

## The Renaissance in Italy

### The early 14<sup>th</sup> through the early 16<sup>th</sup> centuries

This seminar will familiarize participants with the achievements, personalities, trends and significance of the Italian Renaissance.

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<b>Co-moderator</b>	Hy Edelstein
<b>Date and Time:</b>	Tuesday 10:00 AM - Noon 10 weeks starting February 20, 2018
<b>Format:</b>	Seminar
<b>Location:</b>	UMass Renaissance Center Library, Amherst

**Description:** The richness of the Italian Renaissance includes topics such as:

- "Humanists": Petrarch, Boccaccio (what fun!), Poggio, et al.
- "Great Art": from Giotto to Michelangelo, Raphael and Leonardo.
- "Glorification of Individualism and Excellence of Achievement": all of the above and more.
- "Boundless Ambition": Cellini, Cesare Borgia and his dad the pope, the Medici, and countless others.
- "The Renaissance Papacy": the glory and the shame.
- "Incessant Political Upheaval and Wars": Milan v. Venice v. the Papacy v. Naples v. Florence v. Pisa & Siena and on and on.
- "The spread of Modern Banking and Commerce": the really rich 1%, the prosperous 10% and then there's the rest.

**Role of participants:** Participants will make a presentation of an agreed upon topic (30 min. max) followed by a discussion.

**Resources:** J.H. Plumb, *The Italian Renaissance*, 1989.

**About the Moderators:** Rich Hamilton taught college level European History for many years and has moderated several seminars. Hy Edelstein held management positions in industry and has moderated seminars in history, philosophy, and biology.

**Maximum number of participants:** 14

**Emeriti accepted:** yes

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