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FACULTY

Dr. Betty Bergland, Professor, teaches 20th century U.S., immigration, and women's history. Her book Norwegian American Women (May 2011), explores the vital role of women in the creation of Norwegian American communities.

Dr. John Ryan Fischer, Visiting Assistant Professor, teaches colonial U.S., environmental history, Latin America, and Native American history.

Dr. Victoria Houseman, Associate Professor, teaches modern Europe, world history, Britain, Africa, European women, and Colonialism. Her research focuses on Mary Gladstone and her activities with reform groups at the end of the 19th century in England.

Dr. Kurt E. Leichtle, Professor, and director of the Broad Field Social Studies Program, teaches 19th century U.S. history, public history and popular and material culture. His most recent book is about an interesting political family in Maryland history, the Ridgelys, Crusade Against Slavery: Edward Coles, Pioneer of Freedom (July 2011).

Dr. Imtiaz Moosa, Professor, teaches introduction to philosophy, aesthetics and religion, as well as religion and science. His current research involves aesthetics.

Dr. Kiril Petkov, Associate Professor, teaches Mediterranean world history, Medieval, Renaissance, and ancient Rome. His most recent book is Church and State: Studies in Medieval Bulgaria and Byzantium (Nov. 2011). Dr. Petkov leads annual study tours to Italy.

Dr. Zhiguo Yang, Professor and Department Chair, teaches world history, Asian civilization, modern China, and modern Japan. Dr. Yang leads annual study tours to China.

ACADEMIC STAFF

Mr. Richard Horton, Adjunct Instructor, teaches PHIL 151 Living Issues in Philosophy.

Dr. Matt Meyer, Adjunct Instructor, teaches art and aesthetics and other philosophy courses.

Dr. David Peters, Adjunct Instructor, has come out of retirement to teach philosophy part time. His courses include logic, business ethics, and environmental ethics.

Dr. Christopher Simer, Adjunct Instructor, teaches HIST 102 History of the Modern World and Political Science courses.

Dr. W. Thomas White, Adjunct Instructor, teaches U.S. History. His research interests are U.S. 1877-present, U.S. business history, labor history and the American west.

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