

**Department of History
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The Crusades
Spring 2019 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:

<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/sbook.asp>

Crusades: A Guide to Online Resources, Section Editor: Paul Crawford:

<http://the-orb.arlima.net/encyclop/religion/crusades/crusade.html>

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

The University of Wisconsin Digital Collections:

<http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/WebZ/BookMark?sessionid=01-34700-1779722944&action=add&next=currentstate>

Tyerman, Christopher. *The Debate on the Crusades, 1099-2010*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2011. ProQuest Ebook Central: <https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.mutex.gmu.edu/lib/gmu/detail.action?docID=4083822>

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

<https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.mutex.gmu.edu/lib/GMU/detail.action?docID=1173589>

For select translations of Crusader letters into English from *The Hanover Historical Texts Collection*:

<https://history.hanover.edu/project.php#medieval>

[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 Abbey. British Library MS2.A.XXII. Fol. 220r.

Schedule

January 24 **Introduction and Concepts: The eastern Mediterranean before the 1st Crusade. Holy War in the East and West.**

If you are interested in background reading to better understand the ideas of Holy War and Jihad these are some options:

- Roy Parviz Mottahedeh and Ridwan al-Sayyid, [The Idea of the Jihad in Islam before the Crusades](#) (Blackboard)
- George T. Dennis, [Defenders of the Christian People: Holy War in Byzantium](#) (Blackboard)

- 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>

January 31 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
- Giles Constable, “Historiography of the Crusades”, in *The Crusades from the Perspective of Byzantium and the Muslim World* (Blackboard)
- Chevedden, Paul E. "The View of the Crusades from Rome and Damascus: The Geo-Strategic and Historical Perspectives of Pope Urban II and ‘Alī Ibn Ṭāhir Al-Sulamī." *Oriens* 39, no. 2 (2011): 257-329
<http://www.jstor.org.mutex.gmu.edu/stable/23072750>
- Suleiman Mourad, “Understanding the Crusades from an Islamic perspective” in *The Conversation*, July 9, 2018

<http://theconversation.com/understanding-the-crusades-from-an-islamic-perspective-96932>

February 7 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:

<https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.mutex.gmu.edu/lib/gmu/detail.action?docID=3318612&query=Remembering+the+Crusades%3A+Myth%2C+Image%2C+and+Identity>

February 14 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.

<http://site.HYPERLINK>

["http://site.ebrary.com/lib/georgemason/reader.action?ppg=8&docID=10576057&tm=1472506470457"](http://site.ebrary.com/lib/georgemason/reader.action?ppg=8&docID=10576057&tm=1472506470457)

- 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/religion/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/encyclop/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:

<https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.mutex.gmu.edu/lib/gmu/detail.action?docID=3318612&query=Remembering+the+Crusades%3A+Myth%2C+Image%2C+and+Identity>



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.

February 21 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>.
- Ousterhout, Robert, and D. Fairchild Ruggles. "Encounters with Islam: The Medieval Mediterranean Experience Art, Material Culture, and Cultural Interchange." *Gesta* 43, no. 2 (2004): 83-85.
doi:10.2307/25067096:
<https://www.jstor-org.mutex.gmu.edu/stable/25067096>
- Angeliki 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* (Blackboard)
- MacEvitt, Christopher. "The Legal and Social Status of Local Inhabitants in the Frankish Levant." In *The Crusades and the Christian World of the East: Rough Tolerance*, 136-56. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008.
<http://www.jstor.org.mutex.gmu.edu/stable/j.ctt3fh6pf.10>.
- Hodgson, Natasha R. "Women in the History of Crusading and the Latin East." In *Women, Crusading and the Holy Land in Historical Narrative*, 36-52. Boydell and Brewer, 2007.
<http://www.jstor.org.mutex.gmu.edu/stable/10.7722/j.ctt81mst.11>.
- Qadir, Khurram. "Modern Historiography: The Relevance of the Crusades." *Islamic Studies* 46, no. 4 (2007): 527-58.
<http://www.jstor.org.mutex.gmu.edu/stable/20839093>.
- Chevedden, Paul E. "The Islamic View and the Christian View of the Crusades: A New Synthesis." *History* 93, no. 2 (310) (2008): 181-200.
<http://www.jstor.org.mutex.gmu.edu/stable/24428429>.

February 28 2nd Crusade

- Jonathan Riley-Smith, 138-161
- Paul Cobb, *The Race for Paradise: An Islamic History of the Crusades*, 124-196
- 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> HYPERLINK
"<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/bernard-apol.html>"
- Medieval Sourcebook: William of Tyre:
Latin Disarray - Politics in the Latin Kingdom, 1150-1185:
<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/tyre-latindisarray.asp>
- Medieval Sourcebook: The Decline of Christian Power in the Holy Land, 1164: <https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/aymeric1164.asp>
- Medieval Sourcebook: *Ernoul: The Battle of Hattin, 1187*:
<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/1187ernoul.html>

- Barber, Malcolm. "The Battle of Hattin and Its Consequences." In *The Crusader States*, 289-323. Yale University Press, 2012.
<http://www.jstor.org.mutex.gmu.edu/stable/j.ctt32bvs5.18>

March 7 **Meet with Dr. George Oberle (History Librarian - Research Services) in 1014A Fenwick Library at 4:30pm for introduction to Library and Zotero. After meeting your assignment is to do research in the physical library for bibliography suitable to your final essay topic and begin compiling your bibliography that will be due on April 11. You may work in small groups or on your own.**

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

March 14 **Spring Break**

March 21 **3rd Crusade**

- Jonathan Riley-Smith, 163-175
- Paul Cobb, *The Race for Paradise: An Islamic History of the Crusades*, 196-204
- 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.
- Lutz Richter-Bernburg, "Imad al-Din al-Isfahani". In *The Muslim World in the Age of the Crusades: Medieval Muslim Historians and the Franks in the Levant*, Alex Mallett, ed. Leiden, NL: Brill, 2014. ProQuest Elibrary: <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com.mutex.gmu.edu/lib/gmu/detail.action?docID=1815762>
- Françoise Micheau, "Ibn al-Athīr". In *Medieval Muslim Historians and the Franks in the Levant*, edited by Alex Mallett, BRILL, 2014. ProQuest Ebook Central: <http://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/gmu/detail.action?docID=1815762>
- Murray, Alan, "Franks and Indigenous Communities in Palestine and Syria (1099-1187)". In *East Meets West in the Middle Ages and Early Modern Times: Transcultural Experiences in the Premodern World*, Classen, Albrecht, ed. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter, Inc., 2013. ProQuest Ebook Central: <https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.mutex.gmu.edu/lib/gmu/reader.action?docID=1249779&ppg=301>

March 28 **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* (Blackboard)
- Shachar, Uri Zvi. ““RE-ORIENTING” ESTOIRES D’OUTREMER: THE ARABIC CONTEXT OF THE SALADIN LEGEND.” In *The French of Outremer: Communities and Communications in the Crusading Mediterranean*, edited by MORREALE LAURA K. and PAUL NICHOLAS L., 150-78. New York: Fordham University, 2018.
<http://www.jstor.org.mutex.gmu.edu/stable/j.ctt201mpfg.11>.
- 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>

April 4

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>"
- 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:
<https://ebookcentral.proquest.com.mutex.gmu.edu/lib/gmu/detail.action?docID=3441596>
- 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:
<https://ebookcentral.proquest.com.mutex.gmu.edu/lib/gmu/detail.action?docID=3318612>

April 11

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

- Jonathan Riley-Smith, 188-201
- "The Albigensian Crusade, 1209–1229." In *Crusade and Christendom: Annotated Documents in Translation from Innocent III to the Fall of Acre, 1187-1291*, edited by Bird Jessalynn, Peters Edward, and Powell James M.,

66-82. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013.

<http://www.jstor.org.mutex.gmu.edu/stable/j.ctt3fh9x5.14>.

- Graham-Leigh, Elaine. "Charters, Chronicles and Troubadour Poetry: Sources for the Albigensian Crusade." In *The Southern French Nobility and the Albigensian Crusade*, 10-41. Boydell and Brewer, 2005.
<http://www.jstor.org.mutex.gmu.edu/stable/10.7722/j.ctt14brs0w.9>
- "The Children's Crusade, 1212–1213." In *Crusade and Christendom: Annotated Documents in Translation from Innocent III to the Fall of Acre, 1187-1291*, edited by Bird Jessalynn, Peters Edward, and Powell James M., 95-105. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013.
<http://www.jstor.org.mutex.gmu.edu/stable/j.ctt3fh9x5.17>.
- Dickson, G. (2009). RITE DE PASSAGE? THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE AND MEDIEVAL CHILDHOOD. *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth*, 2(3), 313-332,471: <https://search-proquest-com.mutex.gmu.edu/docview/226841048?accountid=14541>

April 18

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:
<https://ebookcentral.proquest.com.mutex.gmu.edu/lib/gmu/detail.action?docID=3441476>
- 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:
<https://ebookcentral.proquest.com.mutex.gmu.edu/lib/gmu/detail.action?docID=3442060>
- "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:
<https://ebookcentral.proquest.com.mutex.gmu.edu/lib/gmu/detail.action?docID=1815762>
- "Ibn Wasil on the Frankish Surrender, Ca. 1282." In *Crusade and Christendom: Annotated Documents in Translation from Innocent III to the Fall of Acre, 1187-1291*, edited by Bird Jessalynn, Peters Edward, and Powell James M., 235-36. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013:
<https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.mutex.gmu.edu/lib/gmu/detail.action?docID=3442060&query=Crusade+and+Christendom%3A+Annotated+Documents+#>

April 25

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: <https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.mutex.gmu.edu/lib/gmu/detail.action?docID=3442060&query=Crusade+and+Christendom%3A+Annotated+Documents+>
- Guy, A Knight: *Letter from the Sixth Crusade, 1249*: <http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/source/1249sixthcde-let.asp>
- JORDAN, WILLIAM CHESTER. "CONCLUSION: A NEW CRUSADE." In *Louis IX and the Challenge of the Crusade: A Study in Rulership*, 214-20. Princeton University Press, 1979. <http://www.jstor.org.mutex.gmu.edu/stable/j.ctt13x1bzb.16>

May 2

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: <https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.mutex.gmu.edu/lib/gmu/detail.action?docID=3442060&query=Crusade+and+Christendom%3A+Annotated+Documents+>
- 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: <https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.mutex.gmu.edu/lib/gmu/detail.action?docID=3442060&query=Crusade+and+Christendom%3A+Annotated+Documents+>
- Throop, Palmer A. "Criticism of Papal Crusade Policy in Old French and Provençal." *Speculum* 13, no. 4 (1938): 379-412. doi:10.2307/2849662. (JSTOR): <https://www-jstor-org.mutex.gmu.edu/stable/2849662>

May 9

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 April 11 [20% of your final grade]. It must identify the topic of the final essay and the primary materials and secondary 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 from that week's readings**. 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 May 9. 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.**