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**TITLE:** Medieval Christianity (600-1500)

**TERM:** S **YEAR:** 2009-10

**PROFESSOR:** Mr. Kevin Vaughan

**REGISTRATION:** LIMITED TO \_\_\_\_\_

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course will survey the medieval history of western Christianity between 600 and 1500. Students will explore the major religious events, doctrines, institutions, and forms of piety that characterized Christianity in what was one of the most formative periods for the Catholic Church.

**CLASS OBJECTIVES:**

- To provide an historical context for Christianity as it existed in medieval Europe
- To assist students in reading and analyzing primary and secondary sources relating to Medieval Christianity
- To develop research and writing skills on themes and topics in Medieval Christianity

**PREREQUISITES: NONE**

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Logan, F. D. 2002. *A History of the Church in the Middle Ages*. London: Routledge. (available for purchase at Crux Books Inc., 5 Hoskins Ave., located on the University of Toronto campus, nestled between Wycliffe College and Hart house, just one block west of Queen's Park circle)

A Reading File will be made available on a short-term loan basis from SAS library and will include excerpts from following medieval documents like the following (\*this is a tentative list. Selections are subject to change\*):

- The Donation of Constantine (760s)
- The Concordat of Worms (1122)
- Alcuin's Dialogue with young Prince Pepin
- Anonymous, "Once Again my Burdened Anchor"
- Humbert of Silva Candida's *Three Books Against Simoniacs*
- Peter Abelard's *Sic et non*
- Peter Lombard's *Sentences*
- St. Bonaventure's *Itinerarium mentis in Deum*
- St. Thomas Aquinas' inaugural lecture, *Rigans montes* and his *Summa theologiae*

Bernard of Gui on Sorcery

**POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:**

**Participation 10%**

**Book Review 20%**

**Research Paper 35%**

**Final Examination 35%**

**ABRIDGED BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

Evans, G. R. 2007. *The church in the early middle ages*. London: I.B. Tauris.

Lewis, C. S. 1964. *The discarded image : An introduction to medieval and renaissance literature*. Cambridge [Eng.]: University Press.

Lynch, Joseph H. 1992. *The medieval church : A brief history*. New York: Longman.

Nichols, Aidan. 1992. *Rome and the eastern churches : A study in schism*. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press.

Peters, Edward. 1988. *Inquisition*. London: Collier Macmillan.

Runciman, Steven. 1983. *The eastern schism*. New York: AMS Press.

Southern, R. W. 1953. *The making of the middle ages*.

Tierney, Brian. 1988. *The crisis of church and state, 1050-1300 [with selected documents]*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press in association with the Medieval Academy of America.

Wakefield, Walter L. 1969. *Heresies of the high middle ages*. New York: Columbia University Press.