Syllabus

V55.0402.001 CONVERSATIONS OF THE WEST: ANTIQUITY/RENAISSANCE
LECTURES: Mon-Wed 3:30 - 4:45 (Silver, Room 207)

The Renaissance understands itself as an age bearing witness to the "rebirth" of classical antiquity. In art, philosophy and literature it also assumes the task of reconciling the cultural inheritance of Greece and Rome with the Christian tradition (itself entering into a moment of crisis as allegiances split between the Catholic church and the "reformed" church of Luther and Calvin). Our first task will be to look at antiquity. Our second, to explore the ways in which European culture between 1400 and 1700 invents itself and us-by making itself conversant with the past.

Instructor:

Professor Ernesto Gilman

Recitation leader:

Ms. Susan Harlan; Office hours: Mondays 1:00-2:30 p.m., Room 424, 19 University Place, or by appointment

Modified Schedule of recitations (both conducted by Ms. Harlan):

Recitation 1: Thursday at 4:55 p.m. in 713 Silver

Recitation 2: Friday at 11:00 a.m. in 806 Silver