



## **HISTORY GRADUATE PROGRAM**

### **PROVIDENCE COLLEGE**

Each course fulfills one (1)  
History Graduate Program  
degree requirement

## **SPRING SEMESTER 2020**

### **HIS 622: The British Empire** CRN-2643

**Wednesday, 4:30–6:50pm - Dr. Osama Siddiqui**

At the height of its power, the British Empire was the largest empire in world history, ruling over hundreds of millions of people and spanning nearly a quarter of the world's territory. How did Britain, a small northern European country, come to exercise such vast power around the globe, and how did this massive empire suddenly come to an end? This graduate course explores the history of British imperialism from its origins in the sixteenth century to the era of decolonization in the twentieth century. Drawing on new and classic scholarship, we will think about the ways in which Britons conquered, settled, and ruled over different parts of the world, and how these places were transformed by British rule. At the same time, we will consider the ways in which British society and culture were transformed by empire. Throughout the semester, we will ask the question: what can the history of the British Empire tell us about the world we live in today?

### **HIS 770: Special Topics – The Cold War in Global Perspective** CRN-2644

**Tuesday, 4:30–6:50pm - Dr. Margaret Manchester**

Even before World War II ended, tensions arose between the U.S. and the USSR over conflicting visions of the postwar world. These tensions escalated into what is known as the “Cold War,” a conflict which not only shaped international relations for the next forty years, but also had profound consequences on the domestic cultures of the two superpowers and their allies. George Kennan, a key architect of America's policy of containment, once stated that the U.S. had only to “live up to its best principles” to defeat the Soviet Union. This course examines the roots, course, and legacy of the Cold War, from the American, Soviet, Chinese and Third World viewpoints.

### **HIS 770: Special Topics – France Since 1870** CRN-2645

**Monday, 7–9:30pm - Dr. Matthew Dowling**

After eighty years of revolution, wars, and regime changes, France seemed to emerge after 1870 as a stable republic. Yet France since 1870 has also faced grave challenges both internally and externally. This course will explore some major political, cultural, and social themes in the history of modern France through topics such as Imperialism, the Dreyfus Affair, the two world wars, and Gaullism.

### **HIS 770: Special Topics – North American Urban History** CRN-2646

**Tuesday, 7–9:30pm - Dr. Steven Smith**

This seminar explores major themes and scholarly literature, including natural and built environments of cities and suburbs, spatial usage and segregation, urban “crisis” and recovery, and social, cultural, and economic development of cities. Readings will combine classic texts in the field and new interpretations from more recent literature.