

## MLA alumni- Consider taking a virtual MLA seminar this winter 2020!

### **MLA 298: Heretics, Prostitutes, and Merchants: The Venetian Empire**

Wednesdays, 7:00-9:30pm

Paula Findlen

*Ubaldo Pierotti Professor of History and Professor, by courtesy, of French and Italian*

Between the thirteenth and seventeenth centuries the republic of Venice created a powerful empire that controlled much of the Mediterranean. Situated on the shifting boundary between East and West, the Venetians established a thriving merchant republic that allowed many social groups, religions, and ethnicities to coexist within its borders. This seminar explores some of the essential features of Venetian society, as a microcosm of early modern European society. We will examine the relationship between center and periphery, order and disorder, orthodoxy and heresy as well as the role of politics, art, and culture in Venice. The seminar will conclude with a discussion of the decline of Venice as a political and economic power and its reinvention as a tourist site and living museum for the modern era.

### **MLA 358: The Intersection of Medicine, Science, Public Policy, and Ethics: Cancer as a Case Study**

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00-8:15pm

Joseph Lipsick

*Professor of Pathology, Genetics, and Biology (by courtesy)*

How has our approach to cancer been affected by clinical observations, scientific discoveries, social norms, politics, and economic interests? Approximately one in three Americans will develop invasive cancer during their lifetime; one in five Americans will die as a result of this disease. We will explore how society has attempted to understand and manage this problem using clinical trials, population studies, public health interventions, and laboratory research. We will also discuss how race, politics, economics, and ethics have affected the outcomes of these efforts.



## Details

Classes are \$800 for alumni. We do require that you participate fully in the course--doing the reading and participating in class discussions. The choice to do a paper is up to you. If you wish to take it for a grade, you will need to submit a paper. You will have access to the virtual library, and you will be added to the seminar Canvas site for class details and readings.

A place is based on availability. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to sign up. Current students have priority for enrollment, and I may not be able to confirm your spot until current students have had a chance to enroll.

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