Alexander the Great and the Macedonian Empire

A series of lectures by professor Kenneth Harl of Tulane University

St. Irene's Hall, every Thursday 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Eighteen weeks starting January 29, 2015



Alexander the Great is one of the most renowned figures in antiquity in the history of Western civilization. His feats are the stuff of legend, inspiring romances, painting and sculptures, and blockbuster movies. And more than two millennia after his death, Alexander's remarkable victory over the mighty Persian Empire in 331 B.C. still stands as an emblem for superlative military achievement.

Topics covered are the political and military status in Greece and Persia at the time of Alexander and his ascent to the throne of Macedonia; the conquest of Asia Minor, Egypt and the Middle East stretching to today's Afganistan and Pakistan; the spreading of Greek culture and language throughout the area and the successors to Alexander.

Dr. Kenneth W. Harl is Professor of Classical and Byzantine History at Tulane University in New Orleans. Recognized as an outstanding lecturer, Professor Harl has received numerous teaching awards at Tulane including the annual Student Body Award for Excellence in Teaching nine times. An expert on classical Anatolia, he has taken students with him into the field to assist in excavations of Hellenistic and Roman sites in Turkey.