



### **3213H: History 3213H Slavery in the Ancient World**

Instructor: Harrill, J. Albert Days: TR Time: 9:35-10:55

Description: Slavery is key to understanding life in the ancient world, because classical Athens and Rome were genuine slave societies. In what ways was slavery integrated into Greek and Roman family structures, religion, philosophy, and culture? Was the institution questioned or attacked as immoral? What caused slave revolts, the most famous being led a gladiator named Spartacus? How did ancient Jews and early Christians react to slavery? What legacies from ancient slavery remain with us today? Attempts to answer these questions have sparked considerable controversy among scholars. This course will introduce the student to this debate, the primary sources, and their difficulties.

#### Assigned Readings:

1. Apuleius. *The Golden Ass, or Metamorphoses*. Translated by E. J. Kenney. Penguin Books, 2004.
2. Bradley, Keith. *Slavery and Society at Rome*. Cambridge University Press, 1994.
3. Joshel, Sandra R. *Slavery in the Roman World*. Cambridge University Press, 2010.
4. Shaw, Brent B. *Spartacus and the Slave Wars: A Brief History with Documents*. Bedford/St. Martin's Press, 2001.
5. Wrenhaven: Kelly L. *Reconstructing the Slave: The Image of the Slave in Ancient Greece*. Bloomsbury, 2012.

#### Assignments:

1. Active class participation, including oral presentations.
2. Midterm and Final Exams
3. Historical Research Paper (8–10 pages).

Prerequisites and Special Comments: Admission to the University Honors or Scholars Programs, or permission of the instructor.