

**HIST 306- Byzantium: In the Middle**  
**Dr. Darlene Brooks Hedstrom and**

**Spring 2017**

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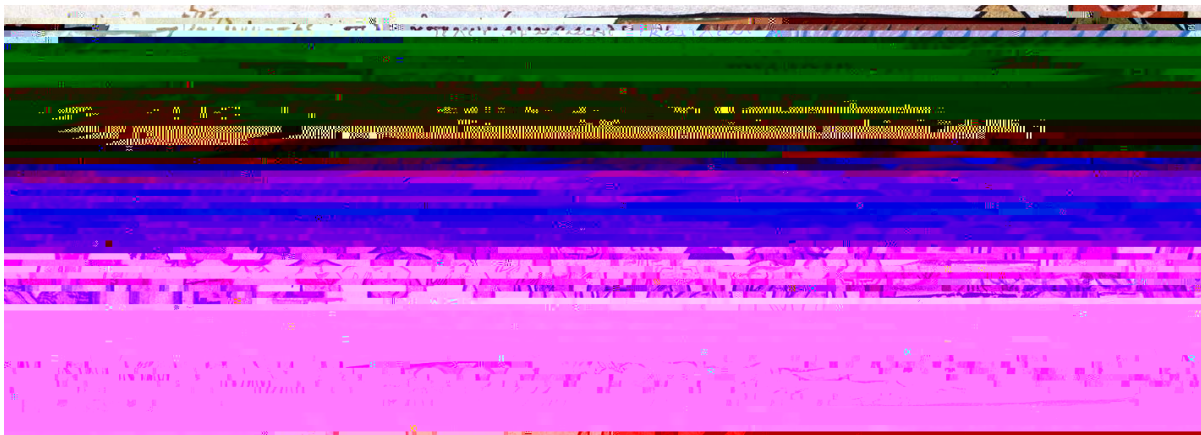
### **Attendance Policy**

**As part of your grade for this class, and to get the most out of the class, you are required to attend on a regular basis. Attendance in this class is worth 5% of your grade, and attendance will be taken on a regular basis. If you are going to miss class, let us know in advance. If you accumulate 5 absences over the course of the semester, you will receive a grade of F for your attendance. If you miss 10 or more classes over the course of the semester you will receive a grade of zero for your**

Read: Psellos Bk 7 – Isaac Komnena (302-330) SLD #3  
 Jan 27 Psellos  
 Read: Psellos Bk 7 – Romanos IV (350-366) SLD #4

**Week 4 Michael Attaleiates's *History***

Jan 30 Psellos Reading Quiz  
 Read: Psellos Bk 7 – Michael VII (367-380) Primary Source Paper #1 Due everyone  
 Feb 1 Attaleiates  
 Read: Attaleiates Ch 1 – Dedication (3-7); Ch 2 – Preface (9-11); Ch 36 (587); Ch 4 – Michael V (14-29)  
 Feb 3 Attaleiates  
 Read: Attaleiates Ch 5-9 – Monomachos (29-91) SLD #5



**Week 5 Michael Attaleiates's *History***

Feb 6 Attaleiates Reading Quiz  
 Read: Attaleiates Ch 10 – Theodora (93-95); Ch 16- Romanos IV (169-185); Ch 24 Comparison (353-361) SLD #6  
 Feb 8 Attaleiates  
 Read: Attaleiates Ch 20 Manzikert (261-303) SLD #7  
 Feb 10 Attaleiates  
 Read: Attaleiates Ch 22-23 Civil War-Rouselios (305-351) SLD #1

**Week 6**

Feb 13 Attaleiates Reading Quiz & SLD #2  
 Read: Attaleiates Ch 32-33 Nikephorus Bryenios (443-497); Ch 34 N. Bryenios (519-537) Primary Source #2 Option 1  
 Feb 15 Byzantine Military Text  
 Read: R "The Praecepta militaria of the Emperor Nikephoros II Phokas (963-969)" in Eric McGeer, *Sowing the Dragon's Teeth: Byzantine Warfare in the Tenth Century* (Washington D.C.: Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, 2008)  
 Feb 17 Religious Portrayal of Warrior Saints  
 Read: R "The Passion of St. Theodore the Recruit"

**Week 7**

**Feb 20 Arab Historical Accounts of the Battle of Mazikert    Reading Quiz**

**Read: R "Twelfth Century Arab Accounts" in**

Week 11

Week 15

Apr 24

Reading Quiz

Read: R- John Haldon, et al., "Marching Across Anatolia: Medieval Logistics and Modeling the Mantzikert Campaign" *Dumbarton Oaks Papers* 65-66 (2011-12): 209-235.

Apr 26

Historiography Paper #3 Option 2

Read: R- John Haldon, et al., "Marching Across Anatolia: Medieval Logistics and Modeling the Mantzikert Campaign" *Dumbarton Oaks Papers* 65-66 (2011-12): 209-235.

Apr 28 Presentation Group A

Week 16

May 1 Presentation Group B

May 3 Presentation Group C

### FINAL EXAM REQUIREMENT

Final Paper Due May 8<sup>th</sup> 5 pm

Maps for geographical study and quiz preparation follows in the syllabus.

## General Periodization

### The Macedonian Dynasty (862-1056)

Michael III (856-67)  
Basil (867-886)  
Leo VI (886-912)  
Alexander (912-913)  
Zoe (913-919)  
Romanos I (920-944)  
Constantine VII Porphyrogennetos (945-959)  
Theophano (963)  
John I Tzimiskes (969-976)  
Basil II (976-1025)  
Constantine VIII (1025-1028)  
Romanos III Argyros (1028-1034)  
Michael IV the Paphlagonian (1034-1041)  
Constantine IX Monomachos (1042-1055)  
Theodora (1055-1056)  
Michael VI Bringas (1056-1057)  
Isaakios I Komenos (1057-1059)

### The Doukas Dynasty (1059-1078)

Constantine X Doukas (1059-1067)  
Eudokia Makrembolitissa (1067 and 1071)  
Romanos IV Diogenes (1068-1071)  
Michael VII Doukas (1071-1078)

Nikephoros II (1078-1081)

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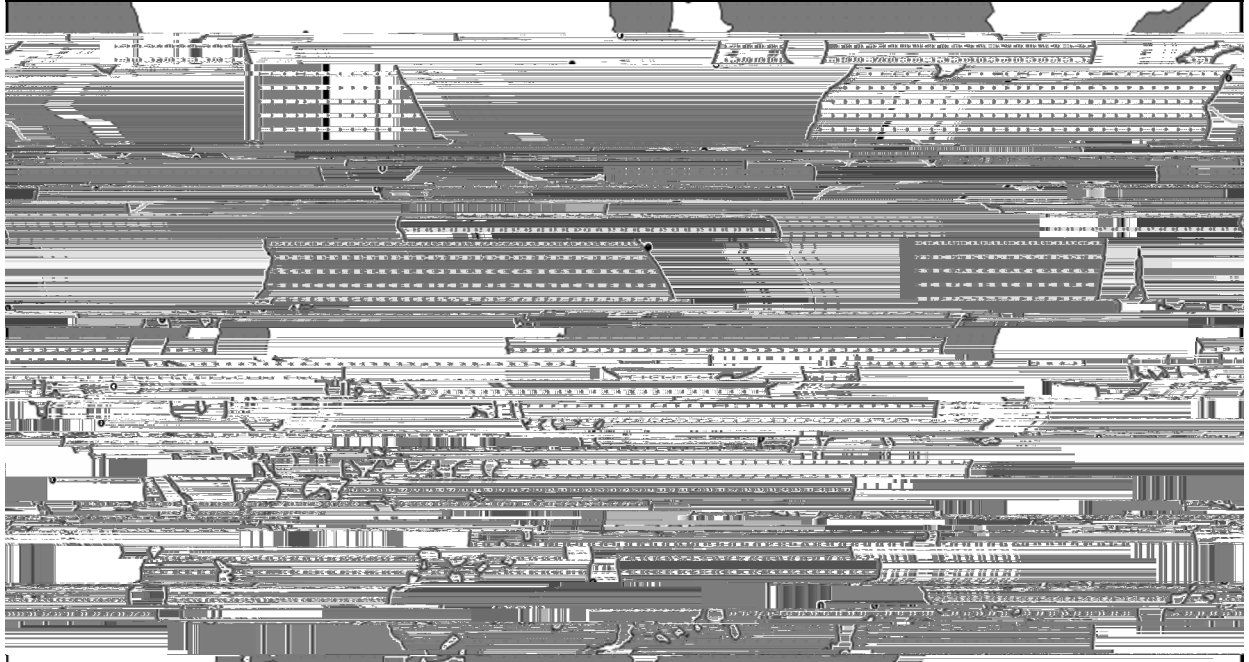
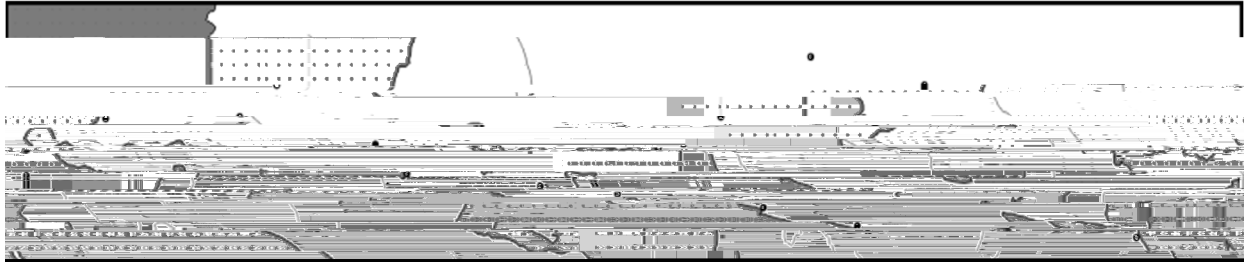
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Digital Humanities Sites for Material Culture  
Dumbarton Oaks Byzantine Seals

Excavation Sites-in Alphabetical Order

[Amorium, Turkey. Director is Christopher Lightfoot, Metropolitan Museum of Art](#)

[Aphrodisias](#)

[Avkat, Turkey. Director is John Haldon, Princeton](#)

[Beit Lehi, Israel. Director is Oren Gutfeld, Michigan](#)

[Bir Madhkur, Jordan. Director is Andrew M. Smith, George Washington](#)

[Çadır Höyük, Turkey. Director is Sharon Steadman, SUNY Cortland](#)

[Mount Menoikeion, Monastery of Hagios Ioannis Prodromos, Greece. Director is Nikos Bakirtzis, Princeton.](#)

[Sohag, Egypt. Executive Director is Stephen Davis, Yale. Excavations is Gillian Clark; Darlene](#)

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## Assignment Guide

January 13

Investigate the lives of Michael Psellos, Michael Attaleiates, and Anna Komnena. Prepare three, single-page biographical profiles of each author.

Typed, single pages at least 400 words. Include citations

January 30

Primary Source Paper #1

February 13

Primary Source Paper #2 Option (complete either #2 or #3)

March 1

Topics and Annotations #1 (5 sources)

March 15

Primary Source Paper #3 Option (complete either #2 or #3)

March 17

Annotations Set #2 (5 more sources)

March 22

Annotations Set #3 (5 more sources)

March 27

Historiography Paper #1

April 3

Outline and Complete Bibliography in Correct CMS Format

April 10

Historiography Paper #2 Option (complete either #2 or #3)

April 12

Five finished pages of Final Paper with complete footnotes and bibliography

April 21

Twelve finished pages of Final Paper with complete footnotes and bibliography

April 26

Historiography Paper #3 Option (complete either #2 or #3)

April 28, May 1, or May 3

Presentation of Research

May

FINAL PAPER SUBMITTED