

The History of Antisemitism in Western Culture

General Information:

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Basic Texts for Discussion:

Marvin Perry & Frederick M. Schweitzer, *Myth and Hate from Antiquity to The Present* (2005)

Steven Beller, *Antisemitism; A Very Short History* (2007) This book will be used later in discussion later the semester, after research projects are well underway.

Paper Requirements: A research paper of ca. 25 pages will be required at the end of the semester. The research topic is to be selected in conjunction with and the agreement of the seminar director. Turabian will provide the style for references, bibliography, etc.

Discussion Requirements: We are scheduled to meet weekly. The first few meetings will be largely devoted to general considerations of antisemitism. based upon the Perry and Schweitzer book and the problems related to defining a clear and manageable research topic. After that progress reports on individual research which in turn will provide the basis for general discussion. Contributions to and participation in these discussion is absolutely essential.

When seminar members are fully engaged in their research projects we may have occasion to skip a weekly meeting or so.

Grading Scale: The quality of the research and writing in the final paper will account for ca. 80% of the course grade. Participation in discussion will account for the remaining 20 %.

Deadlines: Deadlines for outlines, first drafts, final papers will be determined once the semester is underway. Some of you will be doing your comprehensive examination and I want to leave some “open time” for that.

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- Jan. 22 Course Introduction. Film: "The Longest Hatred"
- Jan. 29 Discussion of Perry & Schweitzer. As you are reading the book jot down a list of possible research topics. Give thought to several of these you might want to pursue. These will be part of the discussion.
- Feb 5 Report to the seminar the two or three topics you might want to pursue. Explain why these are important..
- Feb.12 Submit a prospectus of 200-300 words explaining your topic, its importance and sources upon which your research can be based.
- Feb. 19 Report, Report !!! Discussion, Discussion.!!! One session ate in first half or early in the second half of the semester will given over to a discussion o of the Steven Beller book.
- Apr. 30