

**SUGGESTED BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS IN  
MEDIEVAL/RENAISSANCE HISTORY**  
(FOR M.A. MAJOR FIELD, PH.D. MINOR FIELD AND PH.D. MAJOR FIELD  
EXAMINATIONS)

To the student: These readings are organized under various rubrics, but many of them are cross-over texts that can profitably be read in the light of and compared to books under other rubrics. Be prepared to do some of that crossing over in your examinations.

In your overall "count" of items, articles count as 1/4 of a book, so 4 articles = 1 full item.

PhD students should include at least 3 readings in a language other than English (these may come from your special topic relating to your dissertation interests).

**EARLY MIDDLE AGES, c.350-c.1100**

Part A: Chronology.

M.A. students: Choose any two topics from and read 10 of the items that pertain to each. (= 20 books)

PhD students: Choose all three topics from part A and read 10 of the items pertaining to each. Be sure to read at least 2 classics in each topic. (=30 books).

**Recommended textbooks for background:**

Lassner, Jacob and Michael Bonner. *Islam in the Middle Ages: The Origins and Shaping of Classical Islamic Civilization* (2010)

Smith, Julia, *Europe after Rome: A New Cultural History, 500-1000* (2005).

Wickham, Chris. *The Inheritance of Rome: Illuminating the Dark Ages* (2009)

1. Change and continuity in the ancient and early medieval worlds (300-600)

**Classics**

Brown, Peter, *World of Late Antiquity* (1971)

Bury, J. B. *History of the Later Roman Empire*, 2 vols. (1923)

Cameron, A. *Circus factions: Blues and greens at Rome and Byzantium* (1976)

Dopsch, A. *The Economic and social foundations of European civilization* (1937)

Hodgson, M. G. S. *The Venture of Islam*, vol. 1 (1974).

Krause, J.-U. *Spätantike Patronatsformen im Westen des römischen Reiches* (Munich: 1987).

Patlagean, E. *Pauvreté économique et pauvreté sociale à Byzance, 4e-7e siècles* (1977).

Pirenne, Henri. *Mohammed and Charlemagne* (1939)

Wolfram, H. (trans. Dunlap). *History of the Goths* (1988)

### Recent Contributions

- Crone, P. and M. A. Cook. *Hagarism: the making of the Islamic world* (1977)
- Curta, F. *The making of the Slavs: History and archaeology of the lower Danube region, ca. 500-700* (2001)
- Fowden, G. *Empire to Commonwealth: Consequences of Monotheism in Late Antiquity* (1993).
- Gillett, A. "Ethnogenesis: A contested model of early medieval Europe," *History Compass* 4/2 (2006): 241-260 (access through Google Scholar)
- Goetz, H-W, Jarnut, J, and Pohl, W., *Regna and gentes* (2003)
- James, E. *Europe's Barbarians, 200-600* (2009)
- Journal of Late Antiquity* 1 (2008) (all articles)
- Maas, Michael, ed. *The Cambridge companion to the age of Justinian* (2005) (esp. Michael Maas "Roman questions, Byzantine answers," C. Hufress "Law and legal practice," C. Pazdernik "Justinianic ideology and the power of the past," W. Pohl, "Justinian and the barbarian kingdoms," and F. Donner, "The background to Islam.")
- Mathisen, Ralph, "Peregrini, barbari, and cives Romani: concepts of citizenship..." *American Historical Review* 111 (2006): 1011-40.
- Murray, A. C. ed, *After Rome's Fall* (1998).
- Prémare, Alfred-Louis de. *Les fondations de l'Islam – Entre écriture et histoire* (Paris, 2002) (esp. Part 3 – pp 225-340)
- Rosenwein, B. *Emotional Communities in the Early Middle Ages* (2006)
- Sizgorich, T. *Violence and Belief in Late Antiquity: Militant Devotion in Christianity and Islam* (2008).
- Siver, P. von. "The Islamic Origins debate goes public." *History Compass* (2005).
- Traina, Giusto. "Le gentes d'Oriente fra identità e integrazione." *Antiquité Tardive* 9.9 (2002): 71-80.
- Ward-Perkins, *The Fall of Rome and the End of Civilization* (2005)

## 2. Change and continuity in the early medieval polities (600-900)

### Classics

- Bulliet, R. W. *Conversion to Islam in the medieval period: an essay in quantitative history* (1979)
- Fichtenau, Heinrich. *The Carolingian Empire* (1957)
- Levison, W. *England and the continent in the eighth century* (1946)
- Nelson, Janet L. *Politics and Ritual in Early Medieval Europe* (1986)
- Obolensky, Dimitri. *The Byzantine Commonwealth: Eastern Europe, 500-1453* (1974)
- Wallace-Hadrill, J. M. *The Barbarian West* (1962)

### Recent Contributions

- Agha, Saleh Said, *The Revolution which Topped the Umayyads* (2003).

- Cooperson, Michael, *Al-Ma'mun* (2005)
- Corradini, Richard, Max, Diesenberger and Helmut Reimitz, eds, *The Construction of Communities in the Early Middle Ages* (2003)
- Dagron, Gilbert. *Emperor and priest: The Imperial Office in Byzantium*. Trans. J. Birrell (2003).
- De Jong, Mayke. *The Penitential State* (2009)
- Gillett, Andrew, ed. *On Barbarian Identity* (2002)
- Goffart, Walter, *Narrators of Barbarian Histories* (1988)
- Haldon, John. *Byzantium in the Seventh Century: The Transformation of a Culture* (1990)
- Herrin, Judith. *Byzantium: The Surprising Life of a Medieval Empire* (2007)
- Landau-Tasseron, Ella. "From Tribal Society to Centralized Polity..." *Jerusalem Studies in Arabic and Islam* 24 (2000): 180-216.
- Lapidus, Ira, *A History of Islamic Societies* (2002), chap. 7, "The Separation of State and Religion in the Development of Early Islamic Society"
- Maas, Michael. "Delivered from their ancient customs': Christianity and the question of cultural change in early Byzantine Ethnography." In *Conversion in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages: Seeing and Believing*, ed. K. Mills and A. Grafton (2003)
- Madelung, W. *The succession to Muhammad: a study of the early Caliphate* (1997)
- McKitterick, Rosamond. *Charlemagne* (2008).
- Noble, Thomas F. X., ed. *From Roman Provinces to Medieval Kingdoms* (2006)
- Rotman, Youval. "Byzance face à l'Islam arabe, VIIe-Xe siècle: D'un droit territorial à l'identité par la foi = Byzantium facing Arab Islam, 7th-10th centuries From a territorial law to an identity of faith." *Annales* 60.4 (2005) 767-788.
- Story, Joanna, ed. *Charlemagne: Empire and Society* (2005)
- Story, J. *Carolingian connections: Anglo-Saxon England and Carolingian Francia 750-870* (2003)
- Treffort, Cécile, "Du cimiterium christianorum au cimetiere paroissial: evolution des espaces funéraires en Gaule du VIe au Xe siècle," in *Archéologie du cimetière chrétien. Actes du 2e colloque ARCHEA*, ed. H. Galienié and É. Zadora-Rio (1996), pp. 55-63.
- Whittow, M. "Early medieval Byzantium and the end of the ancient world." *Journal of Agrarian Change* 9 (2008): 134-53.
- Whittow, M., *The Making of Byzantium* (1996)
- Wickham, Chris, *Framing the Early Middle Ages* (2005), concentrate on Gaul, Britain, and Italy
- Wood, I. *Merovingian Kingdoms* (1994)
- Wood, I, and Sawyer, P.H., *Early Medieval Kingship* (1977)
- Wood, I and Armstrong, G. *Christianizing Peoples* (2000)
- Wormald, P. *Making of English Law* (1999)
- Ueli and Novus David, "Νεος Δαυιδ. Zur Frage nach byzantinischen Vorläufern eines abendländischen Topos," *Frühmittelalterliche Studien* 42 (2008): 71-87.

Zaman, Muhammad Qasim, *Religion and Politics under the Early Abbasids* (1997).

### 3. Change and Continuity in the period 900-1100

#### Classics

Bloch, Marc, *Feudal Society* (1961)

Ganshof, F. L. *Feudalism* (1952)

Mottahedeh, Roy. *Loyalty and Leadership in an Early Islamic Society* (1980)

Leyser, K. J., *Rule and conflict in an early medieval society* (1979)

Ostrogorsky, *History of The Byzantine State* (1968)

#### Recent Contributions

Alfonso, I, ed., *The Rural History of Medieval European Societies* (2007)

Barton, Richard E. *Lordship in the County of Maine, c. 890-1160* (2004)

Bisson, Thomas, "The 'feudal revolution' *Past and Present* 142 (1994): 6-42.

Read the reactions to this as well, all in *Past and Present* 152 (1996) by Stephen D. White, Dominique Barthélemy et al.

Brown and Górecki, *Conflict in Medieval Europe* (2003)

Geary, P. *Furta Sacra* (rev. 1990)

Geary, P. *Living with the Dead* (1994)

Harvey, Alan. *Economic expansion in the Byzantine Empire, 900-1200*

(Cambridge: 2006)

Koziol, Geoffrey. *Begging Pardon and Favor* (1992).

Little, L.K. and Rosenwein, B.H., *Debating the Middle Ages* (1998), part II on Feudalism.

Liz, James, ed. *A companion to Byzantium. Blackwell Companions to the Ancient World* (2010), selected chapters: 3. Economics and "Feudalism" (*Peter Sarris*), 10.

Emotions (*Martin Hinterberger*), 26 The Rise and Fall of the Macedonian Renaissance (*John Hanson*).

Mazel, Florian, *Féodalités: 888-1180* (Paris: Belin, 2010).

Mazel, Florian, "Pouvoir aristocratique et Égliese aux Xe-Xie siècles. Retour sur la "Révolution féodale" dans l'oeuvre de Georges Duby, *Médiévales* 54 (2008): 137-52.

Moore, R. I. *The First European Revolution* (2000)

Patlagean, E. "Économie paysanne et 'féodalité byzantine,'" *Annales ESC*, 30 (1975) ; 1371-96.

Reynolds, S. *Fiefs and vassals* (1994)

Rosenwein, B. ed., *Anger's Past* (1998)

Safi, O., *The Politics of Knowledge in Pre-modern Islam* (Chapel Hill, 2006)

Urbanczyk, Przemyslaw, ed. *Europe around the Year 1000* (2001) (some articles are not in English)

Themes.

M.A. students: Read at least 5 books from each of the four themes. Include 1 classic for each of these. Total books = 20.

PhD students: Choose 10 books from each of the four themes. Include at least 2 classics for each of these. Add a topic--your dissertation topic--and decide on 10 crucial works that pertain to it. Total books = 50.

## 1. Gender

### Classics:

- Boswell, *Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality* (1981)
- Brown, Peter. *Body and Society* (1988)
- Bynum, Caroline, *Holy Feast and Holy Fast* (1987)
- Kelly, Joan, "Did Women have a Renaissance?" (1977) reprinted in *Feminism and Renaissance Studies*, ed. L. Hutson (1999)
- Stuard, Susan Mosher Stuard, ed., *Women in Medieval Society* (1976)
- Wemple, S. F. *Women in Frankish Society: Marriage and cloister, 500 to 900* (1985)

### Recent contributions:

- Bitel, Lisa. *Land of Women* (1996).
- Brooten, B. *Love between women: Early Christian responses to female homoeroticism*. (1996)
- Brubaker, Leslie and Julia Smith, eds. *Gender in the Early Medieval World* (2004)
- Cohen, J. J. And B. Wheeler, ed., *Becoming Male in the Middle Ages* (1997)
- Coon, Lynda L. *Sacred Fictions* (1997)
- Elm, S. *Virgins of God: The Making of Asceticism in Late Antiquity* (1994)
- Farmer, Sharon and Carol Braun Pasternack, ed., *Gender and Difference in the Middle Ages* (2003)
- Fell, C. , *Women in Anglo-Saxon England* (1984)
- Frantzen, Allen J. *Before the Closet: Same-Sex Love from Beowulf to Angels in America* (1998)
- Goody, J. *The European family: an historico-anthropological essay* (2000)
- Garland, L. *Byzantine Empresses: women and power in Byzantium, AD 527-1204* (1999)
- Grubbs, J. *Law and Family in Late Antiquity: the Emperor Constantine's Marriage Legislation* (1995)
- Hadley, D. M., ed., *Masculinity in Medieval Europe* (1999)
- James, Liz, ed., *Women, Men and Eunuchs* (1977)
- Kuefler, M. *Manly Eunuch: Masculinity, gender ambiguity, and Christian ideology in late antiquity* (2001)
- Lees, C., ed, *Medieval Masculinities* (1994)
- Partner, Nancy, ed. *Studying Medieval Women* (1993)
- Rapoport, Y. *Marriage, Money and Divorce in Medieval Islamic Society* (2005)
- Stafford, P. *Queens, Concubines and Dowagers* (1983)

Stafford, P and A.B. Mulder-Bakker, ed, *Gendering the Middle Ages* (2001)

## 2. Science, intellectual life, and literacy

### Classics:

- Browning, R. "Literacy in the Byzantine world." *Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies* 16 (1978): 39-54.
- Clanchy, Michael. *From Memory to Written Record* (1993).
- Harris, W. V. *Ancient literacy*. Cambridge, MA: 1989, Ch. 8.
- Marrou, H. I (trans. G. Lamb), *History of Education in Antiquity* (1956), Ch. 9 (Christianity and Classical Education and Epilogue)
- Laistner, MLW, *Thought and Letters in Western Europe* (1957)
- Smalley, Beryl, *The Study of the Bible in the Middle Ages* (1952)
- Wright, Roger. *Late Latin and Early Romance in Spain and Carolingian France* (1982)
- Reynolds, L.D. and N.G. Wilson, *Scribes and Scholars* (1968; 3d ed. 1991)

### Recent contributions:

- Bagnall, Roger. *Egypt in late antiquity*. Princeton: 1993, Ch. 7
- Bately, J. "The Alfredian Canon Revisited," in *Alfred the Great*, ed. T. Reuter (2003), 107-20.
- Berkel, M. van. "Communication and contention: The role of literacy in conflicts with Abbasid officials," *History Compass* 5 (2007): 1661-76.
- Brown, Warren. "When Documents are Destroyed or Lost." *Early Medieval Europe* 11 (2002): 337-366
- Chazelle, C. and van Name Edwards, B., ed., *The Study of the Bible in the Carolingian Era* (2003)
- Ganz, David, *Corbie in the Carolingian Renaissance* (1990)
- Godman, P. *Poets and Emperors* (1987)
- Hildebrandt, M.M., *The External School in Carolingian Society* (1992)
- Houwen, L.A.J.R. and A.A. MacDonald, *Alcuin of York* (1998)
- Huff, Toby, *The Rise of Early Modern Science* (selected chapters)
- McKitterick, R. *Books, Scribes, and Learning* (1994)
- McKitterick, Rosamund. *The Carolingians and the Written Word* (1989)
- McKitterick, R. *Uses of literacy in early mediaeval Europe* (1990)
- Shimahara, Sumi, "Exégèse et politique dans l'oeuvre d'Haymon d'Auxerre," *Revue de l'histoire des religions* 225 (2008): 471-86
- Stock, B. *The Implications of Literacy* (1987)
- von Büren, V. "Auxerre, lieu de production de manuscrits?" in S. Shimahara, ed., *Etudes d'exégèse carolingienne: Autour d'Haymon d'Auxerre* (2007)
- Wormald, P and Nelson, J. L, eds. *Lay Intellectuals in the Carolingian World*. (2007).
- Young, M. J. L, Latham, J. D., and Serjeant, R.B. ed, *Religion, Learning and Science in the 'Abbasid Period* (1990), chaps 14-19

Gutas, D. *Greek Thought, Arabic Culture: The Graeco-Arabic Translation Movement in Baghdad and Early Abbasid Society (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>) Centuries* (1998)  
Kaldellis, A. *Hellenism in Byzantium* (2007)  
G. Schoeler, *The Oral and the Written in Early Islam*, tr. by U. Vagelpohl (1996).

### 3. Material Culture and Economy

#### Classics:

Duby, G. *Rural economy and country life in the medieval West* (1998)  
Kennedy, H. "From Polis to Madina: urban change in late antique and early Islamic Syria." *Past & Present* 106 (1985): 3-27.  
Pirenne, Henri. *Mohammed and Charlemagne* (1939)  
Watson, A. M. *Agricultural Innovation in the Early Islamic World: The Diffusion of Crops and Farming Techniques, 700–1100* (1983)  
White, L. T., *Medieval technology and social change* (1964)

#### Recent contributions:

Arnold, E. F. "An Introduction to Medieval Environmental History" *History Compass* 6 (2008), 898-916.  
Barbiera, I. and G. Dall-Zuanna. "Population dynamics in Italy in the Middle Ages: New Insights from Archaeological findings." *Population and Development Review* 35.2 (2009): 367-389.  
Belcastro G. et al. "Continuity or discontinuity of the life-style in central Italy during the Roman Imperial Age – Early middle Ages Transition: diet, health, and behavior." *Am. J. Phys. Anthropology* 132 (2007): 381-394.  
Koepke, N. and J. Baten. "Agricultural specialization and height in ancient and medieval Europe." *Explorations in Economic History* (2008).  
Koepke, N. and J. Baten. "The biological standard of living in European during the last two millennia." *European Review of Economic History* (2005).  
Krause, J.-U. and C. Witschel, eds. *Die Stadt in der Spätantike: Niedergang oder Wandel?* (2006) (esp. Westphalen „Niedergang oder Wandel?“ Die spätantiken Städte in Syrien und Palästina aus archäologischer Sicht,“ Loseby „Decline and change in the cities of late antique Gaul,“ and Kulikowski’s „The Late Roman City in Spain“ )  
Salamon, M. et al. "The consilience of historical and isotopic approaches in reconstructing the medieval Mediterranean diet." *Journal of Archaeological Science* 35.6 (2008): 1667-1672.  
Steckel, R. H. "New light on the 'Dark Ages': The remarkably tall stature of northern European men during the medieval era." *Social Science History* (2004).  
Kovalev, R. K. and A. C. Kaelin. "Circulation of Arab silver in medieval Afro-Eurasia: Preliminary observations." *History Compass* 5 (2007): 1-21.  
Liebeschuetz, J. *Decline and fall of the Roman city* (2003)  
Little, L. K. and V. Nutton, eds. *Plague and the end of antiquity: the pandemic of 541-750* (2006)

- Lucas, Adam. *Wind, water, work: ancient and medieval milling technology* (2006)
- Magness, J. *The archaeology of the early Islamic settlement in Palestine*. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2003.
- McCormick, M. *Origins of the European Economy*. Cambridge: 2005.
- Milwright, Marcus. *An Introduction to Islamic Archaeology*. Edinburgh, 2009.
- Morony, Michael. "Economic boundaries? Late Antiquity and Early Islam." *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 47.2 (2004): 166-194.
- Squatriti, P. *Water and Society in Early Medieval Italy, 400–1000*. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 1998.
- Van Bavel, B. *Manors and Markets: Economy and Society in the Low Countries 500-1600*. Oxford: 2010.
- Ward-Perkins, *The Fall of Rome and the End of Civilization* (2005) (repeated)
- Wink, A. *Al-Hind: the Making of the Indo-Islamic World, vol. 1: Early Medieval India and the Expansion of Islam, 7th-11th Centuries*. Leiden: 2002.

#### 4. Religion and Religious Life

##### Classics

- Bouchard, Constance Brittain, *Sword, Miter, and Cloister* (1987)
- Brown, Peter. *Cult of the saints: its rise and function in Latin Christianity* (1982)
- Bryer, Anthony and Judith Herrin, ed. *Iconoclasm: Papers given at the Ninth Spring Symposium of Byzantine Studies* (1977)
- Bynum, *Holy Feast and Holy Fast* (repeated)
- Dvornik, Francis. *Byzantine Missions among the Slavs* (1970)
- Goitein, S. D and J. Lassner. *A Mediterranean Society: The Jewish Communities of the Arab world as portrayed in the Documents of the Cairo Geniza: an abridgment in one volume* (Berkeley: 1999).
- Moore , R. I. *The formation of a persecuting society: authority and deviance in western Europe 950 – 1250*. Oxford: 1987.
- Smalley, B. *The study of the Bible in the Middle Ages* (1952)
- R.W. Southern, *The Making of the Middle Ages* (1953)

##### Recent Contributions

- Davis, Stephen. *The cult of Saint Thecla: A Tradition of Women's Piety in Late Antiquity* (2008)
- Diem, Albrecht, "Monks, Kings, and the Transformation of Sanctity," *Speculum* 82 (2007): 521-59.
- Elukin, Jonathan. *Living Together, Living Apart; Rethinking Jewish-Christian Relations in the Middle Ages* (2007)
- Flint, V. *The rise of magic in early medieval Europe* (1991)
- Giakalis, Ambrosios. *Images of the Divine: The Theology of Icons* (2005)
- Griffith, S. H. *The Church in the Shadow of the Mosque; Christians and Muslims in the World of Islam* (2008)
- Head, Thomas, *Hagiography and the cult of saints* (1990)



- Head, T. and Landes, R., ed., *The Peace of God* (1992)
- Hughes, Kevin. *Constructing AntiChrist: Paul, Biblical commentary, and the development of doctrine in the early Middle Ages* (2005)
- Karamustafa, A. T. *Sufism: the formative period* (2007).
- Krause, Jens-Uwe. "Überlegungen zur Sozialgeschichte des Klerus im 5/6 Th. n. Chr." In *Die Stadt in der Spätantike: Niedergang oder Wandel?* (2006).
- Liu, X. *Silk and religion: an exploration of material life and the thought of people, AD 600-1200* (1998)
- McLaughlin, Megan. *Sex, Gender, and Episcopal Authority in an Age of Reform* (2010)
- Miller, Maureen. *Power and the Holy in the Age of the Investiture Conflict* (2005)
- Noble, T. F. X. *Images, iconoclasm, and the Carolingians.* (2009)
- Rapp, C. *Holy bishops in late antiquity: the nature of Christian leadership in an age of transition* (2005)
- Rosenwein, Barbara *To Be the Neighbor of St. Peter* (1989)
- Rustomiji, Nerina. *The Garden and the fire: Heaven and hell in Islamic culture* (2008)
- Sizgorich, T. *Violence and Belief in Late Antiquity: Militant Devotion in Christianity and Islam* (2008) (repeat)
- Thomas F.X. Noble & Julia M.H. Smith, eds., *Early Medieval Christianity, c. 600-c. 1100, Cambridge History of Christianity*, vol. 3 (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008) (selected chapters)

Let your exam readers know, at least 3 weeks before you take your exam, which topics and books you have chosen.

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Some possible themes to get you started:

1. Change and continuity in the ancient and early medieval worlds (300-600)

**Debates;**

Issues of continuity and change between late antiquity and the early Middle Ages – which area – European, Byzantium, Islam – continued the classical tradition the most?

Ethnicity – was there a barbarian identity? If so, how was it constructed / displayed?

Historians – why they construct this period the way they do

2. Change and continuity in the early medieval polities (600-900)

**Debates:**

nature of the state and political identity in the early Middle Ages – and implications for long-term history

Nature of early medieval kingship

Conversion – how did it come about , what did it mean ?

Place of Anglo-Saxon England – peripheral to Carolingian Europe or a separate sphere?

Strength of the church – subordinate to the state or the main shaper of early medieval identity?

### 3. Change and Continuity in the period 900-1100

Debates:

What was the revolution of 1000 – or indeed was there one? Did it only occur in western Europe?

Did Byzantium and the Islamic world have their “feudalisms” or are these scholarly constructs based on western experience?

What have been the debates on Western feudalism, and where are we now?

### 3. Material Culture and Economy

Debates:

Economic decline or growth in early Middle Ages?

Technological decline or growth?

Impact of archaeology in revising interpretations

When and why did the economic growth that would later lead to the “rise of the west” begin?

How important was the eastern and Islamic contribution to the material and economic revival of Europe?

## **LATE MIDDLE AGES, c.1100- c.1600**

### **General Orientation**

*Bibliographie internationale de l'Humanisme et de la Renaissance.* v.1- (1965-).

*Bibliografia italiana di studi sull'umanesimo ed il Rinascimento.* v. 1- (1989-).

*Iter* (on-line bibliography of the Renaissance Society of America).

Ruggiero, Guido, ed. *A Companion to the worlds of the Renaissance.* Blackwell Companions to European History. Oxford: Blackwell, 2002.

### **Topic 1: The Worlds of Humanism**

#### Classics

Baron, Hans. *The Crisis of the Early Italian Renaissance: Civic Humanism and Republican Liberty in an Age of Classicism and Tyranny.* 2 vols. Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1955. Rev. ed. Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1966.

Kristeller, Paul Oskar. *Renaissance Thought and Its Sources.* New York: Columbia Univ. Press, 1979.

#### Recent Historiography

Celenza, Christopher S. *The Lost Italian Renaissance: Humanists, Historians, and Latin's Legacy.*

Baltimore and London: Johns Hopkins Univ. Press, 2004.

Grendler, Paul F. *Schooling in Renaissance Italy: Literacy and Learning, 1300-1600.* Baltimore and London: Johns Hopkins Univ. Press, 1989.

Hankins, James. "The Baron Thesis after Forty Years and Some Recent Studies of Leonardo Bruni." *Journal of the History of Ideas* 56 (1995): 309-38.

Hankins, James, ed. *Renaissance Civic Humanism: Reappraisals and Reflections.* Ideas in Context. Cambridge and New York: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2000.

Kraye, Jill., ed. *The Cambridge Companion to Renaissance Humanism.* Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press, 1996.

Rabil, Albert, Jr., ed. *Renaissance Humanism: Foundations, Forms, and Legacy.* Vol. 1, *Humanism in Italy.* Vol. 2, *Humanism beyond Italy.* Vol. 3, *Humanism and the Disciplines.* Philadelphia, Pa.: Univ. of Pennsylvania Press, 1988.

Witt, Ronald G. *In the Footsteps of the Ancients: The Origins of Humanism from Lovato to Bruni.* Studies in medieval and Reformation thought, 74. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2000.

### **Topic 2: Religious Cultures**

#### Classics

O'Malley, John W. *Praise and Blame in Renaissance Rome: Rhetoric, Doctrine and Reform in the Sacred Orators of the Papal Court, c. 1450-1521.* Duke Monographs in Medieval and Renaissance Studies, 3. Durham, N. C.: Duke Univ. Press, 1979.

#### Recent Historiography

Burr, David. *The Spiritual Franciscans: From Protest to Persecution in the Century after Saint Francis*. University Park, Pa.: Pennsylvania State Univ. Press, 2001.

House, Adrian. *Francis of Assisi: A Revolutionary Life*. Mahwah, N. J.: Hidden Spring, Paulist Press, 2003.

Oakley, Francis. *The Conciliarist Tradition: Constitutionalism in the Catholic Church, 1300-1870*, 20-110. Oxford et al.: Oxford Univ. Press, 2003.

O'Malley, John W., S. J. *Four Cultures of the West*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard Univ. Press, 2004.

Rice, Eugene. *Saint Jerome in the Renaissance*. Baltimore and London: Johns Hopkins Univ. Press, 1985.

Stump, Phillip H. *The Reforms of the Council of Constance, 1414-1418*. Leiden: Brill, 1994.

Verdon, Timothy, and John Henderson, eds. *Christianity and the Renaissance: Image and Religious Imagination in the Quattrocento*. Syracuse: Syracuse Univ. Press, 1990.

### **Topic 3: Urbanism, Economy and Society**

#### Classics

Cipolla, Carlo M. *Before the Industrial Revolution: European Society and Economy, 1000-1700*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. New York: Norton, 1994.

Rubinstein, Nicolai. *The Government of Florence under the Medici (1434 to 1494)*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Oxford-Warburg studies. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1997.

#### Recent Historiography

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