Take Ancient Near East 177, and you will:

- Discuss the connection between kingship and religion
- Analyze the methods used to create a living god on earth, a walking talking contradiction
- Learn about how a system that concentrates absolute power on a small number of individuals legitimizes and sustains itself
- Read a variety of authors from a variety of disciplines including English Literature, Political Science, Anthropology, the History of Religions, and Ancient Near Eastern Studies
- Learn about kingship in many different cultures, such as medieval Europe, Ancient Egypt, Persia, the Kongo, Southeast Asia, and the ancient Americas

Sacred Kingship is taught by Professor Jonathan Winnerman, a specialist in ancient Egyptian language and visual culture whose research focuses on the interpretation of ancient Egyptian religion. His current research focuses on divine kingship as a social phenomenon in the 18th and 19th dynasties. His other interests include Political Theology, ancient Egyptian cryptographic texts, and the definition and ontology of the divine in ancient Egypt. He has worked in Egypt for many years.

Registration is now open!