

History 301
Readings in Medieval History
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Texts:

James E. Powell. *Medieval Studies: An Introduction* (2nd. ed.)

Recommended Text:

Lester K. Little & Barbara H. Rosenwein. *Debating the Middle Ages: Issues and Readings*

This course is (with History 402) half of a readings / research seminar sequence. Since medieval history is a secondary field for most of you, the focus of this readings seminar will be to provide an introduction to some of the important issues, to a range of the literature, and to some of the bibliographic tools in medieval history. Since the Middle Ages span almost 1000 years of history and are subject to a wide variety of historiographical approaches, any attempt to cover this period cannot help but be selective and superficial. In the early part of the course I've decided to focus primarily on the territory of present-day France: i.e., on Ancient Gaul and the Kingdom of the Franks.

The main part of this course will be the reading, analysis, and discussion of books. Each student will be expected to read, critically review, and lead a discussion of ten books during the course of the semester. (This means you can schedule yourself an occasional break where you don't have to do a review). I've arranged the reading list in a topical sequence so that, if all goes well, each week's reviews and discussions will complement each other. To prepare for the discussions bring to the class enough copies of a brief (700 words or so) review of the book to share with the class. The review should, like a review in a scholarly journal, discuss the author's central theme, the questions the author raises, the aspects the author overlooks, and the adequacy of the author's presentation. You might want to focus on those aspects of the middle ages that most interest you in selecting the books you intend to review. If your own investigations have turned up books you want to read that seem appropriate for a class session, feel free to suggest those alternatives in advance. This focus will also be useful in the bibliographic exercise mentioned below.

Later in the semester each students will prepare a preliminary bibliography on a person or topic which will give you a head start on the research paper for History 402. Details on that assignment will be provided. (Students who don't plan to take history 402 can choose to do two additional book reviews in lieu of the bibliography).

Grading will be based on the written and oral reports, the bibliography assignment, and on class participation. The reports will count equally, the bibliographic assignment will count as two book reviews, and class participation will be used to resolve marginal cases.

Tentative Outline of the Course

1 (Jan. 14) Introduction to the Course / Administrative Details

2 (Jan. 21) The New Peoples of Europe

E. A. Thompson. *The Goths in Spain* DP96 / .T48

Peter Heather. *The Goths* (The Peoples of Europe). Oxford: Blackwell, 1996).

Neil Christie. *The Lombards: the ancient Longobards* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1995
DG511 / .C47 / 1995.

Malcolm Todd. *The Early Germans*. (Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 1992) DD75 /
.T62 / 1992

Patrick J Geary. *Before France and Germany: the Creation and Transformation
of the Merovingian World*. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1988)
DC65 / .G43 / 1988.

Edward James *The Franks*. (Oxford: Blackwell, 1988) DC64 / .J36 / 1988

3 (Jan. 28) The Transformation of the Roman World

Peter Brown. *Society and the Holy in Late Antiquity* (Berkeley and Los
Angeles: Univ. of California Pr., 1982). BL805 / .B74 / 1982

Peter Brown. *The Rise of Western Christendom: Triumph and Diversity, A.d.
200-1000*. (Cambridge, Mass. : Blackwell, 1996). BR162.2 .B76 1996

Ramsay MacMullen. *Christianizing the Roman Empire, A.D. 100-400* (New Haven:
Yale Univ. Pr., 1983). BR195 / .B9M33

A. Momigliano. *The Conflict between Paganism and Christianity in the Fourth
Century* BR205 / .M6

Leslie Webster and Michelle Brown (Eds.). *The Transformation of the Roman
World: AD 400-900* (Univ California Press, 1997) DG312 .T73 1997

Sabine G. MacCormack. *Art and Ceremony in Late Antiquity* (Berkeley and Los
Angeles: Univ. of California Pr., 1981). DG124 / .M33

J. B. Bury. *The Invasion of Europe by the Barbarians* D135 / .B8

4 (Feb. 4) The Transformation of Ancient Learning

Walter A. Goffart. *Barbarians and Romans, A.D., 418-584: Techniques of
Accommodation* DG319 / .G63

Pierre Riché. *Education and Culture in the Barbarian West: From the Sixth
through the Eighth Century* LA96 / .R5213

Boethius. *On the Consolation of Philosophy* B659 / .C2E59

Margaret Gibson (ed.). *Boethius, his life, thought, and influence* (Oxford:
Blackwell, 1981). B659 / .Z7B63

Henry Chadwick. *Boethius: The consolations of music, logic, theology, and
philosophy* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1981). B659 / .Z7C42

H. M. Barrett. *Boethius: Some aspects of his times and work* B659 / .Z7B3

J. Hubert et al. *Europe of the Invasions* (New York: Braziller, 1969). N7813
/ .H813 / 1969 (Evansdale)

5 (Feb. 11) Religious mentalities

Benedicta Ward. *Miracles and the medieval mind: Theory, record, and event,
1000-1215* (Philadelphia: Univ. of Pennsylvania Pr., 1987). BT97.2 /
.W36 / 1987

Clare Stancliffe. *St. Martin and His Hagiographer: History and Miracle in
Sulpicius Severus* BR1720 / .M3S72

Gregory of Tours. *Glory of the confessors* (Liverpool: Liverpool Univ. Pr.,
1988). BX4654 / .G7413 / 1988

Gregory of Tours. *Glory of the martyrs* (Liverpool: Liverpool Univ. Pr.,
1988) BX4654 / .G74 / 1988

6 (Feb. 18) Some Historical Writers

- Giselle de Nie *Views from a many-windowed tower: studies of imagination in the works of Gregory of Tours* (Amsterdam: Rodopi, 1987).
- Walter A. Goffart *The Narrators of Barbarian History (A.D. 550-800): Gregory of Tours, Bede, and Paul the Deacon* (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton Univ. Pr., 1988).
- Isidore, of Seville *History of the Kings of the Goths, Vandals, and Suevi.* (Leiden, E.J. Brill, 1966). D135 / .I813
- Jordanes. *The Gothic History of Jordanes in English Version, with an Introduction and Commentary* (Princeton University Press, 1915). D137 / .J9 / 1915
- Bede the Venerable. *Bede's Ecclesiastical History of the English People* (Oxford, Clarendon P., 1969). BR746 / .B5 / 1969
- Gregory of Tours. *The History of the Franks.* (Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1927). DC64 / .G8 / D3

7 (Feb. 25) England and Ireland

- Dáibhí Ó Cróinín. *Early Medieval Ireland, 400-1200,* (London & New York: Longman, 1995).
- Kathleen Hughes. *The Church in Early Irish Society,* (Ithaca, Cornell University Press, 1966) BA794 / .H8 / 1966a
- Wilhelm Levison. *England and the continent in the Eighth Century* BK238 / .L45 / 1956
- S. J. Crawford. *Anglo-Saxon Influence on Western Christendom, 600-800* BL253 / .C75 / 1966
- Peter Salway. *Roman Britain* (Oxford: Clarendon Pr., 1984). DA145 / .S34
- Frank M. Stenton. *Anglo-Saxon England, 3rd. ed* (Oxford, 1981). DA152 / .S74 / 1989
- Peter Hunter Blair. *An Introduction to Anglo-Saxon England* DA152.2 / .B55 / 1977
- A. Hamilton Thompson (ed.). *Bede: His Life, Times and Writings* PR1578 / .T5

8 (March 4) The Carolingians

- Henri Pirenne. *Mohammed and Charlemagne* D21 / .P5 / 1957
- Richard Hodges and David Whitehouse. *Mohammed, Charlemagne, and the Origins of Europe: Archaeology and the Pirenne Thesis* (London, 1983). D116.7 / P57H6 / 1983
- Heinrich Fichtenau. *The Carolingian Empire* (New York, 1963). DC70 / .F513 / 1963
- Pierre Riché. *The Carolingians: a Family Who Forged Europe* (Philadelphia, 1993). DC70 / .R5313 / 1993
- Louis Halphen. *Charlemagne and the Carolingian Empire* (Amsterdam, 1977). DC70 / .H313
- Rosamund McKitterick. *The Frankish Kingdoms under the Carolingians, 751-987* (London: Longman, 1983). DC70 / .M3 / 1983
- Donald A. Bullough. *Carolingian Renewal: Sources and Heritage* (Manchester / New York, 1991). DC70 / .B84 / 1991
- Walter Ullmann. *The Carolingian Renaissance* JN2334 / .U4
- F. L. Ganshof. *Frankish Institutions under Charlemagne* (Providence, RI, 1968). JN2334 / .G353
- Rosamond McKitterick. *The Carolingians and the Written Word* (Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Pr., 1989). P211.3 / E85M35 / 1989

- Janet Nelson. *Charles the Bald*. (London; New York: Longman, 1992). DC76 / .N45 / 1992
Josef Fleckenstein. *Early Medieval Germany* (New York: North Holland, 1978). DD126 / .F5513
J. M. Wallace-Hadrill. *The Frankish Church* (Oxford, 1983). BR162.2 / .W27 / 1983
John J. O'Meara. *Eriugena* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1988). B765 / .J34047 / 1987

9 (March 11) Economy and Society

- Jean Chapelot and Robert Fossier. *The Village and House in the Middle Ages* (Berkeley, 1985). GT283 / .C4613 / 1985 (Evansdale)
Marc Bloch. *Feudal Society*. **On Order (Library has it in French)**
Marc Bloch. *French Rural History; an Essay on its Basic Characteristics*. (Berkeley, University of California Press, 1966). HD643 / .B613
Robert Fossier. *Peasant life in the medieval West* (New York: B. Blackwell, 1988). HD1531.5 / .F6713 / 1988
Georges Duby. *The Early Growth of the European Economy: Warriors and Peasants from the Seventh to the Twelfth Century* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell Univ. Pr., 1974). HC240 / .D7813 / 1974
Renée Doehard. *The Early Middle Ages in the West: Economy and Society* (Amsterdam, 1978). HC41 / .D6313
Robert Latouche. *The Birth of the Western Economy: Economic Aspects of the Dark Ages* (London, 1967). HC41 / .L313 / 1967
Robert S. Lopez. *The Commercial Revolution of the Middle Ages, 1000-1350* HF395 / .L64
Georges Duby. *The Three Orders: Feudal Society Imagined* (Chicago: Univ. of Chicago Pr., 1980). HN425 / .D78313
Susan Reynolds. *Fiefs and Vassals: The Medieval Evidence Reinterpreted* (Oxford Univ Press, 1996). D117 .R49 1994
Edward Miller and John Hatcher. *Medieval England: Rural Society and Economic Change, 1086-1348* HN385 / .M488
Susan Mosher Stuard. *Women in Medieval Society* (Philadelphia, 1976). HQ1143 / /W64
Julius Kirshner and Suzanne F. Wemple. *Women of the Medieval World: Essays in Honor of John H. Mundy* (Oxford, 1985). HQ1147 / .E85W66 / 1985

10 (March 18) Monasticism

- St. Benedict. *The Rule...* BX3004 / .E6 / 1981
C. H. Lawrence. *Medieval Monasticism* BX2470 / .L39 / 1984
David Knowles. *Christian Monasticism* BX244.2 / .K55
Herbert Workman. *The Evolution of the Monastic Ideal* BX2461 / .W6 / 1962
Jean Leclerq. *The Love of Learning and the Desire for God: A Study of Monastic Culture* BX2470 / .L413
Rosalind B. Brooke. *The Coming of the Friars* BX2820 / .B76 / 1975
Jean Leclerq. *Bernard of Clairvaux and the Cistercian Spirit* BX4700 / .B5L4 / 1976B
Edward A. Armstrong. *St. Francis: Nature Mystic* BX4700 / .F6A78

11 (March 25) Women in the Middle Ages

Karen Cherewatuk and Ulrike Wiethaus (eds.) *Dear Sister: Medieval Women and the Epistolary Genre*. (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, c1993) PN6131 / .D4 / 1993

Penelope D. Johnson. *Equal in Monastic Profession: Religious Women in Medieval France*. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, c1991) BX4220/.F8J64 / 1991

Joel Thomas Rosenthal. *Medieval Women and the Sources of Medieval History*. (Athens: University of Georgia Press, c1990) HQ1143 / .M44 / 1990

David Herlihy. *Opera Muliebria: Women and Work in Medieval Europe*. (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1990) HD6134 / .H47 / 1990b

Peter Dronke. *Women Writers of the Middle Ages: a Critical Study of Texts from Perpetua (203) to Marguerite Porete (1310)*. (Cambridge University Press, 1984). PN471 / .D76 / 1984

Suzanne Fonay Wemple. *Women in Frankish Society: Marriage and the Cloister, 500 to 900*. (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1981). HQ1147 / .F7W45

12 (Apr. 8) The Twelfth Century Renaissance

Bernard Sylvester. *Cosmographia* (Columbia Sources of Civilization) D5 / .R4 no.89

Brian Stock. *Myth and Science in the Twelfth Century: A Study of Bernard Sylvester* B765 / .B554S86

M.-D. Chenu. *Nature, Man, and Society in the Twelfth Century* BT26 / .C513

Robert L. Benson and Giles Constable, eds. *Renaissance and Renewal in the Twelfth Century* D201.8 / .R45

Charles Homer Haskins. *The Renaissance of the Twelfth Century* PA8035 / H3 / 1957

R. W. Southern. *The Making of the Middle Ages* CB351 / .S6 / 1953a

Otto von Simson. *The Gothic Cathedral* NA4830 / .S5 / 1974 (Evansdale and Colson)

13 (Apr. 15) Medieval Islam and the Reception of Aristotle

Thomas F. Glick. *Islamic and Christian Spain in the early Middle Ages* DP99 / .G47

B. Lewis. *The Arabs in History* DS223 / .L4

P. K. Hitti. *The Arabs: A Short History* DS223 / H48 / 1950

G. E. von Grunenberg. *Medieval Islam* D199.3 / .V64

F. E. Peters. *Aristotle and the Arabs* B744.3 / .P43

Fernand van Steenberghen. *Aristotle in the West* B725 / .S753

Charles Burnett (ed.). *Adelard of Bath: An English Scientist and Arabist of the Early Twelfth Century* (London: The Warburg Institute, 1987). B765 / .A254A7 / 1987

Richard J. Lemay. *Abu Ma`shar and Latin Aristotelianism in the Twelfth Century* B748 / .A34L4

14 (Apr. 22) The Universities and Scholasticism

- Stephen C. Ferruolo. *The Origins of the University: The Schools of Paris and their Critics, 1100-1215* (Stanford: Stanford Univ. Pr., 1985). LF2165 / .F47 / 1985 (Evansdale)
- J. G. Sikes. *Peter Abailard* BX4705 / .A2S5
- John Baldwin. *The Scholastic Culture of the Middle Ages* AZ321 / .B34
- Lowrie J. Daly. *The Medieval University: 1200-1400* LA177 / .D3
- Gordon Leff. *Paris and Oxford Universities in the 13th and 14th Centuries: An Institutional and Intellectual History* LA91 / .L4 1975 (Colson)
- F. C. Copleston. *A History of Medieval Philosophy* B721 / .C57
- Julius Weinberg. *A Short History of Medieval Philosophy* B721 / .W4
- Gordon Leff. *The Dissolution of the Medieval Outlook: an Essay on Intellectual and Spiritual Change in the Fourteenth Century* B721 / .L4 / 1967

15 (Apr. 29) Medieval Science and Technology

- R. W. Southern. *Robert Grosseteste: The Growth of an English Mind in Medieval Europe* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1986). B765 / .G74S68 / 1986
- James McEvoy. *The Philosophy of Robert Grosseteste* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1982). B765 / .G74M38
- Lynn White. *Medieval Technology and Social Change* CB353 / .W5 / 1964 (Colson)
- Jean Gimpel. *The Medieval Machine* HC41 / .G5
- Edward Grant. *Physical Science in the Middle Ages* Q124.97 / .G7 / 1977
- Edward Grant. *The Foundations of Modern Science in the Middle Ages: Their Religious, Institutional, and Intellectual Contexts* (Cambridge Univ. Press, 1996) Q124.97 / .G68 / 1996
- David C. Lindberg (ed.). *Science in the Middle Ages* Q124.97 / .S35
- A. C. Crombie. *Medieval and Early Modern Science* Q125 / .C68 / 1967
- A. C. Crombie. *Robert Grosseteste and the Origins of Experimental Science, 1100-1700* Q125 / .C685
- Stewart C. Easton. *Roger Bacon and his search for a Universal Science* Q143 / .B25E3
- S. C. McCluskey. *Astronomies and Cultures in Early Medieval Europe* (Cambridge, 1998)

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- J. R. Strayer (ed.). *Dictionary of the Middle Ages, 13 vols.* (New York: Scribner, 1982-). D114 / .D5 / 1982
- C. U. J. Chevalier. *Repertoire des sources historiques du Moyen age: bio-bibliographie, 2 vols.* (Paris: A. Picard, 1905-07). Z6203 / .C49 / 1905
- C. U. J. Chevalier. *Repertoire des sources historiques du Moyen age: topo-bibliographie, 2 vols.* (Paris, 1903). Z6203 / .C52
- L. J. Paetow. *A guide to the study of Medieval History* (New York: F. S. Crofts, 1931). Z6203 / .P25 / 1980
- G. C. Boyce. *Literature of Medieval History, 1930-1975. A supplement to ... Paetow* (Millwood, N.Y.: Kraus International, 1981). Z6203 / .P25 / 1980 / Suppl.
- L. Thorndike and P. Kibre. *A Catalogue of Incipits of Medieval Scientific Writings in Latin* (Cambridge: Mediaeval Academy of America). Z6605 / .L3T3 / 1963a
- Paul Oskar Kristeller (ed.). *Catalogus translationum et commentariorum: mediaeval and Renaissance Latin translations and commentaries; annotated lists and guides* (Washington: Catholic Univ. of America Pr., 1960-). Z7016 / .K96
- P. Glorieux. *Répertoire des maîtres en théologie de Paris au XIII^e siècle, 2 vols.* (Paris, 1933). Z7751 / .G56
- E. Dekkers. *Clavis Patrum Latinorum* (Steenbrugge: Abbatia Sancti Petri, 1951). Z7791 / .C55
- Bibliotheca hagiographica latina antiquae et mediae aetatis* (Brussels: Société des Bollandistes, 1949 (repr. of the 1898 ed.)). Z7844 / .B55 / 1949
- Kathleen Hughes. *Early Christian Ireland: Introduction to the Sources* (Ithaca: Cornell Univ. Pr., 1972). DA908 / .H83 / 1972
- R. I. Jack. *Medieval Wales [a bibliography]* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell Univ. Pr., 1972). Z2081 / .J3
- James J. Murphy. *Medieval rhetoric: a select bibliography* (Toronto: Univ. of Toronto Pr., 1971). Z7004 / .R5M87
- Giles Constable. *Medieval Monasticism: a select bibliography* (Toronto: Univ. of Toronto Pr., 1976). Z7839 / .C8
- Oliver L. Kapsner. *A Benedictine Bibliography, 2 vols.* (Collegeville, Minn.: St. John's Abbey Pr., 1962). Z7840 / .BK33