

**Department of History
George Mason University
The Crusades (Hist 535/635)
Fall 2016 Syllabus**

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First Crusade: Godfrey of Bouillon leading his army (13th century, BN MS Fr. 9084, f. 20v)

This class is designed as part lecture and part discussion with emphasis on the interaction between the Christian East, the Muslim World and the Christian West. We will examine primary sources (in translation) and secondary sources that render a wide spectrum of ideologies and scholarship on the crusading movement. Emphasis will be on themes of cultural interaction and transmission, warfare and coexistence between competing societies from Western Europe, Byzantium and the Middle East.

Please take the time to familiarize yourselves with these useful web resources:

Medieval sourcebook at: <http://www.fordham.edu/hal> HYPERLINK

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["http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/sbook.html"](http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/sbook.html)all/sbook.html

Crusades : A Guide to Online Resources, Section Editor: Paul Crawford: [ht](http://the-orb.arlima.net/encyclop/religion/crusades/crusade.html) HYPERLINK

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De Re Militarii: The Society for Medieval Military History, <http://deremilitari.org/>

Dumbarton Oaks Electronic Texts, particularly *The Crusades from the Perspective of Byzantium and the Muslim World* edited by Angeliki E. Laiou and Roy Parviz Mottahedeh at:

<http://doaks.org/resources/publications/doaks-online-publications/crusades-from-the-perspective-of-byzantium-and-the-muslim-world/crcnts>

The University of Wisconsin Digital Collections,
<http://uwdc.library.wisc.edu/collections/History> and choose “History of the Crusades” on the left vertical bar

Oxford Illustrated History of the Crusades by Jonathan Riley-Smith accessed through George Mason Library, Pro-Quest ELibrary

For select translations of Crusader letters into English:

http://www.shsu.edu/~his_ncp/Cruslet.html

[If you do not already have a copy of Turabian please make note of the most recent edition:

A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and

Dissertations, Seventh Edition: Chicago Style for Students and

Researchers (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing)

by Kate L. Turabian, Wayne G. Booth, Gregory G. Colomb, and Joseph

M. Williams (Paperback – March 28, 2013)]



Crusader, c.1200-1250. Psalter, Litany, Office of the Dead; Compiled for Westminster Abby.
British Library MS2.A.XXII. Fol. 220r.

Schedule

August 30 Introduction and Concepts: The eastern Mediterranean before the 1st Crusade. Holy War in the East and West.

Recommended reading:

Roy Parviz Mottahedeh and Ridwan al-Sayyid, [The Idea of the Jihad in Islam before the Crusades](#)

George T. Dennis, [Defenders of the Christian People: Holy War in Byzantium](#)

Jonathan Riley-Smith, *The Crusades: A History*, 13-20

Joseph F. O’Callaghan, “Reconquest, Holy War, and Crusade”, 1-22 from *Reconquest and Crusade in Medieval Spain* Stable URL:

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt3fhw74.6>

September 6 Understanding the Crusader movement and Historiography of the Crusades

Jonathan Riley-Smith, *The Crusades: A History*, 1-12

Paul Cobb, *The Race for Paradise: An Islamic History of the Crusades*, 1-70

Paul Chevedden, "The Islamic View and the Christian View of the Crusades: A New Synthesis," *History* 93 (April 2008): 181-200 available on JSTOR
http://www.jstor.org.mutex.gmu.edu/stable/24428429?seq=2#page_scan_tab_contents

Giles Constable, "Historiography of the Crusades", in *The Crusades from the Perspective of Byzantium and the Muslim World*, in
<http://doaks.org/resources/publications/doaks-online-publications/crusades-from-the-perspective-of-byzan> HYPERLINK
"<http://doaks.org/resources/publications/doaks-online-publications/crusades-from-the-perspective-of-byzantium-and-the-muslim-world/crcnts>"

September 13^{1st} Crusade

Jonathan Riley-Smith, *The Crusades: A History*, 47-70

Paul Cobb, *The Race for Paradise: An Islamic History of the Crusades*, 70-103

Medieval Sourcebook: *Urban II (1088-1099): Speech at Council of Clermont, 1095, Five versions of the Speech* <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/urban2-5vers.html>

Chronicle of Rabbi Eliezer bar Nathan

http://www.wwnorton.com/college/english/nael/middleages/topic_3/nathan.htm

The Alexiad of Anna Comnena, Book XI, The First Crusade (1097-1104) in
<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/basis/AnnaComnena-Alexiad11.asp> .

Medieval Sourcebook: The Crusaders at Constantinople:

Collected Accounts in <http://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/Halsall/source/cde-atcp.asp>

Medieval Sourcebook: The Siege and Capture of Jerusalem:

Collected Accounts in <http://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/Halsall/source/cde-jlem.asp>

Part 2, #9: "Commemorating the Fall of Jerusalem: Remembering the First Crusade in Text, Liturgy and Image" by Jaroslav Folda, in Nicholas Paul and Suzanne Yeager, eds. *Rethinking Theory: Remembering the Crusades : Myth, Image, and Identity*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2012. ProQuest Elibrary.

September 20 The Military Orders.

Jonathan Riley-Smith, *The Crusades: A History*, 71-136

Helen Nicholson, *Knights of Christ? The Templars, Hospitallers and other military orders in the eyes of their contemporaries, 1128-1291*
<http://the-orb.arlima.net/encyclop/religion/monastic/knights.html>

Richard W. Kaeuper, Chapter 1. "Violent Knights, Holy Knights" in *The Middle Ages Series : Holy Warriors : The Religious Ideology of Chivalry*, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2012

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Medieval Sourcebook: William of Tyre: The Foundation of the Order of Knights Templar in: <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/tyre-templars.html>.

Military Orders :The Primitive Rule of the Templars (ORB):

<http://the-orb.arlima.net/encyclop/relig> HYPERLINK "http://the-orb.arlima.net/encyclop/religion/monastic/t_rule.html"i HYPERLINK "http://the-orb.arlima.net/encyclop/religion/monastic/t_rule.html"on/monastic/t_rule.html

Military Orders : In Praise of the New Knighthood (Liber ad milites Templi: De laude novae militiae) St. Bernard of Clairvaux trans. Conrad Greenia (ORB):

<http://the-orb.arlima.net/> HYPERLINK "<http://the-orb.arlima.net/encyclop/religion/monastic/bernard.html>"e HYPERLINK "<http://the-orb.arlima.net/encyclop/religion/monastic/bernard.html>"ncyclop/religion/monastic/bernard.html

Part III, # 10: "Aspect of Hospitaller and Templar Memory" by Jonathan Riley-Smith, in Nicholas Paul and Suzanne Yeager, eds. *Rethinking Theory: Remembering the Crusades : Myth, Image, and Identity*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2012. ProQuest Elibrary.



Christian and Muslim playing chess from *The Book of Games of Alfonso X, el Sabio*, c. 1285. The game of chess originated in India, but was transmitted to Europe by the Islamic world.

September 27 Kingdom of Jerusalem: Cultural Interactions

Paul Cobb, *The Race for Paradise: An Islamic History of the Crusades*, 104-123

Medieval Sourcebook: *Fulcher of Chartres: The Latins in the East* (Chronicle, Bk III), in <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/fulk3.html>.

Mallett, Alex. *Popular Muslim Reactions to the Franks in the Levant, 1097–1291*. Farnham: Routledge, 2014. ProQuest Elibrary.

Angeliki E.Laiou, with an Appendix by Cécile Morrisson, “Byzantine Trade with Christians and Muslims and the Crusades” in *The Crusades from the Perspective of Byzantium and the Muslim World*: <http://doaks.org/resources/publications/doaks-online-publications/crusades-from-the-perspective-of-byzantium-and-the-muslim-world/crcnts>

October 4 Meet with Dr. George Oberle (History Librarian - Research Services) in 1014B Fenwick Library at 7:20pm for introduction to Library and Zotero. After meeting your assignment is to research the electronic and physical library for bibliography suitable to your final essay topic and begin compiling your bibliography that will be due on November 8.

October 11 No class
Topics for final paper due – please email a one paragraph description of your topic of interest for approval by the instructor by the end of the day

October 18 2nd and 3rd Crusades
Jonathan Riley-Smith, 134-175

Paul Cobb, *The Race for Paradise: An Islamic History of the Crusades*, 124-204

Pope Eugenius, *Call for Second Crusade*:

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/eugene3-2cde.html>

Saint Bernard, *Apologia on the Second Crusade*: <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/bernard-apol.html>

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/bernard-apol.html>

Medieval Sourcebook: *Ernoul: The Battle of Hattin, 1187*:

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/1187ernoul.html>

Part III, #8: “Saladin in Sunni and Shi’a Memories” by Mohamed El-Moctar, in Nicholas Paul and Suzanne Yeager, eds. *Rethinking Theory: Remembering the Crusades : Myth, Image, and Identity*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2012. ProQuest Elibrary.

“Imad al-Din al-Isfahani” by Lutz Richter-Bernburg, in Alex Mallett, ed. *The Muslim World in the Age of the Crusades : Medieval Muslim Historians and the Franks in the Levant (1)*. Leiden, NL: Brill, 2014. ProQuest Elibrary.

October 25 Literary Outlooks and Cultural Perceptions

Elizabeth Jeffreys and Michael Jeffreys, “The ‘Wild Beast from the West’: Immediate Literary Reactions in Byzantium to the Second Crusade”

M.C.Lyons , “The Land of War: Europe in the Arab Hero Cycles”

Robert W.Thomson, “The Crusaders through Armenian Eyes”

All found in in *The Crusades from the Perspective of Byzantium and the Muslim World*: [http://doaks.org/resources/publications/doaks-online-](http://doaks.org/resources/publications/doaks-online-publications/crusades-from-the-perspective-of-byzan)

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["http://doaks.org/resources/publications/doaks-online-publications/crusades-from-the-perspective-of-byzantium-and-the-muslim-world/crcnts"](http://doaks.org/resources/publications/doaks-online-publications/crusades-from-the-perspective-of-byzantium-and-the-muslim-world/crcnts)

Medieval Sourcebook: A Christian/Moslem Debate of the 12th Century in

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/christ-muslim-debate.html>.

The Medieval Sourcebook: *Usmah Ibn Munqidh (1095-1188): Autobiography*:

Excerpts on the Franks, c.1175 CE, in

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/usamah2.html>

November 1 4th Crusade

Jonathan Riley-Smith, 173-186

Paul Cobb, *The Race for Paradise: An Islamic History of the Crusades*, 204-206

Medieval Sourcebook: The Fourth Crusade 1204:

Collected Sources in: [HYPERLINK](#)

["http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/4cde.html"](http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/4cde.html) [HYPERLINK](#)

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Medieval Sourcebook:Pope Innocent III: *Reprimand of Papal Legate* at <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/1204innocent.html>.

Edward Peters, Chapter I: “The Fourth Crusade, 1202-1207” (p. 1-25) in *The Middle Ages Series: Christian Society and the Crusades, 1198-1229 : Sources in Translation, including "The Capture of Damietta" by Oliver of Paderborn*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011. ProQuest Elibrary.

Part III, # 9: “Paul the Martyr and Venetian Memories of the Fourth Crusade” by David M. Perry in Nicholas Paul and Suzanne Yeager, eds. *Rethinking Theory: Remembering the Crusades: Myth, Image, and Identity*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2012. ProQuest Elibrary.

November 8 Crusades in Europe – The Albigensian Crusade, The Children’s Crusade **Bibliographic Essay Due**

Jonathan Riley-Smith, 188-201

Chapter I: “The Pope, Crusades, and Communities, 1198-1213” in Jessalyn Bird, Edward Peters, and James M. Powell, eds. *The Middle Ages Series: Crusade and Christendom : Annotated Documents in Translation from Innocent III to the Fall of Acre, 1187-1291*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013.

November 15 Fifth/Sixth Crusades

Jonathan Riley-Smith, 197-207

Paul Cobb, *The Race for Paradise: An Islamic History of the Crusades*, 207-265

James M. Powell. *The Middle Ages Series : Anatomy of a Crusade, 1213-1221*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2010. ProQuest Elibrary.

Chapter IV: “The Emperor’s Crusade, 1227-1229” in Jessalyn Bird, Edward Peters, and James M. Powell, eds. *The Middle Ages Series: Crusade and Christendom : Annotated Documents in Translation from Innocent III to the Fall of Acre, 1187-1291*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013. ProQuest Elibrary.

“Ibn Wasil: An Ayyubid Perspective on Frankish Lordship and Crusades” by Konrad Hirschler, in Alex Mallett, ed. *The Muslim World in the Age of the Crusades : Medieval Muslim Historians and the Franks in the Levant* (1). Leiden: Brill, 2014. ProQuest Elibrary.

November 22 The Crusades of St. Louis

Jonathan Riley-Smith, 216-223, 234-241

Chapter VII: “The Saint’s Crusades, 1248-1270” in Jessalyn Bird, Edward Peters, and James M. Powell, eds. *The Middle Ages Series : Crusade and Christendom : Annotated Documents in Translation from Innocent III to the Fall of Acre, 1187-1291*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013. ProQuest Elibrary.

Guy, A Knight: Letter from the Sixth Crusade, 1249:

<http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/source/1249sixthcde-let.asp>

November 29 Varieties of Crusading and the Decline of the Crusading Movement.

Jonathan Riley-Smith, 275-344

Paul Cobb, *The Race for Paradise: An Islamic History of the Crusades*, 265-279

Chapter IX: “Living and Dying on Crusade” in Jessalyn Bird, Edward Peters, and James M. Powell, eds. *The Middle Ages Series : Crusade and Christendom : Annotated Documents in Translation from Innocent III to the Fall of Acre, 1187-1291*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013. ProQuest Elibrary.

Chapter X: “The Road to Acre, 1265-1291” in Jessalyn Bird, Edward Peters, and James M. Powell, eds. *The Middle Ages Series : Crusade and Christendom : Annotated Documents in Translation from Innocent III to the Fall of Acre, 1187-1291*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013. ProQuest Elibrary.

Throop, Palmer A. "[Criticism of Papal Crusade Policy in Old French and HYPERLINK "http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0038-7134%28193810%2913%3A4%3C379%3ACOPCPI%3E2.0.CO%3B2-E"Provençal](http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0038-7134%28193810%2913%3A4%3C379%3ACOPCPI%3E2.0.CO%3B2-E) 7134%2 HYPERLINK "http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0038-7134%28193810%2913%3A4%3C379%3ACOPCPI%3E2.0.CO%3B2-E"8193810%2913." *Speculum*, Vol. 13, No. 4. (Oct., 1938), pp 379–412. [JSTOR]

December 6 The Crusades film and Popular Culture

Film in class and discussion

December 13 **Final Papers Due**

In addition for the assigned electronic readings please acquire a copy of:

The Crusades: A History, Third Edition, Jonathan Riley-Smith
ISBN 978-1-4725-1351-9, Paperback, 2014
London and New York: Bloomsbury Academic

And

The Race for Paradise: An Islamic History of the Crusades, Paul M. Cobb
ISBN 978-0-19-953201-8, Hardback, 2014
Oxford: Oxford University Press

Assignments and Grades

- **Participation in class discussion counts for 20% of the grade. Students are expected to arrive in class having prepared the assigned readings and ready for discussion.**
- Bibliographic essay – Each student must prepare a 4-5 page bibliographic essay on the topic of his/her final paper. This essay is due on November 8 [20% of your final grade]. It must identify the topic of the final essay and the scholarship that is relevant to the discussion in the form of an annotated bibliography.
- Oral Presentations – Each student must present one oral presentation based on themes from class meetings during the semester. Class presentations must be done individually and should include visual and/or auditory materials. Each presentation should be approximately 10-15 minutes and should expand discussion on themes presented by the instructor during the initial portion of the class meeting that week. Each student will turn in the subsequent week a 5-7 page research essay highlighting the main points of the presentation. Topics will be discussed at the first class meeting.
[The paper and presentation will each count for 15% of your grade – a total of 30%]
- The Final paper will be a research essay due no later than December 13. The papers should be approximately 13-15 pages in length, double spaced, with footnotes/endnotes and bibliography. [30% of your total grade]. **Class participation constitutes a significant part of your grade. If you cannot attend class you must notify the instructor in advance, if possible, and make every effort to keep up with the work of each week's reading assignments.**