Announcing a history course for fall, 2016:

**HI 482: Darwinism in Science & Society**

This course meets on M-W, 11:45-1:00pm in Daniels Hall, Room 216

**Prerequisite:** 3 hours of history. Non-majors are welcome and can expect to do well!

This course satisfies GEP-Interdisciplinary Perspectives.

“Never … a finer chance for a man of zeal & spirit”

In 1831, Charles Darwin was a 22-year-old Cambridge graduate and aspiring clergyman with a penchant for natural history who got an unexpected chance to join a surveying expedition around the world on HMS *Beagle*. The voyage was the most important event of Darwin’s scientific life. He honed his skills as an observer and collector of natural phenomena, making abundant collections and taking copious notes on his experiences. The exotic collections he made during the voyage – doled out to expert naturalists for study and description – would provide his entrée into the elite circles of British science. The voyage also provided an opportunity for Darwin to do some bold and private theorizing away from the scrutiny of established scientists. The *Beagle* experience provided fodder for his first publications, his few scientific addresses, as well as several books, including his first, *Journal and Remarks* (1839), and, twenty years later, his most important, *On the Origin of Species* (1859). Darwin departed England an aimless and unfinished naturalist. He returned in 1836 a scientific celebrity and an acknowledged gentleman naturalist destined ultimately, albeit reluctantly, to foment a scientific revolution. This course will examine Darwin’s life, his work, and his impact on science and society.

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