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Professor Lawrence Duggan received his bachelor's degree from the College of the Holy Cross and his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1970, when he joined the History Department of the University of Delaware as an assistant professor. Since then he has risen through the ranks, teaching courses on Renaissance and Reformation Europe, the Crusades, medieval kings and queens, Christianity and capitalism, religion and war, and women in the late Middle Ages; coaching and grooming applicants for Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell, and other scholarships; and writing widely on medieval and early modern Church and German history. Among his works are books on the bishopric of Speyer in the late Middle Ages, the clergy and armsbearing in Western civilization and law (forthcoming), ecclesiastical moneylending in later medieval Germany (near completion), myths about Machiavelli (in progress), and The Renaissance? A Reconsideration (also in progress). He has also written articles and essays on such topics as art as the book of the illiterate, fear and confession on the eve of the Reformation, a reevaluation of the unresponsiveness of the late medieval Church, and shorter entries for the Dictionary of the Middle Ages, Medieval Germany. An Encyclopedia, and the Encyclopaedia Britannica, as well as nearly 40 book reviews. He has been a research fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung of Germany since 1976; he was a member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton in 1987-88; and he has also taught at the Center for Reformation Research in St Louis and at Columbia University in New York. He has been nominated many times for the University Award for Excellence in Teaching, and in 1999 he won the Award for Excellence in Advising.

COURSE DESCRIPTION(S)

MALS 667: Seminar: Holy War

This is a seminar on "holy war" in the Judaeo-Christian-Muslim tradition and history from antiquity to the present. In addition to doing the common reading and participating in discussion thereof (at least 50% of the final grade), each student will either (1) do a 10-20 page research paper on some aspect of this topic or (2) write thorough 3-5 page reviews of three additional books on some aspect(s) of this topic. Oral reports on this work will be delivered before or in the penultimate class on 24 July, and the papers will be due in the last class.

Required readings:

Peter Partner, God of Battles. Holy Wars of Christianity and Islam
James Turner Johnson, The Holy War Idea in Western and Islamic Traditions
The Qu'ran, trans. M. A. S. Abdel Haleem

David Cook, Understanding Jihad
Roland Bainton, Christian attitudes Toward War and Peace
Jonathan Riley-Smith, What Were the Crusades? (3rd ed.)
Selected essays and articles

MALS 667: Medieval and Renaissance Autobiography

This is a seminar on a distinctive Western literary form which emerged in the High Middle Ages, not (as many might think) in Antiquity or in the Renaissance. We shall focus on the origins and development of autobiography down to the 16th century, and with few exceptions we shall immerse ourselves in the intensive study of the primary texts rather than in modern commentaries on them.

In addition to active participation in class discussion of these texts (which will count for at least 40% of the grade), each student will write two 7-15(+) page papers, one on one of the common readings, the other on an additional autobiography or autobiographical materials. Each of these papers will be read aloud in class. I will be happy to look at proposals and drafts before submission of the final papers.

Although I will by times supply some biographical background information on some of the (more obscure) authors we will be reading, each student is expected to read a brief biography of each author in some standard reference work such as The Encyclopaedia Britannica (available online).

Common reading (available in paperback):

St Augustine, Confessions
Guibert of Nogent, Self and Society in Medieval France
The Letters of Abelard and Heloise
Petrarch, The Secret
The Book of Margery Kempe
Benvenuto Cellini, Autobiography
Ignatius of Loyola, "Reminiscences," in Personal Writings, pp. 3-64
Various handouts (marked with *)