

PROVISIONAL

History 201-301

Crusades and Crusade Memories, 1095-2007

Fall, 2007; Date/Time: M 2-4:30; **Place:** Lea Library, 6th floor VPL; **Office Hours:** TW 11-12 or by appointment; **Phone** 8-8450 (or leave a message at the History Department, 8-8452); **Email:** empeters@sas.upenn.edu.

Subject of Study: The seminar will provide both a brief history of those military movements known as “crusades” and a selective history of subsequent understanding and representation of these – hence the unusual dates in the title of the course. The Crusade Memory part of the course will include not only the history of crusade scholarship, but also Crusade mythology and the purposes to which it has been put, with sideroads into the history of scholarship on the history and languages of the Arab/Islamic world.

Although we will depend heavily on secondary scholarship because of the gigantic chronology of the course, the research essays (more about this in class) will depend largely on primary sources.

Requirements: Read the required texts on time and think about the reading; attend regularly and participate actively in seminar meetings; after the meetings are over, think about what was done and said in them. There will be several oral reports (presented in a concise and lively manner) each week on appropriate weekly topics and beyond the scope of the common required reading. There will be two or three short essays based on original sources (medieval and modern) in English translation.

From Medieval to Contemporary Memories: Crusades have attracted a lot of attention, both pro and con, and have been represented in a lot of different media at different times and in different ways. There are lots of different ways for each member of the seminar to do the course work – visual arts, musicology, diplomatic history, cultural images and encounters, novels, pop histories, movies, children’s literature, operas, and legends. This is an ideal course to connect crusade history and crusade memories with other, even later historical interests you may have. Think about it. For those who want to use the course as a pre-1800 seminar, all research work will focus on the pre-1800 period.

Required Readings: Buy them; they’re available at the Pennsylvania Book Center, 34th and Sansom. They are good books and we will use them a lot.

Norman Housley, *Contesting the Crusades* (Blackwell, 2006) ISBN 13: 978-1-4051-1189-8 / ISBN 10: 1-4051-1189-5

Thomas F. Madden, *The New Concise History of the Crusades: Updated Edition* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2005) (check ISBN for paperback version only)

Torquato Tasso, *Jerusalem Delivered/Gerusalemme liberata*, trans. Anthony M. Esolen (Johns Hopkins, 2000) ISBN 0-8018-6323-6

Edward Peters, ed., *The First Crusade*, 2nd ed. (University of Pennsylvania Press, 1998) ISBN 0-8122-1656-3

The Conquest of Lisbon/ De expugnatione Lyxbonensi, trans. C. W. David, Foreword by Jonathan Phillips (Columbia University Press, 2001) ISBN 0-231-12123-7

Carol Hillenbrand, *The Crusades: Islamic Perspectives* (Routledge, NY, 2000) ISBN 0-415-92914-8

There will be photocopied materials and other books on reserve

Syllabus

Week	Topic	Required Common Reading
9/10	The Context of crusade history and memory: "The World's Debate"	
9/17	The "First" What?	Madden 1-2; Housley 1-2; Peters; Hillenbrand 1-2
9/24	Jerusalem and memory	Peters; Hillenbrand 3, 5; Madden 3; Lisbon
10/1	The beginning of loss	Madden 3-4; Housley 3-5; Hillenbrand 6-8; Lisbon
10/8	<i>Passagia varia</i>	Madden 5-9; Housley 6; Hillenbrand 6-8
10/15	Fall Break	
10/22	The Shadow of the Crescent: Memory in epic	Tasso
10/29	The Pope's wicked war: Protestant crusade history	
11/5	The Pope's greedy war: Hume, Voltaire, and Gibbon	
11/12	The discovery of Arabic – and Saladdin	
11/19	Political romanticism: Lionheart	Scott
11/26	The Crusade to end all crusades: WWI	<i>Greenmantle</i>

12/3 Damaged memory and current history Madden10; Housley 7; Hillenbrand 9