Lecture Schedule: Fall 1990
2650 Humanities: 11:00-11:50 a.m. MWF

Sept. 5 - 1. Introduction; The Background of Antiquity: From Polis to Empire
Sept. 7 - 3. The Imperial Crises and the Reforms of Diocletian
Sept. 10 - 4. The Origins of Christianity
Sept. 12 - 5. The Triumph of Christianity
Sept. 17 - 7. The Barbarian Migrations
Sept. 19 - 8. The Germanic Kingdoms of the West and the Empire's Survival in the East
Sept. 21 - 9. The Age of Justinian
Sept. 24 - 10. Islam and the Arab Conquests
Sept. 26 - 11. Islam as a Religion and as a Civilization
Sept. 28 - 12. The Byzantine Empire

Oct. 3 - FIRST EXAMINATION (On the material of Lectures 1, 3-13)
Oct. 5 - 14. The Franks, Charlemagne, and the Carolingian Empire
Oct. 10 - 16. The Northmen: Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, and Normans
Oct. 12 - To be Announced

Oct. 15 - 17. The Slavs and Eastern Europe
Oct. 17 - 18. Manorialism and the Peasantry
Oct. 22 - 20. The German (Holy Roman) Empire
Oct. 24 - 21. The Papacy
Oct. 26 - To be Announced

Oct. 29 - 22. The Investiture Controversy
Oct. 31 - 23. The Crusades
Nov. 2 - 24. The Hohenstaufen vs. the Papacy
Nov. 5 - 25. Commerce and the Flourishing of Towns
Nov. 7 - 26. Scholasticism and the Rise of Universities
Nov. 9 - 27. Medieval Vernacular Literature
Nov. 12 - 28. Medieval Poetry and Song
Nov. 14 - 29. The Medieval Cultural Synthesis in the Arts and Music
Nov. 16 - 30. New Eastern Invaders: Mongols and Turks
Nov. 19 - SECOND EXAMINATION (On the material of Lectures 14-30)
Nov. 21 - 31. Medieval Political Thought

THANKSGIVING RECESS (Nov. 22-24)

Nov. 26 - 32. The Rise of Feudal Monarchies
Nov. 28 - 33. The Feudal Monarchies vs. the Papacy
Nov. 30 - 35. The Feudal Monarchies vs. Each Other

Dec. 3 - 36. The Church in Transition: Schism, Conciliarism, and the Renaissance Papacy
Dec. 5 - 37. The Holy Roman Empire and Italy in the Late Middle Ages
Dec. 7 - 38. Late Medieval Social Change

Dec. 12 - 40. The Middle Ages and the Problem of the "Renaissance"
Dec. 14 - Concluding Remarks

18 - FINAL EXAMINATION (On the material of the entire course, but stressing Lectures 31-33, 35-40): Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 18, at 12:25 p.m., in a room to be announced (NOT the regular classroom!)