

**HIS 390:
Outsiders and Deviants in the Middle Ages**

SBS+

M/W 3:30pm - 4:50pm

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One can learn a great deal about a society from the way it defines and treats 'outsiders'. In this course we will examine how and why medieval European Christians identified various *other Christians* as 'outsiders' and/or 'deviants,' as well as the ways in which members of those groups were treated and how they felt/responded. The groups we will examine include people with various physical and mental disabilities and diseases, criminals, sexual nonconformists, practitioners of scandalous professions, immigrants, slaves, the poor, the elderly, and several others. Topics to be covered include visual and textual polemics, legal restrictions (or privileges), and social relations.