Lecture Schedule: Fall 1991
2650 Humanities: 11:00-11:50 a.m. MWF

Lecture Schedule:

Sept. 4 - 1. Introduction: The Background of Antiquity: From Polis to Empire
Sept. 5 - 3. The Imperial Crusades and the Reforms of Diocletian and Constantine
Sept. 9 - 4. The Origins of Christianity
Sept. 11 - 5. The Triumph of Christianity
Sept. 16 - 7. The Barbarian Migrations
Sept. 18 - 8. The Germanic Kingdoms of the West and the Empire's Survival in the East
Sept. 20 - 9. The Age of Justinian
Sept. 23 - 10. Islam and the Arab Conquests
Sept. 25 - 11. Islam as a Religion and as a Civilization
Sept. 27 - 12. The Byzantine Empire

Oct. 2 - FIRST EXAMINATION (On the material of Lectures 1, 3-13)
Oct. 4 - 14. The Franks, Charlemagne, and the Carolingian Empire
Oct. 9 - 16. The Northmen: Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, and Normans
Oct. 11 - 17. The Slavs and Eastern Europe
Oct. 16 - 19. Feudalism and the Aristocracy
Oct. 18 - 20. The German (Holy Roman) Empire

Oct. 21 - 21. The Papacy
Oct. 23 - 22. The Investiture Controversy
Oct. 25 - 23. The Crusades
Oct. 28 - 24. The Hohenstaufen vs. the Papacy
Oct. 30 - 25. Commerce and the Flourishing of Towns
Nov. 4 - 27. Medieval Vernacular Literature
Nov. 6 - 28. Medieval Poetry and Song
Nov. 9 - To be Announced
Nov. 11 - 29. The Medieval Cultural Synthesis in the Arts and Music
Nov. 13 - 30. New Eastern Invaders: Mongols and Turks
Nov. 15 - SECOND EXAMINATION
Nov. 18 - 31. Medieval Political Thought
Nov. 20 - 32. The Rise of Feudal Monarchies
Nov. 22 - To be Announced
Nov. 25 - 33. The Feudal Monarchies vs. the Papacy
Nov. 27 - 35. The Feudal Monarchies vs. Each Other

HANKSGIVING RECESS (Nov. 28-Dec. 1)

Dec. 4 - 37. The Holy Roman Empire and Italy in the Late Middle Ages
Dec. 6 - 38. Late Medieval Social Change
Dec. 11 - 40. The Middle Ages and the Problem of the "Renaissance"

Dec. 13 - Concluding Remarks

20 - FINAL EXAMINATION (On the material of the entire course, but stressing Lectures 31-33, 35-40): Friday afternoon, Dec. 20, at 2:45 p.m., in a room to be announced (NOT the regular classroom)