

## Renaissance Europe History 308, Spring 2016

T-Th, 10:30-12 CH 318
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## Books (all available at Penn Book Center):

Daniel Waley/Peter Denley, Later Medieval Europe, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Peter Burke, The European Renaissance: Centres and Peripheries Eugene Rice, Saint Jerome in the Renaissance Michael Baxandall, Painting and Experience in 15<sup>th</sup>-c Italy, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Leon Battista Alberti, On Painting Giovanni Pico della Mirandola, On the Dignity of Man Niccolò Machiavelli, Discourses on Livy Andrew Pettegree, The Book in the Renaissance

Additional readings on Canvas site

## Recommended:

Harvey, Writing with Sources

compact disk: Cradle of the Renaissance, Hyperion 66814

--also available at van Pelt (Ormandy Listening Room, 4W and Canvas)

Course website and on-line syllabus: <a href="http://www.sas.upenn.edu/~moyer/coursepages/hist308/">http://www.sas.upenn.edu/~moyer/coursepages/hist308/</a>
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Week	Jan. 14	Introduction:
1		Fourteenth-Century Europe I: Political background
		Reading: Waley/Denley, 3-111
2	Jan. 19	Fourteenth-Century Europe II: Christianity and the Church
		Reading: Waley/Denley, 112-171
	Jan. 21	Universities and the world of learning
3	Jan. 26	Origins of the humanist movement
		Readings: Petrarch (Canvas); Burke, 1-65
	Jan. 28	Discussion: Petrarch
4	Feb. 2	Italian Cities in the Fifteenth Century I
	Feb. 4	Discussion: Education
		Readings: humanist educational treatises (Canvas)

5	Feb. 9	Italian Cities in the Fifteenth Century II
		Readings: Waley/Denley, 172-213; begin Baxandall
	Feb. 11	First Essay due
		Renaissance of visual arts
		Readings: Alberti; finish Baxandall
6	Feb. 16	Discussion: Alberti
	Feb. 18	Plato and the ancient wisdom
		Readings: Pico, Ficino, Grafton (Canvas)
7	Feb. 23	Discussion: Pico, Ficino
	Feb. 25	The Building of Renaissance Rome
		Readings: Rice, St. Jerome in the Renaissance, Chapters 1-5; Burke, 66-100
8	Mar. 1	Christianity and Renaissance Culture
	Mar. 3	Philology and the Bible
		Readings: Erasmus (Canvas); finish Rice
		Spring Break
9	Mar. 15	<b>Discussion:</b> Erasmus and Rice
	Mar. 17	Renaissance music: art, science, poetics
		Readings: Brandolini; Cara (Canvas)
10	Mar. 21	Discussion: Brandolini
	Mar. 23	Wars and Transitions
		Readings: Waley/Denley, 218-291
11	Mar. 29	Renaissance and Reform: The Northern European Experience
		Second Essay Due
	Mar. 31	No class
12	Apr. 5	Political Thought
		Readings: Waley/Denley, 295-322
	Apr. 7	Discussion: Machiavelli
		Readings: Machiavelli, from Discourses on Livy
13	Apr. 12	The European Renaissance
		Reading: Burke, 101-241
	Apr. 14	Science in the Renaissance
		Readings: Begin Pettegree
14	Apr. 19	The Print Business: Writers, Readers, Printers, Books
	•	Readings: Finish Pettegree
15	Apr. 21	Discussion: Pettegree
	Apr. 26	Academies, Courts, and the Republic of Letters: Early Modern Europe

## Grading for the course:

2 essays, approximately 8 pages, each: 25%

Final examination: 25%

Three response papers of approx. 2 pages on the current reading, due on the day assigned to those readings. You may choose the readings, but at least one must be written by March 3. Each

5%

Class Participation: 10%

Academic honesty is fundamental to our community. The Pennbook contains our Code of Academic Integrity. A violation of that Code in this course will result in failure for the course.