LDST 340-01  Early Modern Crises:  ELIZABETH

LDST 340-01 is a research seminar, designed to raise questions about the quality and effectiveness of leadership during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I and to have you experience the agony and ecstasy of designing and completing a research project. In other words, this is not a survey of who, what, when, where, why, and how. Instead, after we start a movie (August 24) and an historical “run-up” recounting several earlier Tudor developments--from the accession of Henry VII to the death of Queen Mary I, we’ll discuss the shape of Elizabethan government (August 31). From then to the mid-term exam, we’ll take some soundings to give you a sense of the crises and issues facing late Tudor leadership.

There will be overlap, but you can provisionally sort things topically in what follows.

Page numbers in parentheses refer to your assignments each week in the single text for this course, ELIZABETH I AND HER AGE (Stump and Felch), but I’ll ask you to do additional reading some weeks either from Early English Books on Line or from journals available through JSTOR—all of which pop up on your screen, as you’ll discover when Ms McCulley discusses research resources from 6-7PM, September 7th.

8/24  getting Tutor(ed) -- film: *Shakespeare in Love*

8/31  England before Elizabeth (3-14, 32-40)

9/7  The 1560s: settling in--pageant and (dis)obedience (77-113, 125-28, 148-55, 192-226, 240-63))

9/14  The 1570s and 1580s: gender, marriage, and espionage (264-95, 344-72, 816-38)

9/21  The 1560s, 1570s, and 1580s: religion (155-72, 696-711)

9/28  The 1570s and 1580s: foreign affairs

10/5  The 1580s and 1590s: foreign affairs (378-405)

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10/19  The 1590s to 1604: betrayals, succession, and reputation (487-505, 630-36, 728-37)

10/26  Midterm exam  -- take-home portion, 15% and in-class portion, 30%

From this point, emphasis will be placed on your research. Class will meet briefly on 11/2, although most time will be spent in conferences that week and the next--either with individuals or with groups of those who share research interests.

11/16  prospectus, first three paragraphs, and annotated bibliography due (15%)

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11/30  Submission of your research papers, 15-18 double-spaced pages, 40% --- No electronic submissions, please.)