

# Heresy and Church

History 110WH  
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## Description

Heresy, a natural by-product of the Catholic church's insistence on religious conformity, has been a part of Christian history from its inception. This course focuses specifically on the history of religious dissent in Europe from the mid-eleventh to the mid-thirteenth centuries, using it as a way to understand changes in medieval religiosity as well as the evolution of ecclesiastical responses to these changes. As a research seminar, it is intended to provide students with "hands-on" experience in producing historical scholarship based on the use of primary and secondary sources.

## Units

### 1. Heresy and Church in Theory

- Berlinerblau, "Toward a Sociology of Heresy, Orthodoxy, and *Doxa*," *History of Religions* 40 (2001), pp. 327-351.

### 2. The Beginnings of "Popular Heresy" in Latin Europe (early 11C)

- Leutard & Vilgard, from Wakefield & Evans, *Heresies of the High Middle Ages*, pp. 71-73.
- Moore, *The Birth of Popular Heresy* (1975), pp. 8-24 (docs 1-5).
- Lambert, *Medieval Heresy* (1977), pp. 3-36.
- Moore, *The Origins of European Dissent* (1977), pp. 1-45.

### 3. Papal Reform and its Implications for Religious Dissent (late 11C)

- Miller, *Power and the Holy in the Age of the Investiture Controversy*, pp. 35-59.
- Moore, *Birth of Popular Heresy*, 24-32 (docs 6-9).
- Cowdrey, "The Papacy, the Patarnes, and the Church of Milan" (1968), pp. 25-48.

### 4. The Challenges of the *Vita Apostolica* (12C)

- Moore, *Birth of Popular Heresy*, pp. 33-62. (docs 11-17)
- Moore, *Origins of European Dissent*, pp. 46-114.

- *Life of Norbert of Xanten (Version A), Norbert and Early Norbertine Spirituality* (Paulist, 2007), pp. 126-174.
- Baudri of Dol, *Life of Robert of Arbrissel*, in *Robert of Arbrissel: A Medieval Religious Life*, ed. Bruce Venarde (CUA, 2003), pp. 1-21.
- Marbod of Rennes, Letter to Robert of Arbrissel, in *Robert of Arbrissel: A Medieval Religious Life*, ed. Bruce Venarde (CUA, 2003), pp. 88-100.
- Grundmann, *Religious Movements in the Middle Ages* (1935, 1961) pp. 1-88.
- The cases of Lambert and Valdes, in Moore, *The Birth of Popular Heresy*, 101-113.
- Thomas of Celano, *Life of Francis* (part 1), pp. 1-24.

#### 5. The Cistercians (12C)

- Karen Sullivan, "Bernard of Clairvaux: The Chimaera of His Age," in *The Inner Lives of Medieval Inquisitors* (Chicago, 2011), pp. 30-52.
- Moore, *Birth of Popular Heresy*, document 22, pp. 74-77.
- Bernard of Clairvaux, *Sermons on the Song of Songs*, 63-66, pp. 161-206.
- Beverly Kienzle, "Henry of Clairvaux and the 1178 and 1181 Missions," *Heresis: revue d'histoire des dissidences européennes* 28 (1997), 63-87.
- Moore, *Birth of Popular Heresy*, document 36, pp. 116-122.

#### 6. The Cathars (12C)

- Moore, *The Origins of European Dissent* (1977), pp. 139-240.
- Moore, *Birth of Popular Heresy*, documents 29, 30, 35, 36.

#### 7. Innocent III (1198-1216) and the Dominicans

- Innocent III, Fourth Lateran Council, canons 1-3.
- Jordan of Saxony, *On the Beginnings of the Order of Preachers*
- Karen Sullivan, "Dominic Guzmán: Preacher and Disputant," in *The Inner Lives of Medieval Inquisitors* (Chicago, 2011), pp. 53-74.

#### 8. The Albigensian Crusade (1208-1229)

- Peter of les Vaux-de-Cernay, *The History of the Albigensian Crusade*.

#### 9. The Papal Inquisition (beginning 1233)

- *Chronicle of William Pelhisson*, in Wakefield, in Wakefield, *Heresy, Crusade and Inquisition in Southern France* (Berkeley, 1974), pp. 207-236.
- Inquisition records (1240s), in Wakefield, *Heresy, Crusade and Inquisition in Southern France*, pp. 237-249.
- *Processus inquisitionis* ["A Manual for Inquisitors"], in Wakefield, in Wakefield, *Heresy, Crusade and Inquisition in Southern France*, pp. 250-257.
- James Given, "The Inquisitors of Languedoc and the Medieval Technology of Power," *American Historical Review* 94 (1989), pp. 336-359.

- Pegg, *The Corruption of Angels: The Great Inquisition of 1245-1246* (2001), pp. 3-73.
- Karen Sullivan, "Bernard Gui: The Inquisitor as Performer," in *The Inner Lives of Medieval Inquisitors* (Chicago, 2011), pp. 124-145,
- Arnold, "Inquisition, Texts, and Discourse," in Bruschi and Biller, eds., *Texts and the Repression of Medieval Heresy* (York, 2003), pp. 63-80.
- Christine Caldwell, "Peter Martyr: The Inquisitor as Saint," *Comitatus* 31 (2000), pp. 137-174.

#### 10. Cathars or no Cathars?

- Biller, "Through a Glass Darkly: seeing medieval heresy," in *The Medieval World*, ed. P. Linehan and J. Nelson (Routledge: London and New York, 2001), pp. 308-26.
- Biller, "Cathars and the Material World," in *God's Bounty? The Churches and the Natural World*, Studies in Church History 46 (Boydell and Brewer: Woodbridge, 2010), pp. 89-110.
- Biller, "The Cathars of Languedoc and Written Materials," in Billers and Hudson, eds., *Heresy and Literacy, 1000-1500* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996), pp. 61-82.
- Pegg, "Albigenses in the Antipodes: An Australian and the Cathars," pp. 577-600.
- Pegg, "Historians and Inquisitors: Testimonies from the Early Inquisitions into Heretical Depravity," pp. 98-112.
- Moore, "The War against Heresy in Medieval Europe," *Historical Research* 81 (2008), pp. 189-210.