HIST 399
DISASTERS: EXPLORING HUMAN RESPONSES TO CATASTROPHE

BY THE END OF THIS COURSE, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- Describe human response to disaster across time and place
- Differentiate between disaster categories
- Design disaster preparedness models
- Create country-specific plans for addressing current threats

YOU WILL NEED:

- Access to the internet from a device with video and audio
- A 50-minute window of time each Monday at either 5:00–5:50 or 6:00–6:50 p.m. for a synchronous ("live") session each week
ASSESSMENT

- **Group project** in which you recreate a natural disaster (15%)
- **Poster presentation** in which you research a man-made disaster (25%)
- **Reflection paper** based on an immersive experience in **virtual reality** (15%)
- **Comparative project** on two disasters (30%)
- Participation (15%)

**Grading scale**

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**DUE DATES**

- Group project.................Week 5
- Poster presentation..........Week 10
- Reflection paper.............Week 15
- Comparative project.........12/4/20

**YOUR PROFESSOR**

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