th, 1-2pm

Payson Library Surfboard Room

Medieval Arthurian Literature Class Poster Session and Manuscripts Viewing

Wednesday, October 25th, 2-3pm

Payson Library Seminar Room

For more information or to schedule a visit to see the materials, please contact Melissa Nykanen at melissa.nykanen@pepperdine.edu or at (310) 506-4434.