TOPIC: LATE ANTIQUITY

During the first millennium of the peoples of the Mediterranean Basin and the Near East sought to preserve tradition while adjusting to major changes—such as the contraction of the Roman Empire and the transplantation of its culture to the northeast Mediterranean; the triumph of Christianity and then its curious retreat from the southern Mediterranean; the development of Rabbinic Judaism, after the Romans refounded the Holy City as a Roman colony; and the rise of Islam. Students in this unit of History 372 will present an oral report on an aspect of Late Antiquity, and write a term-paper in two drafts. Meeting time: Mondays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Honors credit is available.