

Undergraduate Research Opportunity

PROJECT

Slavery and Captivity in the Medieval World: Pedagogical Approaches

Prof. Hannah Barker

History

Hours required p/week:	6
Credits anticipated:	2

This project, "Slavery and Captivity in the Medieval World: Pedagogical Approaches," will involve assisting Dr. Barker in developing a publicly available website (www.medievalslavery.org) with resources for professors who want to teach a unit or an entire course on slavery in the medieval world, students completing research projects, and members of the public who want to learn more about this topic. It will include a collection of primary sources which have never before been translated into English and a selected bibliography for further reading.

TEMPE

ONLINE

STUDENT

Research assistant's duties:

The student will perform some independent research to expand the bibliography in areas that currently have thin coverage. If the student has a proficiency in a language other than English, they will also translate a primary source alongside Dr. Barker and prepare it to be posted to the website. If the student does not possess a proficiency in a language other than English, they will work with an English translation of the Ethiopian Synaxarium, a collection of the lives of saints, to find references to slavery and enslaved individuals.

Required skills or qualifications:

Interest in medieval history and/or history of slavery is required; intermediate-level competence or better in any language beyond English is desired

Skills student will acquire:

Knowledge about medieval slavery in comparative perspective, online and library research, and academic translation