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## The Palestinians, Israelis, and the United States: Past, Present, and Future

### Course Description

The conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians is an ongoing problem with no end in sight. The region has been plagued with political and military issues over the past century, and the present conflict dates to the origins of British imperialism in the region.

During World War I, Britain sought an independent Arab state in Palestine, while also supporting the birth of a Jewish state in Palestine. In the aftermath of World War II, the United Nations partitioned Palestine into a Jewish state of Israel and an Arab state of Palestine, and the Israelis accepted the partition of Palestine, while the Palestinians rejected the UN decision. War between the Israelis and the Arab states followed in 1948, and although the Jewish state of Israel came into existence, the proposed state of Palestine ended up under the control of Egypt and Jordan.

In the aftermath of the Six Day War in 1967, Israel annexed Gaza, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem, and shortly after began constructing Jewish Settlements in the Palestinian dominated areas. The expansion of the settlements led to large scale violence between the two communities, and the conflict continues into the present day.

The seminar will review the historic conflict, as well as how the United States became involved in the dispute, and the future prospects for peace between the Palestinians and Israelis.

## Instructor



### Tim Crain

Crain received a Ph.D. in modern Europe, modern British and Irish, and modern Jewish history at Arizona State University, after earning his B.A. and M.A. from Marquette University.

Crain taught for 15 years at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Marquette University. He left UW-Madison after accepting a position at Seton Hill University where he was a professor and director of the National Catholic Center for Holocaust Education.

Crain is a recipient of numerous teaching and professional awards, and in 2015, he received Marquette University's Alumni Award for Leadership Excellence. A noted public speaker, Crain delivers over 100 lectures nationally each year.

He has instructed over 25 seminars at Björklunden, and Tim and his family always look forward to their time there each year.

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