FACULTY BIO:

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REQUIRED TEXTS:

ISBN: 978-1603843133

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

Tacitus’ *Annals*, transl. Cynthia Damon (Penguin Classics, 2013)
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COURSE DESCRIPTION: In this course, the class will examine the ways that the image of the Roman emperor was and is constructed. We will be investigating questions of source material reliability, genre, and the use and power of rhetorical *topoi*. Through an examination of Rome’s rulers from Julius Caesar to the Emperor Domitian using the ancient written source material (in translation), we will discover the ways in which we, no less than the ancients, forged images of the emperors.

COURSE SCHEDULE:
Please note that the information on this syllabus is subject to change in accordance with the unforeseen demands of the semester. Texts marked with “*” indicate that these will be provided online.

Week 1: INTRODUCTION & the Roman Republic
Appian (sel.)*
Polybius (sel.)*

Week 2: JULIUS CAESAR
Suetonius’ *Divus Julius*
Caesar’s *Bellum Civile* (sel.)*

Week 3: AUGUSTUS
Suetonius’ *Divus Augustus*
Augustus’ *Res Gestae Divi Augusti*
Tacitus, *Annales*, 1.1.1-10.8*

Week 4: TIBERIUS
Suetonius’ *Tiberius*
Tacitus, *Annales*, 1.11.1 – 15.3, 1.72.1-81.2; 2.87.1 – 88.3; 4.1.1 – 13.3; 4.34.1 – 41.3; 4.52.1 – 61; 5.3.1-3; 6.6.1-2; 6.38.1-3; 6.45.3-51.3*
Velleius Paterculus (sel.)*

Week 5: GAIUS “CALIGULA”
Suetonius’ *Gaius*
Philo of Alexandria’s *Legation to Gaius*

Week 6: CLAUDIUS
Suetonius’ *Divus Claudius*
Tacitus’ *Annales* (sel.) Tacitus, *Annals*, 12.64.1-13.34.1; 13.58.1-14.22.4*
Seneca’s *Apocolocyntosis*

Week 7: NERO
Suetonius’ *Nero*
Seneca’s *De Clementia*

Week 8: YEAR OF FOUR EMPERORS
Suetonius’ *Galba*
Suetonius’ *Otho*
Suetonius’ *Vitellius*
Tacitus’ *Historiae* (sel.)*

Week 9: VESPASIAN
Suetonius’ *Divus Vespasianus*
Tacitus’ *Historiae* (sel.)*

Week 10: TITUS & DOMITIAN
Suetonius’ *Divus Titus*
Suetonius’ *Domitian*
Tacitus’ *Historiae* (sel.)*
Tacitus’ *Agricola* (sel.)*
Statius’ *Silvae* (sel.)*