Fall 2014

**HIST 585-004: Special Topics in History:**

Topic: Ancient Slavery: Comparative (OPUS Title) or
Ancient Slavery: A Comparative Perspective (Complete Course Title)

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**Semester Description:**

The past two decades have seen a revolution in scholarly approaches to slavery in the ancient Mediterranean, as elsewhere. In this course we will examine current issues in the study of Greek and Roman slavery, including: slavery and the economy in archaic and classical Greece; slavery and citizenship in classical Athens; slavery and helotage at Sparta; slavery in Ptolemaic and Roman Egypt; the rise of Roman chattel slavery and its impact on Roman slavery; gender and slavery in the Greek and Roman worlds; manumission and the life of freedpeople; slaves and slavery as depicted in classical literature; early Christianity and slavery; and the debate over the “end” of ancient slavery in late antiquity. In addition, the instructors (both of whom have published on aspects of ancient slavery and status) are particularly interested in comparative approaches to slavery, especially slavery in the early modern Mediterranean and the New World. Students specializing in other time periods or areas are most welcome in the course.

**Required Textbooks, Articles, and Resources:**


**On Reserve in the Library:**


   In addition, students will read articles in edited collections and scholarly journals that deal with ancient slavery or comparative perspectives on slavery.

**Grading:**

- Assignments include 2 short (5-7 page) book reviews and a 15 page historiographical essay on some aspect of ancient or comparative slavery.
- In addition, students will send in short weekly responses to the assigned readings and are expected to attend and participate actively in all classes.