

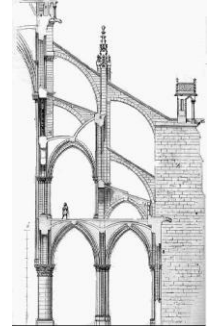
**MDST 300.001 Fall 2013**

**Trip to the Winthrop Archives**

**Wednesday October 9 2 pm Be PROMPT No food or drink inside!**

<http://www2.winthrop.edu/dacus/archives/>

Corner of Cherry Rd and Charlotte Ave, across the street from Earth Fare, diagonal corner from CVS



Wednesday we will be handling medieval manuscripts ourselves for a change! We are meeting at the Pettus Archives to examine Winthrop's small but excellent collection of medieval manuscript leaves, and to look at several "problem" manuscripts—and perhaps some 4000-year old cuneiform tablets.

Most of these manuscripts date from the period described in Cook & Herzman chapter 11, but they're all kinds of texts. We have university texts; texts copied for friars, priests, scholars, and doctors; texts that belonged to middle class lay people; texts from both the western world and from Islam; and a couple of very problematic texts that may have come from the Byzantine sphere of influence.

To prepare for this visit, I want you to do three things:

1. Look over the description of the manuscripts at <http://faculty.winthrop.edu/kosterj/MDST300/Readings/WinthropUniversityCollection.pdf>. Use Cook and Herzberg to look up the various authors and the kinds of texts they represent.
2. Watch the short (6 minute) video on "Making Manuscripts" by the Getty Museum: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1aDHJu9J10o>. It will prepare you for the kinds of manuscripts you will see.
3. Show up at the Archives on time, with clean hands, cameras if you like, and prepared to examine and take notes on the manuscripts you will be seeing.