

HIS/JDS 241
Nazi Genocide and the Holocaust

T/Th, 12:30-1:50pm

Satisfies: GLO

Thematic Categories: "Empires, Violence & Global Connections," "Law, Politics & Social Justice," "Race, Religion, Gender & Sexualities"

Professor Eric Miller

How was it possible for mass genocide to occur in the midst of one of the most cultured societies of Europe in the twentieth century? This course will examine the centuries-long social, cultural and religious context that fed into the 20th-century environment in which the Holocaust became possible, as well as the contemporary political events, and the gradually unfolding actions by the Nazi government in Germany and territories under their influence from 1933-1945, which ultimately culminated in the Holocaust. We will also examine the Jewish experience under the Nazis in the 1930's, as well as the life in the ghettos and concentration camps from the perspective of both the victims and the persecutors. Additionally, we will analyze major issues and questions that arise in the wake of the Holocaust. The course will be conducted through a series of lectures and class discussions.