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Generals Reading List – Major Field – Early Medieval (Western) Europe

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**Journals to Read Throughout Semester**

* *Speculum*
* *Early Medieval Europe*
* *Journal of Late Antiquity*
* *Francia*
* *Journal of Medieval Studies*
* *Viator*
* *TMR*

**Week 1: Introductions (February 3-9)**

* Brown, Peter. *The Rise of Western Christendom: Triumph and Diversity, 200-1000 AD*. Chichester, West Sussex; Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013.
* Smith, Julia. *Europe After Rome: A New Cultural History 500-1000*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005.
* McCormick, Michael. *Origins of the European Economy: Communications and Commerce, AD 300-900*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001.
* Shaw, Brent. “After Rome: Transformations of the Early Mediterranean World.” *New Left Review* 51 (2008): 89-114.
* Wickham, Chris. *Framing the Early Middle Ages: Europe and the Mediterranean, 400-800*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006.
* Fowden, Garth. *Before and After Muhammad: The First Millennium Refocused*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2014.

**Week 2: Later Roman Empire (February 10-16)**

* Whittaker, C. R. *Frontiers of the Roman Empire: A Social and Economic Study*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1994.
* Mitchell, Stephen. *A History of the Later Roman Empire, AD 284-641*. Chichester: Wiley Blackwell, 2015.
* McEvoy, Meaghan A. *Child Emperor Rule in the Late Roman West, 367-455*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013.

**Week 3: Late Antiquity (February 17-23)**

* Brown, Peter. *The World of Late Antiquity: AD 150-750*. New York: W.W. Norton, 1989.
* Pohl, Walter, Clemens Gantner, Cinzia Grifoni and Marianne Pollheimer-Mohaupt. *Transformations of Romanness: Early Medieval Regions and Identities*. Berlin; Boston: De Gruyter, 2018. [Relevant essays; Walter Pohl’s Introduction]
* Conant, Jonathan. *Staying Roman: Conquest and Identity in Africa and the Mediterranean, 439-700*. Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012.
* Humfress, Caroline. *Orthodoxy and the Courts in Late Antiquity*. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 2007.

**Week 4: Late Antiquity and Early Christianity (February 24 – March 2)**

* Brown, Peter. *Poverty and Leadership in the Later Roman Empire*. Hanover, New Hampshire: University Press of New England; Wantage: University Presses Marketing, 2001.
* Brown, Peter. *Through the Eye of a Needle: Wealth, the Fall of Rome, and the Making of Christianity in the West, 350-550 AD*. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2012.
* Markus, Robert A. *The End of Ancient Christianity*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991.
* Rebillard, Éric. *Christians and Their Many Identities in Late Antiquity, North Africa, 200-450 CE*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2012.

**Week 5: New Political Identities/Ethnicity (March 3-9)**

* Curta, Florin. *The Making of the Slavs: History and Archaeology of the Lower Danube Region, ca. 500-700.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001.
* Halsall, Guy. *Barbarian Migrations and the Roman West, 375-568*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007.
* Pohl, Walter and Gerda Heydemann (eds.). *Strategies of Identification – Early Medieval Perspectives*. Turnhout: Brepols, 2013.
* Pohl, Walter (ed.). *Post-Roman Transitions: Christian and Barbarian Identities in the Early Medieval West*. Turnhout: Brepols, 2012.
* Reimitz, Helmut. *History, Frankish Identity and the Framing of Western Ethnicity, 550-850*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015.
* Mathisen, R. W. “Peregrini, Barbari, and Cives Romani: Concepts of Citizenship and the Legal Identity of Barbarians in the Later Roman Empire.” *The American Historical Review* 111, no. 4 (October 1, 2006): 1011–40. <https://doi.org/10.1086/ahr.111.4.1011>.
* Pohl, Walter, Clemens Gantner, Cinzia Grifoni and Marianne Pollheimer-Mohaupt. *Transformations of Romanness: Early Medieval Regions and Identities*. Berlin; Boston: De Gruyter, 2018. [Walter Pohl’s Introduction; Essays by Halsall, Bjornlie, Stouraitis, Wood, Kreiner, Tannous]
* Haldon, John. *The Empire That Would Not Die: The Paradox of Eastern Roman Survival, 640-740*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016.
* Optional
  + Goffart, Walter. *Barbarian Tides: The Migration Age and the Later Roman Empire*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2006.
  + Gillet, Andrew (ed.). *On Barbarian Identity: Critical Approaches to Ethnicity in the Early Middle Ages*. Turnhout: Brepols, 2002.

**Week 6: Post-Roman Kingdoms: Culture and Religion (March 10-16)**

* Leyser, Conrad. *Authority and Asceticism from Augustine to Gregory the Great*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000.
* Bailey, Lisa Kaaren. *Christianity’s Quiet Success: The Eusebius Gallicanus Sermon Collection and the Power of the Church in Late Antique Gaul*. Notre Dame, Ind.: University of Notre Dame Press, 2010.
* Stocking, Rachel. *Bishops, Councils, and Consensus in Visigothic Iberia, 589-633*. Ann Arbor, MI: The University of Michigan Press, 2000.
* Hen, Yitzhak. *Roman Barbarians: The Royal Court and Culture in the Early Medieval West*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007.
* Eisenberg, Merle. “Building Little Romes: Christianity, Identity, and Governance in Late Antique Gaul.” PhD diss., Princeton University, 2018.

**Week 7: Non-Frankish Post-Roman Kingdoms (March 17-23)**

* Charles-Edwards, Thomas. *After Rome*. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 2003.
* Brown, T.S. *Gentlemen and Officers: Imperial Administration and Aristocratic Power in Byzantine Italy, A.D. 544-800*. Rome: British School at Rome, 1984.
* Wood, Jamie. *The Politics of Identity in Visigothic Spain: Religion and Power in the Histories of Isidore of Seville*. Leiden: Brill, 2012.
* Whelan, Robin. *Being Christian in Vandal Africa: The Politics of Orthodoxy in the Post-Imperial West*. Oakland, California: University of California Press, 2018.
* Fernández, Damián. *Aristocrats and Statehood in Western Iberia, 300-600 C.E.* Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2017.
* Lester, Molly. “The Word as Lived: The Practice of Orthodoxy in Early Medieval Iberia, c.500-711.” PhD diss., Princeton University, 2017.

**Week 8: Merovingians (March 24-30)**

* Wood, Ian. *The Merovingian Kingdoms, 481-751*. Longman Publishing Group, 1994.
* McCormick, Michael. *Eternal Victory: Triumphal Rulership in Late Antiquity, Byzantium and the Early Medieval West*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990.
* Fox, Yaniv. *Power and Religion in Merovingian Gaul: Columbanian Monasticism and the Frankish Elites*. Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014.
* Kreiner, Jamie. *The Social Life of Hagiography in the Merovingian Kingdom*. Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014.
* Halsall, Guy. *Cemeteries and Society in Merovingian Gaul: Selected Studies in History and Archaeology, 1992-2009*. Leiden; Boston: Brill, 2010.
* Geary, Patrick. *Aristocracy in Provence: The Rhône Basin and the Dawn of the Carolingian Age*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1985.
* Esders, Stefan, Yaniv Fox, Yitzhak Hen and Laury Sarti (eds.). *East and West in the Early Middle Ages: The Merovingian Kingdoms in Mediterranean Perspective*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019.

**Week 9: Early Medieval Law and Legality (March 31 – April 6)**

* Ubl, Karl. *Sinnstiftungen eines Rechtsbuchs: die Lex Salica im Frankenreich*. Ostfildern, 2016. [Chapters 2-4]
* Wormald, Patrick. *The Making of English Law: King Alfred to the Twelfth Century*. Oxford; Malden, Massachusetts: Blackwell Publishers, 1999. (first 100 pages)
* Charles-Edwards, T. M. “Law in the Western Kingdoms Between the Fifth and the Seventh Century.” In *The Cambridge Ancient History. Volume XIV: Late Antiquity: Empire and Successors, A. D. 425-600*, edited by Averil Cameron, Bryan Ward-Perkins and M. Whitby, 260-287. Cambridge: University of Cambridge Press, 2001.
* Oliver, Lisi. *The Body Legal in Barbarian Law*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2011.
* Rio, Alice. *Legal Practice and the Written Word in the Early Middle Ages: Frankish Formulae, c. 500-1000*. Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009.
* Rio, Alice (ed.). *Law, Custom, and Justice in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages: Proceedings of the 2008 Byzantine Colloquium*. London, 2011.
* Rosenwein, Barbara H. *Negotiating Space: Power, Restraint, and Privileges of Immunity in Early Medieval Europe*. Manchester, 1999.
* Davies, Wendy and Paul Fouracre (eds.). *The Settlement of Disputes in Early Medieval Europe*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1986.
* Wormald, Patrick. *Legal Culture in the Early Medieval West. Law as Text, Image and Experience*. London, 1999.

**Week 10: Carolingians: Background (April 7-13)**

* Costambeys, Marios, Matthew Innes, and Simon MacLean. *The Carolingian World*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011.
* McCormick, Michael. *Charlemagne’s Survey of the Holy Land: Wealth, Personnel, and Buildings of a Mediterranean Church Between Antiquity and the Middle Ages: With a Critical Edition and Translation of the Original Text*. Washington, D.C.: Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, 2011.
* Innes, Matthew. *State and Society in the Early Middle Ages: The Middle Rhine Valley, 400-1000*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000.
* Airlie, Stuart. *Power and its Problems in Carolingian Europe*. Farnham: Ashgate, 2012.
* Story, Joanna (ed.). *Charlemagne: Empire and Society*. Manchester; New York: Manchester University Press, 2005.
* Nelson, Janet. *Opposition to Charlemagne*. London: German Historical Institute, 2009.
* Nelson, Janet. *Courts, Elites, and Gendered Power in the Early Middle Ages*. Farnham: Ashgate, 2007.
* Davis, Jennifer R. *Charlemagne’s Practice of Empire*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015.

**Week 11: Carolingians: Religion, Identity, Law, and Society (April 14-20)**

* Meens, Rob, et al. *Religious Franks: Religion and Power in the Frankish Kingdoms: Studies in Honour of Mayke de Jong*. Manchester, 2016.
* De Jong, Mayke. *The Penitential State: Authority and Atonement in the Age of Louis the Pious, 814-840*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010.
* Meens, Rob. *Penance in Medieval Europe, 600-1200*. New York, 2014.
* McKitterick, Rosamond. *Charlemagne: The Formation of a European Identity*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008.
* Fouracre, Paul. “Carolingian Justice: The Rhetoric of Improvement and Contexts of Abuse.” *La Giustizia Nell’alto Medioevo* 42.II (1995): 771-803.
* Geary, Patrick. “Judicial Violence and Torture in the Carolingian Empire.” In *Law and the Illicit in Medieval Europe*, edited by Ruth M. Karras, Joel Kaye and E. A. Matter (eds.), 79-88. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008.

**Week 12: The Carolingians and Beyond (April 21-27)**

* MacLean, Simon. *Kingship and Politics in the Late Ninth Century: Charles the Fat and the End of the Carolingian Empire*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003.
* MacLean, Simon. “Palaces, Itineraries and Political Order in the Post-Carolingian Kingdoms.” In *Diverging Paths?: The Shapes of Power and Institutions in Medieval Christendom and Islam*, edited by John Hudson, Ana Rodríguez, 291-320. Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, 2014.
* Booker, Courtney. *Past Convictions: The Penance of Louis the Pious and the Decline of the Carolingians*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2009.
* Geary, Patrick. *Phantoms of Remembrance: Memory and Oblivion at the End of the First Millennium*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994.
* Smith, Julia M.H. *Province and Empire: Brittany and the Carolingians*. Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 1992.
* West, Charles. *Reframing the Feudal Revolution: Political and Social Transformation Between Marne and Moselle, c. 800-1100*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013.
* [Schutz, Herbert. *The Medieval Empire in Central Europe: Dynastic Continuity in the Post-Carolingian Frankish Realm, 900-1300*. Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars, 2010.]
* Davies, Wendy. *Small Worlds: The Village Community in Early Medieval Brittany*. London: Duckworth, 1988.