

Spring 2025 Humanities Colloquia



The History of Anti-Semitism

Michael Levin

HONOR 350001

TTh 2:00pm - 3:15pm

Why do people hate Jews? Is anti-Semitism different from other forms of prejudice? And what does it mean to be Jewish in the first place? In this colloquium we will explore the historical roots of these questions, using various primary sources as a springboard for discussion. We will start in Biblical times, and cover such topics as the Spanish Inquisition, the Holocaust, and events in modern America. There will be guest lectures from other professors in the History Department, who will bring their own expertise and experiences to the class. The emphasis of the course will be on discussion, with a final project to be determined.

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Writing and Publishing Books

Jon Miller

HONOR 350 008

MWF 11:50am– 12:40 pm

Do you like books? Do you dream of writing and publishing books for fun, for growth, for fame, for profit? This course will examine how your favorite books are written and published. We will study typical workflows for authoring books, and we will examine and compare the publishing process for a variety of books. We will learn about writing for publication, and how this differs from writing for pleasure or writing for a college class. And in this course we will write for publication: working with The University of Akron Press, we'll go behind-the-scenes to learn about the writing and production of a book of Akron history for the city's bicentennial in 2025. Students will write essays about Akron's history and have the opportunity to submit their essays for publication in the book.