

“*Medieval Jesus: A Life*”

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Professor **Brett Whalen** (UNC-CH) teaches on topics in medieval religious and cultural history with a focus on the Roman Christian tradition. He is the author of several books, including *Dominion of God: Christendom and Apocalypse in the Middle Ages* (2009) and *The Two Powers: The Papacy, the Empire, and the Struggle for Sovereignty* (2019). In his new project, *Medieval Jesus*, Whalen broadly explores the meaning of Jesus Christ in the Middle Ages, viewed a uniquely privileged site to discern the distinctive qualities, aspirations, and anxieties of medieval life. How did Christians, among others, continually “remold” Jesus to fit their needs during the thousand-plus years that spanned the ancient and modern eras? What can those iterations of Jesus reveal to us about the politics, religious values, and social mores of the medieval past? By tackling questions such as these, *Medieval Jesus* will offer a new cultural history of Christian identities during the Middle Ages with implications for Jesus’s enduring cultural presence in the modern world.

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