So you want to do historical logic?
What you need to know about how historical logic
differs from modern logic

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Convinced? I hope so.

I hope this brief sketch has convinced you that in principle fruitful research in historical logic can be done by modern logicians. But how?

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The historical aspect

Not surprisingly, there are two parts to historical logic - a logical part and a historical part. How does the historical aspect affect how you write papers or articles on a historical logic topic?

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- ▶ Remember that use of modern mathematical notation is necessarily anachronistic.

Want to know/do more?

- ► Fall 2006, medieval Latin reading groups
  - ► One group meets Thursday afternoons and is reading a 13th-century text on obligations
  - ► The other meets Friday mornings and is reading an undated but probably late 15th-century text on modal logic and paralogisms of the trinity.
- ► January 2007, project on "Scholarly Writing for Historical Logic"

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