

SYLLABUS

❖ The Renaissance of the Twelfth Century ❖

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❖ Schedule of Lectures & Suggested Readings ❖

13 April

The Idea of a Twelfth-Century Renaissance

Suggested Reading:

- Charles Homer Haskins, *The Renaissance of the Twelfth Century* (Harvard, 1933).
- Robert Benson & Giles Constable, eds. *Renaissance and Renewal in the Twelfth Century* (Harvard, 1982).

20 April

Historical Background

Suggested Reading:

- John Contreni, *Carolingian Learning, Masters, and Manuscripts* (Variorum, 1992).
- Rosamond McKitterick, *Books, Scribes and Learning in the Frankish Kingdoms, 6th - 9th Centuries* (Variorum, 1994).
- Warren Treadgold, ed. *Renaissances before the Renaissance* (Stanford UP, 1984).

27 April

Medieval Education 1: Tradition and Change

Suggested Reading:

- George Ferzoco and Carolyn Muessig, eds. *Medieval Monastic Education* (Continuum, 2005).
- C. Stephen Jaeger, *The Envy of Angels: Cathedral Schools and Social Ideals in Medieval Europe, 950-1200* (Pennsylvania, 2000).

4 May

The Political Landscape of the Twelfth Century

Suggested Reading:

- Ernst Kantorowicz, *The King's Two Bodies: a Study in Mediaeval Political Theology* (Princeton, 1957).
- Joseph Strayer, *On the Medieval Origins of the Modern State* (Princeton, 1970).

11 May

The 'Evangelical Awakening' 1: Rethinking 'Apostolic'

Suggested Reading:

- Caroline W. Bynum, "The Spirituality of the Regular Canons in the Twelfth Century," in *Jesus as Mother: Studies in the Spirituality of the High Middle Ages* (Berkeley, 1982), pp. 22-58.
- M.-D. Chenu, "Monks, Canons, and Laymen in Search of the Apostolic Life," in *Nature, Man, and Society in the Twelfth Century. Essays on New Theological Perspectives in the Latin West*, ed. & trans. Jerome Taylor and Lester K. Little (Chicago, 1957), pp. 202-238.
- Lester K. Little, *Religious Poverty and the Profit Economy in Medieval Europe* (Cornell, 1978), pp. 61-112.

18 May

The 'Evangelical Awakening' 1: The Monastic Reformation

Suggested Reading:

- Alison I. Beach, *Women as Scribes: Book Production and Monastic Reform in Twelfth-Century Bavaria* (Cambridge, 2004).
- M.-D. Chenu, "The Evangelical Awakening," in *Nature, Man, and Society in the Twelfth Century. Essays on New Theological Perspectives in the Latin West*, ed. & trans. Jerome Taylor and Lester K. Little (Chicago, 1957), pp. 239-269.
- Giles Constable, *The Reformation of the Twelfth Century* (Cambridge, 1996).
- Lester K. Little, *Religious Poverty and the Profit Economy in Medieval Europe* (Cornell, 1978), pp. 1-41.
- John van Engen, "The 'Crisis of Cenobitism' Reconsidered: Benedictine Monasticism in the Years 1050-1150." *Speculum* 61 (1986): 269-304.

25 May Pfingstferien - No Lecture

1 June

Law & Society in the Twelfth Century

Suggested Reading:

- Stephan Kuttner, *Harmony from Dissonance: an Interpretation of Medieval Canon Law* (Latrobe, PA, 1960).
- Stephan Kuttner, *Gratian and the Schools of Law, 1140-1234* (Variorum, 1983).
- Anders Winroth, *The Making of Gratian's Decretum* (Cambridge, 2000).

8 June

The State of Medical Knowledge in the Twelfth Century

- Nancy G. Siraisi, *Medieval and Early Renaissance Medicine: an Introduction to Knowledge and Practice* (Chicago, 1990).
- Monica Green, *The Trotula* (??, 2000).

15 June

Medieval Education 2: The Rise of the European University

Suggested Reading:

- Alan B. Cobban, *The Medieval Universities: their Development and Organization* (London, 1975).
- William J. Courtenay and Jürgen Miethke, eds. *Universities and Schooling in Medieval Society* (Leiden, 2000).

22 June

Developments in Medieval Theology: The Question of ‘Mysticism’

Suggested Reading:

- McGinn, Bernhard. *The Growth of Mysticism: Gregory the Great through the 12th Century* (Crossroad, 1994), pp. 149-363.
- Newman, Barbara, ed. *Voice of the Living Light: Hildegard of Bingen and Her World* (California, 1998).
- Elisabeth of Schönau, *The Complete Works*, ed. Anne L. Clark (Paulist, 2000).
- Anna Silvas, ed. *Jutta & Hildegard: the Biographical Sources* (Brepols, 1998).

29 June

Developments in Medieval Piety: What Can Historians Say about Popular Belief in the Twelfth Century?

Suggested Reading:

- Patrick Geary, *Living with the Dead in the Middle Ages* (Cornell, 1994).
- Jacques Le Goff, *The Birth of Purgatory* (Chicago, 1984). [Original: *La Naissance du Purgatoire* (Paris, 1981)]
- John Shinnars, *Medieval Popular Religion: 1000-1500. A Reader* (Peterborough, Ontario, 1997),
- Jean-Claude Schmitt, *Ghosts in the Middle Ages: the Living and the Dead in Medieval Society* (Chicago, 1998) [Original: *Les revenants: les vivants et les morts dans la société médiévale* (Paris, 1994)]

6 July

In Search of Twelfth-Century ‘Mentalities’: The Discovery of the Individual

Suggested Reading:

- Caroline W. Bynum, “Did the Twelfth Century Discover the Individual?” in *Jesus as Mother: Studies in the Spirituality of the High Middle Ages* (Berkeley UP, 1982; originally published 1972), pp. 82-109.
- Colin Morris, *The Discovery of the Individual 1050-1200*. Medieval Academy Reprints for Teaching 19 (Toronto, 1987).

13 July

In Search of Twelfth-Century ‘Mentalities’: The Invention of the ‘Other’

Suggested Reading:

- Lester K. Little, *Religious Poverty and the Profit Economy in Medieval Europe* (Cornell, 1978), pp. 42-57 & 113-145.
- R.I. Moore, *The Origins of a Persecuting Society* (Oxford, 1987).
- Michael Signer, ed. *Jews and Christians in Twelfth-Century Europe* (Notre Dame, 2001).

20 July

Course Conclusion

❖ A note regarding the suggested readings ❖

The bibliography on the twelfth century is vast. The readings suggested above are meant in no way to be exhaustive or definitive. They are, rather, a selection of ‘classic’ secondary works and newer studies, most, but not all of which appeared originally in English, which have shaped my own understanding of the twelfth century. You can find all of these texts either in the university library or in my office; many are also available in German translation. Please contact me to discuss wider possibilities for reading in your own area of interest.