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In *Social Mobility in Late Antique Gaul*, Allen E. Jones explores the situation of the non-elite living in Gaul during the late fifth and sixth centuries. Drawing especially on evidence from Gregory of Tours' writings, Jones formulates a social model based on people of all ranks who were acting in ways that were socially advantageous to them, such as combining resources, serving at court, and participating in ostentatious religious pursuits such as building churches. Viewing the society as a whole and taking into account specific social groups, such as impoverished prisoners, paupers active at churches, physicians, and wonder-working enchanters, Jones creates an image of Barbarian Gaul as an honor-driven, brutal, and flexible society defined by social mobility. Jones's work also addresses topics such as social engineering and competition, magic and religion, and the cult of saints.

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ABBREVIATIONS



Amm. Marc.	Ammianus Marcellinus
Caes. Arel.	Caesarius of Arles
<i>Carm.</i>	<i>Carmen</i> (poem)
CCL	<i>Corpus Christianorum, Series Latina</i>
<i>Chron.</i>	<i>Chronicon</i> (chronicle)
CSEL	<i>Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum</i>
<i>CTh</i>	<i>Codex Theodosianus</i>
<i>Ep.</i>	<i>Epistula</i> (letter)
Greg. Tur.	Gregory of Tours
<i>GC</i>	<i>Liber in gloria confessorum</i>
GM	<i>Liber in gloria martyrum</i>
Hist.	<i>Decem libri historiarum</i>
<i>VJ</i>	<i>Liber de passione et virtutibus s. Iuliani martyris</i>
<i>VM</i>	<i>Libri quattuor de virtutibus s. Martini episcopi</i>
<i>VP</i>	<i>Liber vitae patrum</i>
LCL	Loeb Classical Library
Mar. Avent.	Marius of Avenches
<i>MGH</i>	<i>Monumenta Germaniae Historica</i>
AA	Auctores antiquissimi
LL	Leges nationum germanicarum
SRM	Scriptores rerum merovingicarum

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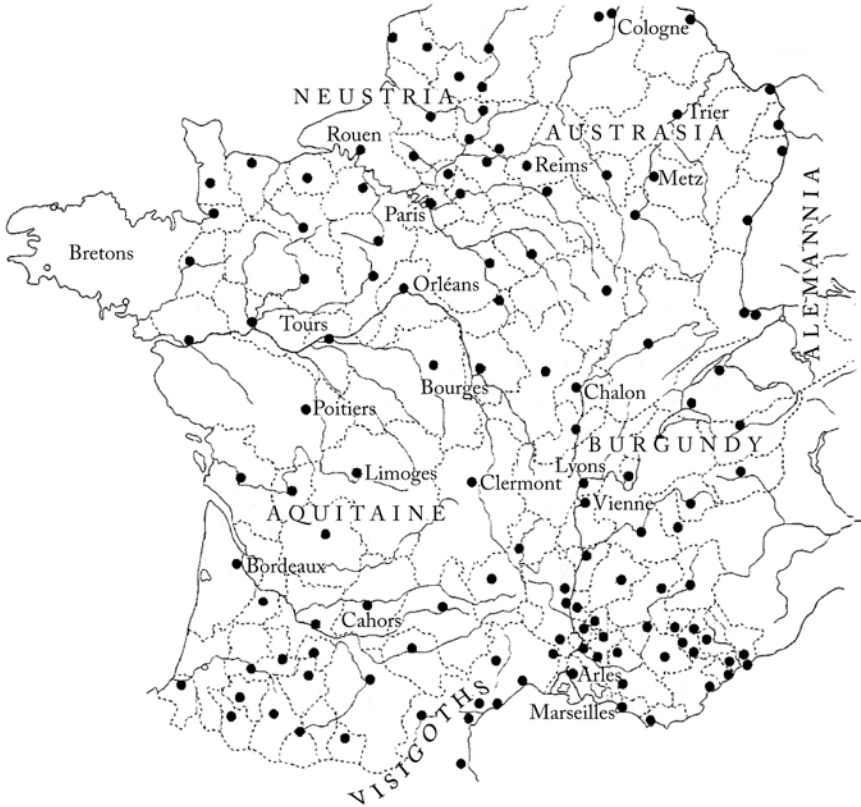
<i>PL</i>	<i>Patrologia Latina</i> , ed. J.-P. Migne
<i>PLRE</i>	<i>The Prosopography of the Roman Empire</i> , 3 vols.
<i>PLS</i>	<i>Pactus legis Salicae</i>
Sid. Ap.	Sidonius Apollinaris
<i>Sirm. Const.</i>	<i>Constitutiones Sirmondianae</i>
<i>SC</i>	<i>Sources chrétiennes</i>
Sulp. Sev.	Sulpicius Severus
TTH	Translated Texts for Historians
TRW	Transformation of the Roman World
Ven. Fort.	Venantius Fortunatus

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