

Fall 2022 **Rome's First Emperors: The Twelve Caesars**
Tuesdays 10am-noon

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FACULTY BIO:

Philip Waddell is an Associate Professor of Classics, whose work in ancient historiography concerns the construction of narrative within the historical texts of Greek and Roman authors. Most recently, he published the monograph *Tacitean Visual Narrative* with Bloomsbury, and is currently working on a commentary for Livy's *Roman History*.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Suetonius' *The Caesars*, transl. Donna Hurley (Hackett Classics, 2011)
ISBN: 978-1603843133

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

Tacitus' *Annals*, transl. Cynthia Damon (Penguin Classics, 2013)
ISBN: 978-0140455649

Tacitus' *The Histories*, transl. Kenneth Wellesley (Penguin Classics, 2009)
ISBN: 978-0140449648

COURSE DESCRIPTION: In this course, we will examine the ways that the image of the Roman emperor was, and still is, constructed. We will begin by investigating questions of source material reliability, genre, and the power of rhetoric. Using the translations of ancient sources we will examine the rulers of Rome from Julius Caesar to the Emperor Domitian and discover how we, and 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

Polybius (sel.)*

Appian (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' *Tiberius**
Velleius Paterculus (sel.)*

Week 5: GAIUS "CALIGULA"
Suetonius' *Gaius*
Philo of Alexandria's *Legation to Gaius**

Week 6: CLAUDIUS
Suetonius' *Divus Claudius*
Tacitus' *Claudius**
Seneca's *Apocolocyntosis**

Week 7: NERO
Suetonius' *Nero*
Tacitus' *Nero**
Seneca's *De Clementia**

Week 8: YEAR OF FOUR EMPERORS
Suetonius' *Galba*
Suetonius' *Otho*
Suetonius' *Vitellius*
Tacitus' *Year of 4 Emperors**

Week 9: VESPASIAN
Suetonius' *Divus Vespasianus*
Tacitus' *Vespasian**

Week 10: TITUS & DOMITIAN
Suetonius' *Divus Titus*
Suetonius' *Domitian*
Tacitus' *Titus & Domitian**
Tacitus' *Agricola* (sel.)*
Stattius' *Silvae* (sel.)*