**Lecture Series Syllabus (William Strnad)**

**History of North and South Korea, 1945-1972 (12 hours)**

**Introduction and Background (3 hours)**

- introduction and lecture series overview

- Korean nationalism

- Japanese Occupation Period (1910-1945)

- cultural nationalism (“culture movement”)

- international socialism, Korean communism on the eve of liberation (August 1945) and the division of Korea

- Cold War history

**Creation of Two Koreas and the Korean War (1945-1953) (3 hours)**

- the dynamics of liberation

- postcolonialism and Korea

- contrast and comparison of Soviet and American occupations

- creation of North Korea and Kim Il Sung

- creation of South Korea and Syngman Rhee

- emerging struggle (1948-1950)

- discussion on the Korean War (controversies, characteristics, and legacy)

**Post-Korean War History of North Korea (1953-1972) (3 hours)**

- post-war reconstruction and collectivization

- self-Reliance Ideology (1955)

- consolidation of Kim Il Sung’s power

- politics and economics; Equal Emphasis Policy (1962)

- The Second Korean War (1966-1969)

- foreign relatio

- discussion on the politics of inter-Korean relations (1971-1972)

**Post-Korean War History of South Korea (1953-1972) (3 hours)**

- post-war reconstruction

- Syngman Rhee and the post-Korean War First Republic (1953-1960)

- the Second Republic (1960-1961)

- Park Chung Hee and the May Revolution (1961)

- politics and economics during the Third Republic (1963-1972)

- foreign relations

- open question and answer segment, and discussion