

# Lewis & Clark



## Professor Paul Powers

“Discover Ancient and Modern Egypt with LC Professor Paul Powers”

April 11 to 23, 2023



**Paul Powers** teaches a range of courses about Islam and Religious Studies. His courses include “Islamic Origins,” “Islam in the Modern World,” “Religion and Violence,” “Religious Fundamentalism,” “So You Think You’re Secular?” “Mysticism and Religious Experience,” and a seminar on Islamic law. Many of these courses explore theoretical and methodological questions about the nature and functions of religion, as well as gender-related issues and questions about the nature of “modernity.”

On this journey he will explore the religious, social, and political dynamics of the Islamic world, including the early spread of Islam and recent developments in the religious, cultural, and political landscape of modern Egypt. Even as we delve deep into the history of Egypt we will discuss contemporary insights about European colonialism, postcolonial change, reform and “fundamentalist” movements, Sufism, and

changing understandings of politics, gender, and relations with non-Muslims.

Professor Powers has traveled extensively in the Muslim world, including India, Yemen, Jordan, Syria, Egypt, and Morocco. He led the student overseas program to Morocco in 2013, and to Greece in 2017.

