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Office of Faculty Development
invites you to attend

Spotlight On Scholarship

A Sabbatical Report

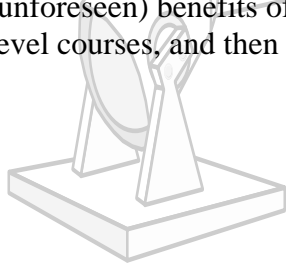
Throughout the year we will host a series of presentations to recognize professional achievement in scholarship and to celebrate the rich diversity and talents of our colleagues.

This Spotlight on Scholarship features

Robert Kramer
Associate Professor of History

“Life in a Holy City at The End of Days”

The past 2,000 years or so have witnessed the rise of numerous millennial movements around the world, as societies under stress have come to expect the arrival of a Redeemer and the imminent end of the world. Heterodox (or even downright bizarre) by definition, these movements have sometimes attracted numerous followers and lasted a considerable period of time. Not many have “acquired” their own fully functioning state, established their own theocracy, built their own capital city from scratch, and left a rich paper trail for the benefit of later historians. So it has been Bob’s pleasure to study the city of Omdurman, Sudan in the late 19th century, and to wonder how people expected to live, day-to-day, as the end of the world approached. This presentation will introduce the subject of the Mahdist movement in Sudan and discuss the various sources for studying it, both written and oral. Additionally, Bob will comment on the (unforeseen) benefits of leaving a project undone for a number of years, teaching introductory-level courses, and then returning to it with fresh eyes.



Thursday, October 28, 2010
11:00 – 11:50 a.m.
Union Shield Room



The Office of Faculty Development will provide light refreshments.