

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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Dear John,

Thanks a million for writing. It meant alot to hear your sympathetic words and to receive the "Suger" article. You are right-- rock-climbing with Kim is not the same kind of "leap into uncertainty" that I am facing right now. I appreciated very much the information about St. Mary's. I have just finished a letter of application to them, and would be extremely grateful if you have the time to write them a letter of recommendation in my behalf. I know it would be a great boost in my favor, coming from yourself. If you do have the time, the address would be: Professor Katherine Roper, History Department, St. Mary's College, Moraga, CA 94575.

I don't know whether the ACLS will come through or not, or a Harvard Mellon Fellowship I applied for. I have written a number of letters of applications for any openings I've heard about where there is the possibility of continuing research. I've had to face my psychological problems, and I've still got a ways to go. It is easier to say this to a friend, John, than to job interviewers, but thanks to God my health is strong and is not effecting my work, so I can't see what else to do but plough along and pray for courage.

I am delighted you had a grand time in Munich. I am right at this moment struggling to get off before a deadline an article on forgeries in Carolingian baptismal tracts for Horst Fuhrmann, who asked me to contribute to the volume the MGH is putting out in commemoration of the conference. I feel privileged to be asked (I'm sure, through Roger Reynolds).

I do plan to be at the AHA in Chicago after Christmas, and I will be sure to look you up. It will be such a joy to see you! How is Elspeth? And Laura? Please give Elspeth my warmest greetings, and I hope your whole family can be together for a merry and peaceful Christmas.

With much affection,

