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THE 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE 95 THESES  
A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE ON EUROPEAN HISTORY  
IN THE AGE OF REFORMATIONS

OCTOBER 30, 2017

7:00 PM

UNIVERSITY CENTER, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor – Ballroom B

**ABOUT THE TALK**

500 years ago, on October 31, 1517, Martin Luther invited theological conversation and academic debate with his publication of the 95 Theses. The story of what happened and why has been told ever since, beginning with those who participated in early modern European reformations. In the nineteenth century, a dominant historical narrative emerged that supported perceptions of the Reformation as a seismic revolutionary shift from a medieval to a modern world while also functioning as a catalyst for all other historical accounts. Today, historians generally consider the Reformation “socially too narrow, and geographically too small” to support claims that stood for more than 150 years. This talk will trace the development and decline of historical accounts of the Reformation for the purpose of demonstrating the value of a global perspective on European history in the age of reformations.

**ABOUT THE SPEAKER**

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The speaker focuses his research on the changing ways of knowing a world growing increasingly complex through global interactions at the turn of the sixteenth century. His dissertation engages studies by German physicians whose intellectual interests outside the field of medicine were stimulated by these worldwide interactions.

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