A Timeline and Primer for the Study of Manuscripts
Periods and periodization

- Late antiquity (3rd-7th centuries?)
- Middle Ages (never Dark Ages!)
- Early Modern Period/ Renaissance
Who made manuscripts?
Scribe
Illuminator
Rubricator
What about the author?
Parts of a manuscript
Parchment and vellum
Hair side, flesh side
Paper

Chain lines (horizontal)
Laid lines (vertical)
Watermark
Sample manuscript

Folio, bifolium
Recto, Verso
Miniature
Historiated initial
Prickings
Ruling

- Dry point
- Plummet
- Ink
Quire or gathering
Binding

Quire structure
Boards
Stitching
Lacunae
Incunabula or incunables
What do textual scholars do?
Philology
Codicology
Ductus