History 317: MEDIEVAL SOCIAL & INTELLECTUAL HISTORY, 400-1200

Lectures: TR @ 11:00 in 1101 Humanities Bldg
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Required Reading:
- Cook and Herzman, The Medieval World View (Oxford)
- C. S. Lewis, The Discarded Image (Cambridge)
- J. Leclercq, The Love of Learning and the Desire for God (Fordham)
- Augustine, Confessions (Penguin)
- Boethius, The Consolation of Philosophy (Penguin)
- Abelard, Story of Abelard's Adversities (PIMS, Toronto)
- Anselm, Basic Writings (Open Court)

Recommended Reading:
- D. Knowles, The Evolution of Medieval Thought
- E. Kitzinger, Early Medieval Art
- R. W. Southern, The Making of the Middle Ages
- C. H. Haskins, The Renaissance of the Twelfth Century
- H. Waddell, The Wandering Scholars
- Guibert of Nogent, Self and Society in Medieval France

Those students lacking a background in medieval history are strongly urged to consult one of the following textbooks on reserve:
- Brian Tierney, Western Europe in the Middle Ages
- R. H. C. Davis, A History of Medieval Europe
- A. Lewis, Emerging Medieval Europe

Undergraduates are expected to attend lectures and discussion section, and should be taking the course for four credits. In addition to the examinations, graduate students and honors students will be expected to write a research paper. Topics for the papers should be selected by the student and approved by the instructor by October 5.

LECTURES:

A. The Classical Heritage and Christian Learning:
- Sept. 5: Course introduction; Latin West in the World of Late Antiquity
- Sept. 7: Education in Late Roman and Early Medieval Cultures
- Sept. 12: Institutional Structure of the Early Church
- Sept. 14: Christian Monasticism, 400-800
Sept. 19: Gnosticism and Neoplatonism
Sept. 21: Augustine on Creation and Evil

Sept. 26: The Pelagian Crisis & Augustine on Human Nature & Society
Sept. 28: Augustine and Donatism

B. Early Medieval Culture: Survival and Renewal
   Oct.  3: Boethius, Cassiodorus, and Early Medieval Learning
   Oct.  5: Late Antique and Early Medieval Art and Architecture (guest lecture)

   Oct.  10: Review Session
   Oct.  12: **First Exam**

   Oct.  17: Carolingian Revival I: The Age of Charlemagne
   Oct.  19: The Carolingian Revival II: The 9th Century

   Oct.  24: Gottschalk and Semi-Pelagianism; Carolingian Neoplatonism
   Oct.  27: Ottonian and Salian Culture; Hrothswitha of Gandersheim

C. The New Economy and the Transformation of Medieval Culture
   Oct.  31: Social-Economic Change & the Recovery of Town Life
   Nov.   2: Monastic Reforms and the Gregorian Reform

   Nov.   7: From Customary Law to Common Law
   Nov.   9: From Epic to Romance

   Nov.  14: From Romanesque to Gothic
   Nov.  16: **Second Exam**

D. Education, Religion, and Philosophy in the Twelfth Century
   Nov.  21: Anselm
   Nov.  23: Educational Change and the Schools of Northern France

   Nov.  28: St. Bernard, the School of St. Victor, and Peter Lombard

   Dec.   5: Peter Abelard
   Dec.   7: Women and Twelfth-Century Learning

   Dec.  12: "Chartrain" Humanism
   Dec.  14: Naturalism and Individualism

   **Final Examination:**