History 705-01  Colloquium in European History before 1800

Fall Semester 2004   Thursday 7:00-9:50 McIver 226

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Readings for Course

The following books are available at the UNCG Bookstore and are also on reserve at Jackson Library:

Peter Burke, ed.  New Perspectives on Historical Writing
Lynn Hunt, ed.  The New Cultural History

The rest of the readings are on reserve at Jackson Library; articles from journals have been photocopied and are available via electronic reserves as well as in folders at the reserve desk.

Schedule of Classes and Readings

Aug 19    Introduction to Course

Aug 26    History: Fact or Fiction?


Clip from film “Le Retour de Martin Guerre” (1982).
Sept 2  New History?  Old History?


Sept 9  Feudal Society and its Interpretors

Marc Bloch, Feudal Society (Chicago, 1961), especially vol. 1, part II; vol.2 part VIII.


Sept 16  Religion, Gender and the Body in Medieval Europe


Caroline W. Bynum, Holy Feast and Holy Fast: The Religious Significance of Food to Medieval Women (Berkeley, 1987) esp chs.1,2,4,6,10.


**Sept 23**  
Power and Patronage: The Case of Iberia


Magdalena S. Sánchez, *The Empress, the Queen, and the Nun: Women and Power at the Court of Philip III of Spain* (Baltimore, 1998), esp. Introduction, chs. 1, 2, 6, Conclusion.


**ASSIGNMENT 1 DUE**

**Sept 30**  
Belief and Unbelief


**Oct 7**  
Microhistory


Fri Oct 8          LAST DAY TO DROP COURSES

Oct 14          Science, Politics, Personalities


Mario Biagioli, Galileo, Courtier: The Practice of Science in the Culture of Absolutism (Chicago, 1993) esp chs. 1,2, Intermezzo, Epilogue.

John Robert Christianson, On Tycho’s Island: Tycho Brahe and His Assistants, 1570-1601 (Cambridge, 2000) esp Introduction, chs.1,2,4,9,10,11.

Oct 21          History and the Social Sciences: Assessing Braudel


Oct 28          NO CLASS
Nov 4 Visual Images and Material Culture


Simon Schama, The Embarrasment of Riches: An Interpretation of Dutch Culture in the Golden Age (New York, 1987) esp Introduction, chs.5,6,8, Conclusion.


[Optional: Peter Burke, The Fabrication of Louis XIV (New Haven, 1992).]

ASSIGNMENT 2 DUE

Nov 11 Crowds and Violence


Nov 18    Reading and Revolution


-----The Literary Underground of the Old Regime  (Cambridge, MA, 1982).


Nov 25    THANKSGIVING

Dec 2     Wrap Up and Suitably Festive Conclusion to Course

Fri Dec 10  ASSIGNMENT 3 DUE

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