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FALL 2019 OPEN CAMPUS 8-WEEK COURSE PRESENTED BY *THE SALAAM NETWORK* AND THOMAS JEFFERSON UNITARIAN CHURCH (4936 Brownsboro Road, Louisville, KY 40222)

October 2, 2019: *Europe's Islamic Past*. Presenter: Dr. Gregory Hutcheson, Professor of Spanish, U of L

Dr. Hutcheson will speak on “Contesting the Reconquest Narrative” according to which Islam and the West are enduringly and inescapably locked in a “clash of civilizations.” He will talk about nationalist trends in modern Spanish historicism which read Islam’s eight-century presence in the Iberian Peninsula as a historical aberration, one ultimately corrected as Spain flexed its militaristic muscle in defense of Christian Europe. Taking issue with this narrative, Dr. Hutcheson will explore discrete cultural moments and phenomena that indicate a profound intellectual and cultural engagement among Iberia’s Christian, Muslim and Jewish communities throughout the Middle Ages.

Dr. Gregory S. Hutcheson who has a Ph. D. from Harvard University, is Associate Professor of Spanish in the Department of Classical and Modern Languages at U of L. He has published widely on gender and sexuality in the multicultural context of medieval Iberia.