

# A VISIGOTH EXPLAINS HIMSELF



**HIS 397/398 (World or European): Late Antiquity**

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**Summer II: T-Th 4:25-7:10pm**

This class will begin by analyzing the main political, religious, social, economic, and cultural trends of the late Roman world (2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> century). We will then explore the major shifts that occurred in this transitional period that led to the establishment of Germanic kingdoms in Western Europe (Franks, Ostrogoths, Visigoths, Vandals, etc.), the Byzantine Empire in the Eastern Mediterranean, the rise of Islam as a world religion, up to the symbolic date of Christmas Day, 800 CE, when Charlemagne, the King of the Franks, was crowned Emperor of the Romans in Rome.