

HDS 2253 Medieval Heresy and Heretics: Seminar

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Office Hours Thursday, 3-5 PM and by appointment

Course Description. Investigations of heresy and heretics in western Europe in the Middle Ages, with emphasis on popular movements and on the responses of Church and society. Attention to methodological questions, and to the relationship of heresy, orthodoxy, and authority. Previous work in the history of Christianity will be very helpful.

Requirements. There are two requirements for this course. The first is regular and diligent class participation. The second is a substantial research paper (around 25 pp.) on a topic of the student's choice (though one of the instructors should be consulted and the topic approved).

Texts (required and available for purchase at HDS Bookstore)

G. Bonner, *Augustine of Hippo* (AMS)

M. Lambert, *Medieval Heresy: Popular Movements from the Gregorian Reform to the Reformation* (Blackwell)

W. Wakefield and A.P. Evans, *Heresies of the High Middle Ages* (Columbia)

R.E. Lerner, *The Heresy of the Free Spirit* (Notre Dame)

J. Sumption, *The Albigensian Crusade* (Faber and Faber)

Recommended

B. Kienzle, *Cistercians, Heresy, and Crusade in Occitania, 1145-1229 : Preaching in the Lord's Vineyard* (York Medieval Press/Boydell Press)

E. LaRoy Ladurie, *Montaillou* (Vintage)

Reserve List (books on reserve at the Andover-Harvard Library)

- >>%AUTHOR: Grundmann, Herbert,
>>%TITLE: *Religious movements in the Middle Ages: the historical links between
> >heresy, the Mendicant Orders, and the women's religious movement in the
> twelfth and thirteenth century, with the historical foundations of German mysticism.*
- >>% AUTHOR: Lambert, Malcolm (Malcolm D.)
> >%TITLE: *Medieval heresy: popular movements from the Gregorian reform to the Reformation*
- > >%AUTHOR: Lambert, Malcolm (Malcolm D.)
> >%TITLE: *The Cathars*
- > >%AUTHOR: Lerner, Robert E.
> >%TITLE: *The heresy of the free spirit in the later Middle Ages*
- > >%AUTHOR: Peters, Edward, 1936-
> >%TITLE: *Heresy and authority in medieval Europe: documents in translation.*
- > >%AUTHOR: Peters, Edward, 1936-
> >%TITLE: *Inquisition.*
- > >%AUTHOR: Russell, Jeffrey Burton.
> >%TITLE: *Dissent and order in the Middle Ages*
- > >%AUTHOR: Wakefield, Walter L. and Evans, Austin P.
> >%TITLE: *Heresies of the high middle ages.*
- > >%AUTHOR: Kienzle, Beverly Mayne.
> >%TITLE: *Cistercians, heresy, and Crusade in Occitania, 1145-1229: preaching
> in The Lord's vineyard.*
- >%AUTHORS: Kienzle, Beverly Mayne. \ Walker, Pamela J., 1960- \ King, Karen
> >%TITLE: *Women preachers and prophets through two millennia of Christianity.*
- > >%AUTHOR: McSheffrey, Shannon.
> >%TITLE: *Gender and heresy: women and men in Lollard communities, 1420-1530.*
- > >%AUTHOR: Moore, R.I.
> >%TITLE: *The birth of popular heresy.*
- > >%AUTHOR: Moore, R. I. (Robert Ian), 1941-
> >%TITLE: *The formation of a persecuting society: power and deviance in
> Western Europe, 950-1250.*

> >%AUTHOR: Biller, Peter
> >%TITLE: *Heresy and literacy, 1000-1530.*

> >%AUTHOR: Leff, Gordon and Billers, Peter, Dobson, R.B.
> >%TITLE: *The medieval church: universities, heresy, and the religious life:
> >essays in honour of Gordon Leff.*

> >%AUTHOR: Waugh, Scott L., 1948- \ Diehl, Peter D.
> >%TITLE: *Christendom and its discontents: exclusion, persecution, and
> >rebellion, 1000-1500.*

> >%AUTHOR: Hildegard, Saint, 1098-1179.
> >%TITLE: *The letters of Hildegard of Bingen.*

> >%AUTHOR: Muessig, Carolyn.
> >%TITLE: *Medieval monastic preaching.*

> >%AUTHOR: Geoffrey, of Auxerre, 12th cent.
> >%TITLE: *On the Apocalypse.*

>%AUTHOR: Brenon, Anne.
> >%TITLE: *Les archipels cathares.*

> >%AUTHOR: Nelli, Rene.
> >%TITLE: *Ecritures cathares.*

> >%AUTHOR: Benedict XII, Pope, d. 1342
> >%TITLE: *Le Registre d'inquisition de Jacques Fournier, eveque de Pamiers
> (1318-1325)*

Course Calendar

The Early Middle Ages, ca. 400-1000

February 3 Introduction. What is Heresy? “Gnosticism” and Arianism

February 10 Augustine Against Heresy I: Manicheanism
 Bonner, *Augustine*, Chs. 1-5

February 17 Augustine Against Heresy II: Donatism
 Bonner, *Augustine*, Chs. 6-7

February 24 Augustine against Heresy III: Pelagianism
 Bonner, *Augustine*, Chs. 8-9

For the remaining topics, read, if you like, the appropriate chapters from Lambert, Medieval Heresy, for additional background.

March 3 Heresies Around the Year 1000 (W and E= Wakefield and Evans)

Heresies around the year 1000: Primary sources (Moore selections are optional and often duplicate Wakefield and Evans; they may be ignored if you have W and E)

Adémar of Chabannes, Chronicle: Moore 1, pp. 9-10; W and E 2, pp. 73-74; 3A,

pp. 75-76.

1022 Synod of Orléans: Moore 2, pp. 10-15; Peters 2, pp. 66-71; W and e 3 B, pp. 76-81

1025 Synod of Arras: Moore 3, pp. 15-19; W and E 4, pp. 82-85

c. 1028, Monforte: Moore 4, pp. 19-21, W and E 5, pp. 86-89

c. 1043-48, Châlons-sur-Marne and Bishop Wazo of Liège: Moore 5, pp. 21-24; W and E 6, pp. 89-93

Heresies around the year 1000: Secondary sources

Peter Biller, "Heresy and literacy: earlier history of the theme," and R. I. Moore, "Literacy and the making of heresy c. 1000-1150," in P. Biller and A. Hudson, *Heresy and literacy, 1000-1530*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994, pp. 137-59. R. I. Moore, "Heresy, repression, and social change in the age of Gregorian reform," in *Christendom and its discontents: exclusion, persecution, and rebellion, 1000-1500*, ed. S. Waugh and P. Diehl, Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press, 1996, pp. 19-46.

The High Middle Ages, ca. 1000-1300

March 10 Twelfth-Century Itinerant Preachers and the Waldensians

Henry the monk

Henry at Le Mans, c. 1116, Moore 11 and 12, pp. 33-38; W and E 11, pp. 107-114

Bernard of Clairvaux vs. Henry and others

Bernard, Letter 241, 1145, Moore 14, pp. 39-41; W and E 14A, pp. 122-25

Bernard and Evervin of Steinfeld, 1143, Moore, 22, pp. 74-78; W and E 15A and B, pp. 127-38

Early and mid-twelfth century: Secondary source

Kienzle, *Cistercians, Heresy, and Crusade: Chapters 1 and 3*

Waldensians: Primary sources:

The Origins of the Waldensian Heresy, W and E 30, pp. 200-202; The Waldenses at the Third Lateran Council, W and E 31, pp. 202-204; A Profession of Faith by Waldes of Lyons, W and E 32, pp. 204-208; Stephen of Bourbon on the Early Waldenses, W and E 33, pp. 208-210; A Debate between Catholics and Waldenses, W and E 34, pp. 210-213; The Reconciliation of a Group of Waldenses to the Church, W and E 36, pp. 220-230; Geoffrey of Auxerre, *Super Apocalypsim*, ed. F. Gastaldelli, Rome, 1970, Sermo XIV; English translation in *On the Apocalypse*, trans. Joseph Gibbons, Cistercian Publications: Kalamazoo, MI, 2000, pp. 139-47.

Waldensians: Secondary sources:

Peter Biller, "Historiography: Waldenses in the 14th and 15th centuries: the current state of knowledge; the historiography of medieval heresy in the United States of America and Great Britain, 1945-1992," in Peter Biller, *The Waldenses, 1170-1530. Between a Religious Order and a Church*, Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2001, Variorum Collected Studies Series CS676; Kienzle, "The Prostitute-Preacher: Patterns of Polemic against Medieval Waldensian Women Preachers," in *Women Preachers and Prophets*, 99-113; Anne Brenon: "The Waldensian books," in *Heresy and Literacy, 1000-1530*, ed. P. Biller and A. Hudson, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994, pp. 137-59.

March 17 **The Cathars**

1150s-1180s: Primary sources

England, c. 1163, and the Assize of Clarendon (text of Assize only in Moore!), Moore 26, pp. 82-84; W and E 40, pp. 245-47

Cologne 1163

Eckbert of Schönau, Moore 29, pp. 88-94 (only in Moore!)
Hildegard of Bingen, Letter 15r, in *The Letters of Hildegard of Bingen*, trans. Joseph L. Baird and Radd K. Ehrman, vol. I, New York/Oxford: Oxford Univ. Press, 1994, pp. 54-65

1150s-1180s: Secondary sources

Kienzle, "Defending the Lord's Vineyard: Hildegard of Bingen's Preaching against the Cathars," in *Medieval Monastic Preaching*, ed. Carolyn A. Muessig (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1998), 163-191.

Bogomils and Cathars: Primary sources

Sermon of Cosmas the Priest against Bogomilism (c. 970), Peters, 17, pp. 109-17.
Interrogatio Iohannis (The Secret Supper), W and E, 56B, pp. 458-65. Report on the 1167 Council at St. Félix-de-Caraman (*Charter of Nicetas*), Peters 19, p. 121-23.

Cathar texts: Primary sources

Anonymous Treatise, Wakefield and Evans, 58, pp. 494-510.

Rituals

Wakefield and Evans, 57A (from Latin, Florence ms.) and B (from Occitan, Lyon ms.), pp. 465-94

Wakefield and Evans, 60 (Occitan, Dublin ms.), pp. 592-630

March 31 **NO CLASS** **SPRING RECESS**



April 7 **The Albigensian Crusade**

J. Sumption, *The Albigensian Crusade*

April 14 **The Inquisition**

Inquisitors on Cathars: Primary sources

De heresi Catharorum, Italy 1170-1200, Moore, 37, pp. 122-27

Rainier Sacchoni, 1250, Moore, 39, pp. 132-45, W. and E., 51, pp. 329-46

Anselm of Alessandria, 1270s, M 40, pp. 145-54, W and E, 54, pp. 361-73

Reported sermons in the Inquisition records of Jacques Fournier (in Latin/French):
 Ecritures cathares, pp. 325-340. Latin in: Jean Duvernoy, ed., *Le Registre d'Inquisition
 de Jacques Fournier*, 1318-1325, t. 3. Toulouse: Privat, 1965, pp. 123-25; 131-34.

Inquisitors on Cathars: Secondary source (if you have time)

Peters, *Inquisition* (medieval chapters only)

April 21 **Franciscanism and the Spiritual Franciscans**

Primary Sources may be found at the following links:

<http://www.majbill.vt.edu/history/burr/heresy/Heresy.html>

http://www.majbill.vt.edu/history/burr/Francis/Frn_sources.html

The Late Middle Ages, ca. 1300-1500

April 28 The “Heresy of the Free Spirit”

Norman Cohn, *The Pursuit of the Millennium* (summary by instructor)

R.E. Lerner, *The Heresy of the Free Spirit in the Later Middle Ages*



May 5 Wycliff, the Lollards and Hussites

Lambert, Chaps. 13-16

