SPRING 2017---SOCIOLOGY IN ROME WITH SUSAN PITCHFORD

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Information session on November 17th---3:30pm - 5:00pm Savery 409.

Rome is one of the most beautiful and fascinating cities in the world. Students in this program will have an opportunity to live for a time in a city that was for centuries the hub of western civilization. Because this program has a service learning component students will also have a chance to give something back to the community that hosts them for this unforgettable experience.

This program turns the lens of sociology on the church and asks, “How did this institution change in its transition from a small foreign sect to the seat of power in Europe, and how did it change Europe in its turn? What happened to the ideals of the founder and his followers when popes became princes and controlled armies?” We will begin with the relationship between church and Empire in ancient Rome, and follow that relationship as it changes in the medieval period and the Protestant Reformation. We will close by examining the church-world dynamic in the present time.