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Medieval Reading List
Prof. Arvind Thomas

Primary Works

1. Gilgamesh, trans. David Ferry
2. Aeschylus, Oresteia
3. Sophocles, Oedipus Trilogy
4. Plato, Meno
5. Aristotle, Metaphysics
6. Cicero, De Officiis
7. ---. Scipio's Dream
8. Virgil, The Aeneid
9. Augustine, Confessions (books 1 and 10)
10. Gregory the Great, Moralia in Job
11. The Arabian Nights, trans. Husain Haddawy
12. Religious and homiletic poems: "Caedmon's Hymn," "The Dream of the Rood," "Judith," "The Wanderer," "The Ruin," "Riddles," "Deor"
13. Bede, An Ecclesiastical History of the English People
14. Beowulf, trans. Seamus Heaney
15. Ibn Tufayl, Hayy Ibn Yaqzan
16. Marie de France, Lais, "Lanval"
17. Thomas Aquinas, The Literal Exposition on Job, trans. Anthony Damico
18. Dante Alighieri, Commedia, trans. John Ciardi
19. Henry Suso, The Exemplar
20. Boccaccio, Decameron
21. Sir Orfeo
22. Pearl Poet, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight
23. Geoffrey Chaucer, The Canterbury Tales
24. William Langland, Piers Plowman (selections)
25. Incarnation and crucifixion lyrics: "What is he, this lordling," "Ye That Pasen by the Weye," "Sunset on Calvary," "I Sing of a Maiden," "Adam Lay Bound," "The Corpus Christi Carol"
26. Thomas Hoccleve, Regiment of Princes
27. Margery Kempe, The Book of Margery Kempe
28. Thomas Malory, Le Morte d' Arthur
29. Wakefield Second Shepherd's Play
30. Everyman

Secondary Works

1. Arvind Thomas, Piers Plowman and the Reinvention of Church Law in the Late Middle Ages
2. Paul Strohm, Chaucer's Tale: 1386 and the Road to Canterbury
3. Marion Turner, Chaucer: A European Life
4. Edward Said, Orientalism

5. Erich Auerbach, Mimesis
6. Hannah Arendt, The Human Condition
7. ---. Love and Saint Augustine
8. Jean-Luc Marion, In the Self's Place: The Approach of Saint Augustine
9. ---. Negative Certainties
10. Norman Cohn, Cosmos, Chaos, and the World to Come