Undergraduate Research Opportunity

PROJECT

Slavery and Captivity in the Medieval World: Pedagogical Approaches

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This project, “Slavery and Captivity in the Medieval World: Pedagogical Approaches”, is to assist in the creation of a publicly available website with resources for professors who want to teach a unit or an entire course on slavery in the medieval world, students doing research projects on slavery in the medieval world, and members of the public who want to learn about slavery in the medieval world. It will include a collection of primary sources which have never before been translated into English and a selected bibliography of secondary sources for further reading.

STUDENT

Research assistant’s duties:

The student researcher will process scholars’ suggestions and add them to the developing website, as well as perform their own research to expand the bibliography and find historically appropriate images. If the research assistant possesses appropriate language skills, they may aid Dr. Barker in translating some primary sources. Finally, the research assistant’s input will be important in designing and implementing the website in an accessible and aesthetically pleasing way, since this should be a resource that undergraduates feel comfortable using.

Required skills or qualifications:

Interest in medieval history and/or history of slavery. Desired qualifications include experience in web design, intermediate-level competence or better in any language beyond English.

Skills student will acquire:

Knowledge of medieval slavery in comparative perspective, web design, online and library research, and possibly translation.