



# Christian Culture LECTURE

Saint Mary's College



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CHESTER  
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**CRUSADER  
PROLOGUES:  
PREPARING FOR  
WAR IN THE  
GOTHIC AGE**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009**

**7:30 PM (RECEPTION TO FOLLOW)**

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*HOW DID CRUSADERS PREPARE THEMSELVES AND THOSE THEY WERE LEAVING BEHIND PSYCHICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY FOR A HOLY WAR? THIS LECTURE ADDRESSES SEVERAL ASPECTS OF THIS PREPARATION AND HOPES THEREBY TO ENRICH OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CRUSADES IN GENERAL.*

**William Chester Jordan** is the Dayton-Stockton Professor of History and Chair of the History Department at Princeton University. His many books on medieval culture include *Louis IX and the Challenge of the Crusade: A Study in Rulership*, *The French Monarchy and the Jews from Philip Augustus to the Last Capetians*, *Women and Credit in Pre-Industrial and Developing Societies*, *The Great Famine: Northern Europe in the Early Fourteenth Century* (which received the Medieval Academy of America's Haskins Medal for the outstanding book on the Middle Ages for 2000), *Europe in the High Middle Ages*, and *Unceasing Strife, Unending Fear: Jacques de Therines and the Freedom of the Church in the Age of the Last Capetians*. His latest book is *A Tale of Two Monasteries: Westminster and Saint-Denis in the Thirteenth Century* (2009). He is currently the president of the American Catholic Historical Association.

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