H115 Medieval Europe M. Mazzaoui

Required Texts:

Edward Peters, *Europe and the Middle Ages* (Prentice Hall)
Alfred J. Andrea, *The Mediaeval Record: Sources of Mediaeval History* (Houghton Mifflin)
John Aberth, *The Black Death: The Great Mortality of 1348-1350* (Bedford/St. Martin’s)

Course Requirements:

Three Credit Students: Three essay examinations (6 weeks, 12 weeks, Final, non-cumulative)
Four Credit Students: Three examinations plus one 5-6 pp. paper.
Honors Students: Three examinations plus one 9-10 pp paper.
Papers due April 28

N.B. Regular attendance in class and discussion sections is expected. Excessive absence may negatively impact your final grade.

**WEEKLY LECTURE AND READING SCHEDULE**

1/23-25 Introduction
   The Late Roman Empire
   Peters, ch.1; Andrea, Prologue, nos. 1-2 (numeration refers to sources, not chapters)

1/28-2/1 Early Christians
   From Sect to Church
   Peters, ch. 2; Andrea, nos. 3-5

2/4-8 The Barbarian World
   German Invasions and Successor States
   Peters, chs. 3,7; Andrea, nos. 6-10

2/11-15 The Tripartite Mediterranean
   Byzantium, Islam and the West
   Peters, chs. 4-5; Andrea, nos.11-15

2/18-22 The Rise of Latin Christendom
   Merovingians and Carolingians
   Peters, ch. 6-8; Andrea, nos. 17-29
2/25-27  Viking Conquests
          Magyars and Saracens
          Peters, ch. 9; Andrea, nos. 30-35

2/29  FRIDAY- SIX WEEKS EXAMINATION

3/3-7  Economic Expansion
          Lordship and Kingship
          Peters, ch. 10-11; Andrea, nos. 36-37, 44, 45, 49-52

3/10-14  Church Reform
          The Investiture Struggle
          Peters, ch. 12; Andrea, nos. 38, 39, 62-65

3/15-23  SPRING RECESS

3/24-28  Crusades
          The Military Orders
          Andrea, nos. 72-75

3/31-4/4  Learning and Culture in the Twelfth Century
          Reason and Imagination in the Gothic World
          Peters, chs. 13, 16; Andrea, nos. 53-61

4/7-9  Challenges to Papal Authority
          The Reign of Innocent III
          Peters, ch. 14; Andrea, nos. 40-43, 66, 76-78

4/11  FRIDAY - TWELVE WEEKS EXAMINATION

4/14-18  The Consolidation of Royal Power
          New bureaucratic and judicial institutions; political theory
          Peters, ch. 15; Andrea, nos. 63, 64, 68-71

4.21-25  A Century of Woe: The Crises of the Fourteenth Century
          Environmental and Demographic Challenges
          Peters, ch. 17; Andrea, nos. 79, 80; Aberth, The Black Death

4/28  FOURTH CREDIT AND HONORS PAPERS DUE

4/28-5/2  The Decline of the Church
          The Conciliar Movement
          Peters, ch. 18; Andrea, nos. 81, 82, 88

5/5-9  Warfare and Politics in the Late Middle Ages
New Horizons
Peters, chs. 19,20; Andrea, nos. 83, 86, 90-92

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