The Rise of American Slavery and Its Defeat, 1492-1865 / HIST 374
Dr. Sharples   Tues. & Thurs 2:10-3:25

This course traces the dramatic rise and fall of slavery in America and explores connections to the Caribbean, Latin America, and Africa. Students use original sources to illuminate the everyday lives of enslaved people, including family, cultural life, religion, and rebellion. We grapple with important questions: Why did masters go all the way to Africa for slaves? How did Latin American slavery evolve differently and influence other regions? How did African Americans shape their lives under a system of exploitation? Why did abolition movements emerge, what was the role of Christianity, and how was slavery finally defeated? Students use sources such as interviews with liberated slaves, business ledgers, newspapers, letters, and archaeology to piece together a global story that is foundational to American history.

Liberalism & Conservatism / HIST 343B
Dr. Muller   Tues. & Thurs. 3:40-4:55

This course explores the development of liberal and conservative thought in Europe and the U.S. from the 18th through the late 20th centuries. It focuses on great public policy debates between liberals and conservatives on issues of liberty, security, marriage, and the legitimacy of various sorts of inequality; and examines issues related to government, the family, and the economy.

Cuba: From Colony to Cold War / HIST 371C
Dr. Young   Tues. & Thurs. 12:40-1:55

This course examines the history of Cuba, beginning with the arrival of Spanish conquistadors and continuing through the colonial period, independence, U.S. intervention, the Cuban Revolution and the Cold War period. Using secondary and primary sources - including paintings, photographs, films, and music - we will pay close attention to the outsize role played by this small island in global politics, economics, and culture.