

HIS 6934 Gender and Sexuality in Medieval Christianity

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This seminar will explore the many rich historiographies that have emerged from considering medieval Christianity through the lens of gender and sexuality. Through examination of new and classic works, this seminar will explore church attitudes toward homosexuality, clerical gender norms and sexuality, the rise of charismatic holy women and their ties to male confessors, women and religious orders, and new work on nonbinary sex in the Middle Ages. Students will have an opportunity to tailor their major projects to serve their needs.